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MTO driver exam office to be closed

Kim Robinson
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Winchester's driver examination centre will be closing this fall, meaning local motorists will have to do some traveling in order to be tested.

According to a plan released by the province last Thursday, the Winchester location is one of 12 in Ontario marked for closure.

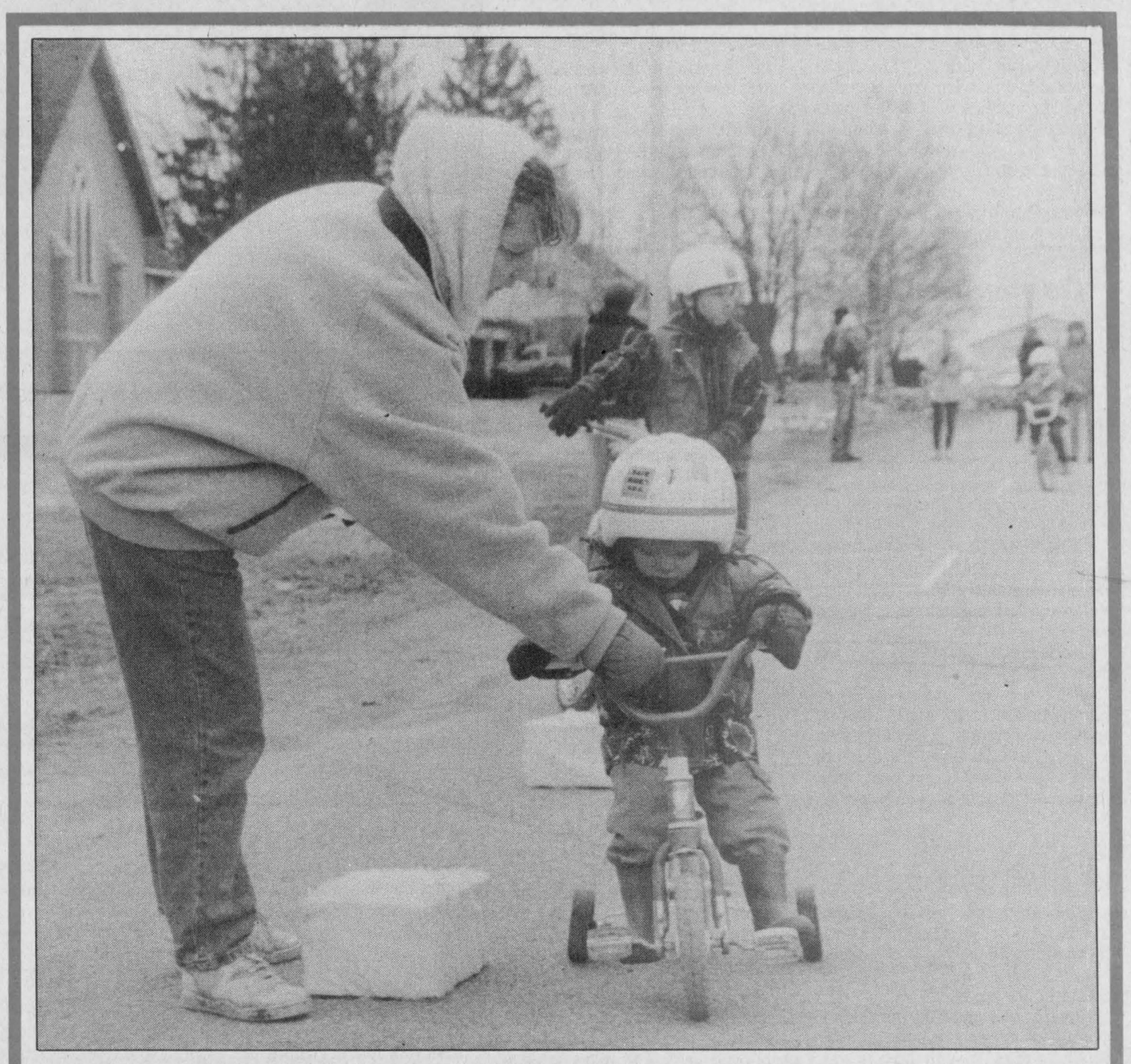
The privately-operated drivers and vehicles licence issuing office, located next door to the exam centre on Dawley Drive, will remain open.

Lisa Proulx, an information officer with the Ministry of Transportation, says there is no specific closing date set yet, and she could not say what will happen with the positions of the three employees at the Winchester centre. Across the province, 25 jobs will be affected by the closures.

The plan is expected to save more than $650,000 each year.

When the Winchester examination centre is gone, the closest permanent location for driving, vision and written tests will be Ottawa. As well, drivers can opt for the testing sessions (called travel points by the ministry) that are held in Kemptville twice a month.

Speaking from the Toronto area Tuesday, the owner of the building that houses the office, Les Dawley, said he had not heard anything about the matter. The examination centre moved to the building when construction was completed there late last summer.



Hitting the road

Corie-Lynne Mohr, 2, of Mountain guides her tricycle through an obstacle course with some help from Tammy Sternberg. About 50 children learned the rules of the road at a bicycle rodeo held by the recreation association in Mountain on Saturday.

Press Photo — Edwards

Liquor store robbed

Kim Robinson
Press staff

CHESTERVILLE — Extra security features are being added to the liquor store in Chesterville following a robbery last week, the second time in a year that the LCBO outlet has been targeted by an armed robber.

On Thursday afternoon a lone male, armed with a shotgun, entered the Queen Street store and demanded money from an employee. The suspect took approximately $1,000 and drove off in a grey Chevrolet Cavalier which was later found near an abandoned farm house along Forward Road, just south of the village. No one was injured in the hold-up. OPP were called to the scene around 4:30 pm.

In reaction to this latest incident, the LCBO is taking extra security measures. Richard Leger, the acting district manager for LCBO stores, says cameras will be installed in the store as well as a drop safe so there is not as much cash in the register.

Leger visited the scene after the robbery. He says the employees, who are encouraged to have a feeling of ownership in the store, were quite naturally shaken up by the incident.

"When that happens, it's almost as if someone robbed them personally," he says.

Employees suffered the same ordeal last May when a man used a handgun to rob the store and then ran to a waiting car

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NDDHS condones condoms, not sex

Liz Edwards
Press staff

WINCHESTER — For some teenagers, safer sex will be more accessible.

But the decision to put condom machines in the washrooms of North Dundas District Secondary School doesn't mean the school committee is condoning teenage sex, says committee chair Nancy Jordan.

"We're not promoting sex, we're promoting a safe and healthy lifestyle," she says, explaining that the condoms are defense against teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

"If we can help one child not to get pregnant, it's worth it. A disease that could kill you wasn't an issue when we were growing up but it is an issue today."

The eight parents, three staff members and four student representatives attending the school committee meeting last Thursday night voted unanimously in favor of installing the machines.

Two weeks before they voted the committee surveyed parents, asking if they felt birth control should be available at the school and if so, should it be dispensed by a vending machine or the school nurse, who is at the school a half a day a week.

Out of the 101 parents that filled out the form, 56 per cent were in favor of providing birth control at the school.

Nearly 82 per cent of students surveyed the Monday following the parent survey said they felt condom machines were necessary. Six hundred of the school's 750 students filled out the form.

North Dundas District Secondary School will become the second school in the SD&G public board, after General Vanier in Cornwall, to have the condom machines in its washrooms. The Cornwall school installed the dispensers in 1993.

Consistent with the Roman Catholic ban on artificial birth control, no school in the SD&G separate board offers this service to its students. The Catholic board handles the issue of sexuality in its family life classes following the church's teachings, says Roger Davidson, the board's director of education.

The school committee decided to conduct a survey after hearing a presentation about teen pregnancy rates and sexually transmitted diseases by Rose Knox, a nurse with the Eastern Ontario Public Health Unit.

Parents against providing birth control in the school said the school should

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Allen Brooks lived life to fullest during last year

Liz Edwards
Press staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — His last year was the absolute best say those who knew him.

Allen Brooks, who died suddenly at his South Mountain home Friday at the age of 14, spent the past several months like any kid — playing outside, riding his four-wheeled vehicle and going to school.

Normal everyday stuff but extraordinary activities for a boy who had survived a heart transplant last year. He was making the most he could of life.

"There was nothing that wasn't done. This was the first winter he ever enjoyed. He was outside," says his mother Gail.

In a letter to the editor his mother and his father Martin thank the community for all their support. She also notes that Dr. Charles Adamson was especially good with her son, more like a friend than a doctor.

At the age of one month, Allen was diagnosed with truncus arteriosus, a rare congenital heart disorder. Instead of separate heart arteries for the lungs and the rest of the body, Allen had one main artery and a valve for both functions. The condition causes excess pressure and fills the lungs with blood.

He had two open heart surgeries to take some of the pressure off the lungs, but doctors at the time predicted he would only live for two years at the most. Despite the odds and permanent damage to his heart and lungs, Allen lived in relatively good health for much of his life though his activities were limited.

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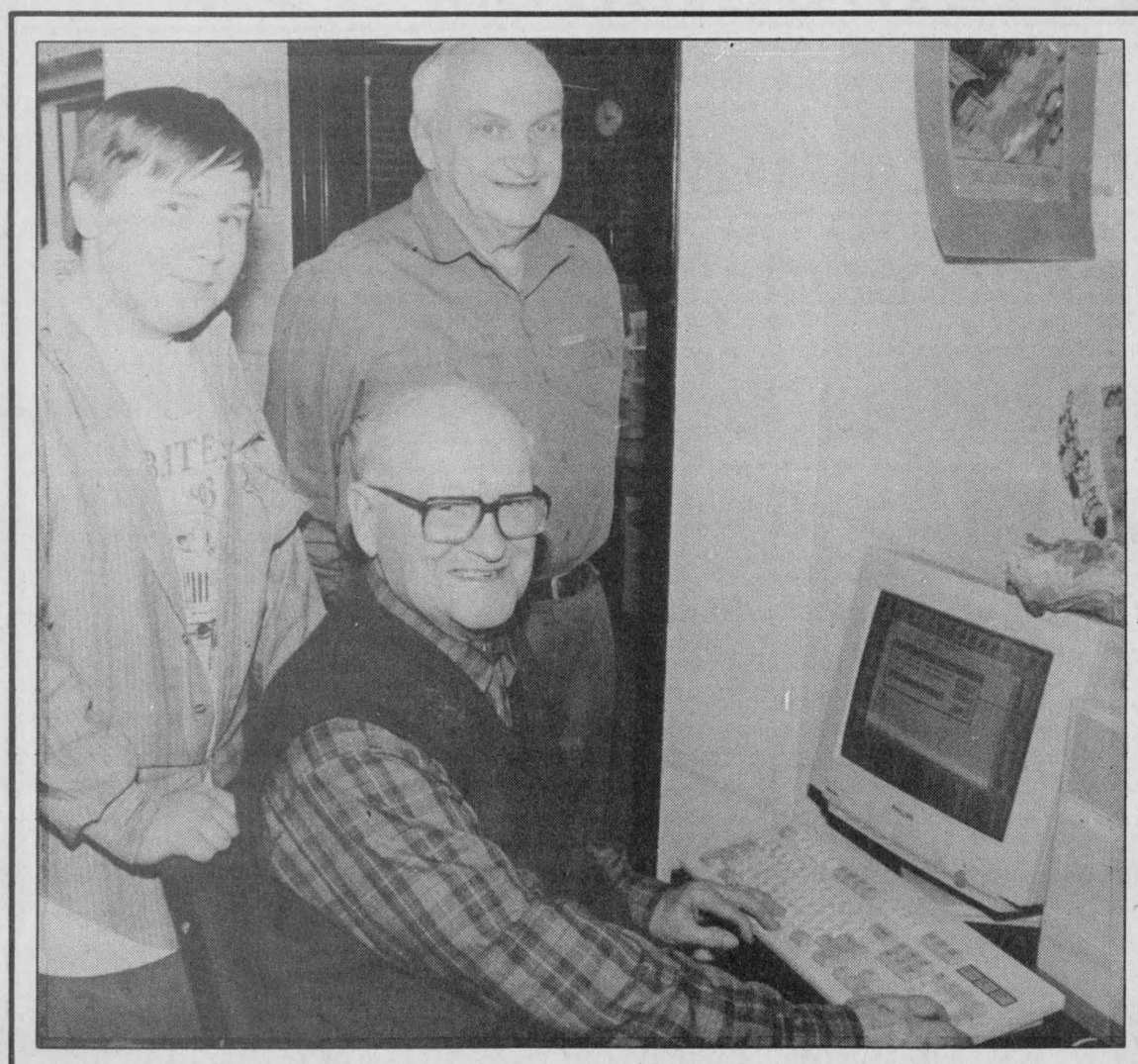


Technical whizzes

Grade 7 students and seniors celebrated the successful completion of a new computer training course at Metcalfe Public School last Friday. For several months the students instructed the seniors on how to use the computers. Pictured are Grade 7 student Ian Constantineau, Vic Smith, who suggested the program, and Wilmott Stanley, who won a computer at the graduation ceremony's party.

