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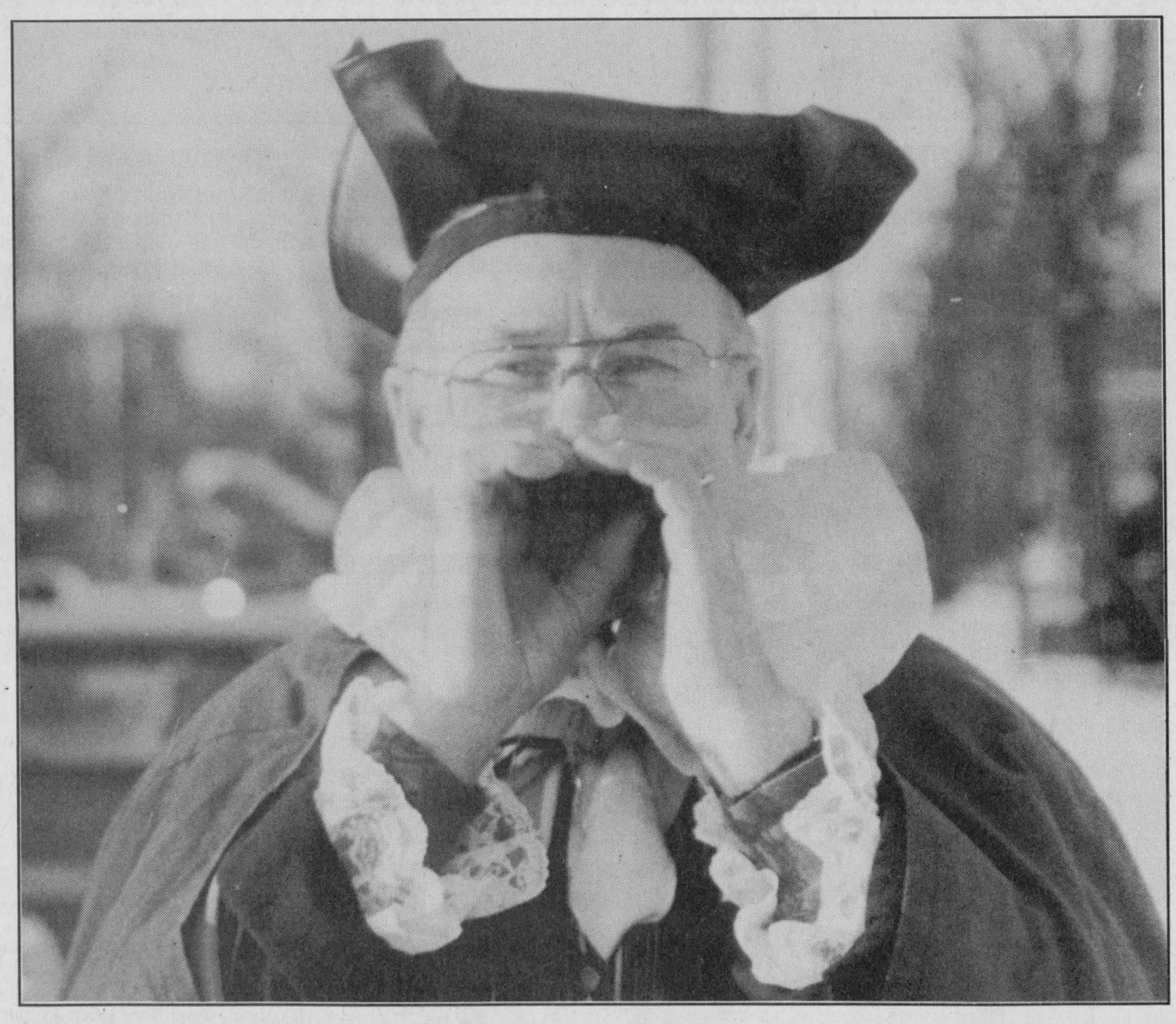

Winchester's Denzil Crowder will play the role of Town Crier at the Parade of Lights on Friday night. Warming up for the part, Crowder practices on St. Lawrence Street, spreading the message that the parade begins at 7 pm, but many of the festivities get under way by 5 pm, so be sure to arrive in town early. Press Photo — Culliton

Village sparkles with parade anticipation

WINCHESTER — Everything is set and the weather forecast so far looks good — Winchester is ready for the first-ever night-time Christmas Parade of Lights on Friday night.

In fact, parade organizer John Adams said that the only conceivable problem for the parade would be parking.

"It will be a problem. We want to tell people to head to the side streets to park, and to be careful where they park along the parade route, because we have to get some pretty big entries down the streets and around the corners," he advised. "We have some very large, long entries."

The parade committee is also working on providing disabled parking. The hospital is also offering free parking in its north parking lot for the evening.

"People in town are very excited," Adams said. "We're like kids with candy, waiting for Friday to arrive so we can see what it (the parade) looks like."

The jolly elf himself will make an appearance at Dundas Manor in the morning, around 10:30 am. He will then head over to the hospital after lunch to visit with patients there.

Santa will be ready to visit with children at about 5 pm at Legion Branch 108.

"It really sounds like people are getting excited about the parade," Adams enthused. "It sounds like it will be a huge parade."

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New ND councillors elect deputy mayor

by Jeff Brownlee
Press Staff

NORTH DUNDAS — North Dundas already has a mayor, but the virgin municipality will have a second-in-command on Dec. 11.

A deputy mayor will be voted in by the township's nine newly-elected politicians during a meeting at the Winchester village office, also the headquarters of North Dundas come the new year.

Four councillors are running for the leadership position whose main responsibility will be to fill in for Mayor Claude Cousineau when he's out of town. Mountain's Estella Rose and Keith Fawcett, Chesterville's Roger Cole and Winchester's Dave Sloane are all vying for the post.

Each candidate will have five minutes to convince his/her counterparts that he/she is the best person for the job. But the political hopefuls have already been campaigning, says Cousineau.

"They've all been lobbying very hard," adds the township's first mayor.

Cousineau admits that while he will cast a vote, he believes all the candidates are qualified and doesn't favor one over any other, because "they're all qualified."

While the voting process is yet to be sorted out, Cousineau is supporting an approach that would require the winning candidate to get a majority of five votes.

He doesn't like the idea of choosing a name out of a hat either.

"That's not democracy."

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Ault Foods name changes

WINCHESTER — What's in a name? A lot if you're the new owners of Ault Foods.

The acquisition of the company this July by Parmalat Canada won't result in the total disappearance of the logo. The new owners of the Winchester plant, Parmalat Food Inc., will still use Ault Foods as a registered business name to preserve and continue its goodwill.

With the procurement of Beatrice and Ault, Parmalat becomes the largest dairy and the third largest food operation in Canada. The new company has annual sales topping $2 billion and 4,600 employees.

Biccum Drain dispute continues

MOUNTAIN — A public meeting held at the final regular Mountain Council meeting on Monday night drew renewed concerns over the Biccum Drain.

About 20 people attended the public meeting, which was held for an hour during the regular meeting. A preliminary engineer's report was given.

The engineer had been asked to look at where the maintenance grade line is. He came up with two options for draining.

The first option would be to maintain the drain, at a cost of $25,000. The second option is to improve or relocate the outlet. That cost would be $92,000.

Some landowners present at the public meeting were upset because they don't want to be responsible for paying for changes or updates to the ditch. But others were in favor of fixing the drain because of poor drainage on their property.

Reeve Estella Rose called for a show of hands from the public whether they wanted to go with an assessment for maintenance at a cost of $6,000. One person was in favor. When Rose called the vote again, the majority were in favor, with the option of having council pay for at least part of the $6,000 that it has been quoted to cost the landowners.

If council decides to help pay for the drain, the decision will have to be made before Dec. 31.

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Santa pays return visit to Metcalfe

by Derek Puddicombe

METCALFE — For the first time in many years Metcalfe is going to have its own Santa Claus parade.

Ronda Hicks, owner of the Metcalfe Pharmacy and village resident the past two years, had been thinking about organizing a parade for the past two months because she thought it was important for the children.

Her idea will happen Dec. 13.

She can't pinpoint the last time Santa was part of a parade, but says it seems it's the "older people who remember."

"It's been a very long time, but the kids need something," she added.

She has pulled together about 15 floats including many of the service clubs, businesses, cubs, brownies and of course Santa Claus. Hicks is also trying to find a band to play along the route.

Although the parade has yet to be finalized, it will start at 1 pm and get rolling at the Metcalfe fire hall. It will wind its way around one of the village crescents back on to Victoria Street turn on to Albert Street and finish at the Lions' Den.

But the fun for the children doesn't stop when the parade is finished. Parents and children can head next door to the community centre where for $2 they can build their own gingerbread house.

For more information and to register for the gingerbread house making, call Hicks at 821-1243.



Oh to be free

Nathan Svenson (left) and Jason Smith sing in the North Dundas District High School production of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. Svenson is Pseudolus, a slave who wishes to be free; Smith is Hero, a young man pining over a woman he cannot have. The play begins today (Wednesday) and runs through to Dec. 6. Press Photo — Culliton

NDDHS shines in ambitious musical

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

MAPLE RIDGE — Togas, music, singing and dancing — when the curtain rises over the stage of *Something Happened on the Way to the Forum* the audience is sure to be delighted at this high school presentation.

There are 110 North Dundas District High School students involved in the performance, along with about 30 teachers. Aside from the cast of 27, there is a live band and backstage support.

Backstage there are people doing make-up, costumes, lighting and sound. The 27-channel sound board will operate 10 wireless microphones, all on different sequences.

The lighting is completely computerized, and operated by a student

"This has been a huge undertaking, a huge risk," said teacher/producer Gerry Jean. "It's been a risk of about $6,000, with the rental of lights and sound, and the royalties for the play."

Money left over from the last show held at NDDHS, "Little Shop of Horrors" was put toward this year's production, and fundraising was also done to raise money to cover expenses for the play. Anything left over from "Forum" will be used for the next production.

Most of the set from *Little Shop of Horrors* was re-used for "Forum". Jean added that the National Arts Centre contributed some items to the set as well.

"No class time was used in preparation for this production," Jean pointed out. "Since September, all of the students and teachers have put in about 200 hours each in after school and weekend time."

He added that the political protest by the teachers pushed the production back three weeks, and forced it into direct competition with the Parade of Lights in Winchester on Friday night. "It couldn't be helped," he said.

All of the costumes are authentic, having been researched by one of the teachers. "Some of the togas may look different to the audience," Jean said. "But that's because they're Roman togas, not Greek ones."

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CEO streamlines decision-making

METCALFE — Osgoode Township is changing the way it conducts public business.

Part of a report that addressed internal restructuring last summer, Moira Winch, chief administrative officer recommended council adopt a committee of the whole system. That recommendation will take effect Dec. 9.

Winch said it will be a less fragmented way of approaching issues and result in quicker decision making.

"The major work will go through at the committee level then will go in front of council the next week," said Winch.

When council meets a week later, it will endorse, defer or deny the recommendations. It will also give the public a week to examine the proposals from the committee of the whole and enable council members to change their minds.

In the past, committee meetings were scheduled at different times and days of the week. Other changes include all members of council will be present at committee meetings.

This changes the status quo which didn't have all councillors at every committee meeting. The result left some elected officials unaware of the total details on the a particular issue until they were briefed.

"It means a much more directed decision making in the hands of council," Winch said. "It should work well."

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Deputy mayor

As the Jan. 1 start-up date for the new municipality approaches, politicians are wrapping up the loose ends.

One item on the priority list before the Dec. 31 deadline is to staff the internal engine by the new year. Earlier last month, the transition committee filled a few more holes by hiring four more personnel.

Brent Copeland will take over drainage superintendent duties as well as the role of bylaw enforcement officer. Robin Langille was offered the position of recreation facilities manager. That post has a salary earmarked at $35,500.

Barry Scott and Andre Johnson are the new foremen of the roads department. That position has an annually salary of $39,000 per year.

Seven employees of the four merging municipalities liked the $2,000 cash incentive in the voluntary exit program.

Cousineau says there are a few more holes to fill in the remaining weeks and he expects to have all staff in place by the new year.

There are many other details surrounding the day-to-day business of North Dundas that need to be hammered out, but the new mayor says there hasn't been enough time.

"There's a lot of work ahead of us," he said. "But we've done a helluva lot of work the past year. We're in good shape."

Biccum drain

LANDFILL

The Mountain Township landfill will be closed on Dec. 20 for the holiday season. In January, the landfill will only be opened on Wednesdays, and will be closed Saturdays. Residents are reminded that they can take garbage to the Boyne Road landfill site (Winchester).

Gary Martin has been appointed as fire chief for Mountain Township Fire Department, and Jerry Boyce was appointed deputy chief.

SCOTT BRIDGE

The Scott Bridge on Cameron Road will have guide rails installed. Council heard that a detour on the bridge has been causing problems, as buses don't have enough room for left-hand turns.

At a cost of $2,800 council voted to go ahead with the guide rails and take the money out of reserve. The Township of South Gower and SD&G will each be billed for a quarter of the cost.

Play

The story, set in ancient Roman times, focuses on a cunning slave who schemes to become free by trying to obtain a young woman for his master. The production promises plenty of laughs and loads of fun.

"Something Happened at the Way to the Forum" runs from Dec. 3 to 6 at 8 pm. A matinee will be held today (Wed.) at 2 pm. Tickets are on sale at all banks in the area and at Winchester Video. They are $7 in advance and $10 at the door. The tickets can also be ordered by calling NDDHS.

Parade

Adams added, "I've been very pleased with the number of lights on residences on the streets in town. People are getting their Christmas lights ready to be turned on at 5 pm on Friday night."

The parade entry count is now up to about 65, but Adams expects that there will probably be about 70 by Friday night.

Here's a quick run-down of what's going on Friday night:

— The Christmas Wish Tree at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital will be officially lit at 5:15, with the Osgoode Township Male Choir entertaining and hot refreshments to keep onlookers warm.

— The Osgoode Township Male Choir will be performing on Main Street in front of the Baptist Church beginning at 6 pm.

— Country singer Marlene Fawcett from the Mountain area will be performing at the Main Street corner from 6:45 pm until the beginning of the parade.

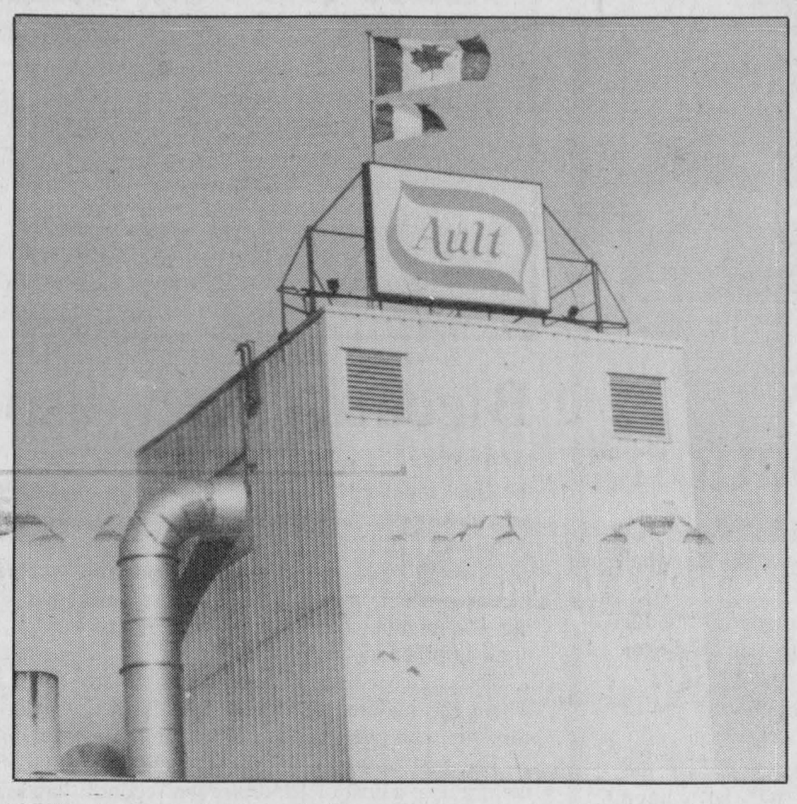
— The Figure Skating Club will be collecting used skates along the parade route, to be given to children whose parents can't afford to buy skates.

— The Winchester firemen will be collecting donations along the route, both for their organization and for the food bank.

If you're planning to get into town early enough for dinner, there are two meals being planned by community groups. The Winchester Hawks hockey team will be hosting a spaghetti dinner at Henderson Hall from 4 pm until the beginning of the parade. The United Church Women will host a chili dinner at the church from 4 pm until the beginning of the parade.

