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Councils seek guidelines for amalgamation

Kim Robinson
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WINCHESTER TWP. — While municipalities in Dundas County want control over how they fit into the province's amalgamation scheme, they still want some direction from the province before they invest any more time in planning.

At a special amalgamation meeting in Winchester Township on Dec. 5, representatives of various Dundas councils agreed that further meetings would be futile without some guidelines as to what the province is looking for in municipal reform.

At the discussion table, several possibilities of how local municipal government could be reshaped were discussed.

Many were looking at having Dundas County as one municipality, while Winchester Township Reeve Claude Cousineau offered separate municipalities of North and South Dundas as a more workable scheme.

However, Mountain Township Reeve Estella Rose said they should consider every option, including a municipality formed of the United Counties as a whole and Chesterville Reeve Jim Cooke said the province is looking for larger, one-tier government.

Still, Cooke does anticipate some flexibility on the province's part.

"They've let it be known that what works in one area is not going to work in another," said Cooke. "That's why they're not coming out with a magic number."

The province wants to reduce the present number of 850 municipalities by 30 per cent but it has not yet released the specifics of its plan.

The Dundas representatives decided they needed an orientation session with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to have some general dos and don'ts before planning.

Iroquois Reeve Peter Swank said the group would just be talking in circles until they had some sort of outline to follow.

A tentative meeting has been set to take place at the Williamsburg municipal building on Dec. 20. The Dundas municipal leaders are hoping the province will have some sort of policy to deliver to them at that time.



Little Christmas spirits

Junior Kindergarten students from Winchester Public School sing about Christmas, their favorite day of the year. The school held its annual Christmas concert last Monday. Press Photo —Edwards

Teenager dies in blaze

GREELY — A house fire took the life of a Greely youth died early Saturday morning.

Jason Alexander, 17, was overcome by smoke from the fire when he was was sleeping in the basement of the Stage Coach Rd. home.

The blaze started shortly after 3am. Awakened by a smoke detector the victim's mother Bonnie O'Brien managed to escape to safety with her five-year-old daughter Jessica O'Brien.

The cause of the fire is not known, though it started in Jason's bedroom. The Ontario Fire Marshall's office and the Manotick OPP are still investigating the incident.

Jason was a student at Osgoode Township High School.

Way paved for highway construction to continue

by Michele Sherren

NORTH GOWER — Hwy. 416 is finally becoming a reality.

Construction will start this spring on the southern section of Hwy. 416 to provide a four-lane passage to the nation's capital from Hwy. 401 near Prescott.

The $127 million project is slated for completion by the year 2000. Almost 65 per cent of the engineering is already done.

Funding for the Century Road to 401 section was announced at a press conference in North Gower last Friday, hosted by Rideau Township Mayor Jim Stewart.

Ontario Minister of Transportation Al Palladini called it an "exciting and historic day" as he confirmed funding has been secured.

"This marks the beginning of a new era for the Eastern Ontario region," he said.

The province will foot two-thirds of the bill, the rest will come from Ottawa.

Federal Treasury Board President Art Eggleton said it was a good example of governments working together, in contrast to delays caused because "we didn't quite get the co-operation we wanted from the previous (provincial) government."

The federal monies had been slated under the Canada Infrastructure Works program, whereby the feds pick up one-third the cost. The funds in that program soon dried up, which forced Eggleton to look for the money elsewhere.

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Lights make season bright

WINCHESTER —Kitty litter, paper lunch bags and candles have made Christmas brighter in one part of Winchester.

For the past four years some residents on Fred St. in Winchester have spent part of Christmas Eve lighting candles along their driveway and road to build a runway for Santa Claus.

It lights up the street for Jolly Old St. Nick to guide his reindeer to the houses. This Christmas Eve will be the fourth time neighbors put on the display. The runway was originally suggested by residents Donna and John Proulx. Donna read about it in *Chatelaine* magazine.