Press Photo — Edwards

Well contamination monitored

by Derek Puddicombe

OSGOODE TOWNSHIP — Something doesn't taste right in Osgoode Township.

Greg Montcalm, an official with the provincial Ministry of Environment and Energy, confirmed last week that contaminants have seeped into a resident's well across from the 50-acre Springhill landfill site off Hwy. 31.

The home belongs to Audrey Jensen of Springhill Road.

"There is a problem at the landfill site and the township is in the process of finding the cause and a solution," said Councillor Doug Thompson.

Mayor Lloyd Cranston said there is an ongoing testing program at the landfill site to catch such a problem.

"The contamination apparently appeared between one of the test periods," said Cranston.

The township, in consultation with the MoEE, is monitoring a number of test wells that have been dug to determine the flow of the contamination.

The MoEE says the township's engineering firm, Kostuch Engineering, was brought in to investigate the contamination. Officials from Kostuch refused to comment on their investigation.

A new well was drilled when a contaminant was found leeching out prior to this year.

Montcalm compared the material to that of water that has been run through a coffee filter.

"Elevated levels of soluble minerals that come out of the waste in the landfill have been found in the well," said Montcalm.

Spokesman for the township, Councillor Dwayne Acres became familiar with the issue last fall, but says there's no proof the contamination is the township's fault.

"We have supplied the residents with bottled water," said Acres of the township's good neighbor policy. "There is no proof the township is responsible."

When asked to substantiate the extent of the contamination on her property Jensen would not comment.

Unlike many municipalities in the region Osgoode is one of the few municipalities that owns and operates its landfill site.

Community generous to sexual assault centre

CORNWALL —Local help for sexually abused children and their families is on the way.

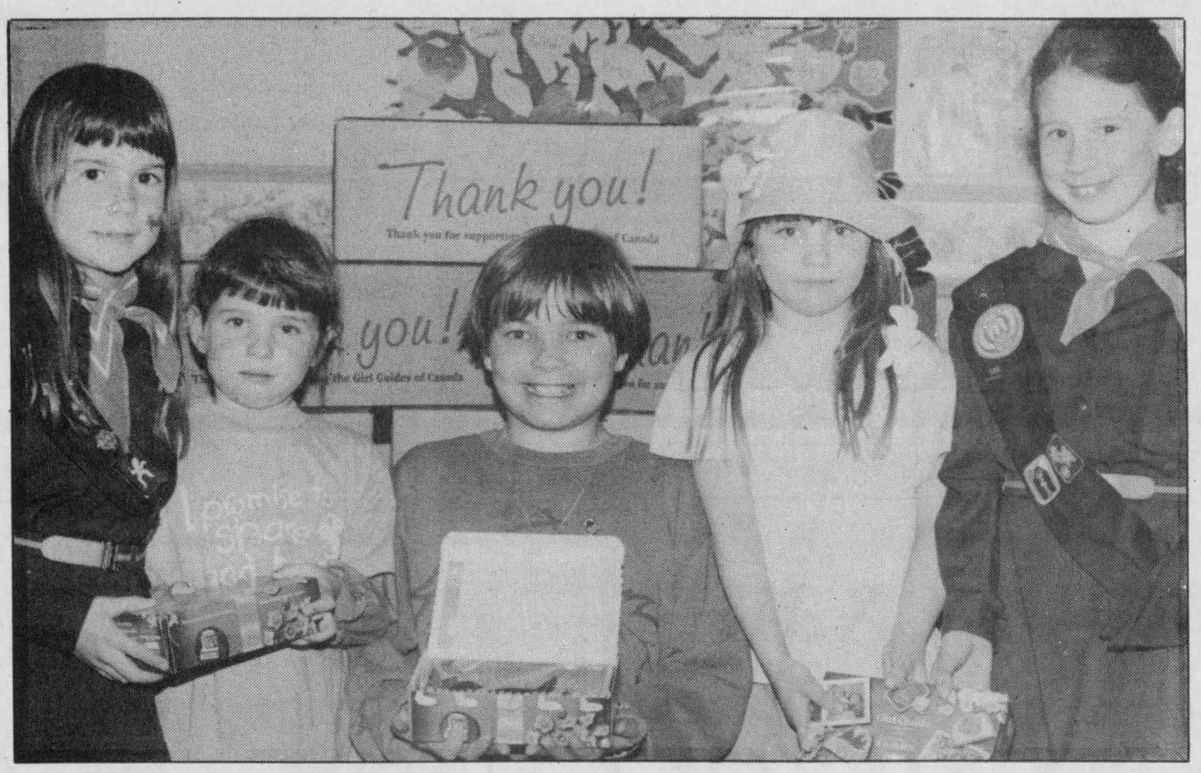
Jim Dilamarter, president of the Board of Directors of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry/Akwesasne Children's Treatment Centre recently announced that the centre will open officially on June 17. He further stated that "The delay in opening the Centre has been necessary as we have not selected the personnel for the Counsellor/Supervisor position. This position is being advertised throughout the region."

Dilamarter added, "Since our fundraising has been so successful, we will be opening with the full complement of staff, that is, counsellor/supervisor, counsellor and part-time secretary."

He expressed regrets on behalf of the board for the delay in opening but said the success of the program depends on the selection of the best possible clinical staff.

Board members have canvassed the area for sponsors for the centre's first year of operation and are looking for yearly donations to keep it running. The facility will provide counselling and support for sexually abused children and their families. It will be located in Cornwall but the board is planning to have outreach programs for the other areas and may one day have satellite offices.

In the period of three months, the centre has received donations and pledges of more than $86,000. Dilamarter expressed the gratitude of the committee to the community for their generosity and optimism that the funding target of $133,000 would soon be reached.



Cookies on sale

The First Hallville Brownies and Sparks started selling Girl Guide Cookies door to door last week. Pictured are Courtney Hyndman, Jennifer Ceelen, Kimberly Koopman (South Mountain First Girl Guides), Katie Ellsworth and Melissa Lee.

Press Photo — Erwin

Principals appointed

CORNWALL — James Dilamarter, Director of Education of the SD&G public school board, recently announced appointments to the position of principal and vice-principal.

They are effective Sept. 1, 1996.

Terry Tuppert who is currently vice-principal of Central Public School has been appointed as Principal of East Front Public School. In this appointment he will be replacing Sandra Deschamps who will become principal of Chesterville Public School. Current Chesterville principal Bob Gilroy is retiring.

Tuppert will be replaced by John Lalonde from Gladstone Public School.

Wyman Barton has been serving on an interim basis as principal of Central Public School. He will be replaced by Katie Burke, currently vice-principal of General Vanier Secondary School.

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Holdup

driven by a male accomplice. Christopher Berthiaume, 18, of Arnprior was later charged with armed robbery in connection with that hold-up as well as 15 similar incidents in the region.

The suspect in the recent robbery is described as male, English-speaking, approximately 6' tall, 190 lbs., with dirty dark hair and an unshaven complexion. He was last seen wearing a ball cap, sunglasses, a plaid shirt and blue jeans.

If anyone has information concerning this incident, or information relating to persons or vehicles seen on Forward Road April 11, they are asked to contact their local OPP detachment or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-265-8477.

Condoms

promote abstinence instead. Jordan says the school still intends to educate students that the choice is the better way with signs and perhaps posters located beside the machine.

Anyone who attended the school committee meeting April 11 was eligible to vote. Though the vote was unanimous, Jordan says she knew at least three parents there were strongly against the move. She believes they changed their minds after she read them a newspaper report on the number of Ottawa teens each year who become pregnant or infected by a sexually transmitted disease.

In SD&G, females aged 15 to 19 years have the highest rate of two sexually transmitted diseases, chlamydia and gonorrhea, than any other age group. From 1976 to 1980, teenage pregnancies decreased by 25 per cent. This rate remained level until 1991 when it started to increase.

Though the majority were in favor, O.A.C. student Andrea Sharkey, who sits on the committee, said the issue was generated more by the request of the health nurse and not by demands of the students.

"I don't know if there's a large need but if anyone can be helped by the service, it's beneficial," she says, adding the machines are there on a trial basis. If they are vandalized or used improperly, they will be removed.

She said she was impressed by the students' attitude toward the machines and that quite a few students felt if students weren't responsible enough to buy condoms in a drug store, they weren't mature enough to have sex.

According to Jordan, teenagers may not buy them because in a small town, it's hard to be discreet about the issue.

Brooks

But his health turned bad as he approached his teens and in December of 1994 at the age of 13, Allen suffered a nearly fatal heart attack and he was put on a waiting list for heart transplant recipients. He had another attack on Feb. 22 last year.

Two weeks later a donor heart became available and Allen underwent a 12-hour operation performed by Dr. Wilbert Keon of the University of Ottawa Heart Institute.

After the transplant, he went through 51 days of recovery and then was sent home with continued anti-rejection drug therapy.

But the surgery eventually gave him the chance to do what he wanted, to live like a normal kid.

In the past year Allen attended Grade 9 at Seaway District High School in Iroquois. One of his teachers Brenda Millard says he was a bright boy who enjoyed socializing with the other kids.

Even though Millard thinks every day was a struggle for him, he was much happier after his transplant.

"In the last year he was able to be more like his friends," she says.

Crazy about anything mechanical, Allen received a huge red box of mechanic's tools the December before his transplant from the Children's Wish Foundation, an organization that grants the requests of terminally ill children.

On top of that, he received a four-wheel-drive vehicle from his parents purchased with some help from family and community. He frequently rode it around the neighborhood and his teacher recalls that his eyes would light up whenever it was mentioned.

She also remembers he had a love of pranks, often setting her classroom clock so the alarm would go off at different times of day.

"He had a real twinkle in his eye. He would look at you with this real devilish smile," she says.

They will miss him, she adds.

Allen is survived by his parents, his sisters Marilyn and Rachel and his brother Jeffrey. He is also survived by his grandparents Clifton and Audrey Brooks as well as Jean and Harrison Peters.

Police blotter

Drug seizure

WILLIAMSBURG TWP. — A traffic stop on Hwy. 401 in the early morning hours of April 10 netted $24,000 worth of marijuana. Following the drug seizure, which took place at approximately 2:45 am, OPP charged Bruce Mills, 24, of London, Ont., with possession of a narcotic. Mills has been released and is scheduled to appear in provincial court in Morrisburg May 14.

Pool tools taken

WINCHESTER — On April 10, OPP were called to the scene of a break-in that had occurred overnight at Funtastic Pools on May Street in Winchester. A forced entry had been made into the building and some tools were stolen.

Portable items stolen

METCALFE — Over the Easter weekend, a Macintosh Plus computer (serial number E9170RXM588XM0001A) and a 45 megabyte hard drive (serial number 77991) were stolen from a portable at Osgoode Township High School.

Assault, firearms charges

GREELY — A Greely resident was charged with assault and unsafe storage of a firearm following a domestic disturbance April 10. The man was held in custody that evening and released the next morning.

OPP facility needs name

LONG SAULT — The local OPP detachment is asking for the help and co-operation of residents in Stormont and Dundas Counties in finding a name for its new administrative centre.

Recently, as part of the overall reorganization of the OPP, the Long Sault, Winchester and Morrisburg detachments have been combined. The officers are still assigned to their respective detachments and the delivery of police service to the community will not be affected. However, all administrative functions are now centrally located at Long Sault.

This new administrative detachment needs a name and the Ontario Provincial Police Association will be awarding a plaque to the person who submits the winning detachment name. The contest is open to all residents of Stormont and Dundas.

The only criterion is to have a name that accurately reflects the history of the two counties. The name may also represent the multicultural make-up of the residents of the area. It would be preferable to have as short a name as possible.