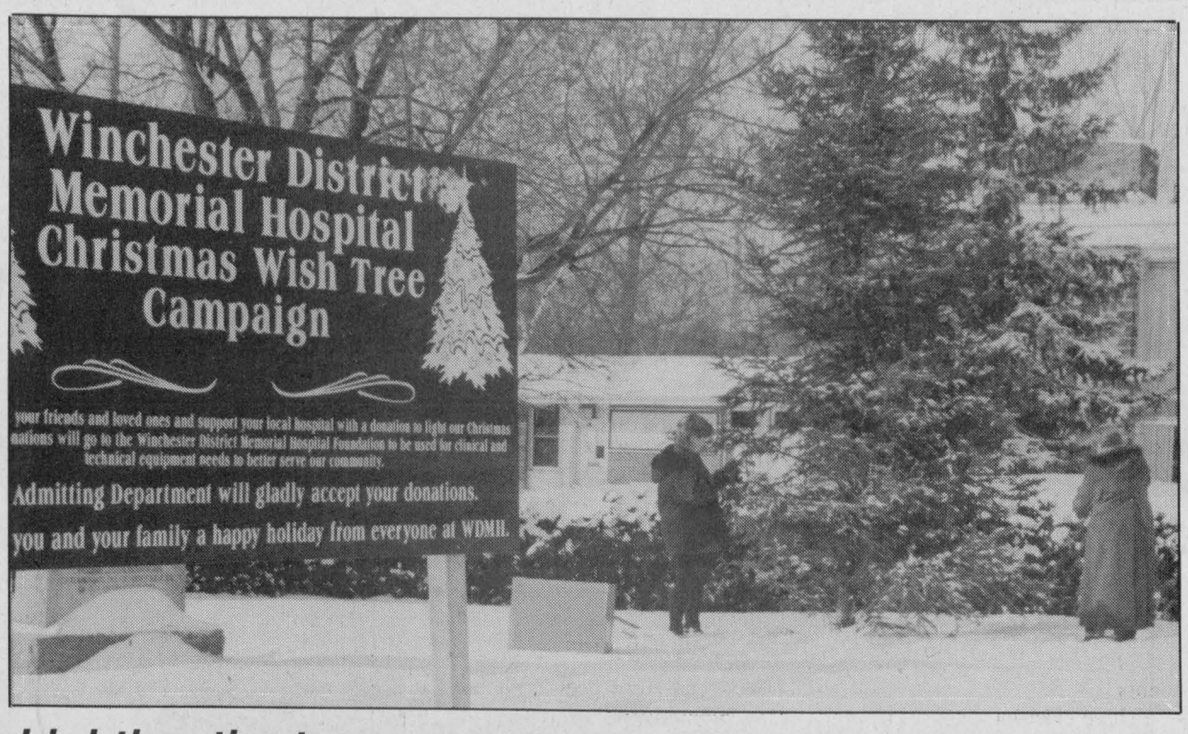
Prices for both meals are $5 for adults and $3 for children.

The parade begins at 7 pm, but be sure to arrive in Winchester early in order to easily find parking, and to take part in the pre-parade activities.



Flying new colors

Ault Foods may now be known as Parmalat Canada, but the historical name won't disappear altogether. Ault Foods will still be registered as a business name for Parmalat Food Inc. In order to preserve and continue the goodwill in the Ault name.



Lighting the tree

Judy Lannin (left) and Mary Carkner, members of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Christmas Wish Tree committee string lights on the tree that will be lit on Friday night before the Parade of Lights. Each light on the tree symbolizes a donation made to the hospital foundation. With each donation, Lannin said, the tree will shine a little bit brighter. Press Photo — Culliton

Shawn Bullied Fund

Memorial fund aids paramedics

by Chris Bridgen

OSGOODE — Known for his commitment to law and order and to his community, Shawn Bullied will also be remembered for a fund in his name to help the Osgoode paramedic service purchase new equipment.

The 20-year-old Bullied died Friday evening in hospital after a single vehicle snowmobiling accident south of Manotick Nov. 28.

A graduate of South Carleton High School and Sir Sanford Fleming College in Peterborough, Bullied returned more to his community than he took out, said his mother Cathy.

"He was very active in everything," she said from her home just south of Manotick.

His volunteer efforts included fundraising for Crime Stoppers in Peterborough, acting as a guide for trips of the outdoor education students at South Carleton, working in the initiation program for fledgling hockey players in the Osgoode-Rideau minor system, working with the Special Olympics program and volunteering for the annual boot drive of the Rideau Township volunteer fire department.

SC outdoor program coordinator Bill Sheffield lost not only a volunteer, he lost a valued friend.

"He was an excellent student, full of life and filled with energy," said Sheffield.

"He was the type of guy who was interested in giving. He got things from the outdoor program, and he wanted to return it."

Bullied graduated from Fleming's law and security program, and was working his way toward becoming a police officer like his father Paul, an officer with the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Service.

"He was looking to get on with a police force. Ottawa-Carleton was his first choice, and he was busy beefing up his resume," said Cathy.

Bullied was also athletic, especially in hockey. He played his way through the entire Osgoode-Rideau minor system, played a stint with the Metcalfe Jets Jr. 'B' team then was picked up by the Goulbourn Royals. The Royals held a moment of silence at their home game last Saturday to honor the loss of a teammate.

O-R minor hockey executive Dennis Dumais remembered Shawn as a great kid with a great future in town.

"Shawn had a promising future in the community. You could see it in him, and could hear it when you talked to him," said Dumais.

The funeral service for Shawn Bullied was held Tues., Dec. 2 at 1 p.m. at St. James Anglican Church in Manotick. He was buried at Elmview cemetery in Kars.

Because of his interest in the volunteer fire service and law and security, a memorial fund set up by the Ottawa-Carleton Paramedic Service in Bullied's name will help the Osgoode ambulance service purchase new equipment.

"Since he was so interested in the community, it's important any money donated stay in the community," said Cathy.

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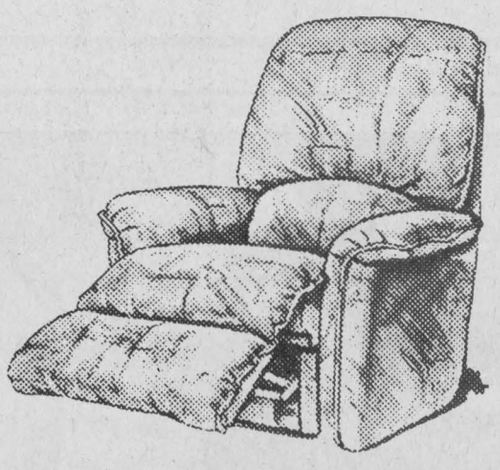

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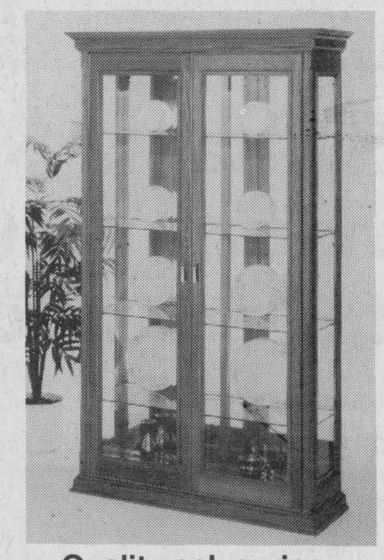

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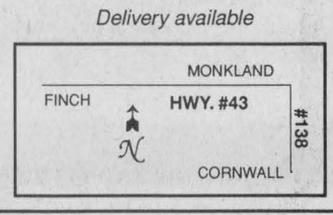


Police blotter

Fraud by phone

IROQUOIS — During the past week, one incident of telephone fraud was reported to the OPP. A resident received a phone call Nov. 24 offering great prizes in return for $1,000.

If you have truly won a prize, you should not have to pay any money to collect it.

The OPP is a partner in a joint initiative to combat telemarketing fraud and incidents of this type should be reported to "Project Phonebusters" at 705-495-8501.

Any group interested in further information on the prevention of becoming a victim of consumer frauds may contact the Winchester OPP community services officer, Al Lumiss at 774-2603.

Deer still causing crashes

DUNDAS COUNTY — Police investigated 20 motor vehicle accidents the past seven days, six of which were caused by deer.

Three deer-car collisions occurred in Williamsburg Twp., two in Matilda Twp. and one in Winchester Twp.

Driving under the influence

DUNDAS COUNTY — No charges were laid in relation to drinking and driving related offenses the past week.

Police did continue their spot check programs to combat drinking drivers which resulted in three 12-hour driver's licence suspensions being issued and one Liquor Licence Act charge being laid.

16 charges laid in traffic blitz

DUNDAS COUNTY — A joint traffic initiative here by 10 OPP traffic management officers and inspectors from the Ministry of Transportation focusing on commercial and passenger safety, stopped over 300 passenger vehicles and 45 commercial vehicles. Police laid 16 provincial traffic related offenses and issued 62 warnings.

Transport safety inspections were conducted on 13 vehicles which resulted in four transports detained. Two passenger vehicles were also towed as a result of the checks.

Mapping out Mountain Township's history

MOUNTAIN — As Mountain Township heads into amalgamation as of January 1, 1998 it will do so with a historical caricature remembrance of the township.

A cartoonist's view portrays the township and the businesses and farms in it on a colorful map that will be sent out to Mountain Township residents, as well as area residents.

Seventy-five businesses participated in the mapping of the township, along with schools, churches and other public facilities. Community groups who endorsed the project are also portrayed on the poster, as well as symbols showing where various sports and activities take place.

"The map is a caricature to show things in the township in an artistic form," said artist Blaine DeVouge of Skylar Publications Inc. "When we do these maps they're not done again for at least 10 years, but in this case, it won't be Mountain Township after January because of amalgamation, so this is a very historical map."

Mounted maps were presented to participating businesses and groups at a ceremony on Sunday in Mountain. "Even though the villages in Mountain Township are small, there are many businesses," DeVouge told the gathering. "Everyone in the area will receive a map in the mail. We ask that residents send extra maps out to friends and relatives outside of the area to show them just how special Mountain Township is."

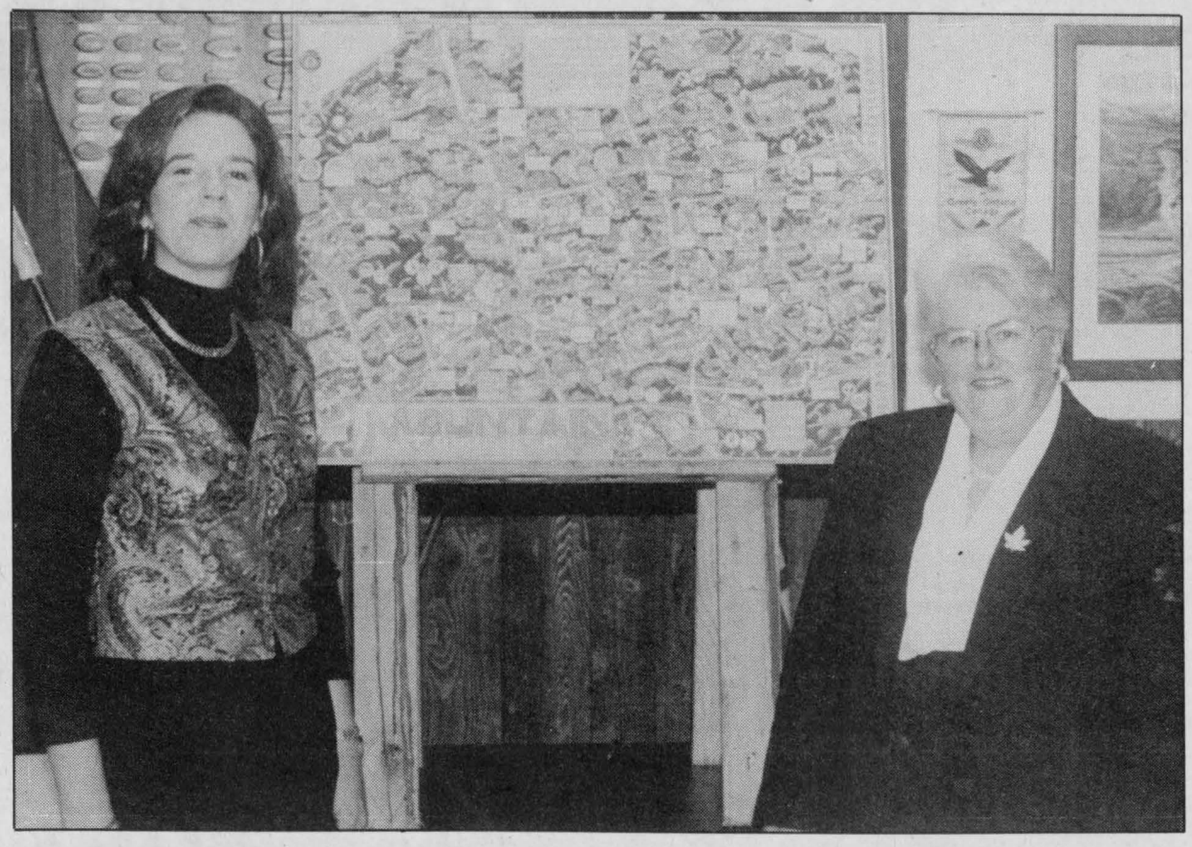
Six-thousand copies will be sent out to people in Mountain Township, Kemptville, Winchester and Spencerville, as far as the 6,000 copies can be stretched.

"The map is as colorful as the people of Mountain Township, and it shows our agricultural roots," reeve Estella Rose said. "As the poster says, it shows our community pride. The community is always good to get behind things, no matter what it is that is being done."

She added, "Hopefully people who have the maps can better understand our community."

Only participating farms, businesses and public facilities are portrayed on the poster, DeVouge said. There are no private houses.

Rose added, "It's great to see that the farming industry was so well portrayed. Showing farming as a main industry here is very important."



A poster of a cartoonist's view of Mountain Township was unveiled on Sunday. The map shows businesses and farms that are in the township, as well as public facilities such as churches and schools. The map is a historical one as after Jan. 1, 1998 Mountain Township will amalgamate with Village of Winchester, Winchester Township and Chesterville to become North Dundas. Pictured, project co-ordinator Catherine Sullivan and Mountain Twp. reeve Estella Rose.

Hwy. 43 undergoes restoration

CORNWALL — A repair project on Hwy. 43 is under way thanks to the Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Works Program. Noble Villeneuve, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and MPP for SD&G and East Grenville and Bob Kilger, MP for Stormont-Dundas made the announcement last week.

The $305,495 project includes two structure rehabilitations on Hwy. 43: the South Nation River Bridge located nine kilometres east of Hwy. 31; and the Payne River Bridge located 17 kilometres west of Hwy. 138. Work is scheduled to be completed in December.

The Ontario government will contribute two-thirds of the total project cost with the federal government covering the balance.

"Restoring our highways and bridges to top condition is a sound investment for Ontario's people and employers," Villeneuve said. "The fact that the Ontario government is contributing two-thirds of the project cost is proof of our commitment to keeping the province's roads in top condition."

Kilger added, "These road and bridge projects illustrate how we all benefit when governments work together to stimulate job creation and enhance essential infrastructure in our communities. These are the main goals of the Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Works program."

Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Works is a joint venture of the federal and provincial governments with participation from local partners such as municipalities, post-secondary institutions and health care facilities. The program is designed to renew Ontario's infrastructure, which leads to economic development and job creation.

The $459 million invested through the recent extension of the program will bring the total investment in Ontario's infrastructure under the program to $2.8 billion. The first phase of the program has already created more than 33,000 jobs and the new funding is expected to generate thousands more jobs in Ontario.

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A funny thing happened...

Nathan Svenson plays the slave Pseudolus in the NDDHS production of A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum this week. Pictured, he tries to find the woman that his master pines for. The Geminis, Natasha Penney and Amanda Walker vie for his attention. The play begins today (Wednesday) and runs through to Dec. 6.