It's easy and cheap to do. Fill a paper lunch bag with a small amount of kitty litter or sand to weigh it down, place the candle inside, trim the bag slightly and light the candle. The bag keeps the candle from blowing out. The Proulx family places at least 25 around their driveway and the roadway along the front of their lawn. They've tried using emergency candles but find tea light candles work just as well.

"Tea lights are so inexpensive. You can get eight for $1 at the dollar store," says Donna.

The candle lighting starts around 6 pm, just before people start leaving for Christmas Eve services at church. They burn quickly but some last a few hours, says Donna.

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Council gives $4,200 to revamp Mountain park



Festive spirit

Jeff Ramsay hoped to spark some community interest in the memorial park with these decorations at the gates. Press Photo—Robinson

MOUNTAIN — The memorial park at Mountain is looking a little more lively lately. With a new flag flying and gates decked out for the holidays, it shows signs of a renewed community pride in the hamlet.

Jeff Ramsay put the Christmas decorations up at the gates to get his neighbors asking, "What's going on at the park?"

The answer to this question is "plenty."

Monday night Mountain Township council decided to give the newly-formed Mountain Station Recreation Committee the $4,200 needed to fix the waterworks and building at the park.

At the moment, the committee consists of president Bernie Boucher, secretary Elan Slack and Ramsay who says, "I'll be treasurer when we get some money," but these three members aim to get many of their neighbors involved as well.

Ramsay believes there will be no trouble finding volunteers to help maintain the outdoor rink and ball park.

"They're willing to help, they just want to know how," he says.

Bernie Boucher also finds there is a lot of community interest in the plan. Without the park, he says there isn't much for children to do in Mountain and families have to go elsewhere for entertainment.

He had a rink on his own property last winter and it was used by many of his neighbors. This year he's had phone calls from people wondering if there will be another rink and he's told them of the plan to reopen the park.

There was skating at the park up until about five years ago, but as equipment broke down it was not fixed or replaced. The well at the site has been closed up by roadwork and the pipes that brought water to the park have deteriorated.

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North Dundas Devils sweep St. Lawrence Saints in SD&G opener. 11

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Chesterville considers extended Bell service

Liz Edwards
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Starting Dec. 22, Winchester residents can call to Ottawa without long distance charges.

And Chesterville residents may soon if they vote yes on a Bell Canada poll offering them the option of extending their current service to include Ottawa in their toll-free area.

But it will still come at cost. The service will increase the residential rate for basic service from $6.40 a month to $13.70. The charge for business lines would jump from $22 to $44.70 a month. It will allow residents to call numbers in Ottawa-Hull, however calls to Russell, Embrun, Metcalfe and Gloucester will still be long distance.

The poll will be completed Dec. 22 and if residents agree, the service will be installed by next summer. The telephone company needs at least 51 per cent of its customers to agree to the extension.

In July, 61 per cent of the 63.7 Winchester customers who completed the poll voted in favor of the service. In its first survey in 1989, residents said no but Bell Canada repeats them every five years if there are a significant number of residents making long-distance calls to a particular area.

In Chesterville, Bell employees found that more than 60 per cent of the long distance calls in Chesterville during a two-month period were made to Ottawa.

If the majority of customers say yes, all customers must pay for the service. Although residents who don't make many calls to Ottawa would not benefit from the extension, it would cut costs for some businesses who frequently call the city.

SD&G Warden Floyd Dingwall said the link up could extend the possibilities for economic growth and be a benefit for business and individuals who use the Internet, a computer information network that uses the telephone lines.

But other business say their customers are from the local area and they don't call Ottawa often.

Shirley Coons, owner of Fred S. Coons Broker Ltd., said it would cost her business almost $300 more a year. She does not make enough calls personally or professionally to Ottawa to warrant the extra expense.

Brian Argue, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, said he would have to analyze the costs. The bank does make some calls to Ottawa in prime rate calling time but the bank is hooked up to a Watts line which already gives them a similar service.

Snowmobilers' clubhouse status uncertain

Kim Robinson
Press staff

MOUNTAIN TWP. — While conditions on the snowmobile trails are at their prime, the Mountain Trailblazers' clubhouse situation is less favorable.