All entries must be submitted by June 30, 1996. Entries may be dropped off at the Winchester, Morrisburg or Long Sault detachments and they should be marked *Attention: Prov. Const. J.W. Doiron.*

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Fashions featured in fundraiser



Julie Steele prepares one of the 125 ensembles from the CountryBoy/CountryGirl and Country Attic that will be modeled at North Dundas in tonight's fashion show. Press Photo— Robinson

Kim Robinson
Press staff

MAPLE RIDGE — Clothes to suit a variety of occasions will be featured in the fashion show this evening at North Dundas District High School.

While the event is held to raise money for the high school prom, there will be casual wear coming down the catwalk along with formal wear and gowns. There will be fashions from CountryBoy, CountryGirl, the Country Attic and Kim Link's Classique Bridals.

The first part of the evening will be devoted to casual clothes for spring, followed by an intermission, and then clothes for special occasions. In total, the fashion parade is over an hour long, with 30 high school students, four teachers and two younger children recruited as models.

There are actually two shows running today, with an afternoon event for high school students.

Organizer Jen Robinson notes, "This is the major fundraiser for the prom committee so we're really hyping it up at the school."

Robinson expects good attendance at the afternoon show and hopes for the same at the evening presentation. Tickets for the evening are $5. The show starts at 7 pm.



Fancy dress

Pat Amell holds one of her stuffed creations, one of the many crafts that were available at the Spring Show and Craft Sale held last Saturday and Sunday in Morrisburg. The show is an annual event in the area and attracts skilled and award-winning artisans every year. Press Photo — Edwards

Lions host watch meet in Hallville

Kim Robinson
Press staff

HALLVILLE — With a public meeting tonight in Hallville, the Mountain Township and District Lions Club is taking a first step in what could become a township-wide community watch program.

Club member Brian Telford says the group is hoping to set up a watch in the Hallville area first, and if there seems to be a lot of interest at this meeting, there will be more to follow in Inkerman, Mountain and South Mountain. The Lions will also be gauging support for the project in order to determine the number of community watch signs needed for the area.

Telford looks on the Lions as the promotional arm of the project, but he says it's community interest that will make it a success.

"Our interest is in getting it up and running. If it works properly, our part will be over after that," he says.

At this first meeting, which starts at 7:30 pm at the Hallville Fire Station, OPP Const. Al Lummiss will talk about crime prevention in addition to a presentation from a Kemptville-area speaker who has been involved in setting up several watch programs.

Nick Zrymiak, who recently started up a watch program with his Shaw Road neighbors, says the system seems to be working well.

"People are much more mindful of vehicles slowing down in the area," he says.

He commends the Lions for their effort to bring the crime prevention scheme to the whole township.

Mountain Lions induct members

MOUNTAIN —The April 4th meeting of the Mountain Lions Club was held at the Mountain Community Hall with 13 members present. It was reported that 265 people attended the Yuk-Yuks Comedy Night at South Mountain the previous week, making it a very successful event.

This year the Lions will hold their annual fundraising auction on May 25 to be held at the fair grounds in South Mountain. The community is asked to donate quality items that can be put to use by others and thereby creating revenues for local projects. Please call 989-2823. If you have items to donate, arrangements will be made to pick them up. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. A good auction needs good bidders.

The year-end meeting of the club will be held on June 21. Club officers for the coming year will be installed as well as the induction of four new members: Bob Weagant, Robert McMenomy, Gary Unsworth and Dave Howard.

Lions members will help with the bar at the Hallville Recreation Association's Barbecue on July 27. If you wish more information on the Mountain Lions and the work they do, call President Leo Backes at 613-989-2203.

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Spring show

There was a lot to look at during the Matilda Recreation Spring Home and Trade Show last Thursday and Friday. From the top right, clockwise, Shirley Murree of Morrisburg has her nails done by Becky Pena, owner of Esthetics by Becky in Morrisburg. Visitors to the show look over the products of Upper Canada Kitchens. Linda Thompson and Rob Garlough are set up for inquiries at the display for Thompson Snowmobiles Sales and Thompson Sign Systems.

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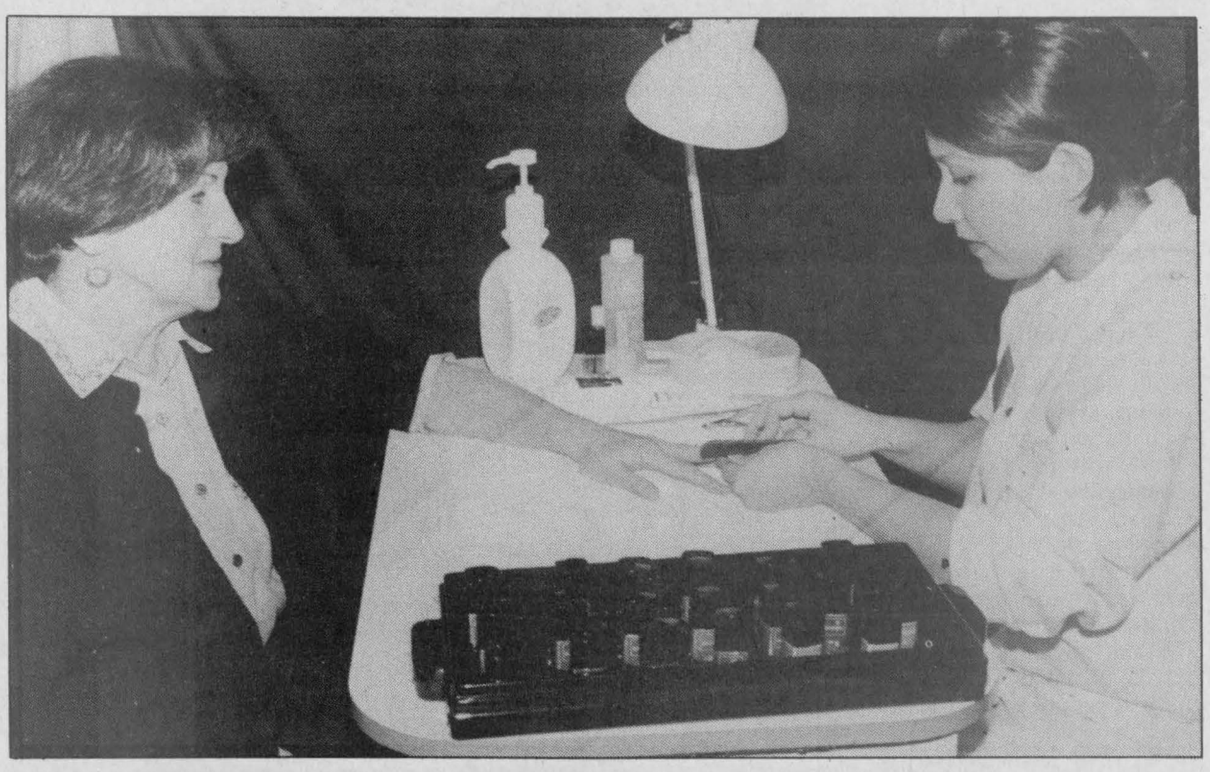



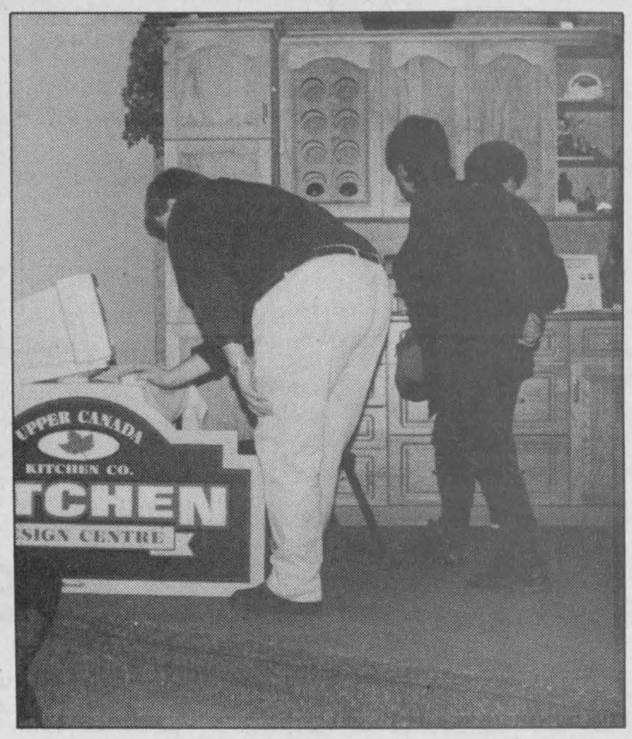

Students get cracking if looking for a job

Liz Edwards
Press staff

CORNWALL — The sooner the better is key.

Even though spring has hardly hit, students who are looking for summer jobs should start now, according to Diane Dumond of the Canadian Employment Centre (CEC) in Cornwall.

And the CEC is following its own advice, opening its centre for students on May 1, two weeks earlier than it did last year. Staff mailed out notices to employers in March instead of May and Dumond, coordinator of the student program, says they already received job notices for student positions.

With the layoffs and shut-downs in the area, youth will have to be competitive but staff in Cornwall are hoping to place 1,000 students and exceed 1995's total of 991. In 1994, the centre did a little better, finding work for more than 1,000.

"It will be tough but there will be jobs out there," says Dumond, adding that the centre is anticipating some increase in government funding for student employment but doesn't know exactly how much.

"Students have to be flexible. The more flexible they are, the better chance they have of finding a job."

Part-time jobs outnumber full-time and students may have to look at holding down two or three if they want to make enough money for tuition. Minimum wage for those under 16 is $6.40 an hour and $6.85 an hour for workers over 18. In the past, some jobs have paid as much as $12 but those are not the average, says Dumond.

North Dundas District High School student Donald Fisher, 18, says he's started looking at banks and places that hire general laborers but he hasn't found a job yet and doesn't anticipate the search will get any easier.

"There's not too many jobs (especially) if you don't have the experience," he says.

"I'll take about anything. If anything pops up, I'll take it."

Last year he worked for a few weeks on a farm during haying season. Fisher, a Grade 12 student, is planning on saving money for university though he says he isn't feeling the crunch as much as those students in their final year of high school. However, a few already have been successful, he notes.

Unlikely sources of summer employment are places that recently have laid off staff, even if production picks up. The service industry is one of the bigger employers of students.

Cliff Parsons, owner of Kenney's Dairy Bar in Winchester, usually hires six to 10 students for part-time work every summer and is hiring at least six this year. He had students applying in February. Usually high school students are interested in the positions, he says. Some start when they're 15.

Parson looks for four essential qualities in prospective employees.

"Pleasant, polite, clean and willing to work," he says.

Students who want to register with the employment centre should put together a resume about themselves and any work experience they may have.

A job bank listing the various positions available is located at the economic development office at 17A Industrial Dr. in Chesterville. The office is open from 8 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday.

For more information, students or employers can call the centre in Cornwall at 938-5731.

Curtain rises on first play next Thursday

Garnet Quail
Press Staff Reporter

WINCHESTER – Opening night is now only a week away and the Dundas County Players are busy putting the final touches on their first ever production, 'Opening Night'. The show opens Thursday, April 25 for a three-night run at Winchester's Henderson Hall.

Over the past few weeks you have been introduced to the director and actors and this week you will meet the last three cast members. They are Whitney Quail in the role of Tom Delaney, a young actor trying to get his first break in theatre. The results of his attempts are quite hilarious. Elizabeth Barton, a life-long Winchesterite plays Ruth Tisdale, the wannabe socialite who has dragged her husband, Jack away from the final World Series game and off to a play so that "We can get a little bit of culture in our lives." Yours truly,— this reporter —appears as Jack Tisdale, a somewhat overzealous and definitely under cultured varnish salesman.

Away from the stage Whitney can be found in the role of a student in his final year at Osgoode Township High School in Metcalfe. Elizabeth is off to her job in Ottawa on a daily basis and spends some of her leisure time in other theatre ventures or singing with her church choir. When Garnet isn't acting or writing for the *Press*, he can be found out on the road being a salesman of a line of lubricants. He is also involved with Osgoode's ITR theatre group and sings with the Osgoode Township Male Choir.

Don't miss an opportunity to see this play. You won't be disappointed and now that you have met everyone in the cast , at least on paper, you will feel that you know them even if you don't.