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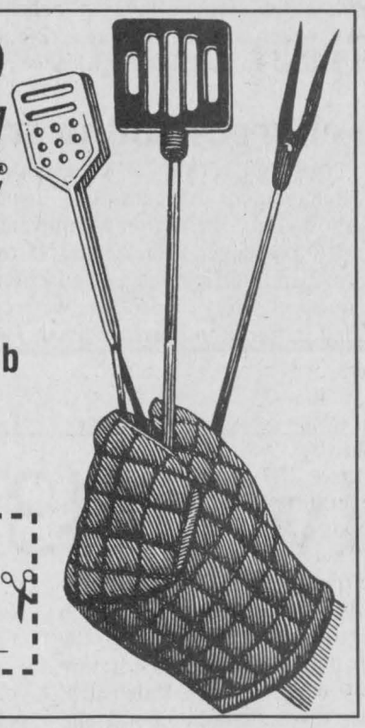

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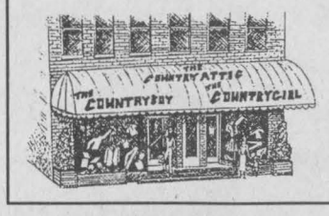

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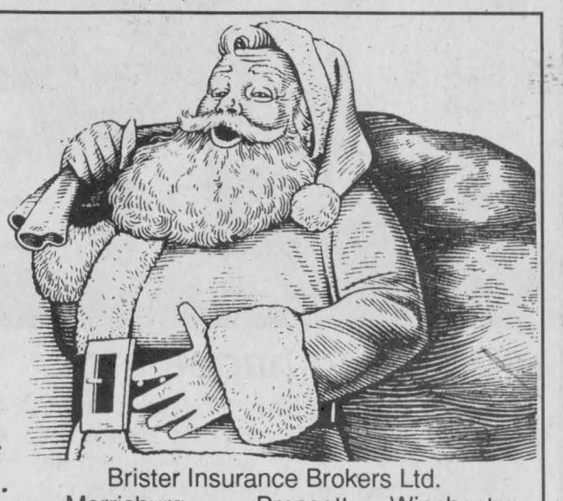

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First snowmobile fatality investigated

MANOTICK — During the period of Nov. 24-30 members of the Manotick detachment investigated 84 general occurrences, 17 motor vehicle collisions and one motorized snow vehicle crash.

A 20-year-old Manotick resident lost his life on Nov. 28 as a result of a snowmobile collision that occurred south of Manotick. At approximately 10:40 am Shawn Bullied lost control of his snowmobile on an access road by the Rideau View Golf Course. He was taken to the Ottawa General Hospital and died there later that day. Alcohol was not a factor.

There was a break and enter at the Bank of Nova Scotia in Osgoode on Nov. 24. At about 4 am Constables Jamie Foley and Randy Stockdale responded to an alarm. Upon their arrival, they discovered that one of the windows had been broken. The culprits must have been scared off, as nothing was taken.

On Nov. 27 someone tried to steal a television and satellite receiver from a McCordick Road home. The persons responsible forced open a side door. There was an alarm connected in the house. A Mackey Road resident reported a suspicious occurrence the same day. At 12:59 pm two males approached the caller and asked for directions. They left in a Maroon Dodge Caravan. Officers patrolled the area, however they were not able to locate the vehicle.

Last week there were two vehicles stolen from the area. A blue 1987 GMC pick-up truck was taken from a Parkway Road home overnight on Nov. 23. At the time of this report, the truck was still outstanding. On Nov. 24 the owner of a dealership reported that a brown Ford van had been stolen from the North Gower car lot. It was recovered three days later in Rideau Township. Police believe the van had been used in crimes around the area.

A black Lazer plane serial number 5767 was reported stolen on Nov. 25. This instrument had been secured in the back of a pick-up truck. The vehicle had been parked at the business on Albert Street in Metcalfe. Anyone with information concerning this theft is asked to contact Const. Chris Gardner at 692-2525.

Vandals were busy during the early morning hours of Nov. 29. Manotick properties on Potter Drive and Whitewood Avenue were targeted. In most cases the vandals tampered with Christmas decorations and smashed light posts. A trail of footprints leading away from the homes ended at the north end of Pettapiece Drive. One of the victims reported hearing loud voices at approximately 3 am. If you see or hear anything suspicious, call the police immediately at 1-888-310-1122.

Officers investigated three other mischief occurrences last week. A vehicle parked at a North Gower home was scratched, mail boxes in Kars were damaged and a microwave oven at Osgoode Township High School was destroyed.

A Rideau Valley Drive resident found a bicycle in front of his home and brought it into the detachment. For more information contact Const. Nancy Onlock at 613-692-2525.

During the first few days of the Festive RIDE Campaign, officers from the Manotick OPP checked 378 vehicles. Three drivers were issued with temporary licence suspensions and one individual was processed for impaired driving. The RIDE spot checks will continue through to the new year. Please drive sober so that we can all arrive alive.

WDMH receives funding for diabetes awareness

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Winchester District Memorial Hospital has received a grant for $26,950 to begin a diabetes education program — another boost in the hospital's efforts to expand its services.

The Ontario government announced that 33 diabetes education programs across the province would share $2.5 million in 1997-98 under the Diabetes Complications Preventions Strategy.

"Receiving the news about this grant didn't happen overnight," WDMH clinical dietitian Deirdre Cook said. "Two years ago I attended a meeting with the Eastern Ontario District Health Council. We looked at the diabetes resources that are available and where overlaps existed in the system."

What they found, Cook said, was an obvious need to improve the resources at WDMH. "The need had been obvious to staff for a long time," she said. "The current resources are not meeting our diabetic patients' needs."

With an aging population, Cook stated, the number of people with diabetes will rise over the next 10 to 15 years. "There's a real push to educate people about the disease," she said. "Diabetes and complications from diabetes are associated with age. There are staggering statistics."

In Ontario, it is estimated that diabetes is responsible for 25 per cent of cardiac surgery, 60 per cent of heart attacks, 70 per cent of strokes, 50 per cent of non-traumatic amputations, 55 per cent of new cases of blindness and 33 per cent of dialysis cases.

In the case of amputations alone, Cook pointed out, evidence shows that one foot care education session for proper foot care would reduce the risk of amputation in an individual by 50 per cent.

"For one person to have an amputation, seven registered nurses would be employed full-time for one year," she said. "The amount of money spent for complications of diabetes is staggering. This is a disease we can't afford. If the needs are not addressed, we will be in trouble."

There is no cure for diabetes, Cook explained, adding that the only thing that has been proven about diabetes is that complications can be reduced through blood-sugar control. "And the key to obtaining good blood-sugar control is education," she added. "The individual needs to learn lifestyle skills to maintain their blood-sugar."

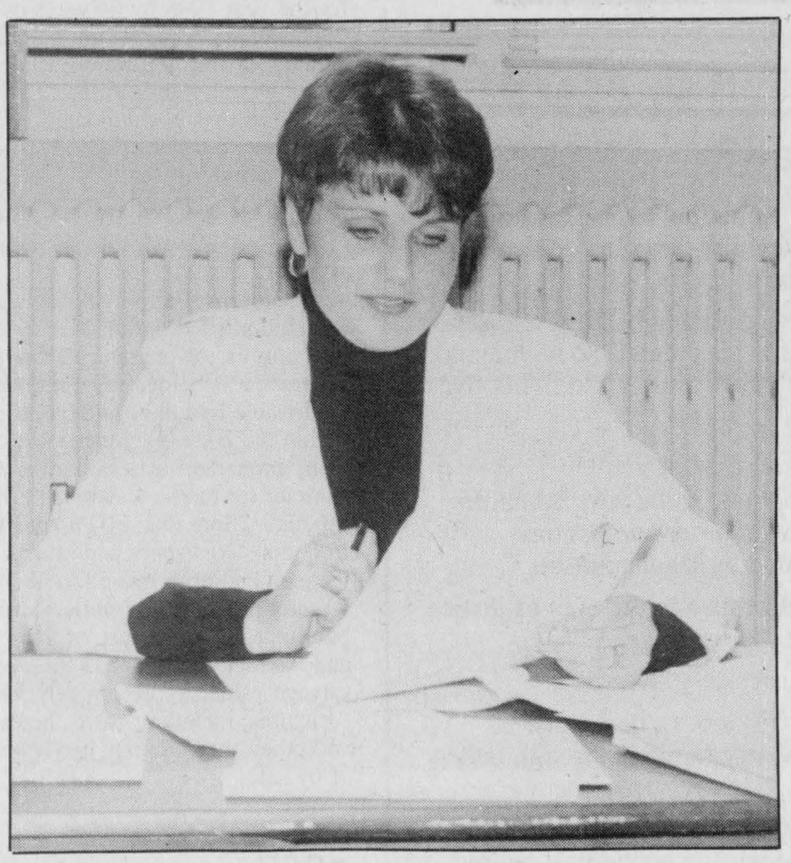
The $26,950 will fund the program for one year and includes labor, start-up costs, physical requirements (ie. paper, videos etc.) and support group meetings.

Diabetes education will include working with physicians, family members and specialists, and teaching the skills that are necessary to control diabetes. Education about drugs, exercise and diet will help individuals learn to live with the disease, Cook said. There will also be follow-up sessions and support groups to help people after the initial education sessions.

"We are really pleased," Cook said. "It's taken a long time to see money from the ministry, and to see the hospital recognized in this way. I hope that the program is able to meet our expectations and the patients' needs."

There will be no cost to participate in the two-day program, Cook said. She hopes that the program will be up and running within about three months. The program will run for two days during the week from 8:30 am to 4 pm.

For more information about the disease, contact Cook at 774-2420, extension 5222.



Deirdre Cook, clinical dietitian at Winchester District Memorial Hospital announces the awarding of a government grant to begin a diabetes education program at WDMH.

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EDITORIAL

And justice for all?

So convicted sex killer Paul Bernardo wants Canadian taxpayers to foot the estimated $50,000 bill for legal representation during an appeal.

That's right, the monster who tortured, killed and raped two teens wants you to pay for his defence so he may not have to spend the rest of his days growing old in his five-by-nine-foot cell.

Disgusting.

But we must remember that under the law, Bernardo has the right to appeal his two murder convictions, whether or not he's represented by legal counsel.

That is his right after all. Because in the eyes of justice, everyone, no matter how evil, is equal.

And that's a tragedy in this case.

When Bernardo launches his appeal, he will be dragging the French and Mahaffy families through hell — again.

While the deep wounds will never completely heal, family members are trying to put the horrid past behind them and move on.

They don't want to relive the horrific events of the nights their daughters' young lives and innocence were shattered. They don't want to listen to the screams of horror and pain of Kristen French and Leslie Mahaffy on Bernado's videotape as he took pleasure raping them.

But it is the Canadian legal system that will force families to go through the entire process again.

Why? A faint hope for freedom and an entrenched right of equality before the law.

And freedom is something Bernardo should never even come close to tasting.

His appeal is ludicrous. The request for legal aid, even worse. He's a rapist, a killer and a monster.

All too often it appears that legal system favors violent criminals while the victims have no recourse.

What about the victims' rights?

Non existent.

Let's not forget it is the Mahaffys and the Frenchs that have suffered the most, experienced the greatest loss.

But what is their recourse?

Nothing.

What is even worse is that every time this crazed psychopath decides that he's going to test the limits of the Canadian justice system, it is their duty to be in the courtroom, showing their face to remind people of the pain and suffering they've endured, to ensure that the monster is never set free.

That's not justice. That's scary.

J.B.

This week in...

1947

Winchester, Chesterville, Finch and Metcalfe were to operate teams in the Central Ottawa Valley Intermediate Hockey League according to arrangements made at a league meeting. Metcalfe will use the Chesterville rink for its home games, while the Winchester team will be made up of local and Osgoode Township players. President F. Erle Helmer asked that all local branch rules be abolished and that the league operate in strict accordance with OHA rules under the constitution of the Ottawa district.

In the municipal election councillor John M. Fader was elected reeve of Winchester for the year 1948 by 64 votes over his opponent, ex-reeve Walter C. MacDonald. Councillors elected were Earl A. Morgan, Lloyd Dixon, Sam Ault and Earl Freeland. The unsuccessful candidate for councillor was Howard Biccum, who was just three votes behind Freeland.

1957

With Ontario Hydro's St. Lawrence Rehabilitation Program nearing completion, the commission announced that favorable progress was being made in the disposal of unmovable buildings and other materials within the 20,000-acre area which was being prepared for flooding the next summer for the St. Lawrence Power Project. More than 500 homes from Iroquois, Morrisburg and other villages in the area had been moved to new sites, but it was not practicable to move certain buildings intact because of their size, age and the fact that they had little or no salvage value. Approximately 1,800 such structures, including barns, houses, garages and other out-buildings had been disposed of by sale.

1967

Less than 50 of Winchester Township ratepayers were present at a nomination meeting to hear the reports of the year's work and, generally speaking, seemed to be well satisfied with the administration. So much so that there will only be one change in the present council and this was made necessary by the resignation of one of the councillors, John Barrett. Dwaine Wheeler was nominated to replace Barrett on the council for the coming term. Reeve Cecil MacNabb, deputy reeve Willis Robinson and councillors Garfield Baker and Delbert Link were nominated and acclaimed for the upcoming term.

Ontario Department of Highways minister Hon. George E. Gomme declared the location of the route of Hwy. 31 by-pass around Winchester, known as Route No. 2 was official. However, the exact location of the by-pass was still uncertain.

Popular member of the legislature from Stormont-Dundas, Fern Guindon, became the newest member of the Ontario provincial cabinet from Eastern Ontario. The appointment of Guindon as minister without portfolio was well received not only by his constituents but by a large group of admirers across Eastern Ontario.

1977

Public opposition against intensified French language instruction in tri-county elementary schools persuaded the SD&G Board of Education to table indefinitely their two most controversial programs. At a regular meeting trustees were told that future discussions on the teaching of French would focus on improvements to the existing program. Proposed immersion and extended programs would not be implemented for at least two years and then only if specifically requested by parents.

Hopes that construction might begin in the spring of 1978 on a $2,680,000 addition to Osgoode Township High School were quashed when Carleton Board of Education chairman George Drew told a parents committee the project probably would not be completed for at least two years. Drew admitted that ministry approval for funding looked good, but he said he doubted if the building could be completed by Sept.1979. Plans would take several months, he said, and construction could take up to a year.

If Ontario Hydro had to build a nuclear hydro plant in Eastern Ontario it may as well be in SD&G, counties council decided. Councillors voted to ask Ontario Hydro to locate the plant at one of the proposed sites within the United Counties, despite objections from Williamsburg Township Reeve Johnny Whitteker. One of the proposed sites was located in Whitteker's township. Whitteker said he couldn't vote for the resolution because he didn't know enough about the mechanics of the potential plant. His concern was possible danger to local residents through disposal of wastes and pollution of the St. Lawrence River.

Barry Casselman's second goal of the game at 12:32 of the third period proved to be the winner as Winchester Hawks held on to beat Morrisburg Lions 9-8. After Casselman had scored Winchester's ninth goal Morrisburg fought back with three straight, erasing a 9-5 Hawks lead to make it close at 9-8.

1987

A five-person jury called for tougher regulations on products used by farmers



and mandatory inquests into farm fatalities. At the urging of Dr. Gabriel Slowey, coroner for SD&G, the jury recommended legislation to force manufacturers to test their products thoroughly before they are marketed. Wayne Smith, 36, died when he accidentally fell through a 36-foot tear in the seam of a plastic silo liner on Sept. 27, 1987. The South Mountain farm worker died when he was asphyxiated by toxic carbon dioxide inside the liner.

The memory of the last Winchester Hawks game (at home), an exciting 7-5 victory over the Spencerville Cardinal Combines slowly evaporated on the long drive home from Athens later in the weekend. The Hawks could not solve former Navan Grad goalie Scott Martin's style in that Eastern Ontario Junior "B" League game against the last-place (Rideau division) Athens Aeros and lost 7-2 to split their weekend games and remain at the 500 level (five wins, five losses and a tie).

Twenty hockey teams played 37 games over four days in Morrisburg as the Williamsburg Oldtimers Hockey team hosted its third annual hockey tournament. The five final games presented fans with an over-40-years final, a 35-years-and-over overtime showdown, a 30-years-and-over playoff and two excellent fast-paced contests in the "open" division. Winchester's Hydro crew emerged with the Open "A" Division championship trophy and an individual award earned by Doug Wilson who clicked for a pair of goals in his team's 7-2 win over Brockville.



No time for subtle hints

But seriously...
by Lori Culliton



As of today, there are three weeks of shopping left until Christmas.

That means that most women are hurrying around, trying to get their Christmas shopping finished, checking and re-checking their lists, buying turkeys and waiting for the postal strike to end so they can mail Christmas cards.

Meanwhile, a fear is slowly coming over many men as they realize that the big day is sneaking up on them, and they'd better get thinking about what to buy the women in their lives for Christmas.

Not that the realization, three weeks ahead of schedule, will get the guys into the mall any sooner than Christmas Eve. First they need to know what to buy.

This is a message to the ladies: If you have a man in your life who is significant enough to even be considering buying you a present, you must make a list.

As tacky and greedy as it may sound, a Christmas wish list is essential for most men. They don't mind. In fact, they'd prefer it.

In fact, most men will agree that they don't care about surprises or spontaneity when it comes to Christmas presents — they just want to get it right.

Think back, girls. Have you ever received a handy screwdriver or a kitchen appliance or snow tires from your man?

If you have, then you understand how vital these lists really are.

Just like registering for a wedding, in this case it is okay to ask for stuff. Hint around about the earrings you'd love to find beneath the tree come Christmas morning, but you may have to go a bit farther than that.

If necessary, and you know your man, cut a picture of those earrings out, circling the name of the store and the address and tape it to the dash of his car or the inside of his briefcase.