The club has resolved problems with a neighbor who complained to Mountain Township Council about traffic after the club made improvements to the unopened road allowance leading up to the club. With this obstacle overcome, club members approached council last week in the hope of clearing up the matter of having a stop-work order on their building.

The club would have to comply with building code regulations to have the order removed and, being located on an unopened section of road, it is not up to standard.

Club member John Havekes, who owns the land on which the clubhouse sits, says the Trailblazers were looking for a special designation, such as hunting camps have, that would exempt them from this sort of requirement.

Councillor Robert Guy said there are similar snowmobile clubhouses all over the province that do not conform strictly to code. He suggested that council let sleeping dogs lie.

"The primary issue has been resolved between the two parties," said Guy. "It's there, let's leave it there."

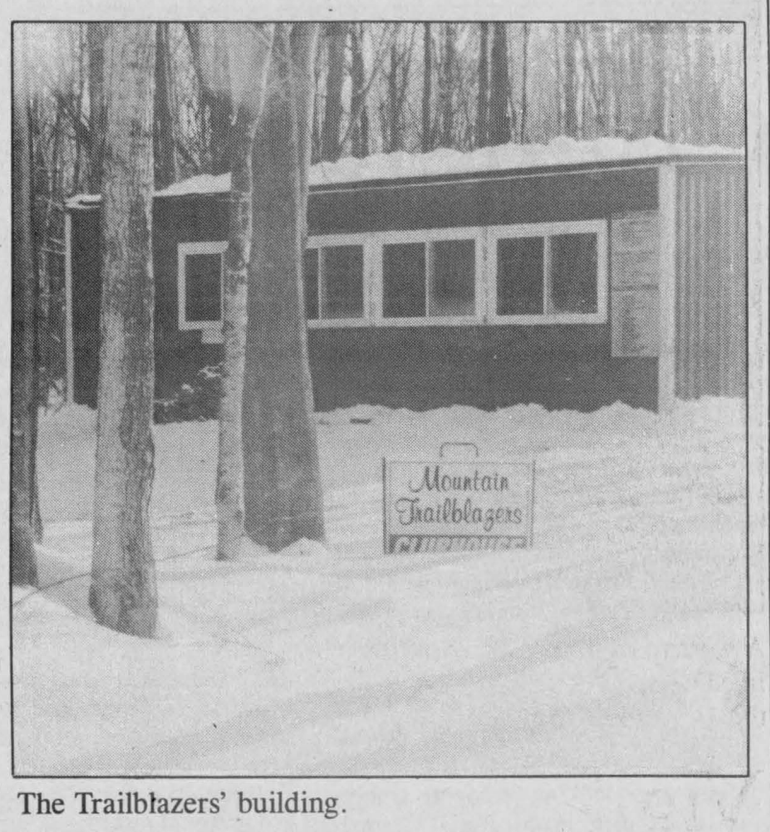
However, the township's building inspector Richard Sharkey told council it was too late for that. He said he couldn't ignore the building now that he has been made aware of it.

Reeve Estella Rose said Monday that council can't make an exception for the club.

"As it stands they are not in a position to use the building. Whether they will or not, I'm not sure."

Rose added that council could not keep a constant eye on the clubhouse.

Another option for the club, suggested by Sharkey at last week's meeting, would be to bring the matter to the province's building code commission which might decide to make an exception for the club's special circumstances.



The Trailblazers' building.

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Highway 416

The funding will now come from the new Strategic Transportation Initiatives program, under federal Minister of Transportation Doug Young.

Carleton MPP Norm Sterling said the highway has been an issue since he took office 18 years ago.

"We have lost too many lives by dithering over the completion of Hwy. 416," he said.

"This is a great thing for Ontario... we're now on the map."

The southern stretch includes 57 kilometres of highway with eight interchanges.

The project is estimated to create more than 2,100 jobs.