If you just can't wait for the Dundas County Players experience and want to see some great theatre before we open, you might want to check out the Greely Players production of 'South Pacific' this weekend, April 18 - 20.

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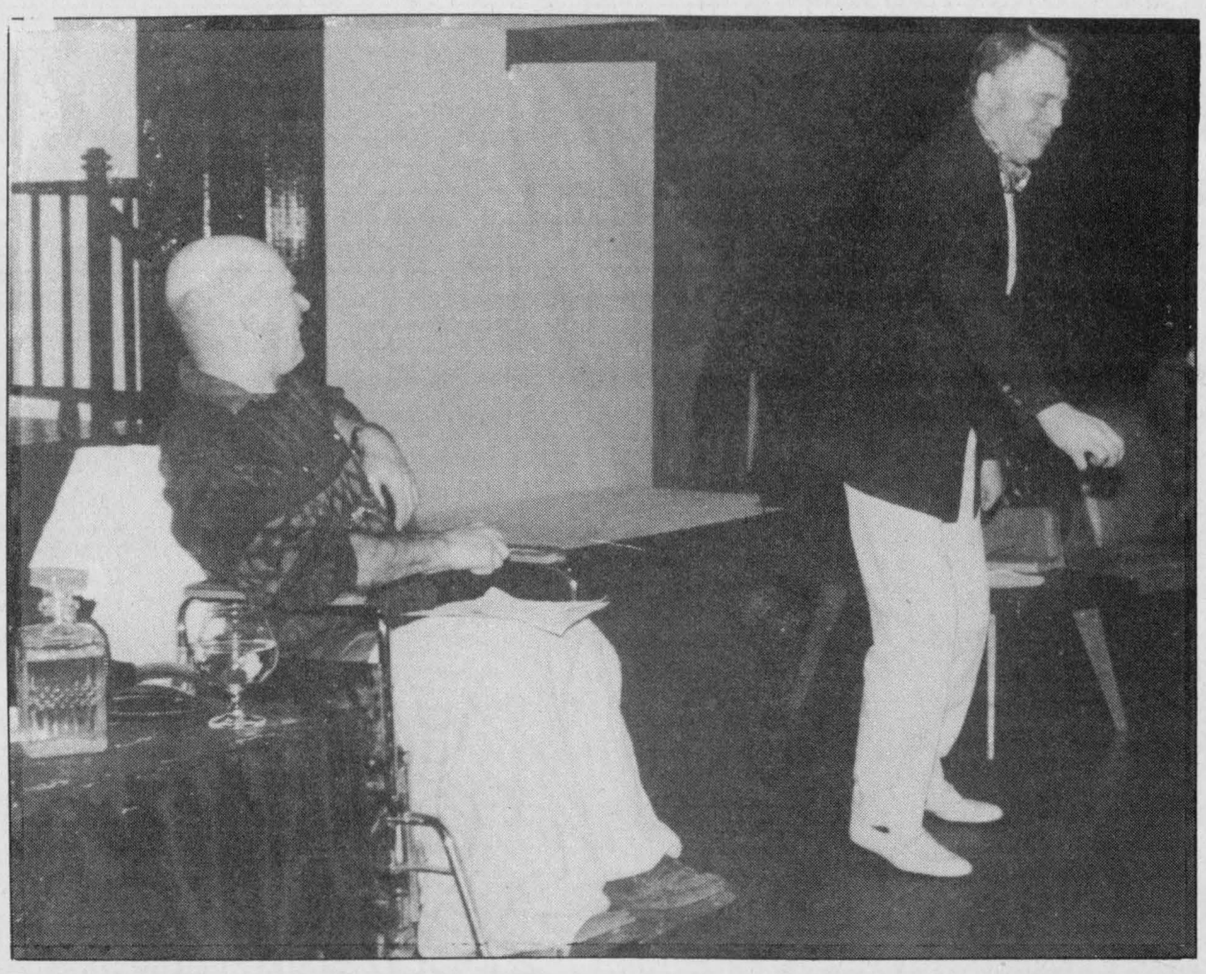

There will be three evening performances of *The Man Who Came to Dinner* April 18 to 20, starting at 8 pm, as well as a matinee at 2 pm on April 20. Here cast members rehearse on the Playhouse stage. They are Charles Marsden as Sheridan Whiteside, left, and Bill Rumble in character as Beverly Carlton.

Playhouse cast busy preparing for *The Man Who Came To Dinner*

Kim Robinson
Press staff

MORRISBURG — The Upper Canada Playhouse will be hosting a most entertaining guest when the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club presents *The Man Who Came to Dinner* April 18 to 20.

Director Wendy Gibb describes the script as very fun and lighthearted, and local audiences will have the added enjoyment of seeing their friends and neighbors perform on stage.

The production is a large one in comparison with similar Lions plays in the past. All told, there are about 20 acting parts.

Charles Marsden has a pivotal role in the portrayal of the unexpected guest, Sheridan Whiteside, an outspoken, egotistical 1930s radio personality who demands hospitality from a young couple after tripping and falling outside their New York apartment.

"He comes to dinner and ends up staying two or three weeks. He completely disrupts the household and turns everybody's life upside down," says Gibb. "It's a very busy play."

The play makes for a very busy rehearsal schedule as well. Volunteers, who include a number of Seaway District High School students, have spent many evenings perfecting both onstage and backstage roles, as well as working on props and promotional aspects of the production.

"There's a real group effort between the adults and the students," notes Gibb, a theatre arts teacher at Seaway. "They spend a lot of hours preparing for this."

The proceeds of their efforts will be split evenly between the playhouse and the Lions, who will use their share to support local charities.

Gibb says of the popular biennial event, "It's very much designed to put something back into the community and the community has been very supportive."

Audience interest is so great that the Friday and Saturday evening performances are already sold out, though there are still tickets for the evening show on Thursday, April 18 and the Saturday matinee, April 20.

Survey reveals healthy smiles

CORNWALL — Area residents, it seems, are putting their money where their mouth is.

Dental health, especially among school children, is showing marked improvement.

Dental health surveys, conducted biannually by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) between 1982 and 1990 show much improvement in the oral health of school children. There's a noticeable decline in decayed, missing or filled teeth for 13-year- olds in SDG and Prescott-Russell during that study period, though it's still about double the rate of other 13-year-olds elsewhere in Ontario. Health officials are concerned about the results of the 1989-90 dental survey. About six per cent of 13- year-olds were identified as needing one or more teeth filled or pulled, compared to the provincial rate of about three per cent for the same age group.

A 1992-93 survey of area students in Grades 2, 4, 6, and 8 were screened and about 13 per cent required referral to a dentist due to oral pain, infection, hemorrhage or trauma. Of those students, 91 per cent were seen and treated by a dentist.

About 35 per cent of the population serviced by the EOHU enjoys the added dental protection of fluoridated water.

"The benefits are obvious," says EOHU director Dr. Robert Bourdeau. "In the city of Cornwall, which has properly fluoridated water, dental disease among 13-year-olds was reduced by 27 per cent compared to 13-year-olds who did not consume fluoridated water."

Both Cornwall and Hawkesbury, which also has fluoridation, reported a higher percentage of children free of tooth decay compared to residents in non-fluoridated communities within the health unit's area. Bourdeau says fluoridated water reduces tooth decay in all age groups, but no such data is available on adults and the elderly in the five counties.

There are statistics concerning adults' ability to retain their natural teeth. In the 20 to 44 age group, 74 per cent had their own teeth. That rate dropped to 37 per cent among 45 to 64-year-olds, and to 17 per cent among those 65 and older. Compared to provincial statistics, adults and the elderly in the five counties are facing serious dental health issues. In the 50 to 64 age group for example, about 34 per cent of area residents had lost all their natural teeth. In the rest of Ontario, the average is about 19 per cent. In the EOHU coverage area, the rate of residents who did not have their own teeth was high (33 per cent) among low income earners. About 30 per cent of those without their own teeth reported problems with chewing, compared with five per cent of those who still had their teeth.

Bourdeau notes that the costs of ignoring oral hygiene outweigh dental fees, when time lost from work and school, as well as emotional, sociological and psychological problems associated with poor dental health are taken into consideration.

Cruickshank on board

MORRISBURG — Leslie K. Cruickshank of Morrisburg was recently appointed by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario to the Board of Commissioners for the St. Lawrence Parks Commission.

Cruickshank is the founder and present chairman of Cruickshank Construction Ltd. with operations in the Morrisburg-Kingston area since 1956. He is a past-president of the Construction Safety Association of Ontario and the Ontario Roadbuilders Association.

He is also past-president and member of the Morrisburg and District Lions Club, past warden of St. James Anglican Church and a member of the Board of Governors for the Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

Cruickshank's appointment for a three-year term came into effect on March 11. Commission areas and tourist attractions include Fort Henry, the 1000 Islands Parkway, Crysler Farm Battlefield Park (with Upper Canada Village) and the Long Sault Parkway. The Board of Commission meets once a month to review and make decisions on policy issues, budget priorities and strategic directions for the Parks of the St. Lawrence.

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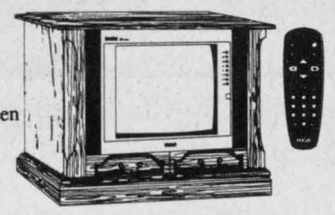

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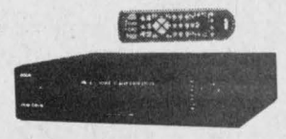

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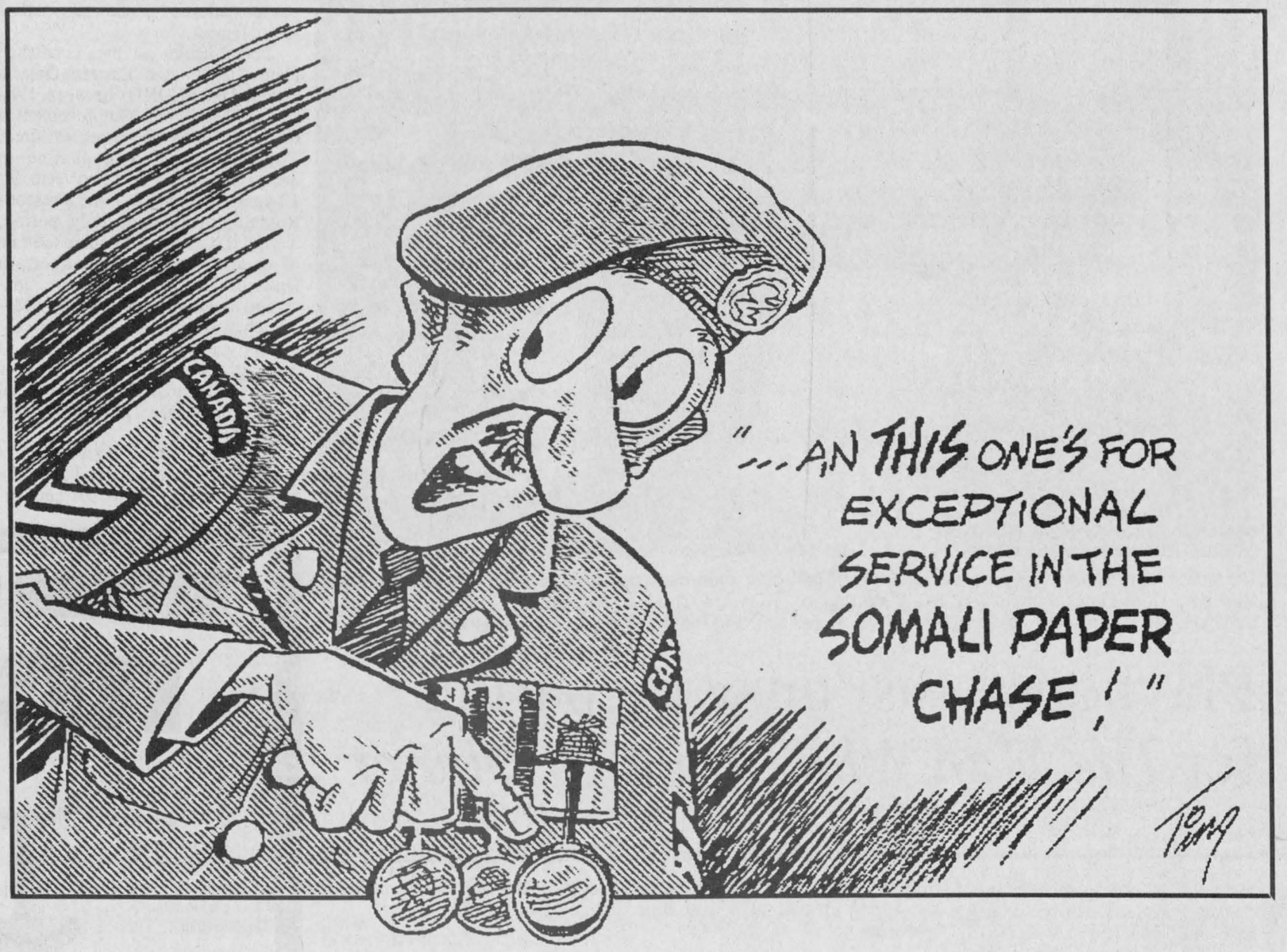

EDITORIALS

Artistic endeavors

The arts is one area that struggles hard to survive in a tough economy. It, undeservedly, becomes one of the last priorities when money is scarce.