There is no time for subtlety here. The clock is ticking and soon it will be Christmas Day. Or Boxing Day, when you can take the gift back and get what you really want, along with all the other women who didn't bother to make up lists for their significant others.

And no, a cheque in a card so that you can "get yourself something nice" is not acceptable.

Most men we've spoken to would love to be told what to buy. These men are the ones you see wandering aimlessly through the mall on Christmas Eve with a teddy bear tucked under one arm and a look of utter fear on their faces.

If you happen to be in the mall on Christmas Eve and you see a man with that description, take pity on the poor guy. Go up to him, pat him on the shoulder, give him a shake if necessary and direct him to the nearest jewellery store — a sure bet at such late notice.

Do it for your fellow women. Someone might just do it for you someday.

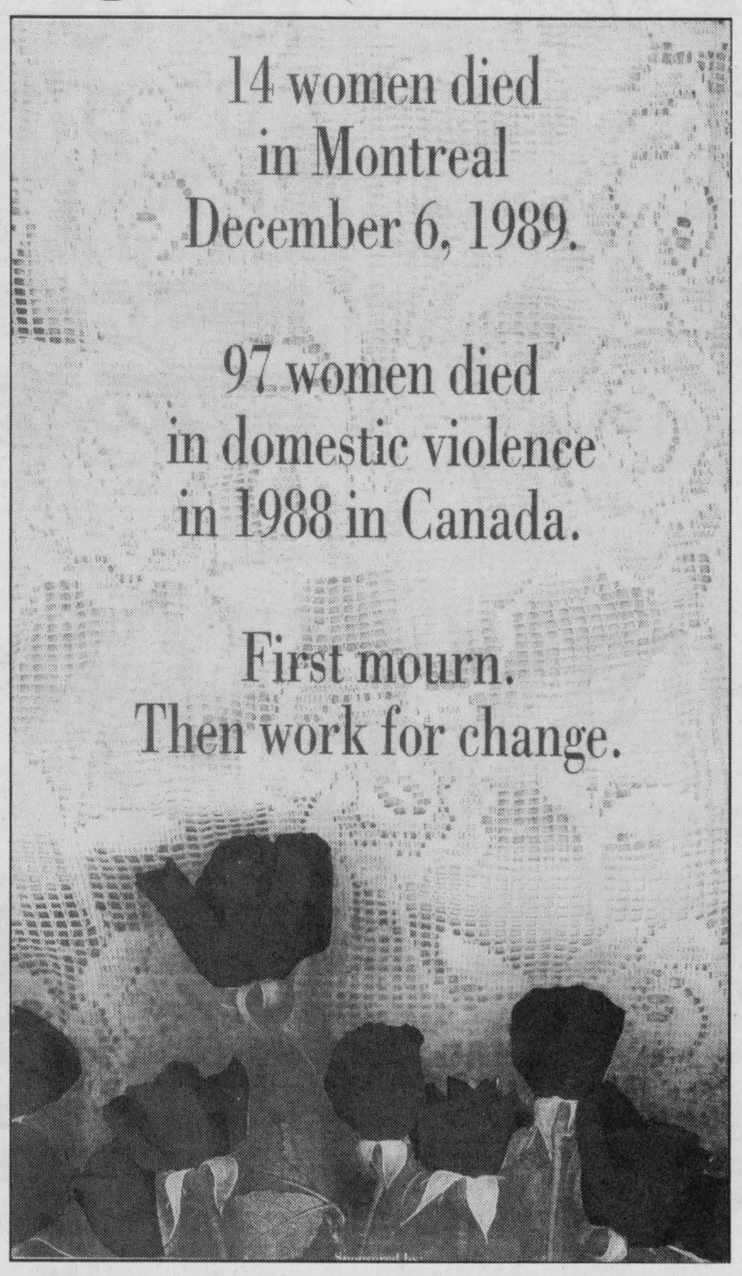
Now there is no intent of sexism here — just the truth. And we admit, there are men who put thought and imagination into the gifts they purchase for their wives. However, let's face it — those men have usually been married for a lot of years, and there are likely gifts of snow tires and screwdrivers in their past.

So, ladies, there's nothing wrong with a screwdriver under the tree, if that's what you really want. But if you have your eye on something special, something pretty, tell him about it. This is a moment when you have to take matters into your own hands.

He'll probably thank you for it.

Lest we forget: Dec. 6 remembered

by Lori Culliton
Press staff



WINCHESTER — When Sue met Bob (not their real names), he seemed like a nice man. Sue, 51, was in the process of moving into a farmhouse, and Bob offered to help.

"My sons were helping, too, but once the work was done, they left. He stayed. He moved right in, and wouldn't leave," Sue said.

From there, she became a virtual prisoner in her own home.

"I wasn't allowed to go anywhere or talk to anybody. I was raped and abused, and I couldn't get away. He isolated me from my family, and was rude to any visitors until they just left and didn't come back.

"He was always nice when my children came to visit, but my kids knew what was going on."

Her adult children found out what was going on when Bob allowed Sue to go to church one Sunday.

Instead of going to church she found a pay phone and called one of her sons, and told him the whole story. But they knew that if her son came and kicked Bob out of the house, he'd just return later.

Why didn't she leave? Her reasons are similar to many other women who suffer through abuse by their partners. The house was Sue's, and she had moved into it hoping to start her own business. She didn't want to leave because she didn't know what Bob would do to her home and her belongings if she left.

Bob also made it impossible for her to leave. She was isolated where she lived, in a rural area away from the main highway.

"By the time I ran to the highway, he would have caught me," she said.

Bob moved into Sue's house in May. In February, she finally escaped.

Freedom, as it were, came when Bob had to serve a weekend sentence for an offence from before he had met Sue.

As soon as Bob went to jail for the first weekend of the sentence, Sue escaped.

She went to a women's shelter in Cornwall and called police. Bob was finally arrested three days later.

Three years later, he was sentenced. But he had been free during the time leading up to his conviction. During that time, Sue received phone calls, her front door window was smashed, and things disappeared from her property.

"I got the first night's rest the day he went to jail," Sue said.

Bob was convicted for sexual assault, assault and uttering death threats.

Sue is a survivor. On Dec. 6, we remember not only the 14 women who were shot and killed in Montreal on this date in 1989, but all of the women in our communities who have lost their lives to spousal violence, and all of the women who are survivors of domestic abuse, like Sue.

In past years, Naomi's Family Resource Centre, a woman's shelter, would lead a silent candle light march through the Village of Winchester commemorated Dec. 6. But demands on the centre for services are increasing monthly, and they are unable to stage the march this year.

"But we didn't want the day to go by without acknowledgement," said director Judith Running. "What happened on Dec. 6, 1989 happened only because they were women. And it still goes on — women and children are being murdered by their abusers."

Outreach co-ordinator at Naomi's, Darlene (the social workers use only their first names at Naomi's) added, "A lot of times the perception is that this type of thing only happens in the city, but one of Winchester's only murders was a wife assault-suicide in May, 1988."

At Naomi's shelter, a bullet proof screen is kept on all of the windows, Running said.

"We've been threatened and police have called to warn us because of threats made on various occasions," she said. "We practice caution here."

There is no client stereotype at a women's shelter anymore, Running pointed out. "They're older, usually in mid-40s, but we have a wide range of women of all ages," she said.

"A few years ago, the average was 30 years old, two kids. Now, they're as young as 16, girls who have suffered abuse in their families, up to much older women who have been with their partners for many years and just couldn't take it anymore."

She added, "As for clients who access our services — look at the population. It could be anyone. We have people coming here from every educational background, every economical situation."

On Jan. 1, 1998, the government will take over 100 per cent funding of the shelters in Ontario, Running said. Currently, the government is responsible for 80 per cent funding, and the municipality is responsible for 20 per cent.

"It's tough," Running said. "Demands on services continue to increase, but there is no increase in funding or staffing. We've been good at managing what we have, and we still get by, but we have difficulty keeping up."

The service isn't going anywhere though. Women can drop in to the shelter at any time, seven days a week, 24 hours a day, although it is preferred to call first.

"Occupancy level goes down at this time of year, because of Christmas," Darlene said.

"People usually try to stay together for Christmas. But then our occupancy goes way up in mid-January. It's not that abuse doesn't happen at Christmas. In fact, it probably increases because of the pressures of the season."

The trouble is, Running offered, society condones violence. "It's used in advertising; the tougher the better. It's used in sports and sensational violence is in movies and pop-culture. Kids are bombarded with violence in our popular culture."

The workers at Naomi's house and other shelters (the next nearest ones are in Ottawa and Cornwall) remember Dec. 6 every day.

"Those women in Montreal were killed only because they were women," Running said passionately. "Marc Lepin told the men to get out of the classroom and then systematically killed the women in the crowd.

"The women who come here for help are being abused because they are women. It's important for us to remember each year what happened on Dec. 6, 1989."

St. Lawrence River restoration project sails

TORONTO — The stage II report submitted officially by the Public Advisory Committee of the St. Lawrence River (Cornwall) Remedial Action Plan (RAP) to the governments of Canada and Ontario represents a big step forward in the restoration of the St. Lawrence River Area of Concern (AOC).

This action will ultimately result in the delisting of this area of concern, which extends from the Moses-Saunders Power Dam at Cornwall at the Beauharnois Power Dam in Quebec.

The plan is based on 64 recommendations and 13 educational activities. The components of the plan were jointly developed by the RAP team composed of federal and provincial officials and the Public Advisory Committee (PAC) which draws its membership from the surrounding community. A number of the recommendations in the plan are already being implemented.

"The involvement of the members of the PAC, who have contributed thousands of volunteer hours, has ensured that the recommended plan addresses the community's concerns and goals for the river," emphasized Christine Stewart, federal minister of the environment.

"I am truly impressed by the commitment shown by the people of the Cornwall and St. Lawrence region to developing this action plan. Your determination demonstrates that by working together, a community can make a difference," said Ontario Minister of the Environment, Norm Sterling.

The governments will provide a response to stage II report that will be submitted to the International Joint Commission for review and comment. The provincial ministry of environment is committed to working with its present partners and is interested in bringing new members into the process.

The development of a community-based implementation framework will provide for local participation in the progress that is made toward restoration and eventual delisting.

"Environment Canada has contributed significant resources in the form of scientific studies to help obtain the information needed to develop this recommended plan, and this work is continuing," said Stewart. "

Some of the research technology developed in support of the RAP is being applied to other AOCs and is being considered for other sites outside the Great Lakes basin.

Environment Canada's Great Lakes 2000 Cleanup Fund has been an active funding partner in support of the RAP by providing matching resources for specific RAP projects with other members of the community. These collaborative projects have evolved from developing the information base to stage II, to beginning the implementation process.

"As a result of the significant contributions from Ontario and its partners, water quality in the St. Lawrence is improving. Ontario is determined to continue working with all levels of government and the public to find long-term innovatinve solutions to enhance and protect the St. Lawrence River ecosystem," added Sterling.

Crime Stoppers needs your help

CORNWALL — Seaway Valley Crimestoppers, in co-operation with the Regional Task Force, is asking for help in combatting the contraband trade.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Writer questions Villeneuve on health

The Editor:

The *Press* of Nov. 19 again featured the issue of Winchester Hospital.

Last summer when this was being widely discussed I sent an e-mail (July 24) to our MPP, Mr. Noble Villeneuve, requesting that he respond to some questions on health funding in the Winchester area.

Although the e-mail was acknowledged, as of Nov. 24 (four months later), I have yet to receive any response. I sent two other e-mails. He has not responded to them, except that I received a brochure-type letter from a director in the Ministry of the Environment which did not address all the issues I had raised.

A few years ago, when in opposition, Mr. Villeneuve would answer his own phone and engage in critiquing the plans of the government at that time.

At least one of those plans was actually implemented, but by his own party.

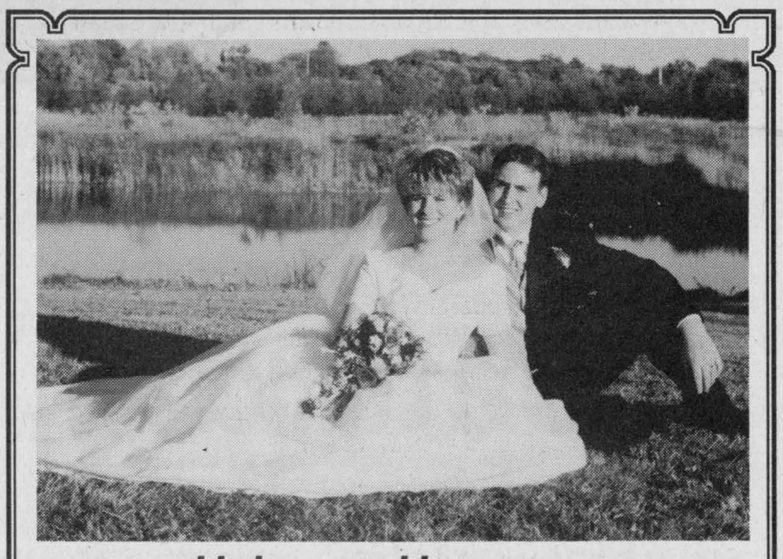
Given similar frustrations at the federal level I am coming to the conclusion that we might be better represented if we always elect our representative from the opposition parties.

Kenneth Hilson
South Mountain

OPINIONS

The Press welcomes letters on subjects of interest to the community. Letters must be signed and include the writer's telephone number. Letters may be edited for length, grammar and libellous statements.





Helmer – Herweyer

Scott Helmer and Angela Herweyer were united in marriage on Sat., Sept. 27, 1997 at the Russell United Church. Angela is the daughter of Len and Lena Herweyer of Russell and Scott is the son of Don and Linda Helmer of Winchester. The couple honeymooned in Jamaica and now reside in Ottawa. They would like to thank everyone who helped to make their wedding day special.

Keeping Health In Mind

"Keeping Health In Mind" is a monthly newspaper column made possible with the help of the Lannin Business Centre, the Winchester Press and the clinical staff of Tri-County Mental Health Services, a community program of the Cornwall General Hospital.

It's Holiday Time

The holiday season is here again and we are in a dilemma! What to get Mother or Dad (or aunt, uncle, sister) living in a long-term care facility. Perhaps, if you asked them, a visit might be their most treasured gift. Some planning for this visit might include ensuring that your elder is not already occupied with an activity such as an exercise program or a card game. Try to co-ordinate your visits with a special holiday activity that you can share. This will provide memories that you can share later in the year.

When visiting, use reminiscence about past holidays. This will encourage your elder to share their past experiences of holiday seasons, especially with their grandchildren or great-grandchildren. This provides a different perspective on a common theme. Perhaps your elder has sent Christmas cards to friends and relatives in the past but now may require assistance. Boxes of cards and stamps would be appreciated as well as your time to write for them if necessary.

How about the gift of a journal? This is an excellent way to keep track of visitors, activities and special events. Attach a pen and remind friends and family to jot down their visits, including the date and time. This is a great memory jogger.

Listen to holiday music together. Sing along even if you're a bit off key. Since children bring something special to a visit, encourage them to share their experiences of the holiday season. For example, their participation in choirs and plays, their artwork, their excitement.

Bring some old holiday photos; take some pictures. Both provide opportunities for reminiscence.

Read the local news with them; watch a holiday special on the television. Perhaps a holiday jigsaw puzzle; decorate your elder's room with mementos of the holiday season.

Some practical gift ideas for elders either in long-term care facilities or at home might include clothing that encourages independence and ease in dressing, slippers with a good tread (for safety), accessories like a bright scarf, hand and body lotion and a planned visit to provide massage with the lotion.

Other suggestions are: perfumed soaps to use or store in a drawer; photos in a frame or album (and a visit to reminisce about the photos); a calendar for the New Year - each month can include a family photo (this service is available locally); gifts related to past interests, for example, knitting; a good book. Arrange a visit for a book discussion. Don't forget talking books for those whose vision has changed. How about plants or bulbs to grow for those elders with a green thumb; a magazine or newspaper subscription may be another idea, or a tape deck and tapes that are your elder's favorites. Food and treats would be appreciated, but check first - your elder may have special dietary needs.

Being together and sharing this special season or any time of the year reinforces our relationships and makes happy memories. Happy Holidays!

Jean Harpur, Reg. N., Community Health Nurse
Tri-County Mental Health Services Psychogeriatric Service

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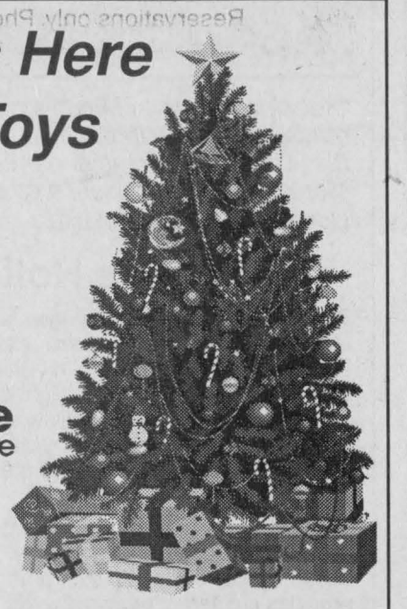

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Choir makes music for holidays to light up local Christmas parade

VERNON — The Ottawa Valley is alive with the sound of music, coming from the voices of some 40 men known as the Osgoode Township Male Choir.