By far most of the praise went to Leeds-Grenville MP Jim Jordan, who years ago extracted a personal promise from then opposition Liberal party leader Jean Chretien to help fund the highway.

"I asked him if this could be considered as one project for the federal government, though highways are a provincial jurisdiction," said Jordan.

"I am really pleased he fulfilled that promise... I couldn't feel any better than I do today".

It is the first time in Ontario's history the federal government will fund one-third of a provincial project of this scope.

Jordan, who lives in Brockville, said besides spurring economic growth and increasing safety, the highway would bring an added boom to tourism.

"I worry that American tourists cross these bridges and then stay on the four-lane highway and go to Toronto or Montreal," he said.

"I don't think they want to get off the four-lane road and come north, even if it is the nation's capital. This will be an invitation to travellers".

Peterborough MP Peter Adams, chair of the eastern Ontario caucus of MPs said political support came easily also because of the positive implications on national unity.

"This highway will improve the tourism ring of Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal," said Adams.

"This will in the future be an important factor in national unity."

Christmas

Last year about eight houses participated, this year Sandra Cumming, one of the organizers, says the whole street may participate. In past years, people have driven by to look at the lights. It would be nice, she adds, if other residents of Winchester also built their own runways.

"I think that would be great. It does look really pretty with all the houses decorated," she says.

Rec group

In addition to a new well, a new water pump is needed, the floor boards in the skaters' change room have to be fixed and the electrical system for the park lights will be checked for safety.

The group also plans to preserve the memorial aspect of the park by stabilizing the stone gateway built to commemorate the First World War and Boucher has already replaced the tattered Canadian flag with a new one provided by the township.

The recreation committee should start fixing up the park next week, making repairs to the change room building and clearing a spot for the rink. If the weather is warm enough, drilling for water could begin next week as well.

Boucher says they hope to have the rink ready for the Christmas holidays.



Women helping women

From left to right, Lynn Mann and Marg Newsome of the Rural Women's Business Network present a $150 cheque to Judith Running, executive director of Naomi's Family Resource Centre. The donation was collected during the businesswomen's Christmas dinner on Nov. 28 and it was decided that the money should go to the Winchester centre as it serves the large geographic area in which the business network operates.