It is a grim time that designates such food for the soul as an unnecessary frill, just when people probably need it the most.

But the members of the Dundas County Players Theatre Society, an amateur theatre group which will soon debut its first production in Winchester, is making an appeal that is hard to resist. They want to rent the municipality's empty space above the OPP office on Main Street and turn it into a cultural centre where they can build sets and practise for their productions.

The group has big plans. Dance and drama, fine art shows and guest speakers may one day be part of its repertoire. But their goals can't grow in the cramped basement of St. Matthias Church, the group's current headquarters. They're asking Winchester Council for two things, a monthly rental fee of $150 and that the village fix the room up so it is presentable to the public. They will handle additional costs for heating and hydro.

So far council is intrigued with the idea but are waiting to see what it costs to paint the room and rip out the rug, as requested by the group. The job is too much for the players to manage. The room's high ceiling requires someone with painting experience.

Supporting the arts certainly wouldn't be a big demand on a municipal budget. But councillors still have to account for every public dime they spend so they have to give it some thought.

Hopefully they will agree. Perhaps even the group would receive some help from the community in its efforts to create a presentable setting.

As the Players president Deborah Smith-Peto told council, the group currently is in the black as far as finances are concerned — a good start for any enterprise. And they are contributing something positive to the community.

Other local communities have amateur theatre groups who provide regular, inexpensive entertainment that is very popular with their residents. There is no reason why Winchester can't have the same.

This week in...

1946

Plans for a tour of the lower reaches of the South Nation River were made at a meeting of the Nation River Conservation Committee in Chesterville. Attendance was limited by long driving distances over roads badly heaved by frost.

Hairstylist Mrs. W.C. Barkley was one of the winners of a silver cup award at Dominion Hair Styling Competition in Toronto. Mrs. Barkley placed fourth among 22 of the top stylists in Canada.

The Bell Telephone Company reminded customers to keep their calls as brief as possible on shared rural lines.

1956

Local television viewers had an unprecedented choice of channels for one Sunday when the area experienced a period of "freak" reception. While normally only CBOT Ottawa and WCNY Carthage could be picked up with any clarity, during that day a variety of 22 stations were received on the 12 channels available on standard television sets, most of them between 500 and 2,000 miles away. One of the strongest signals came from Channel 2, WMTV, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Signals were also received from Omaha, Neb.; Duluth, Minn.; Pensacola, Fla.; Fort Worth, Texas; St. Joseph, Mo.; Nashville, Tenn.; and Atlanta, Ga.

The United Counties Council approved a budget calling for a fractional reduction in the general tax rate, with a levy of $657,342 as compared to $672,132 in 1955.

1966

After an hour of hard firefighting, the Williamsburg Township Fire Department brought a blaze at the home of John Luimes under control. The Toyes Hill farm house still sustained extensive fire, smoke and water damage. When the fire call went out, neighbors rallied to the scene and were able to save many movable items in the home from the flames.


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1976

The Winchester Recreation Board voted in favor of an expansion for the Winchester and District Community Centre. The plans involved a 24-foot extension on the front of the building which would be the full width of the building and two storeys high.

1986

The Winchester District Memorial Hospital was organizing a door-to-door campaign to raise funds for the facility's new ultrasound unit.

A computer team from North Dundas District High School won the first annual United Counties school board computer programming competition. Team members were Rick Rodney, Paul Spencer, Robert Wu and Clinton Young. With a score of 344 points, they were 200 points ahead of the second place team.

Which comes first - the chicken or the coop?

Rural Roots
by Denis Grignon



I'm making the leap. I'm taking the necessary steps that will, I believe, make me an official hobby farmer.

I know this because Nancy recently bought me a pair of overalls... and I kinda liked them!

Overalls, you see, are worn mostly by "wanna-be" farmers. Most full-time farmers, comfortable that they need no assurance that they are indeed farmers since long hours and little financial reward provides this assurance, usually wear regular pants with coveralls.

But overalls are the hobby farmer's stamp of credibility — something that screams, "... and on the 8th day, God created Green Acres... and reruns."

I'm starting small. A few laying hens, maybe a duck and a rooster, which, I'm told by non-overall wearing farmers, will protect the others from predators.

Rooster: Shoo! Get outta here!

Predator: But I just wanted to interest you in our 25-year term policy... very low premiums!

Rooster: We're not interested! Now shoo!

Predator: Er... well, how 'bout taking a look at this fine array of brushes?

Rooster: Leave, or I will attack!

Predator: Guess you're not interested in this vacuum cleaner, then. It really does do a fine job on coops.

Rooster: Just leave some literature and be on your way... or else.

Caring for livestock is uncharted territory for me. Small wonder, then, that I'm starting with animals that require only slightly more attention than stuffed animals. This is a good thing because the stuffed animals from my youth were barely ever fed, since my first (and only) attempt resulted in oatmeal and maple syrup stains on the carpet... and a weekend in my bedroom... along with aforementioned stuffed animals.

I still haven't quite decided how I'm to build the official coop. I do, however, know that it involves chicken wire — something I'd previously only ever used to build road hockey nets.

But chicken coops, I'm told (again), are nothing like road hockey nets and that chickens, indeed, aren't even interested in hockey. Period. Not even during the playoffs.

This chicken house ignorance leaves me with a few options. I could solicit government agencies for official building blueprints but that would likely involve several phone calls, dozens of forms, hundreds of screening interviews and no less than 14,000 visits to my property by a government inspector wearing a $700 suit, and carrying a clipboard.

Me: So, this is my property... good enough for chickens, right?

Inspector: Not quite sure yet. I'm still waiting for this infrared, neon ray gun to measure soil nutrients.

Me: Oh... I was just going to give them regular grain from the local feed store.

Inspector: Yes, well that grain will sit on the ground, won't it? Unless you're planning to construct a titanium, stainless steel automatic grade feeding system... but that requires a whole new set of schematics. And it's a different government agency from mine.

Me: Oh... so, can I get chickens, or what?

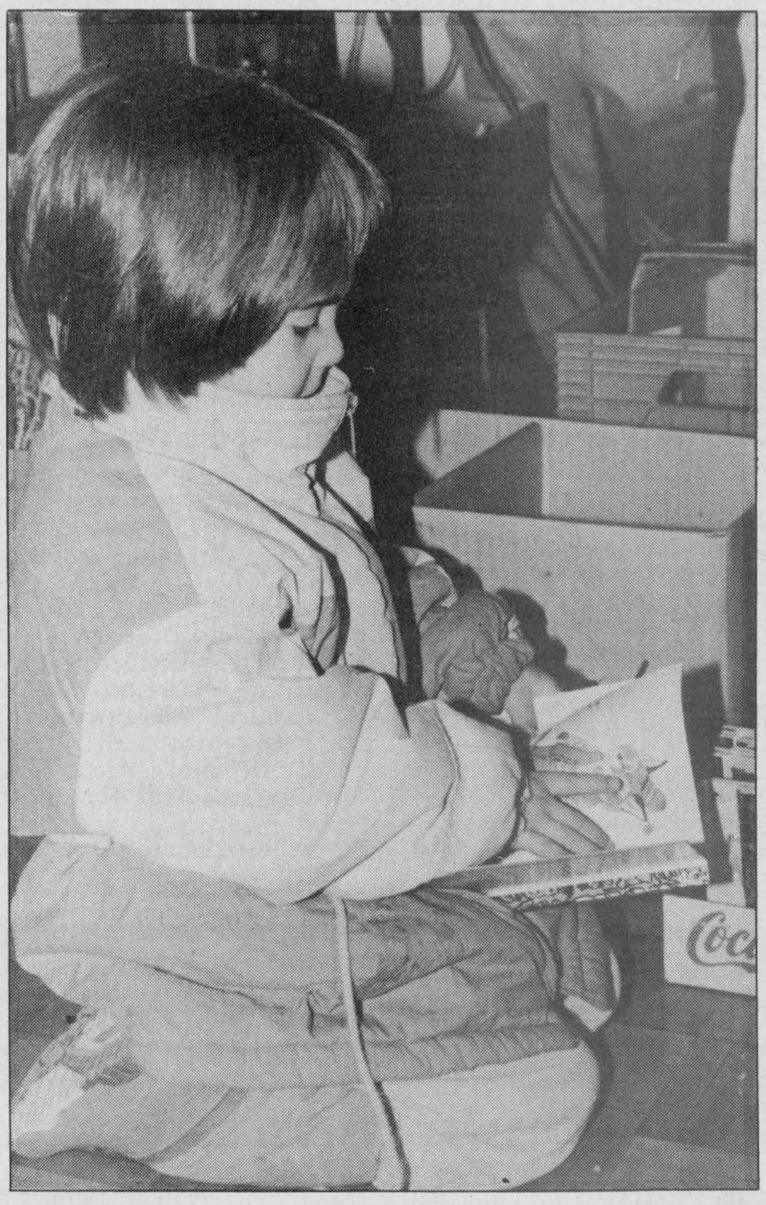
Inspector: Of course... provided you wear overalls.

My other chicken coop construction option is to simply walk across the street and ask my experienced farmer neighbor Gordon for advice, then return home, forget all the important information he fed me and build the coop with a stack of old fence posts I have. That it might look like my old road hockey nets, I'm sure, will be purely coincidental.

Once built, I'll need chickens. A couple of hobby farming friends of mine in South Mountain tell me that laying hens run about 55 cents each. I trust their knowledge, since although they are hobby farmers, they don't wear overalls.

(Denis Grignon is a CBC Radio broadcaster and standup comic who lives in Mountain.)

Children's Trade Fair caters to youth market



Liz Edwards
Press staff

WINCHESTER — It was a good night to be a kid.

Or at least someone who caters to one.

Winchester's first Children's Trade Fair and Sale at Winchester Public School last Thursday had a good turnout, according to Linda Johnston, one of its organizers.

Approximately 150 families attended the event that featured local products, services and activities for children. There were 45 different vendors participating, such as merchants and directors of sports clubs.

People were charged an admission of $2 per family and vendors donated a door prize worth $10 to participate. Some of the proceeds will go toward purchasing another computer for the school.

Computer programs, books, toys, clothing and candy were some of the dozens of items there for sale as well as show.

The fair was supposed to offer something for children of every age. Even children not attending the school were attracted to the event. Denis Gagne, 13, was one of numerous kids who pored over a collection of hockey cards for sale.

"I'm in Grade 7 and I heard a friend tell me about it. I also heard there would be lots of hockey cards so I decided to come. My mom was already going with my brother," he said.