Each Wednesday evening at 8 pm, these men come from several rural communities in addition to Nepean, Ottawa and Gloucester to faithfully gather in the Osgoode Baptist-Vernon United Church on Hwy. 31.

Several of the men have been members since 1979, when the choir was formed to take part in the township's 150th anniversary celebrations.

The choir's varied repertoire comprises sacred, gospel and classical selections as well as spirituals, contemporary songs and favorite ballads, with some sung in French, Dutch, Italian and Latin.

There is an old saying that behind every successful man stands a woman. In the case of the choir however, present director Cia Mastell stands in front of each member.

Since '94, she has been instrumental in leading the choir into new challenges.

Under her direction, the choir has developed a dynamic style of presentation, appealing to young and old alike.

Mastell is a music/English teacher at South Carleton High School.

Hence, it was only natural that during the past two years the SC Concert Choir teamed up with the OTMC in a number of performances, including the '96 Christmas concert at the National Arts Centre Theatre in Ottawa.

The choir has also benefited enormously from the wide experience and talents of Julia Mills, who has been accompanist since '86. Mills is also the organist and choir director at St. Giles Presbyterian Church in Ottawa.

Together, these two ladies face and readily undertake the challenge of leading this large group of men into new choral endeavors.

OTMC has produced two CDs titled *Netherlands '94* and *New Ways* as well as several cassette tapes.

The choir's enthusiasm and love of singing keeps members on the move to fulfill the many requests to perform. The events include church anniversaries, community fundraisers and visits to senior citizen homes.

The choir has conducted two highly successful concert tours in the Netherlands in '89 and '94. Other concert travels have taken the choir to the Bahamas, New York State, southern and northern Ontario, and western Quebec.

Plans are currently underway for a two-week concert tour in the Maritime provinces in '99. Local organizations or groups wishing to contact the choir for concerts performance should call Ken Zomer at 824-1530.

The choir is always interested in welcoming new members. If you enjoy singing and traveling, stop in at the rehearsal any Wednesday evening. The rehearsals of this ecumenical community choir last for two hours. Every second week, they conclude with a social time.

The highlight of this season is the upcoming Christmas concerts. The '97 concert entails a move from the grandiose facilities of last year's concert at the NAC theatre to the serene setting of the Osgoode Baptist-Vernon United Church.

To accommodate the size of the audience, the choir will present its Christmas concerts on two evenings starting Sat., Dec. 6 and Sun., Dec. 7 at 7:30 pm.

Tickets are priced at $10 for adults, $8 for seniors and students and children under 12 are admitted free.

For ticket information, contact John Klein-Swormink at 448-3436.



Men of song

The Osgoode Township Male Choir is gearing up for a busy Christmas season. The group has performances planned in many local venues including Winchester this Friday and Vernon the following evening at 7 pm. Tickets are $10 for adults and $8 for seniors and students.

Osgoode treasurer leaving for Napanee

METCALFE — After almost 15 years looking after Osgoode Township's finances, Don Reid is heading west.

Reid will take over treasurer duties at the municipality of Greater Napanee.

It's a new, amalgamated municipality with five townships rolled into one offering new and exciting challenges, said Reid.

"This is really an opportunity of a lifetime," he said. "It's a brand new municipality starting right from scratch."

Reid and his wife live south of Metcalfe, but have no plans yet of moving permanently to Napanee.

Former mayor Albert Bouwers hired Reid away from the region where he was a payment supervisor.

He said he's enjoyed his time in Osgoode, but it's time to move on.

"It's a career change and I'm looking for new challenges," said Reid.

Quilt raffle raises $1,650

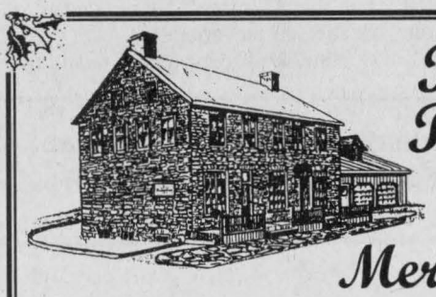
STAMPVILLE — The Dundas County chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario would like to thank everyone who sold and bought tickets for the Christmas Quilt Raffle which was drawn at the very successful "Christmas from the Heart" craft sale held Nov. 22.

The event included 14 crafters, a heart-healthy tea and draws for wonderful door prizes.

Special thanks to Gail Brooks of South Mountain and the quilter friends of the HSFO for the lovely quilt. Also to Philip Dey of South Mountain for the deacon's bench and to Truusje Berkelaar Williamsburg for the centrepiece.

Lorna Barkley of Winchester won the quilt, Margaret VanWylick of Winchester the deacon's bench and Charles Lewis of Morrisburg the centrepiece.

Thanks also to the donors of the door prizes. Almost $1,650 was raised for heart and stroke research, bringing us a step closer to defeating Canada's number one killer.



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Regional police ready to take over

by Derek Puddicombe

MANOTICK — According to Ottawa-Carleton police services board vice-chair Albert Bouwers, everything is on time for the removal of the Ontario Provincial Police in Osgoode Township and the introduction of regional police.

The regional police force is scheduled to take over the duties of the OPP in Osgoode as well as Rideau Township next July. There was a rumor that until the issue of municipal restructuring was solved, any decision to move in the regional force would be delayed.

That's news to Bouwers, who said it's probably just somebody's wishful thinking. The transition committee meets regularly and there has never been any talk nor approach from the four rural townships to request a delay, said Bouwers. And even if there was a request to prolong the transition, it's probably too late, Bouwers added.

"I think it's too far along the line to change anything now," he said.

Regional police chief Brian Ford said the transition, legislated by the province under Bill 143, is running smoothly and starting Jan. 5, 1998, Cumberland Township will be looked after by regional police.

"The amalgamation of police services in the region is an important step towards continually improving police services for all residents of Ottawa-Carleton," said Ford.

Randy Mar, a member of the OPP transition team, said there isn't any firm decision yet about whether or not the regional police will keep the OPP office on John Street in Manotick.

But the regional force has indicated it is committed to matching the OPP resources already used in Osgoode and Rideau.

"There are 33 OPP officers and two civilians in Manotick now and the intent of the Ottawa-Carleton force is to do the same," said Mar.

Mar added that the regional force has also indicated that the community policing offices in Osgoode and Metcalfe will remain open.

Fourteen local OPP officers, from staff sergeant to constable, have expressed a desire to switch over to the regional police force when it arrives next summer, said Mar.

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Police search for sex suspect

CORNWALL — This week Crime Stoppers is asking for your help in locating a wanted person.

The Cornwall Police Service is asking for the public's help in locating a man wanted in connection with an alleged sexual assault that occurred at 3 am on Nov. 19.

Christopher Ronald Simon is a 27-year-old white male with short brown hair and brown eyes, five-foot, ten inches tall and weighs 200 pounds. Simon has a tattoo of the word "magic" on the right side of his neck and numerous tattoos on both arms.

Remember: Crime Stoppers doesn't have call display, does not record conversations and you are always anonymous.

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Correction

A story that appeared in last week's Press ("Strike straps snowsuit fund", Nov. 26, 1997) erroneously referred to the North Dundas Children's Christmas Fund as the North Dundas Christmas Wish Fund. Cheques dropped off at the Royal Bank in Winchester for the fund can be made out to the North Dundas Children's Christmas Fund.

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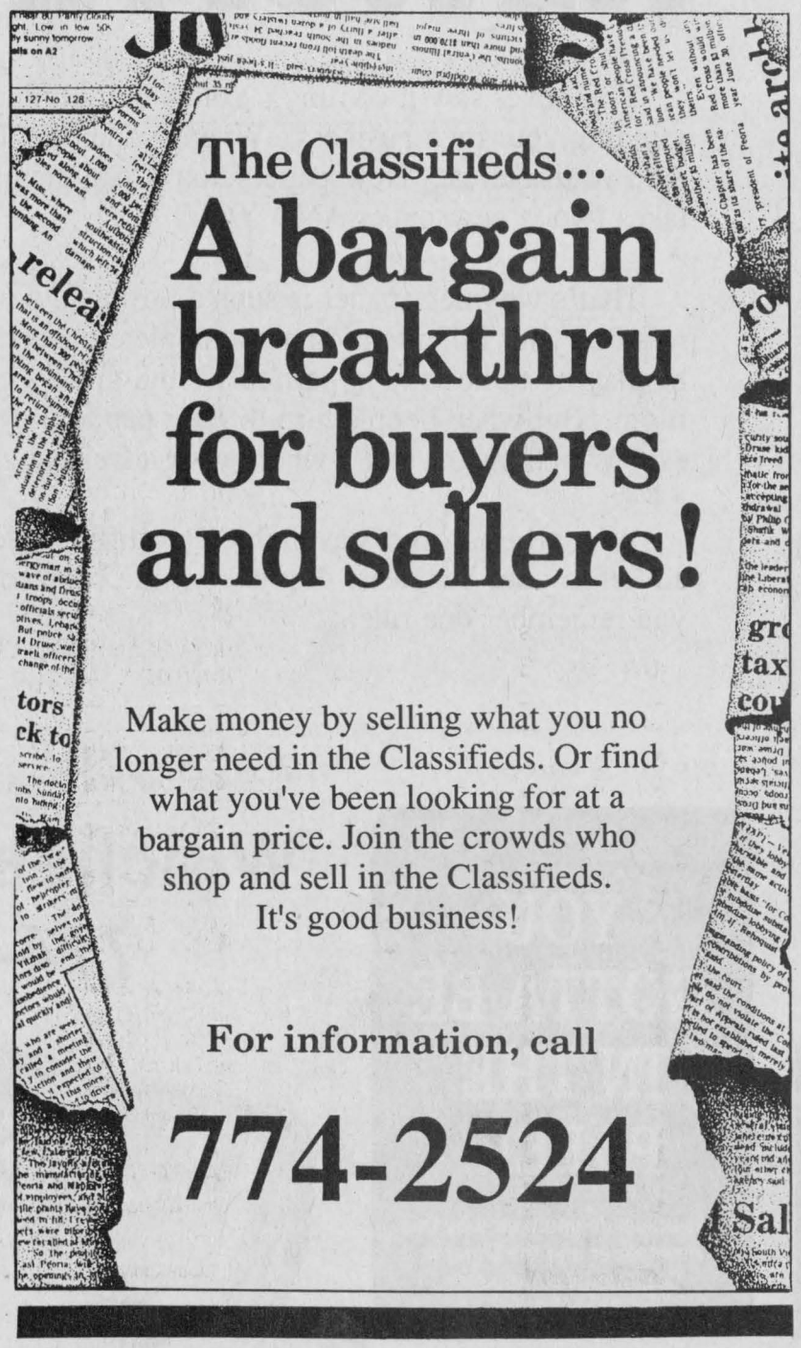
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A campaign by South Mountain Knights of Columbus Council 11725 to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society doubled efforts from last year. A cheque for $3,122 was presented to the Alzheimer's Society by the Knights of Columbus last week. Front row, left: George Berube, Edward Berube (campaign chair), Richard Berube (Grand Knight) presenting cheque to Guy Perron of the Alzheimer's Society, and Steve Caza. Back row, left: John van Lanen, Rick Panchuk, Marlyn O'Connor, John Woods and Bob Lamb.

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Leading causes of death revealed

CORNWALL — The numbers are in, and they're grim. In the five counties, the leading causes of death are heart disease and stroke, followed by lung cancer, lung diseases and pneumonia.

According to a recently released study of this region's population, between 1981 and 1994, heart disease alone accounted for about 28 per cent of all local deaths. Combined, these five most frequent causes of death account for 50 per cent of all local deaths.

That news is unsettling enough, but there's more: These causes of deaths are preventable.

"Smoking contributes to all five of these causes. Other lifestyle factors and choices such as nutrition and physical activity also figure into the equation," says Dr. Robert Bourdeau, medical officer of health for the Eastern Ontario Health Unit.

Public health programs and promotions have made strides in terms of public education, but Dr. Bourdeau says greater awareness of the link between healthy choices and healthy lives is needed.

"These statistics are clear and con sistent. This isn't fear-mongering, it's fact: if you choose unhealthy behaviors you could be choosing early death," said Dr. Bourdeau. "The flip side of the coin is obviously much more appealing: start making or stick to healthy choices and you'll enjoy a greater and longer quality of life."

For more information about healthy lifestyles, please call the Health Line at 1-800-267-0852.

10 leading causes of death in Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott and Russell (1981- 1994)

1.	Heart disease	27.9 per cent
2.	Stroke	7.6 per cent
3.	Lung cancer	6.1 per cent
4.	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	4.5 per cent
5.	Pneumonia	3.2 per cent
6.	Colorectal cancer	3. 1 per cent
7.	Diabetes	2.4 per cent
8.	Female breast cancer	2 per cent
9.	Motor vehicle accidents	2 per cent
10.	Suicide	1.6 per cent



"All I Want For Christmas Is..."

In the spirit of the season, we're pleased to present letters from our young readers to Santa.

Dear Santa,
Ho ho hope you are well. I am now that I had my tonsils taken out.

I have tried to be pretty good so could you please bring me a few presents. I would like "Open-up Buttercup doll, Barbie dolls, Giga pet and some new clothes.

Could you please bring every child a "special" gift, if possible. And please don't forget to bring my cat, Tiger, a treat like a can of tuna. He's been a good boy.

Thank you and have a Merry Christmas. I'll leave you some cookies and treats!
Heather Durant

To Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a farm set and some toy tractors. Thank you.
Chris Zahren

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Samantha Marchand. I am seven years old. Three things I want for Christmas are Angel Princess Barbie, a Barbie Dreamhouse and a pretty dress to wear on Christmas Day.

We will be at Grammy and Grandpa's house again. We are making gingerbread cookies with Grammy and Mommy on Christmas Eve and we'll save you one.

Bye Santa. I love you.
Love, Samantha Marchand

Dear Santa,
My name is Laura Miskiman and I'm six. I love Christmas because I like the snow. I would like a "Cabbage Patch Fun Bubble Baby" and a "Barbie motorhome".

Mom and I will bake cookies to leave out for you. I have been good again this year.
Love, Laura Miskiman

Dear Santa,
My name is Matt and I am 6 years old. I have tried my hardest to be good this year. The three things I want the most for Christmas are a ghetto blaster with a CD player in it, the new Spice Girls CD and a Jurassic Park race track. Maybe one more CD... Aqua, please.

I love you Santa.
Love, Matthew Marchand
P.S. Maybe you could leave something for our 5 cats because they never get anything for Christmas.

Dear Santa Claus,
Mommy says you read the Winchester Press. She knows because she works there. Will you please get me a horse, a horse shirt and Water Baby clothes.
Alyson Erwin

Dear Santa Claus,
Mommy says you read the Winchester Press. She knows because she works there. My Mom and Dad want good luck because they have been having bad luck. I would like a talking Nano puppy and a Diaper Surprise Baby and a happy face ring watch.
Kelsey Erwin

Dear Santa,
I would like a Viper skateboard and a race car track with double dare loops for Christmas.
Love, Ryan Johnston

Dear Santa,
My mommy is writing this letter for me because I am not even 2 years old. For Christmas I would like a Tickle Me Elmo and Baby Go Bye Bye. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.
Love, Brittany Cooper

LCBO outlet open Sundays starting Dec. 7

WINCHESTER — One of the first businesses to jump on the Sunday shopping bandwagon here is the liquor store.

Starting this weekend, the liquor store will join approximately 570 other LCBO outlets in the province when it opens its doors for a seven-hour period Sunday at 11 am.

Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations, David Tsubouchi announced last month that the results of a few pilot projects and demand by public convinced his ministry to opt for the Sunday shopping.

"Consumers have told us repeatedly that liquor and beer stores are just like any other retailers and should be open on Sunday," he said. "Convenience is important to the majority of the people who no longer work 9 to 5, Monday to Friday. It's just common sense."

Letters were sent to over 380 communities in the province advising them of the planned openings. They were asked to notify the LCBO if they had any objections to opening on Sundays. The wishes of any community not participating will be honored.

Winchester council endorsed the LCBO's request at the Dec. 1 meeting. Only one politician didn't like the idea of keeping the liquor stores' doors open seven days a week.

"Personally, I don't see the need to have the store open on Sundays," said Deputy Reeve Mary-Jane Elliott.