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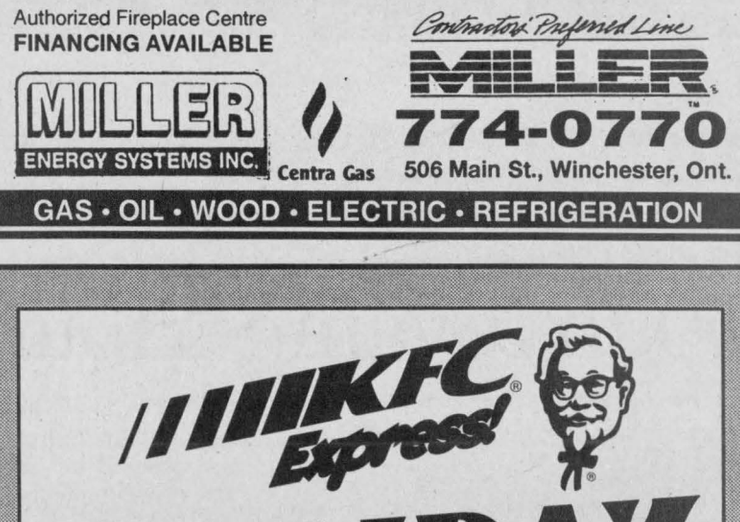
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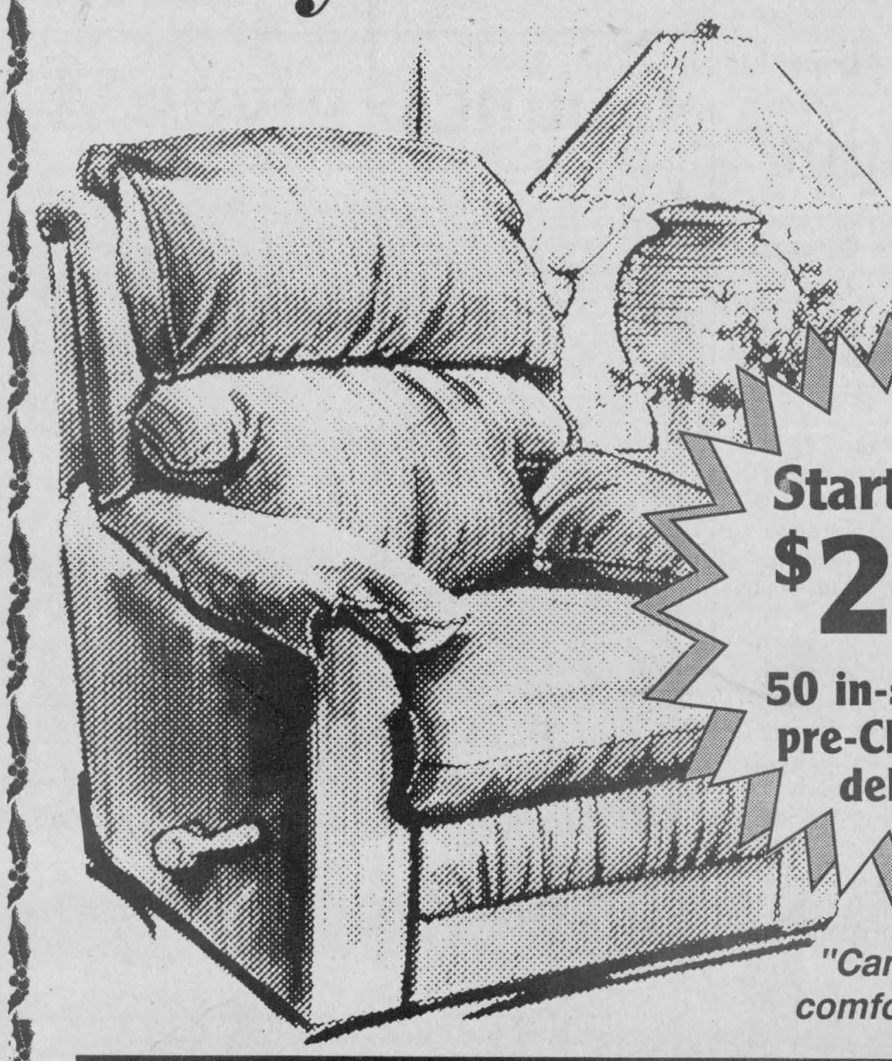
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A woman from the Sexual Assault Support Services for Women in SDG and Akwesasne lights at candle at the Dec. 6 vigil for the 14 women slain during a massacre in Montreal.

Vigil commemorates victims of violence

Liz Edwards
Press staff

WINCHESTER — It was a quiet ceremony but organizers hope it spoke volumes for victims of violence.

A group of mostly women gathered to light candles at the bandshell on the corner of St. Lawrence and Main Streets last Wednesday at noon. The gesture marked the sixth anniversary to remember the 14 women engineering students who died six years ago on Dec. 6 at the University of Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique when a man called Marc Lepine burst into their classroom and killed them with a Ruger mini-14 gun.

Lepine was outraged, calling the women a bunch of feminists before he murdered them and then killed himself.

As well as a candle-lighting, the Winchester group listened to speeches and participated in a silent march through the streets of the village. It was followed by a lunch at the Winchester United Church and testimonies of women who survived violent situations.

But it wasn't just a time to mourn the past, according to Judith Running, executive director of Naomi's Family Resource Centre — the shelter for battered women and their children in Winchester. It was an opportunity to make people aware that women are battered or die in violent situations every day and something has to be done.

While the ceremony focuses on women, it also extends to all victims of violence, she adds.

The shelter has marked the day for the last few years and each year it draws a few more people, says Running. She noted that a few men attended the ceremony as well including Dr. Graham Jacques who spoke at the bandshell as he did last year.