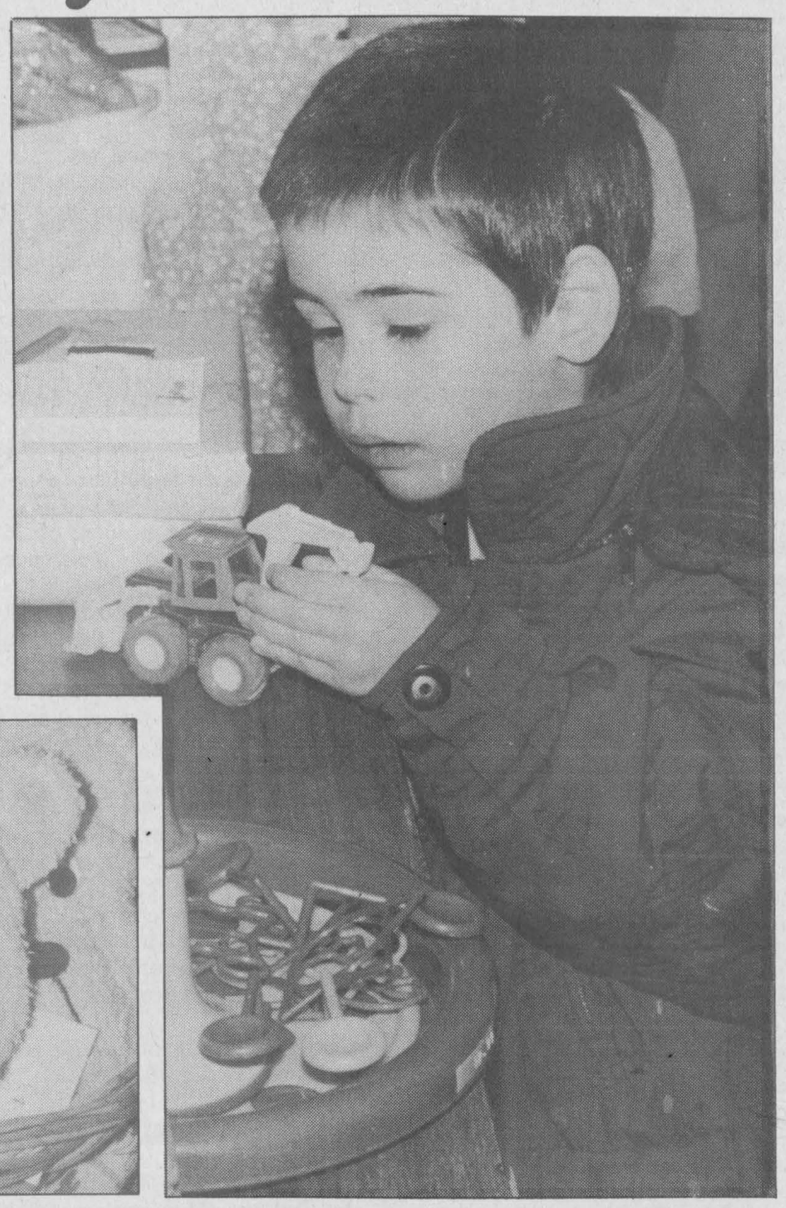
Edith Gauvreau, who is a part-owner of the Main Street Craft Gallery had crafts and toys for sale as well as her son's hockey cards. He had decided to sell them so she brought them along.

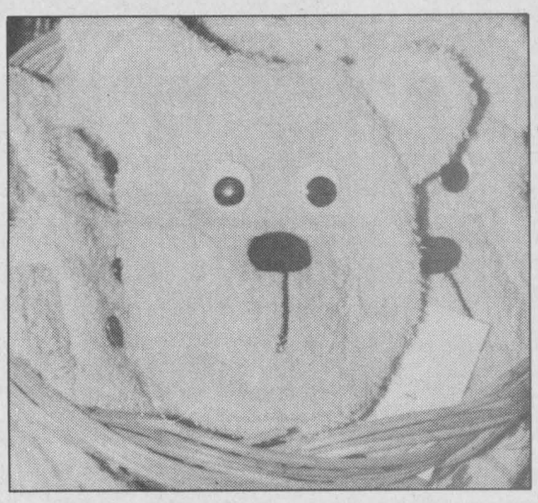
The event ran smoothly. Older students from other schools helped pitch in with the setting up and taking down of the show, says Johnston. But she's not sure if she and the other organizers, Caroline Duncan and Beverly Shortt, will make it an annual event.

David Hooper, owner of Computer Sales and Solutions Inc. in Winchester, had an array of computers, games and educational programs for children at the fair.

He said the event ran well but fall or the Christmas season may be a better time to sell goods. However he says there were a lot of people interested in computer products for their children.

"It's a growing thing, there is so much educational stuff you can get," he says.









The Children's Trade Fair and Sale offers goods and services for kids of every age last Thursday night at Winchester Public School. From the top left, clockwise, Brittany Toonen, 3, of Winchester looks over books for sale. A toy bear sits waiting for an owner. Shawn Toonen, 4, of Winchester checks out a truck.The Trade Fair attracted about 150 families who looked at what was on display and for sale. Visitors to the Trade Fair look over products available at the Toy Trunk of Kemptville.

Letters To The Editor

Businesses not 'wheel' friendly

The Editor:
After having a child and wheeling a baby carriage around Winchester, I couldn't help but notice how inaccessible most of the business sector is if you are on wheels and not on your feet.

The curbs are nice, wheels go up and down there, no problem. Mind you, the sidewalks west of the downtown core leave a lot to be desired. Then, with the exception of some notable mentions, most places of business are next to impossible to get in or out of without help. For me and my child, itisn't impossible because I can lift her out of the carriage and drag her around. This is not what I'd like to do though, since if she is sleeping I'd like to leave her that way and shopping with your arms already full certainly puts a damper on the amount of purchases one can make.

It got me thinking though on how impossible this arrangement must be for people in wheelchairs. The thought of shopping in Winchester with my child in a carriage is daunting enough. For a person in a wheelchair they must surely say *forget it*.

Liz Waterfall
Winchester

Many opened hearts to Allen

The Editor:
A thank-you card I read the other day set my thoughts spinning in many directions. It read "It will take the best in each of us to make the best world for all of us."

Although the odd day can drag on endlessly, life passes all too quickly. When Allen was admitted to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, the 13 years we had with him seemed as if they had passed in the blink of an eye. Many of the same wonderful people that had helped care for him as an infant were still at CHEO, still giving their best.

Over the following long months, we had the pleasure of making friends with new personnel. They also opened their hearts to Allen. When his condition became critical, the staff went out of their way to offer us support. By "doing their best", they bought the time required to find a new heart for Allen. We extend our deepest appreciation to every person at CHEO who had a role in Allen's care. You are a remarkable group of people.

On March 8, Allen was moved to the Heart Institute and another team of dedicated individuals took over his care. They looked after Allen during the transplant and took on the challenge of rebuilding his health. Your ongoing help and kindness has been deeply appreciated.

Finally we were able to come home to our small village, a place where Allen knew every car that passed by! Old friends and new, held a benefit and auction on our behalf and we want to thank everyone who showed their support by donating and/or attending. We are grateful for the community spirit that has so warmly embraced Allen and our family.

Special thanks goes to our friends and family, who repeatedly put their busy lives on hold to step into our shoes with our other children. We are also appreciative of those who visited and lent a hand at the hospital.

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Seaway Valley Presbyterial bids adieu to Brinston UCW

by Peg Campbell

SPENCERVILLE — Members from the Seaway Valley UCW gathered on April 9 at the Spencerville United Church for the 28th annual meeting of the Presbyterial.

The ladies gathered for singing, led by President Louise Shaw and Marion Peterson. They repeated the UCW purpose in unison. Lorraine Cleary welcomed all on behalf of the Spencerville UCW.

Under the theme, "Caregiving in a Changing Society", the ladies worshiped, heard our theme speaker Rev. Peter Praamsma, dealt with reports, remembered past members in a memorial tribute, conducted a service of closure for Brinston UCW, presented scrolls of appreciation to retiring officers and installed the incoming executive officers.

Members from Long Sault UCW, Erna Witherspoon, Judy Anderson and Gwen Locey commented on the question posed of Jesus by the teacher of the law, "Who is my neighbor?" Caregivers have traditionally been family and neighbors.

Now, more than ever, with all the changes in society, we need to be alert to the needs of others — family, neighbors, strangers and be caring hands where needed. We remember that Jesus cast his lot with the needy. The closing prayer asked for strength for each one of us to continue in God's service.

Reverend Peter Praamsma, a United Church minister and hospital chaplin, mentioned changes are occurring now in society, where fewer people are doing the work formerly accomplished by larger staff.

This places great stress on the few who carry this extra load. Doing more and more with less and less provides constant pressure to do work in new ways to survive as a person and as an institution.

This stress leads to problems at home and in the work place. Peter reminded us that in our Christian communities we are all different, but all part of the same body, and we work best when we work together. Influence through our political involvement, our linkage with a lively spiritual faith community and rediscovering the Christian tradition of all members being involved with pastoral care (not just a select few on a committee), were three solutions brought forward. We must pay attention to who we are in relationship to others.

The ministry of pastoral care belongs to the whole church. As we carry out Christ's ministry in our midst, we become partners in God's work.

Greetings were brought to the group from June MacMillan, president of Ottawa Presbyterial UCW, from Kay Black, vice-president of the Montreal and Ottawa Conference UCW, from Ken Somerville, chairman of Seaway Valley Presbytery and from Reverend John Reynolds, minister at Spencerville United Church.

Reverend Reynolds said grace and the ladies enjoyed a turkey dinner provided by the ladies of Spencerville UCW.

Staff at the Montreal United Church Book Room provided a wide selection of books, tapes, children's material, music, pins, etc. Bridgehead items were for sale.

Roll call showed a total of 83 women present. Applehill received the Lillian Allison banner for this year.

Two announcements to put on your calendar:

June 11, Presbyterial meeting in Kemptville - salad bar lunch, rally planning and the program under World Outreach, Muriel Eastwood, "The Native Healing Fund". Registration 10 am.

Summer event - August 9, 10, 11 — Bishop's University, Lennoxville. Theme is "Walk With Me" with Reverend Faye Wakeling (director, St. Columba House, Montreal) and Reverend Arlen Bonnar (Montreal General Hospital Chaplain). Possibility of a bus going from this area.



Car Rally

The Morrisburg Lions Club are holding a car rally for the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on May 11, with approximately $5,000 in cash prizes from MacEwen Petoleum, The Brister Group and Gordon Thom Realtor. Pictured are Lion Earl Woods, Hospital President Don Smith and Lion Glenn Cunningham. The group hopes to raise $30,000.

Breast cancer awareness raises odds



Carol Spiro of Breast Cancer Action displays her rose pink ribbon pin, a symbol to raise awareness about breast cancer. The ribbon, which salutes the courage of women who are diagnosed with the disease, also has a black lining that honors the thousands of women who have died of breast cancer.

WILLIAMSBURG — Organizers of the Breast Cancer Awareness night in Williamsburg last Wednesday were pleased with the response that evening.

The first guest speaker, Carol Spiro of Ottawa, shared her personal experiences with breast cancer. She also talked of the evolution and goals of Breast Cancer Action, a national, independent, survivor-directed charitable organization with a support and resource centre located at Billings Bridge Plaza in Ottawa.

The other guest speaker of the evening, Linda Swerdfeger, made women aware of the need for taking responsibility for their own health through her presentation on Breast Health Awareness — a program developed by the health promotion team of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in women. One in nine Canadian women will develop breast cancer. In 1995, 6,800 women in Ontario were diagnosed with the disease — 2,000 died.

Women themselves detect 80 per cent of breast cancers. The goal of the Ontario Breast Screening Program is to decrease deaths by 40 per cent in women 50 years of age and over. For this to happen, 70 per cent of women over 50 must participate in the screening program. Each year in Ontario 300 lives can be saved. Early detection and treatment are the best defence. To find out more about the Ontario Breast Screening Program in the Ottawa region call 728-0777 or 1-800-465-6226.

Any organizations or groups that would like to have Linda make a presentation can call her at 774-3845.

The possibility of a support group in Dundas County for breast cancer survivors is being explored. If anyone is interested in helping out or participating in such a group or some workshops, call Linda (again at 774-3845) or Wendy at 652-1363. All inquiries are confidential.

For any other interested cancer patients there is a monthly Support and Share Living with Cancer meeting at Park Lane Seniors' Support Centre in Williamsburg on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

The Living with Cancer Group would like to thank Third High Farms Ltd. (Glenn Swerdfeger) and Glenn's Photocopy and Print Shop (Glenn Pashak) for their generous support of this event and the group.

Parade organ dismantled

WINCHESTER — The organ "bubble" from Fawcett's Organ and Piano Studio, familiar to many from its appearances in local parades, is no longer in one piece. Roy Fawcett has dismantled the float since fire destroyed his storage barn, along with the 90 organs inside, on March 28. Fawcett says he's not sure at this time if the storage building will be replaced.