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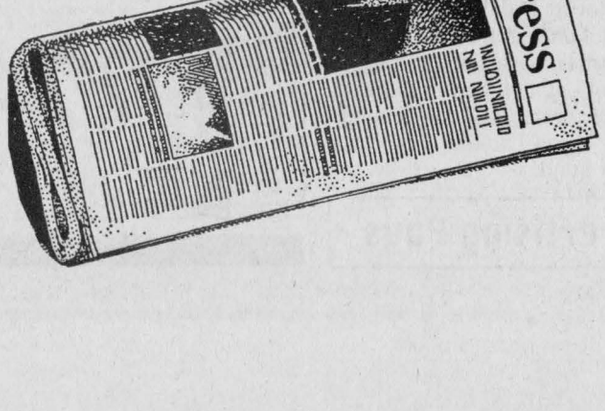

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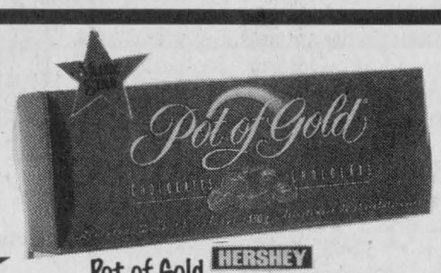

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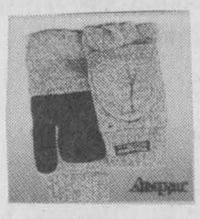

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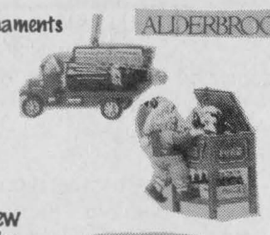

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WINCHESTER - FRIDAY, DEC. 5

"A great family party"

Everything with the parade is new this year - a new time, a new route and a new theme. The entire parade will be lit by Christmas lights, spotlights, lanterns, etc. December 5 promises to be an exciting, enchanting and fun time for the whole family. Village residents and businesses are encouraged to decorate and light up their homes and shops. **Everyone is requested to turn on their Christmas lights at 5 pm sharp December 5 to welcome visitors.** If possible, invite friends and relatives to park at your home and walk to the parade, or there will be **lots of free parking at Ault's, Royal Bank, Bank of Montreal and on the side streets.**

Downtown Winchester Entertainment & Activities

Visit with Santa, 5 pm-6:45 pm, downstairs at the Winchester Legion.

Osgoode Township Male Choir will perform at the hospital from **5:15-5:30 pm,** and on Main Street in front of the Baptist Church from **6:00-6:45 pm** - Christmas carols and sing-along.

Marleen Fawcett will sing country music at the main corner from **6:45 pm** to the start of the parade.

Join in the fun... Wear your Flashing Bear!

Spaghetti Dinner
Sponsored by the Winchester Hawks at **Henderson Hall, 4:00 pm** to start of the parade. **Cost is $5 for adults, $3 for children** and wine is available.

Chili Dinner
Served by the United Church Women at the **United Church hall** from **4:00 pm** to start of the parade. **Cost is $5 for adults, $3 for children.**

Winchester Figure Skating Club will be collecting used skates along the route, to be donated to local schools.

Girl Guides will be selling hot chocolate at various points. Bring your own mug!

Everyone is invited to come to the **Winchester Curling Club** after the parade for an **old-fashioned party**. Bring your musical instrument. Local talent welcome.

Winchester Hawks Charity BBQ at Andy's Food Town, Hotdogs $1, starting 11 am.

WDMH Christmas Wish Tree Lighting at 5:15 pm

At the hospital - hot dogs, hot chocolate and cider, carolling with the Osgoode Township Male Choir and a few words by Dr. D. Justus and Joseline Sikorski. **Free parking 4:00-9:00 pm** in the hospital parking lot.

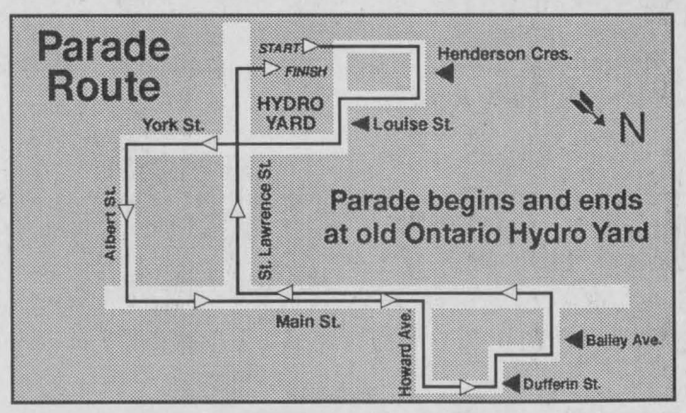
Don't miss the Beaver Tail stand downtown!
Proceeds donated to Winchester District Memorial Hospital

The Town Crier (Denzil Crowder)
will be travelling around town to keep you informed.

Firemen and Food Bank will be collecting new and good used toys along the parade route, as well as monetary donations.

Parade of Lights Photo Contest
Enter your best **parade-related photo** by Dec. 15, 1997 and have a chance to **win prizes of $100 or $50.** Check this edition of the Press for full details. *Sponsored by BDO Dunwoody, Chas Abel Photo and the Winchester Press.*

Winchester
7 pm
Friday,
Dec. 5



Guess the total number of lights in Winchester's 1997 Parade
and you could win a $100 gift certificate from Winchester Video
(One correct entry to be drawn.)

Name _____
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My guess is: _____

Clip out and bring your entry to:
Winchester Video, 520 St. Lawrence Street, Winchester, by December 12, 1997.

OBITUARIES

Elaine Joyce Baker

Elaine Joyce Baker passed away peacefully at the Kingston General Hospital on Wed., Nov. 26. She was in her 57th year.

Beloved wife of Doug Baker and loving mother of Terry (Debbie) Baker of Kingston, Michael Baker of Hong Kong. Mrs. Baker will be lovingly remembered by her granddaughters Kayla and Kristin.

The dear daughter of Stuart Melvin of Kingston, and the late Anette (McCooeye) Melvin. She was sister of Ralph Melvin of Adolphustown, Dorothy (Robert) Heron of Kingston and Karl (Terry) Melvin of Vancouver, BC. Mrs. Baker is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

She is fondly remembered by sisters-in-law Shirley and Sandra, and brothers-in-law Gary, Harold, Jimmy, Lee and their families.

Friends were received at the Gordon F. Tompkins Funeral Homes in Kingston on Nov. 28.

Funeral services were held in the Funeral Home Chapel on Nov. 29, followed by cremation.

As expressions of sympathy memorial donations to the Kingston Regional Cancer Centre would be appreciated (donations by cheque please).

Murray Horace Barkley

Murray Horace Barkley of Winchester died on Nov. 29 at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. He was 85.

A farmer, Mr. Barkley was predeceased by his wife, the late Jessie Derby. Mr. Barkley was born on July 3, 1912 in Inkerman to the late Frank Barkley and Violet Curiston.

He is sadly missed by his children, Janice (Eugene) Kenneally of RR1 Chesterville; Leslie Barkley of Chesterville. He was a foster father to Richard (Beatrice) Legue of Chesterville.

Mr. Barkley will be remembered by his grandchildren Aaron and Rosanne Kenneally, and David and Jonathon Legue. He is also survived by his siblings Keith Barkley of South Mountain, Lyle Barkley of Inkerman, Bruce Barkley of Inkerman, Ray Barkley of Brockville, and Evelyn York of Brockville. He was predeceased by his brother, Lester Barkley.

Funeral services were held at Daniels Funeral Homes in Chesterville on Dec. 2.

Reverend Thurland Brown officiated. Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Terry Simms, Orla Presley, Doug Helmer, Terry Barkley, Donald Barkley and Wilfred Barkley.

Edna Beckstead

Edna Beckstead of Ingleside passed away on Fri., Nov. 21. She was 86.

The dedicated keeper of her loving home was born April 9, 1911 to the late William Coughler and the late Abigail Lasalle.

She will be lovingly remembered by her grateful children: Sterling (Sheila) Beckstead of Cardinal; Marion (George) Legault of Kingston; Betty (Bill) Burrell of Cornwall; Ronnie of RR3, Ingleside; Freida (Gary) Armstrong of Winchester; Ray (Kay) of Ingleside; and Duane (Milly) of RR2, Lunenburg.

She was predeceased by her husband Acil (Ace) and an infant son, Lyle; she was also predeceased by her sister, Eleanor.

Mrs. Beckstead will be missed by her sister, Evelyn, and her three brothers, Herc, Lea and Glenn, and will be fondly remembered by 21 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Ingleside at Brownlee Funeral Home on Mon., Nov. 24. Rev. Robert Matheson officiated.

Interment was at Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Ingleside.

The pallbearers were all grandsons: Lockyer and Stacey Beckstead, Ricky and David Burrell and Tony and Dave Armstrong.

Verna Mary Durant

Verna Mary Durant of Winchester died on Nov. 25 at Dundas Manor. She was 97.

Mrs. Durant was born on Dec. 26, 1899 in Winchester Springs to Calvin J. Strader and Lucy Durant.

A housewife, she was predeceased by her husband, the late Howard F. Durant.

Mrs. Durant will be missed by her children Mary (Howard) Madden of RR2 Mountain, Richard Durant of Winchester and Ronald (Erva) Durant of RR4 Winchester. She will be fondly remembered by her five grandchildren and one great-grand-daughter.

Mrs. Durant was also predeceased by her sister, Viola McIntosh and brother Leroy Strader.

Funeral services were held at Daniels Funeral Homes in Winchester on Nov. 27.

Rev. Carol Poley-Delisle officiated. Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

Pallbearers were grandsons Brian Madden and Robert Durant, and nephewsDwayne Pemberton and Wesley Durant.

Garbage tag sales a fundraiser?

by Derek Puddicombe

METCALFE — Osgoode Township is proposing that service clubs and youth groups help sell the $1 tag-a-bag tags to earn them a bit of extra cash.

Council discussed the possibility of these groups selling tags at its Nov. 18 meeting and some agree that the prospect of earning five cents for every tag they sell will help raise money for whatever organization decides it would like to get involved.

However, Councillor Dwayne Acres objects to the idea of young people selling the tags and offers a word of caution because of the sensitive nature surrounding the introduction of imposing a charge of $1 per garbage bag set out at the curb. He said he promotes youth fundraisers but admits there are still a lot of township residents angry about the user fee and doesn't feel youth should be subjected to a possible confrontation.

"We have to take a hard look at this," said Acres. "We want the idea sold, but we want it sold as well."

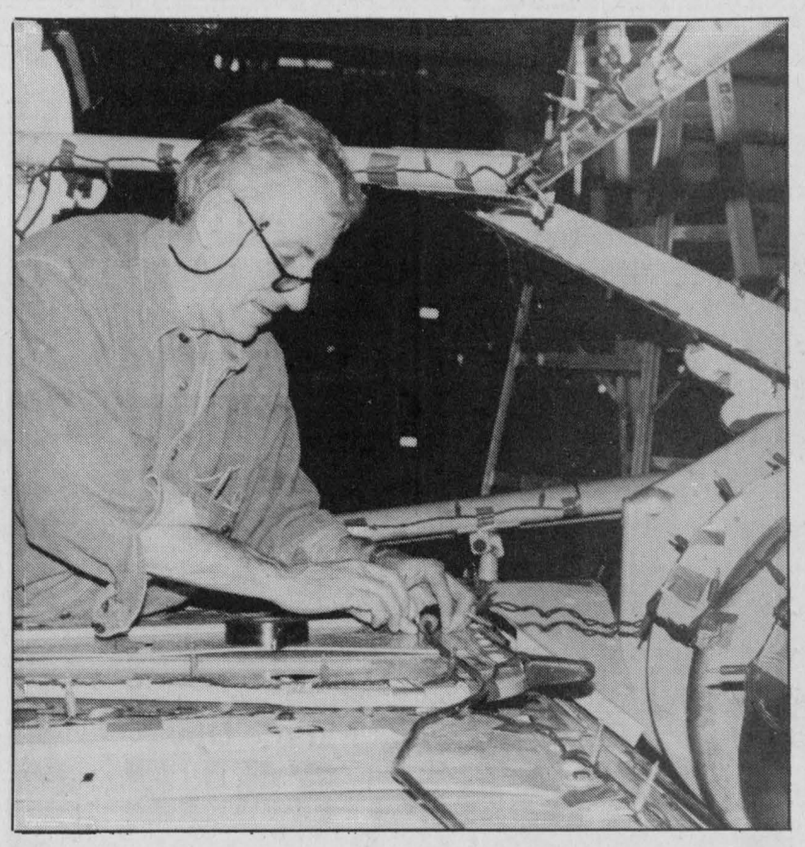
Councillor Dale Harley likes the idea and thinks it's a good opportunity to get youth involved in the community.

"Let's try it. It's only one of a number of distribution vehicles," Harley said, adding it doesn't have to continue if the venture doesn't turn out to be worthwhile for either party. "It's worth giving it a go."

A total of 25 retail outlets, township offices including community centres and all township public libraries have agreed to sell the tags.

The retail outlets that have agreed to stock the tags will also get a five-per-cent cut from each tag sold.

The township expects it will cost $226,800 next year for garbage pickup, but will make at least $56,400 based on tag revenue for 5,450 households putting out one bag a week.



Building the float

Float preparations were under way on the weekend for Friday's Parade of Lights in Winchester. Joel Steele, owner of The Country Boy and The Country Girl, worked with his crew to ready their harvester for the big night. Press Photo — Culliton

Naomi's House receives funding for programs

TORONTO — Grants totalling $660,000 to 50 organizations and groups across Ontario, including Naomi's Family Resource Centre in Winchester, were announced last week by Dianne Cunningham, Ontario Minister Responsible for Women's Issues.

The grants are for programs and projects to prevent violence against women and their children; to promote women's economic self-sufficiency; and to help women through the transition from crisis situations to economic self-sufficiency.

These grants to service providers and not-for-profit community organizations and groups are made possible through the Ontario Women's Directorate's Priority Project Funding Program.

The community organizations that are receiving grants submitted proposals that detailed the development of new and innovative solution-based projects. All the organizations that received grants met the government criteria that their projects focus on, either violence prevention or promoting economic self-sufficiency.

This year, funding for the Priority Project Funding Program has been increased through the government's "Prevention of Violence Against Women: An Agenda for Action" strategy. The program encourages groups to collaborate and co-ordinate their work and to find innovative solutions to support women in their communities.

"We have strongly promoted the development of cross-sectoral partnerships," said Cunningham. "The grants represent the development of approximately 180 partnerships in the broader public, volunteer and private sectors. If we are to improve the social and economic environment for women in Ontario, partnerships that draw on resources from all sectors are key to achieving success."

In Eastern Ontario, Naomi's Family Resource Centre in partnership with the Regional Co-ordinating Committee to End Violence Against Women received a grant of $8,000. The grant is to develop two bilingual information brochures for youth on dating violence issues and information on local resources.

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Enter Winchester's Parade of Lights Photo Contest and win!

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Winners will be published in the Winchester Press.

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Melville Boys presentation well received

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Playwright Norm Foster knows how to drive home a message. He makes the audience laugh, helps them to get comfortable with the characters, and then he writes in a twist that leaves the audience in tears. Most of all, he leaves his audience with a story they won't soon forget.

Foster's The Melville Boys is right on track with other plays to his credit. The Dundas County Players presented the play last weekend (Nov. 27 to 30) at the Winchester Community Centre to rave reviews.

The Melville Boys is a story of two brothers on a weekend get-away to relax and fish. Or so it appears in the beginning. It is soon evident that there is a deeper issue that neither is talking about.

Enter two sisters as different as night and day. The two sets of siblings befriend each other and pair off. Loretta, the younger sister (played by Tammy Walkden) is a carefree, self-centred free spirit intent on escaping responsibility and maturity.

Loretta's older sister, Mary, is played by Lauree Laing. She's a serious contrast to Walkden and has a painful past and some secrets of her own.

The brothers, Lee (Matthew DeFalco) and Owen (Ray Besharah) are close but seem to be avoiding an underlying issue. The truth comes out mid-play when Lee confides to Mary that he's dying of cancer.

That's where the fun of Owen and Loretta's antics comes screeching to a stop. Lee wants to talk about his disease and death, but nobody else in his family is interested in reviewing it.

Mary's tears over Lee's news are quickly overshadowed by Loretta's indifference, as the younger sister asks, "What's it like to know that you're going to die?"

DeFalco played Lee with a touching sensitivity. The confrontation scene between the two brothers near the end of the performance was powerful.

Directed by Gail Bailey, The Melville Boys were superbly brought to life on stage in Winchester in the Dundas County Players tradition of excellent theatre.