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A representative of the Ministry of Education and Training will give a presentation on Identification, Placement and Review Committees (IPRC) and Individual Education Plans (IEP). Parents can attend workshops on how to represent your children at IPRC meetings and meet other parents.

The following organizations which offer services to children with special education needs will set up information booths and answer questions: The Easter Seals Society, Ottawa Children's Treatment Centre, Children's Rehabilitation Program, Early Childhood Resource Teacher's Service, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Canadian Hearing Society, Association for Bright Children, Attention Deficit Disorder Support Group, Ontario Association for Community Living, Epilepsy Association, Spina Bifida Association, Medical Electronic Services and Developmental Services. For more information on this event please call Vince Fiorito at 932-9971.

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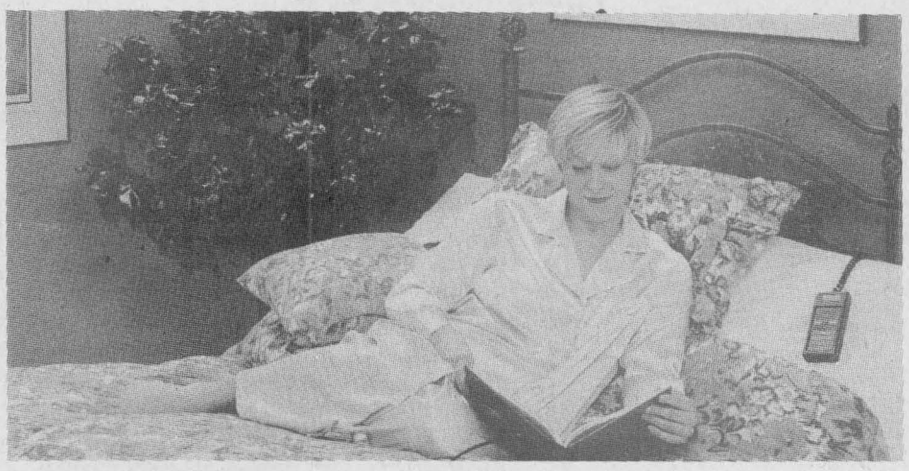

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Allen Martin Brooks

Allen Martin Brooks of South Mountain died suddenly April 12 at his South Mountain home. He was 14.

A student at Seaway District High School, he was born in Ottawa on Septemeber 22, 1981 to Martin and Gail Brooks.

He was the brother of Marilyn, Rachel and Jeffrey, and the grandson of Clifton and Audrey Brooks as well as Jean and Harrison Peters.

The family is grateful to the staff at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, the Winchester District Memorial Hospital and Dr. Wilbert Keon.

Allen was a member of St. Peter's Anglican Church in South Mountain. A private service was held with Rev. George Bruce officiating. A cremation followed.

Vickie Derks

Vickie Derks of Streeterpete Rd., Chesterville died April 8 at the Ottawa Civic Hospital. She was 44.

The co-owner of Valley Blues Clothing Store in Kemptville, she was the wife of Tony Derks who she married in Chesterville on April 7, 1972.

She was born Aug. 8, 1951 in Winchester to Yvonne Chambers and the late Leo Chambers.

Mrs. Derks was the dear mother of Lynn and James Derks. She will be fondly remembered by five sisters Lorraine DeRooy (Peter) of Chesterville, Janet Ashworth (Neil) of Sydney, B.C., Janice Chambers of Arnprior, Kelly Walker (Randy) of Winchester, Yvonne Spicer (Dave) of Edwards and one brother Laurie Chambers (Anne) of Vita, Manitoba.

She was the business partner and friend of Kelly Walker.

A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Chesterville on April 11 with Father Don Cummings officiating.

Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

Pallbearers included Brett Harrison, Gary Derks, Rene Moss, Ina Graafland, Anne Blaine and Anita Maloney.

Alex Andrew Hamilton

Alex Andrew Hamilton of RR1, Riverside Heights died April 5 at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. He was 77.

The husband of the late Mary Hurdis, he was born on Sept. 25, 1918 in Carleton Place to the late William Hamilton and Christine Porteous.

He was a resident of Morrisburg for 53 years. Mr. Hamilton worked in plumbing and heating and at the Morrisburg Bakery.

Mr. Hamilton is survived by his daughter Margaret Hamilton of Morrisburg, his sons Del Hamilton (Shirley) of Sudbury and Ray Hamilton of RR1, Morrisburg. He was the grandfather of Eric, Chris, Ron and Ray. As well as his wife, he was predeceased by his granddaughters Christine and Candice.

He was a member of the Heritage Valley Arts and Craft group and the Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club (VE3 AFT).

As instructed by Mr. Hamilton, his body was donated to science in hope of helping others. Arrangements were entrusted with the Fairburn Funeral Home of Morrisburg. Memorial donations to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital would be gratefully appreciated by the family.

Ewart Ellis Simms

Ewart Ellis Simms of RR3 Mountain died April 9, 1996 in South Mountain. He was 67.

A farmer, the former Reeve of Mountain Township and the former Warden of the United Counties of SD&G, he was the husband of Phyllis Muriel Kerr who he married in South Mountain on Dec. 26, 1950.

He was born to the late Samuel Simms and Eva Ellis in Mountain on May 18, 1928. He was the father of Diane Hendren (Fred), Louise Thomson (Doug) and Larry Simms (Marianne). Mr. Simms was the grandfather of Jordan and Lindsay Hendren as well as Brent and Shawn Simms. He was the brother of the late Carl Simms (Donna Hyndman) and the uncle of Paul, Glen and Dale.

Mr. Simms was a member of Hallville United Church and South Mountain United Church. A service was held at Hallville church with Rev. Marion Milnes officiating. Interment was at South Gower Cemetery.

Pallbearers included Ray Guy, Ralph Devries, Ron Derraugh, Ron Timmins, Elwood Coons and Don Johnston. Honorary pallbearers included Harold Boyce, Harry McNeil, Jim Baker and Keith Holmes.

Pearl Kathleen Thoms

Pearl Kathleen Thoms of MacDonald Cr. in Winchester died April 12 at home after a three-and-a-half month illness. She was 79.

A resident of Winchester for 16 years, Mrs. Thoms was a housewife and worked on the family's farm in Mountain Township. She was the wife of the late Henry J. Thoms who predeceased her on Feb. 18, 1980. They married in Inkerman in 1934.

Mrs. Thoms was born July 7, 1916 to the late Asa Hanes and Laura Crowder. She was the mother of Joan MacIntosh (Don) of Winchester and Faye Hanes (Earl) of RR4 Osgoode, the grandmother of Scott Hanes of RR4 Osgoode, the sister of Doreen Summers (Dave) of Winchester as well as the sister-in-law of Flossie Sheldrick (late Jay), Dorothy Jackson (Fred), the late Glenna Johnston (late Cecil) and Victor Thoms (Vivian).

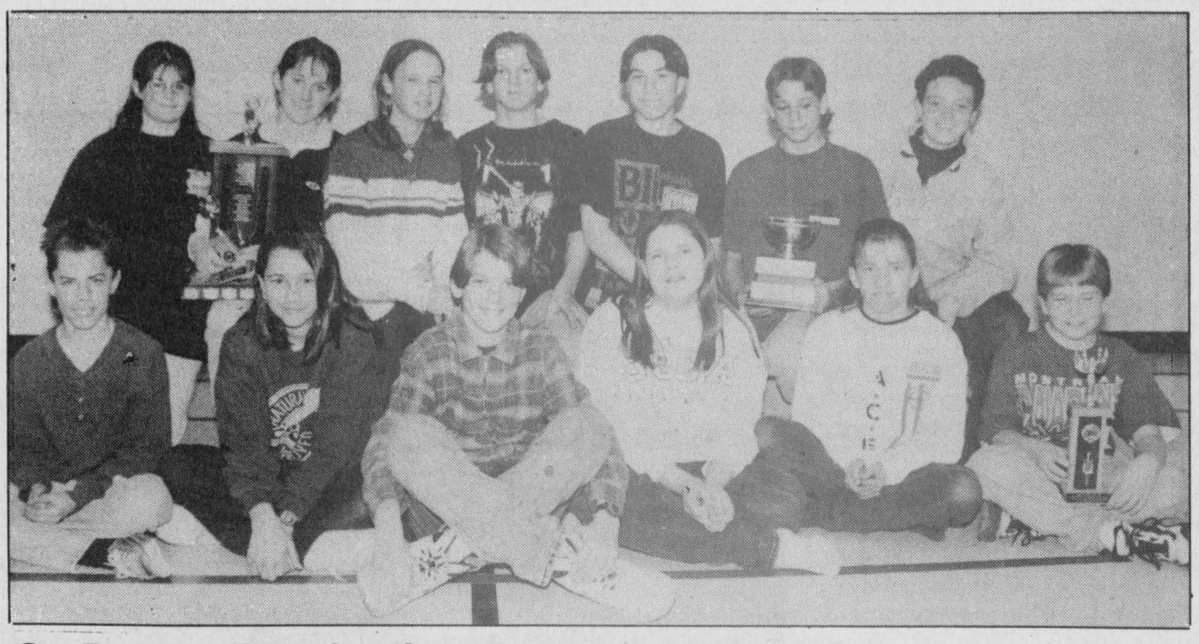
Mrs. Thoms is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

She was a member of the Winchester Wesleyan Church.

A service was held at Daniels Funeral Home in Winchester on April 15 with Rev. LeRoy officiating.

Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

Pallbearers included Robert St. Pierre, Jason St. Pierre, Arden Holmes, Scott Hanes, Lyall Holmes and Kenny Summers.



St. Bernard's scientists

Entrants from St. Bernard's Catholic School in the recent United Counties Science Fair in Cornwall included, back row from left: Kristin Tillberg, Erin Exner, Chantelle Blom, Craig Panchuk, Jimmy MacHardie, Peter Winters and Andre Cormier. Front row, from left: Jason Bell, Roxanne Hennin, Tyler Panchuk, Sarah Reynolds, Danielle Bell and Kevin Murphy. Absent: Patrick Melchin. Erin Exner won a gold medal, the Ontario Hydro Gold Research Award and the Best Project on Environmental Sciences Award. Andre Cormier received honorable mention for best overall project as well as the Renewable Energy Award. Jimmy MacHardie and Craig Panchuk took a silver medal, as did Kevin Murphy and Peter Winters, who also earned the Best in Botany Trophy. Roxanne Hennin and Danielle Bell took a bronze medal.

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Crime Stoppers wants poachers

CORNWALL — Crime Stoppers needs your help with Ministry of Natural Resources investigations of fish poaching in SD&G.

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Mountain Musings

by Shirley Mills

It seems to be a widely-held view that winter has definitely lasted too long. So for a break in the routine do go out for dinner - just because it's a Wednesday. That's Wed., April 24 and the dinner is the annual Inkerman United Church smorgasbord supper. This eating extravaganza begins at 5 pm in the church and continues until all are fed. It is $7.50 for adults, children under 12 at $4 and pre-schoolers free.

The Nor-Dun Seniors' Support Centre has a number of events planned which look interesting for seniors. On Thurs., April 18 there will be a euchre held at the IOOF Hall in South Mountain beginning at 1:15 pm. There is a $2 admission charge and prizes and refreshments will be provided. On May 2 between 1 and 3 pm, there will be a program at Nationview Public School (in South Mountain) called Fun with Computers. For more information on this you can call Nor-Dun at 774-6109.

On Sun., April 28, Heckston United Church will be celebrating its 110th anniversary with Rev. Earl Moore as guest speaker at the 11 am service. There will also be a special musical evening at 7:30 pm which will include the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Choir and other musical entertainment.

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Farm update

Hoogenboom chairs 1996 milk committee

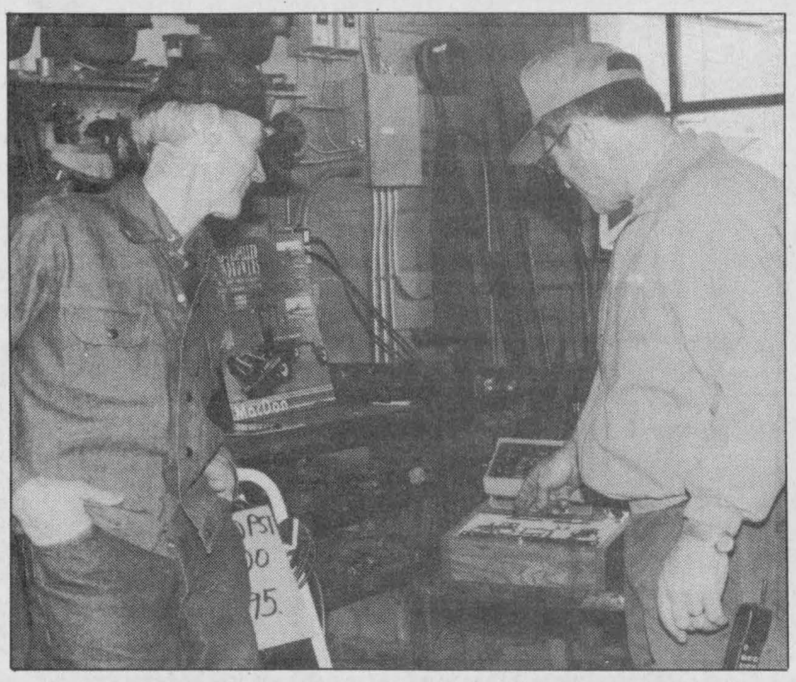
SOUTH MOUNTAIN — Dundas County milk producers recently elected the committee to represent them for the upcoming year.

The 1996 Dundas Milk Committee executive is as follows: Jack Hoogenboom, chairman; Steve Byvelds, vice-chair; Ted Hendriks, secretary/treasurer; and Deb Dings, past-chair.

Other committee members include: Don Grotenhuis, Willyam DeJong, Reg Gilmer and Perry Hart.

Gordon Johnson of Chesterville continues to represent Area 2 (Dundas, Ottawa-Carleton, Stormont) as director to Dairy Farmers of Ontario.

Any concerns or questions regarding the dairy industry can be answered by contacting a committee member.



New technology

George Tibben (right) discusses a Micro-Trak sprayer control system with Claude Finlay (left) during Tibben Equipment's annual Customer Appreciation Day April 4. Tibben teamed up with other Brinston businesses H&I Country Supply and Plante Farm Equipment, to thank customers for their patronage. Press Photo — Fetterly



DHI award winner

Brian Vandenburg of Winchester presents the Hamilton Farm and Garden Ltd. Award to Tom MacGregor of Morewood. Glen Haven Transmit Lana, a three-year-old cow, had a 1995 record of 334 for milk, 316 for fat and 316 for protein. She had an average deviation of 119.3 over herd average of the MacGregor Glen Haven herd. The Dundas Dairy Herd Improvement Association handed out its award at a banquet April 12.

DeVries wins Strader Trophy for third consecutive year

WINCHESTER — John M. DeVries, Williamsburg, was presented his third consecutive Strader Trophy here at last Friday's Dundas County DHI Association awards banquet.

The Strader award goes to the highest composite BCA herd in Dundas County. The Straderhill herd earned this honor with a production level of 255-251-249 for a composite of 251.7.

Holland Vale Holsteins owned by Peter and Jerry Byvelds, Brinston was the second highest herd and received the Ottawa Valley Harvestore Systems award with a BCA of 231-233-230, a composite of 231.3.

Albert DeJong, Iroquois, owned the most improved herd in Dundas in 1995. Improving by 27 points DeJong received both the Grenville Mutual Insurance and the Royal Bank of Canada awards.

Hans Schuler, Chesterville, received the Bank of Nova Scotia award for the second highest herd improvement over provincial average with an increase of 18 points.

The Ontario Dairy Herd Improvement Association Herd Management award was presented to Tom and Janet MacGregor, Crysler. Their herd score of 885 earned them the Dundas Veterinary Services award.

Ron Durant, Winchester, once again won the Brian Kennedy Lowest SCC Herd award with a herd average count of 58000.

Weagant Farm Supplies presented an award for the highest composite BCA produced on a one-year-old record. Glen Haven Primetime's Bridget produced a record of 305-263-279 for Tom and Janet MacGregor.

Straderhill Lincoln Santana owned by John M. DeVries received the high two-year-old award presented by Golden Triangle AgriWest for her record of 321-259-313.

The highest record in Dundas was produced by the winning three-year-old Straderhill Jubilant Lisa who, with a record of 351-308-317, earned owner John DeVries the C&L Feeds award.

A four-year-old cow owned by Tom and Janet MacGregor was the recipient of the MacDonald Feed Mills Ltd trophy. Glen Haven Ward's Annie's record was 335-259-313. Last year this cow was Dundas's highest deviation cow over herd average.

JFC Farms, Chesterville, received the Bank of Montreal award for the highest 5 to 9-year-old cow. JFC Princess Couselor produced a five-year-old record of 254-311-259.

Sunnylodge Mattador Ell, a 10-year-old cow owned by Sunnylodge Farms, Chesterville, had the highest record for a cow 10 and over. Her record of 247-245-252 earned her the Fred's Farm Supplies award.

Tom and Janet MacGregor had the largest deviation cow over herd average again this year. Glen Haven Transmit's Lana was awarded the Hamilton Farm and Garden Ltd. award for a deviation of +123 +128 +107.

The provincial average for 1995 was 182-182-185 for a composite of 183. The Dundas average was a composite average of 182.6.

update

East Dundas Dairy gets under way

by Donald Fisher

WINCHESTER — The first meeting of the East Dundas Dairy Club took place on March 27 at the Winchester United Church.

The meeting began with the introduction of our leaders: Linda Porteous, Gord Milne, Paul Porteous, and Paul Helmer. The main business for the evening was the election of our executive.

The club's executive is as follows: president, Curt Porteous; vice-president, Petra Meier; secretary, Dan Schuler; and press reporter Donald Fisher. Curt Porteous also volunteered to be a youth leader for the club.

The Dundas 4-H Livestock Club policies were discussed and club leaders stressed that project information sheets must be submitted to the OMAFRA office no later than June 1.

The next meeting is slated for April 24 at 7:30 pm at the Chesterville-area farm of Hans Schuler.

West Dundas Dairy kicks off season

by Steve Bossel

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — Tuesday, March 26 marked the season opener for the West Dundas Dairy Club.

The meeting began promptly at 7:30 pm with a total of 15 members, including five new members (good show) and two leaders; Neil Kittle and Keith Rooke.

The meeting started off with games and mixers prepared by Kelly Fawcett followed by the election of officers. Results were as follows: president, Robert Velthius; vice-president, Yann Bossel; secretary, Heather Velthius; and press reporter Steve Bossel. The treasurer, appointed by our club leaders is Kelly Fawcett.

The club starts off a new year with a favorable balance. It was clarified by the leaders that Kelly Fawcett and Jodi Gannon would sign the cheques.

Members were given the new 1996 livestock policies for Dundas County (revised on March 4, 1996). These were explained and concerns were clarified by our leaders.

Our next meeting is set for Tues., April 23 at 7:30 pm at the farm of Henry and Rita Velthius.

Any new members still interested in joining the club are encouraged to show up at our next meeting — there's still time (calves are available if you need one).

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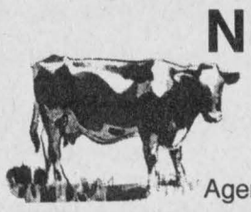
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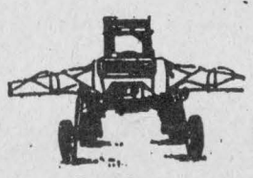
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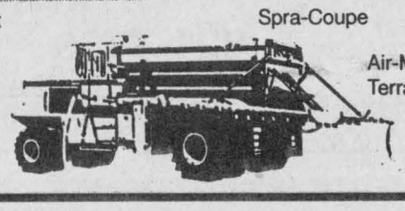
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Ayrshire showcase

The Grenville-Dundas Ayrshire Club held its 35th Anniversary Spring Showcase Sale at the Fawcett Sale Arena on Monday. Here are Sale Manager Neil Kittle and leadsperson Tracey Porteous with Barlows Jonah's Jessamine, chosen Queen of the Sale. The same cow was the high selling animal at the sale. Al Merkley presents an award to Robert Ness, photo - left, who accepted it on behalf of Alex McCaig, for consignor of the high selling animal.
Press Photos— Robinson

New treatment being tried to purify Care Centre water

by Derek Puddicomb

OSGOODE TOWNSHIP - A Greely business, the Osgoode fire department and an American business came to the rescue of the Township of Osgoode Care Centre last week.

Water problems have plagued the TOCC for years, but when a flyer from the American firm Aqua Freed, crossed the desk of Osgoode Coun. Vera Mitchell last summer explaining the benefits of a new environmentally safe way of fixing the problem, she decided to investigate.

Last Thursday, Donwel Construction Ltd. of Greely, along with Aqua Freed, worked for most of the day to rehabilitate the well at the Care Centre.

Don Cardill, owner of Donwel, donated time and the machinery it took to complete the project.

With the TOCC's water shut off for the day, the Osgoode Township Volunteer Fire Department donated its water tanker to ensure the Care Centre was supplied with fresh water.

The tanker was flushed out earlier by Ault in Winchester.

"We were called by the Care Centre to help them out and we did without hesitation," said Cardill.

"Since the Care Centre opened 10 years ago there has been continual support from local service clubs, businesses and churches," said Mitchell.

When it came time to rectify the water problem, Mitchell called on Simmering Engineering from Ottawa who have done business in the township in the past.

"As someone who has done a lot of work in the township I asked them if they would help out a charitable organization," said Mitchell.

Accumulation of iron deposits in the pipes leading into the TOCC had restricted flow and created a drop in water pressure.

Cardill said there was a considerable amount of iron deposits in the system but it was never considered a health hazard to employees or residents of the TOCC.

To free the system of mineral encrustation, the U.S.-based technology relies solely on natural liquids and gases that dissipate naturally.

"This is the most environmentally safe and non- toxic way to eliminate the encrustation," said Dennis Kehoe, a water specialist with Aqua Freed.

After the pump is pulled from the well a cylinder known as the packer is lowered down into the well creating a pressure scale to direct carbon dioxide into the well.

Carbon dioxide is then injected through the packer penetrating the surrounding aquifer.

When liquid carbon dioxide comes into contact with water the result is the formation of carbonic acid and the freezing of water within the aquifer.

When the treatment has been completed the well is tested. The pump is reinstalled and the well is returned to service.

Peter Scott-Smith is the co-ordinator for H2Ontario and was on site at the TOCC. H2Ontario is a group concerned with the preservation of the water environment in the province.

The organization partners itself with scientists, engineers and specialized contractors who are dedicated to economic and effective water resource management.

"For the past 20 years the province has failed to recognize our water is in a disgraceful state," Scott-Smith said.

He said rural communities should have access to adequate supplies of safe, fresh water.

Helmets a must

WINCHESTER — As the weather warms up and kids get their bicycles out of storage, parents are reminded that for children under 18 years of age bicycle helmets are mandatory. Helmets that are approved for this purpose are available in a wide range of prices.



Francis—Wise

Sonya Francis and Mark Wise, along with their families, are pleased to announce their upcoming marriage. The wedding will take place June 15, 1996 at Iroquois United Church. A mixed party will be held April 27, 1996 at Matilda Hall, Dixon's Corners.

Tax rebate for forests back again

BROCKVILLE — The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources recently announced the reinstatement of the Managed Forest Tax Rebate Program.

The program, designed to provide incentive for landowners to manage their forested lands in an ecologically sound manner, has changed slightly from the previous program, which ended in 1994.

Changes include a maximum rebate of 75 per cent of taxes paid on the forested portion of the land, with a $250 minimum payment and a management plan requirement. Landowners must have a minimum of 10 hectares (25 acres) of forested land.

In order to ensure that landowners claiming the rebate are actually practising good resource management, they must have an approved management plan in place by year end. This plan will outline the objectives of the landowner for their forest estate, as well as provide details on how these objectives will be met.

The guidelines do not specify what type of operations are allowed. Those wishing to manage their forests for wildlife will be treated the same as those wishing to manage them for forest products. Good forest management provides forest products, wildlife habitat and many other benefits.

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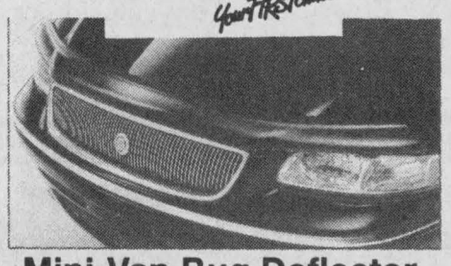
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