Serious fun

Ray Besharah (right) and Tammy Walkden talk seriously for a moment in *The Melville Boys,* produced by Dundas County Players.
Press Photo — Culliton



Ray Besharah (right) plays Owen in The Melville Boys, a production presented by the Dundas County Players last week in Winchester. Above, sisters Mary (left) and Loretta (Lauree Laing and Tammy Walkden) discuss dying with Owen.
Press Photo — Culliton

October rally marks centennial

by Madonna Bell

CARP — The 82nd Eastern Area Annual Women's Institute Convention was held here at the agricultural hall Oct. 20. This year's theme was, "Celebrating 100 years."

Following registration, President Mae Craig opened the meeting and welcomed our special guests: Margaret Munro, ACWW treasurer; Mildred Keith, president of FWIC; Donna Russett, past president FWIO and Rosella Clancy, provincial curator.

Carleton East District conducted the memorial service. This was very fitting and Nyamme Samuels sang, "Lord of the Evening" and "The Lord is my Shepherd".

This was followed by the reports of the secretary, treasurer and the restructuring committee. We then had an activity break.

Past Provincial President Donna Russett, in the absence of the president, gave the address. She brought greeting from the president as well as from the FWIO. Donna presented the Centennial Awards to the 22 women in the Eastern Area who won them. This was followed by the reports from the program-co-ordinator, public relations officers, new branch organizer, curator, poetry book, centennial committee, resolutions and CCNE.

A workshop for PROs was held Nov. 6 at Franktown Centennial Hall.

President Mae Craig have her report and said she had a very successful year attending quite a few events. She thanked everyone who helped as well as those who attended the celebrations in Richmond and Hamilton.

Lunch was served and everyone had time to socialize and were given their last chance to buy 100th anniversary souvenirs.

The session resumed at 1 pm with Faith Nels, second vice president, now presiding. Mrs. Margaret Munro ACWW treasurer, brought greeting from ACWW and told us what has been happening with ACWW.

The guest speaker for the day was Rosella Clancy, provincial curator. She gave a very interesting report on how to preserve our history and keep it for the future. The provincial board of directors, Ann McDougall and Eda van der Linden gave their report in the form of a skit.

Mrs. Bernice Noblitt gave out awards for poetry and stories. There was another activity break and the meeting was presided over by president Craig.

Nomination committee chairperson, Erma Bennett gave her report and Donna Russett conducted the election of officers as well as the installation. The convention for next year will be held at subdivision one. Mae Craig reported on the upcoming board of directors meeting in Cornwall last month. The theme for 1998 is, "Planning for the year 2000."

There were quite a few questions from the question box to be answered. Ann McDougall gave the courtesies and the meeting adjourned.

After Grace, we sat down to dinner. Ann McDougall introduced the head table. Area scholarships were then given out to the winners. This was followed by entertainment, "The Sage Age Group" which was enjoyed by all.

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by Marg McDearmid

VERNON — The Vernon Women's Institute met on Nov. 18 at the Vernon Recreation Hall. Ann Leighton-Kyle welcomed everyone, and opened the meeting by reading interesting items from the 1945 Vernon WI minutes book.

Nineteen members and guests answered the roll call by naming a country they had visited outside of Canada.

A donation will be sent to the Osgoode Care Centre in memory of the late Katy Campbell. A motion was also passed to send $100 to the Osgoode Care Centre for Christmas decorations. A cheque will also be sent for the support of our foster child.

Josie Poole, convenor of Family Consumer Affairs, introduced Annie Jones, our special guest speaker. Jones spoke to the group and showed slides of her trips to the Ukraine. She goes to the Ukraine with an American group called "Word of Life". They take medical supplies and clothing for the people there. Poole thanked Jones for her interesting talk, and presented her with a gift.

Ann Velthuis reported on the district directors meeting.

A social time followed, and lunch was served by Lillian Sayant and Diana Widdifield.

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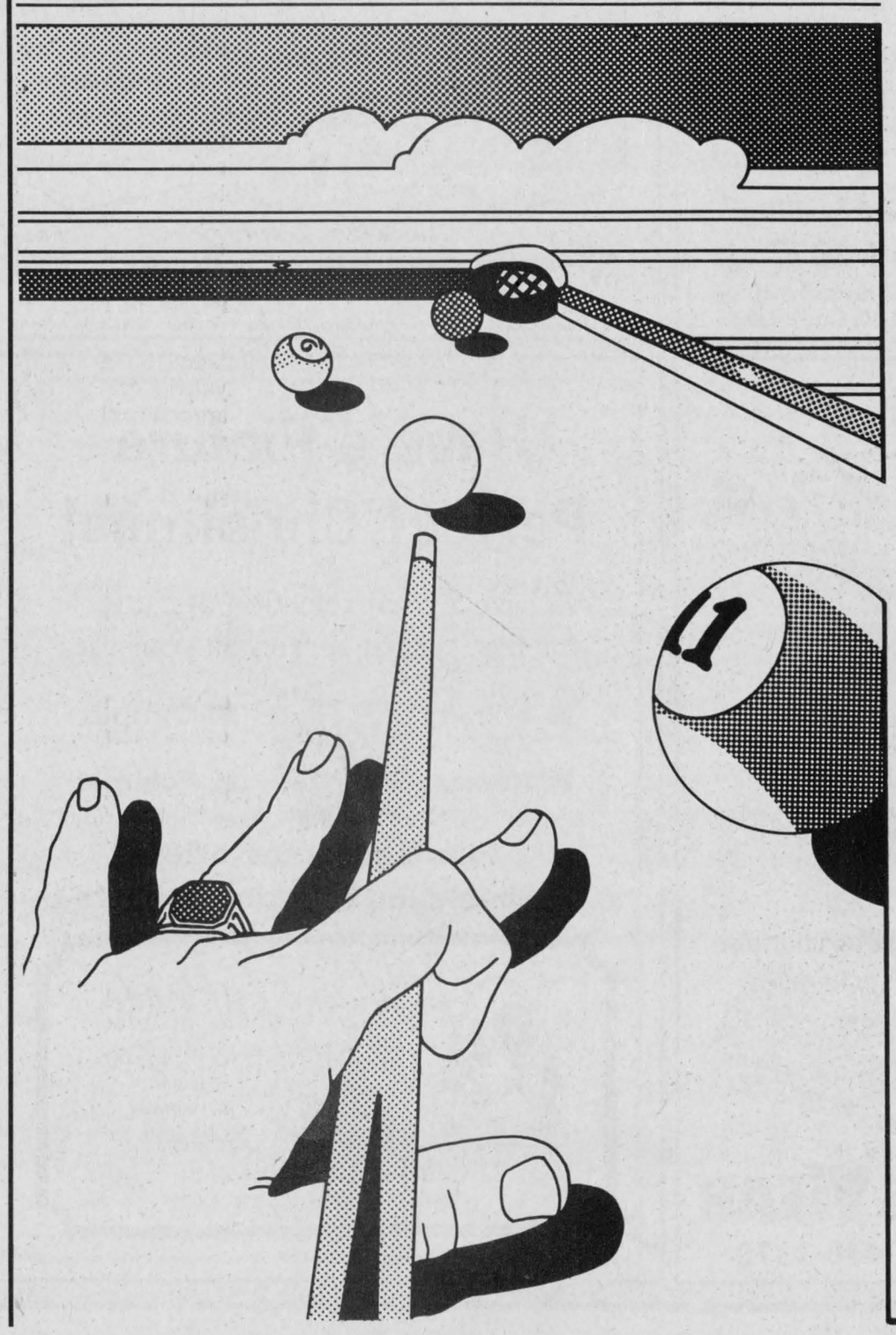

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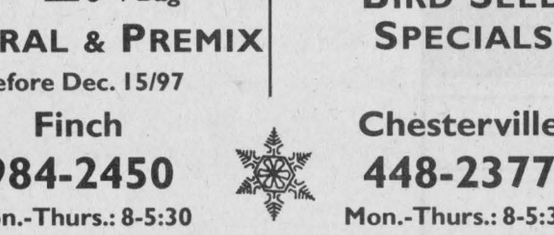

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Dundas members earn 4-H awards

Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

DIXONS CORNERS — Dundas County 4-H members were recognized for outstanding achievement at the annual awards night held Fri., Nov. 28 at the Matilda Township Hall.

Tammy Henderson of Brinston was this year's recipient of the $400 Ottawa Citizen Award. The award is presented annually to the member who demonstrates good citizenship, leadership qualities and a balance between academic and extracurricular activities. The award is a scholarship presented to a member continuing their education at a college or university.

Tammy has completed 32 projects and has accepted numerous executive positions and assisted club leaders. She has attended provincial leadership camp, participated in the Scotiabank Hays Classic and was a member representative on the Dundas 4-H Association board of directors. Tammy is studying Education at McGill University.

Jonathan Wilson of Morrisburg was awarded $200 from the Bank of Montreal, which is presented to the senior member who places first in club work and citizenship.

The Bank of Nova Scotia Award was given to Robert Velthuis ($125) and Leslie Weagant ($75) for being second and third-place senior members, respectively.

The Ault Foods Award of a gold watch was presented to Donald Fisher, who placed fourth highest in club work and citizenship.

Special awards were also presented to the top junior and intermediate members.

The Lions Club of Winchester presented $65 to the top three Member's Choice winners. This year's recipients are Jodi Gannon, Marc Sheldrick and Alex Fetterly.

The Lannin Memorial Award for top intermediate member was presented to Richard Groniger. Pam Morrow and Marc Sheldrick received an award from Plante Farm Equipment for placing second and third, respectively.

Melissa Skuce was the recipient of the Royal Bank of Canada Award for top junior member. Alex Fetterly and Shannon Toonen received an award from Fred's Farm Supplies for placing second and third, respectively, in the junior age group.



Top senior members included, left to right: Robert Velthuis, Tammy Henderson, Leslie Weagant and Jonathan Wilson. Missing: Donald Fisher.
Press Photo — Fetterly



Other top members included back, left to right: intermediate members Richard Groniger, Pam Morrow and Marc Sheldrick; and junior members (front) Alex Fetterly, Melissa Skuce and Shannon Toonen.
Press Photo — Fetterly

COUNTY AWARDS

County awards were presented as follows:

Chesterville Lions Club award - presented to the highest scoring junior member at the county judging competition: Kristen Keyes;

Dundas Veterinary Services award - to the member who accepts challenges and tries to make 4-H a rewarding experience for themselves and others: Rhonda Carruthers;

Ottawa Valley Harvestore Award - to the highest scoring intermediate member at the county judging competition: Yann Bossel;

Dundas Holstein Club Award - to the highest scoring senior member at the county judging competition: Korrine Hutt;

Agrico Award - to the champion dairy showperson at achievement day: Kelly Fawcett;

Mountain Township and District Lions Club Award - to the club with the best tie stall at Achievement Day: West Dundas Dairy;

Winchester Press Award - to the outstanding 4-H reporter: Pam Morrow;

DFA/Agri-West - to winners of the gate sign competition: first, Patty Duke; second, Andrea Bridges.

As well the Dundas Holstein Club presented an award to dairy club members exhibiting a Holstein calf, while the Grenville-Dundas Ayrshire Club and Ontario Ayrshire Association presented an award to members using an Ayrshire calf.

The Chesterville and Mountain Township agricultural societies provide sponsorship to the county 4-H program in the form of a cash donation.

CLUB AWARDS

Awards to top members in individual clubs were as follows:

Mountain and District Lions Club Award - to the top scoring member of the Dundas Horse Club: Kelly Fields and Leslie Weagant;

Trenant Trophy - to the most improved member of the horse club: Rebecca Berube;

Dundas County Junior Farmers Award - to the top scoring member of the judging club: Robert Velthuis;

Mary and Floyd Fisher - a cash award to the top three intermediate members in judging club: Heather Velthuis, Richard Groniger, Yann Bossel;

Phyllis MacMaster - presents a cash award to the second and third senior members of the judging club: Rhonda Carruthers and Donald Fisher;

Korrine Hutt - presents a cash award to the top three junior members: Alex Fetterly, Kevin Groniger, Bryan Groniger;

Ron Barton Roofing Award - to the top scoring member of the sheep club: Rebecca Berube;

Rooney Feeds (South Gower) Award - to the top showperson of the sheep club: Lindsay Barton;

Gail Freeman - presents an award to the member with top junior judge: Megan Thompson;

Gary Bolton Canvas Repair - to the sheep club member with the best book: Rebecca Berube and Lindsay Barton;

Canadian Wool Growers - an award to the reserve champion showperson: Rebecca Berube;

Fawcett Jewellery - an award to the top intermediate judge in sheep club: Rebecca Berube;

Rick's Gas Bar - an award to the most improved member: Robert Giesel and Megan Thompson;

Richard and Ann Berube - a cash award to reserve champion lamb at regional show in Metcalfe: Tyler Panchuk;

Bank of Nova Scotia (Chesterville) - to the top scoring member of the East Dundas Dairy Club: Curt Porteous;

Ronnie Thompson Memorial Trophy - to the grand champion dairy showperson of East Dundas Dairy: Erin Schuler;

Bank of Montreal (Williamsburg) - to the top scoring member of the South Dundas Dairy Club: Korrine Hutt;

Bank of Montreal (Winchester) - to the high scoring member of the West Dundas Dairy Club: Jodi Gannon;

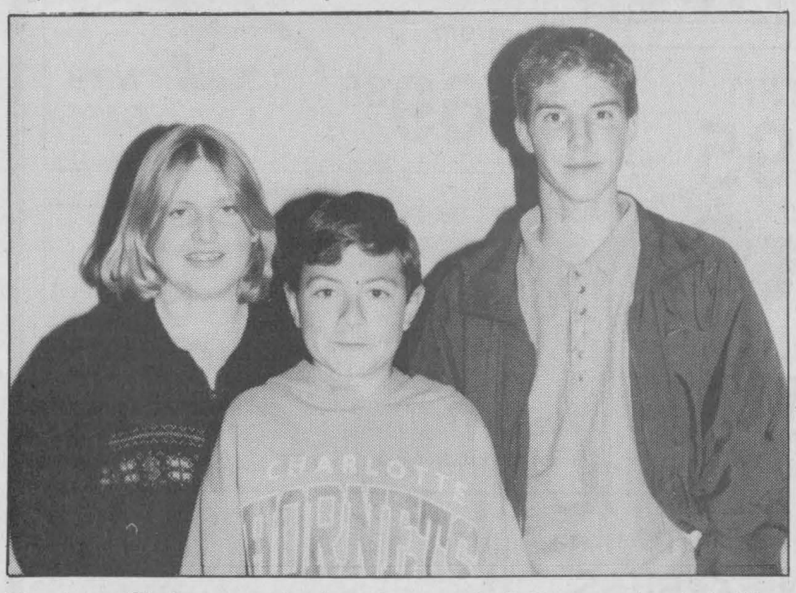
Weagant Farm Equipment Ltd. Award - to the top scoring member of the Dundas Veterinary Club: Jessica Chamberlain;

Dundas Woodworking Top Member Award - present by the leaders: Jonathan Wilson;

Dundas 4-H Association - to the top youth leader: Jonathan Wilson.



Top showmen included Kelly Fawcett (left) and Erin Schuler.



Members Choice award winners were Jodi Gannon (senior), Alex Fetterly (junior) and Marc Sheldrick (intermediate).
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Top judges at judging night were: Kristen Keyes (junior), Yann Bossel (intermediate) and Korrine Hutt (senior).

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Three honored for two dozen projects

DIXONS CORNERS — A number of Dundas County 4-H members and leaders were recognized for project completions during the Dundas County annual awards night held Fri., Nov. 28 in the Matilda Township Hall.

Derek Merkley was presented with an award of recognition certificate for graduating from the 4-H program.

Donald Fisher, Robert Velthuis and Rhonda Carruthers received a framed print for completing 24 projects, while Richard Groniger and Kelly Fawcett were awarded travel alarm clocks for the completion of 18 projects.

Receiving a 4-H desk pen set for completing 12 projects were: Derek Merkley, Jodi Gannon, Heather Velthuis, Evan Porteous, Tom VanderZweep and Shannon Toonen.

Completing six projects and receiving 4-H trillium pins for their efforts were: Petra Meier, Alex Fetterly, Rebecca Berube, Lisa Byvelds, Tim Stoodley, Kim VanderZweep, Laure Bossel and Valerie Byvelds.

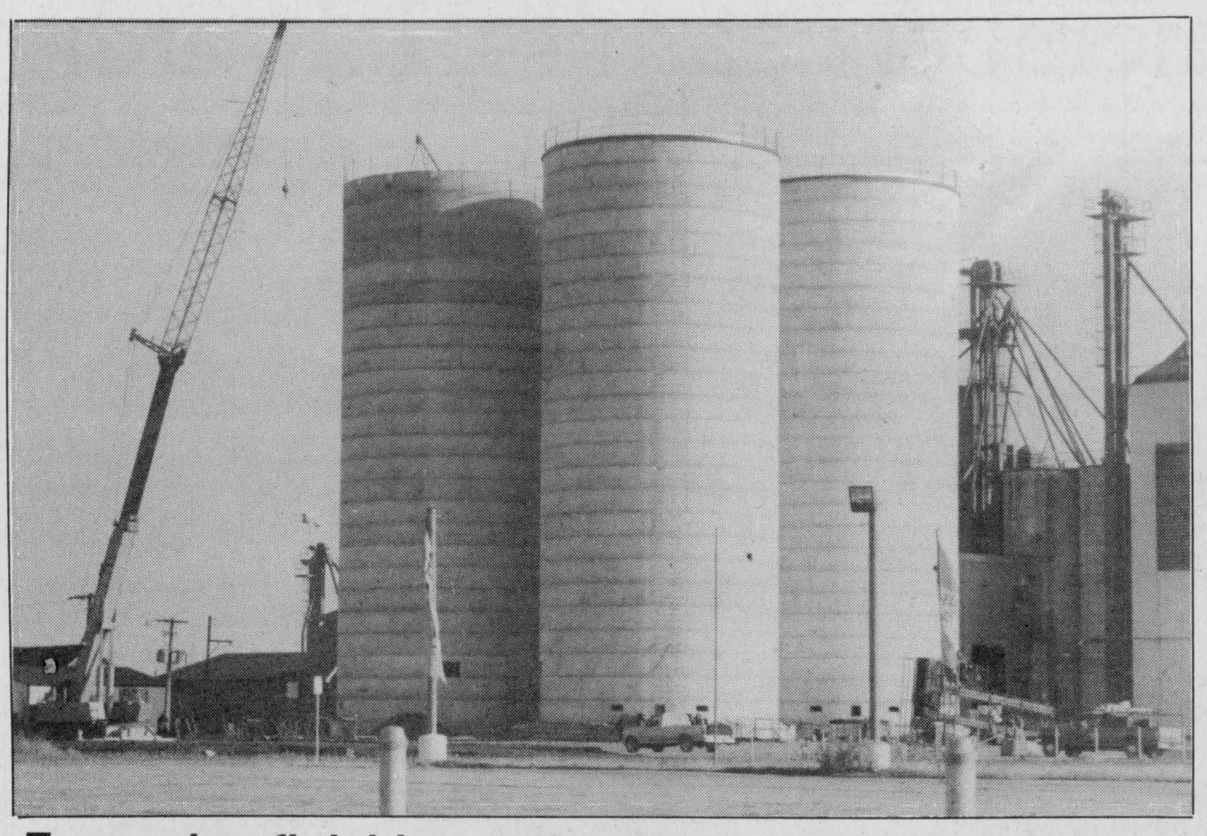
LEADER CERTIFICATES

Certificates of appreciation were awarded by the Ontario 4-H Council and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for outstanding service to the 4-H program.

Five-year certificates were presented to Keith Rook, Gerry Westenbroek and Monique Sheldrick.

Gord Milne received a 10-year certificate and Florence Hoople, Betty Jean Mark and Connie Pepers received 15-year certificates.

This year's Award of Merit for outstanding contribution and support to the 4-H program was given to the family of the late Harold Lannin. The Lannins have supported 4-H since the 1960s and currently present an annual award to the top intermediate member and champion beef heifer.



Expansion finishing up

The Winchester Grain Elevator located at the south end of the village of Winchester, recently completed work on an expansion which included the addition of four new 100 by 40 foot silos. The addition will increase storage capacity for corn and soybeans. Press Photo — Van Bridger

New NISA forms

OTTAWA — Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) Minister Lyle Vanclief and National Revenue Minister Herb Dhaliwal recently introduced a new joint application and reporting form and guide for farmers enrolled in the Net Income Stabilization Account program (NISA).

The new single form is meant to reduce the paper burden on farmers using NISA and eliminate the need for them to provide the same information to both departments.

Other benefits of the joint initiative include one filing deadline (June 15, 1998) and faster processing of information. The new form was developed in consultation with the farming community, accountants, and tax preparers.

Administered by AAFC, NISA is a voluntary program designed to help agricultural producers achieve income stability.

NISA applicants will be able to use the new form and guide for the 1998 tax-filing season. In December 1997, Revenue Canada will mail the package to farmers who submitted a NISA application in 1997. Copies will also be made available in all Revenue Canada tax services offices in January 1998.

OFA discusses environmental issues

by Alvin Runnalls
OFA Director

WINCHESTER — on Nov. 18, 11 agricultural extension workers from Poland toured Dundas County accompanied by county ag rep, Phyllis MacMaster. They stopped for several hours at the farm of Dundas Federation of Agriculture (DFA) President Corry Martens and her husband William. Gordon Garlough and I made a presentation about the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) and the benefits of such organizations to the farming community.

A graduate of the Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program (AALP), Corry told the visitors about the program and also about the farm store from which she sells value-added products such as their own beef and other local items from the community. The interpreter fielded a lot of questions concerning the federation, AALP and the Martens' new business, before everyone took a tour of the store.

At the October OFA board meeting, Gordon Garlough gave a presentation on total phosphorus management. The presentation was prepared by a group of interested farmers from Russell, Stormont and Dundas counties. In a nutshell, our concern is that even though approximately $10 million of farmer and government money has been spent on environmental projects, phosphorus levels continue to increase in the South Nation River. The town of Casselman will have to spend only $160,000 towards environmental projects, instead of spending up to $2.5 million to upgrade and/or expand a treatment plant to deal with the problem. Other communities and industries are preparing to do likewise. We fear that the agricultural community could be saddled with a problem that is largely a societal issue. This is everyone's problem.

The OFA Special Projects Committee will carry on with reduced spending. The mandate and process will remain unchanged. Anyone wishing more information should contact DFA secretary Marilyn Johnson at 613-448-2636.

4-H update

Ormond Bee Happies make candles

by Kelly KleinSwormink

ORMOND — At the fifth meeting of the Ormond Bee Happies we had lots of fun discussing Awards Night. We also made candles from beeswax with youth leader Claudia Zollinger explaining how it's done.

At the sixth meeting we had a blast. We all met at the home of Joanne Toonen at 7 pm and finished up at 9 pm. During the meeting we made five different recipes and planned to share them on Awards Night on Fri., Nov. 28 at Dixons Corners.

4-H club makes pizza pockets

by Amy McKeen

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — The Healthy-Eating Club gathered for its third meeting on Sun., Nov. 23. During this meeting we made Nuts and Bolts and perfect pizza dough which we used to make pizza pockets. While the dough was rising and the Nuts and Bolts were cooking, we worked on questions that our leader Sandy Weagant gave us. After the questions were complete, we tested the snacks. They were delicious. This was a fun meeting.

On Sat., Nov. 29, we met for our fourth meeting. At this meeting, we discussed the meal we were preparing for our parents on Dec. 13. Then we judged foods to see which ones were healthier. Once we were done, we went to the Country Girls Store and Rick's Gas Bar in South Mountain. There we checked and compared prices on various products. The 4-H club would like to thank Rick's and Country Girls for their help. When we returned to Weagant's we made Kraft Dinner with meat and vegetables. It was quite good. This club is a lot fun. I can't wait until the next meeting.

Four area co-ops hire new manager

EMBRUN — Four area co-operatives are now under the direction of one common general manager.

The board of directors from St-Isidore, St-Albert and Casselman co-operatives as well as the Corporation Agri-West have hired a general manager to oversee the daily operations of all four businesses.

Daniel Brault, originally hired on a contractual basis by the Cooperative Avicole de St-Isidore, has been appointed to the job as general manager. Brault is a chartered general accountant and holds an MBA from McGill University. He was employed with the Federation des caisses populaires de l'Ontario between 1991 and 1997.

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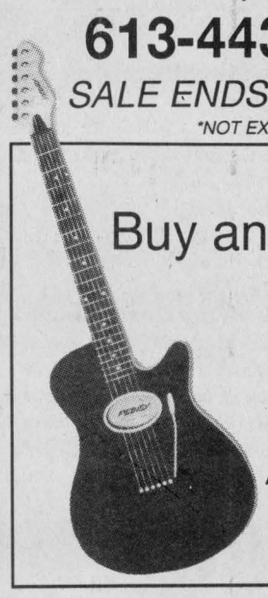

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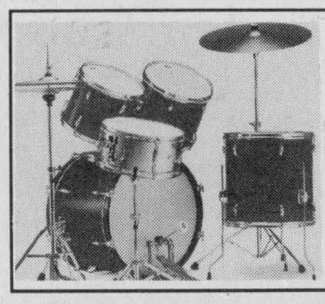

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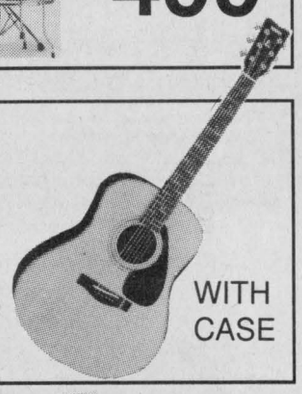

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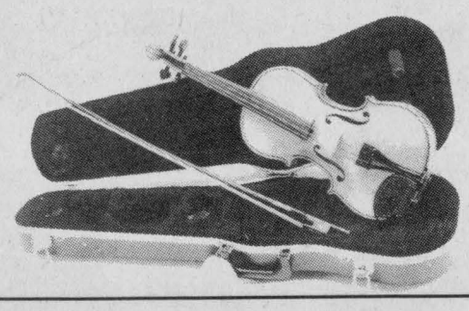



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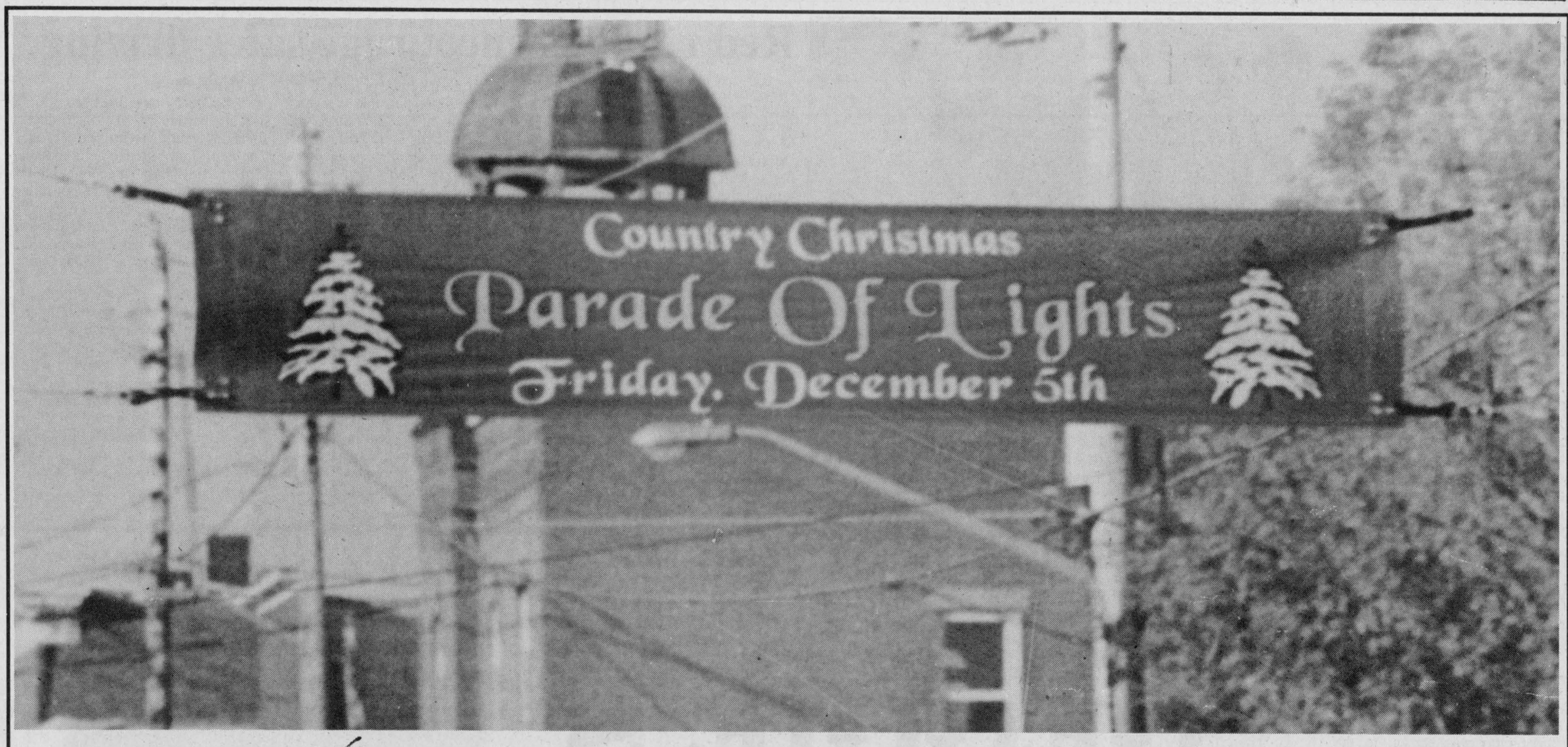

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Hospice grads

The North Dundas Community Hospice offered a 10-week hospice volunteer course which wrapped up Nov. 20. Pictured above, from left to right, the grads are: front row — Anita Schoch, volunteer coordinator Beth Cleland, Colleen Wright and Kim VandeSande. Back row — Elva Patterson-Rutters, Ann Van der Veen, Brendalee Giles, Jenifer Dennison, Penny Reddick, Linda Poole, Donna McIntosh, Lana Barkley and Marianne Vanderlaan. Absent were Francine Roach, Valere Vary, Darsi Kingsbury, Evelyn Simser and Gail Scharfe.

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Red ribbons encourage safer driving

ONTARIO — As part of its commitment to the community, The Beer Store is once again working with Mothers Against Drunk driving (MADD Canada) during December's Red Ribbon Campaign to remind the community to stay safe during the holiday season.

Each of the 428 Beer Stores across Ontario will be distributing red ribbons to customers beginning on Dec. 1 and collecting donations through The Beer Store's Coin Box Donation Program throughout the month. "The Beer Store encourages customers to show their holiday spirit by supporting a program that promotes responsible sales and raises public awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving," said Beer Store president Pat Bartholomew.

"We are pleased to continue our partnership with MADD Canada and other community organizations because being responsible is a year-round priority at The Beer Store," he added. "The Beer Store will continue to strictly monitor sales to ensure public safety and aggressively enforce our Minors Challenge Program for anyone appearing to be under the age of 25. As always, we will refuse to serve those who appear intoxicated or others trying to purchase for minors."

The Beer Store's Coin Box Donation Program has raised almost $400,000 so far this year for community causes and organizations such as the Ontario Community Council on Impaired Driving (OCCID).

MADD Canada National President Susan MacAskill applauded The Beer Store for its support and encouraged Beer Store customers to drop a bit of loose change into the coin boxes.

"The Beer Store has been a significant partner of MADD Canada for many years. We truly appreciate The Beer Store's active participation in the Red Ribbon Campaign and its strong commitment to responsible sales," MacAskill said. "Together we are making a substantial difference in helping to ensure that people drive sober during the holidays and year round."

Anne Leonard, of OCCID, also credits The Beer Store for helping to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving and for enforcing its strict policy for dealing with minors and people who are intoxicated. "We appreciate the ongoing commitment demonstrated by The Beer Store to putting safety first and for its active involvement in our Arrive Alive Drive Sober Campaigns."

OFA executive welcomes Otto to committee

TORONTO — A Metcalfe-area man has joined the executive committee of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA).

Terry Otto was chosen to the committee during the OFA's annual meeting held recently in Toronto.

Otto is joined by fellow executive committee members Gary Davison of Port Colborne, Ron Bonnett of Algoma and Peter Canning of Clifford.

Ed Segsworth of Halton was voted president of the federation while Sharon Rounds of Lakeside and Ken Kelly of Paisley were elected vice-presidents from a field of five candidates. Both Segsworth and Rounds previously served as OFA Executive Committee members. This will be Kelly's fourth term as vice-president.

The four executive members were elected by the Board of Directors.

During the two-day convention, more than 700 delegates, OFA members and guests representing every sector of Ontario's agriculture industry discussed and voted on policy issues important to farm families.

Highlights of the event included "A Call to the Future" where 120 young farmers from across the province identified and discussed key areas of concern, including: image, nutrient management, farmland preservation and the entry of young farmers into agriculture.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

During the convention the OFA presented a cheque for $30,000 to the University of Guelph's ACCESS Fund to be used to provide scholarships for qualifying Ontario agricultural college students.

The money is being matched by the OAC Alumni Foundation and the province has been asked to match the $60,000 for a total of $120,000. Allotments will be made on the basis of scholastic and financial need. Further details of this new fund are still being worked out and will be announced to the student community in the near future.

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