Jacques spoke briefly about the gun law legislation that was given royal assent the day before. The legislation bans a variety of handguns, gives a minimum of four years sentence for many crimes committed with a gun, and requires a mandatory registration of all firearms.

There is also a provision in the legislation that bans weapons, like the one Lepine used, that are considered unreasonable for hunting or other sports.

In his speech, Jacques said this regulation will not stop all violence but it is a start.

"Mad men will still find ways to do mad things," he said, but he added it may make it harder and some crimes may be averted. In a domestic situation, it could give a woman's partner time to cool down if a weapon is not easily accessible.

Dundas County schedules waste day in 1996

WINCHESTER — The local environment and likely a few basements and garages will be a little cleaner next year.

The municipalities of Dundas County will hold another hazardous waste day, allowing residents to safely get rid of old car batteries, leftover paints and other such materials that they shouldn't put in a landfill or down a drain.

The day is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 5. It will be the third event of its kind in the county and Chesterville and Mountain Township will be official hosts so the area can apply for first- time grants offered by the provincial government. Dundas's six other municipalities have already hosted a waste day. The first was held in 1992.

But municipalities who host the event can use the grants for other sites within the county. The committee wants to have three, one in Winchester Township, one in Matilda Township and one in Morrisburg.

The last waste day in 1994 cost approximately $22,000 — about 50 per cent was paid by grants from the Ministry of Environment and Energy. Municipalities contributed $1,000 toward start-up costs. The rest of the costs were divided among the municipalities on a user-basis.

However one bill for more than $3,500 is still outstanding for the disposal of a container that contained higher than normal PCB levels.

It could have been from a lead paint can, says Wyman Barton, chair of the committee. Though it was collected at the site in Morrisburg, it is not certain who dropped off the can. The committee will discuss settling the bill at the next meeting. Barton says he hopes the government will pay half the cost.

Though the grants are still available according to the Ministry of Environment and Energy, committee members are worried that recent budget cuts might eliminate them.

"We are very concerned about the grants not being made available. We are not very optimistic," says Barton.

He says the group would like environmental clubs from schools to get involved.

"It's a great feeling knowing these dangerous materials are being properly looked after," he adds.

The next meeting for the committee will be Feb. 29.

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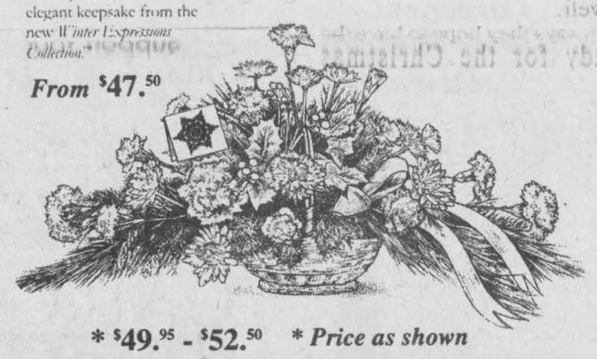

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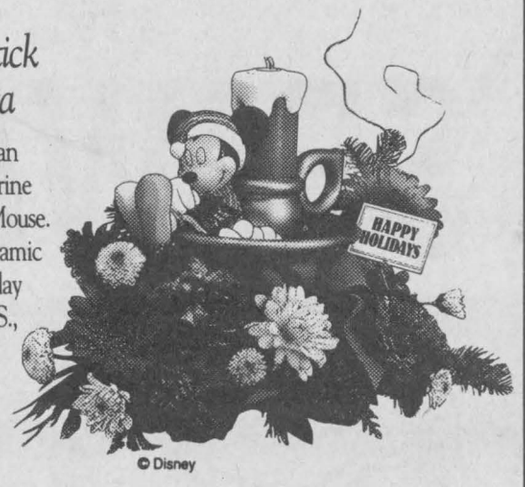

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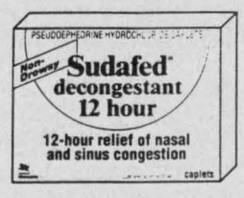

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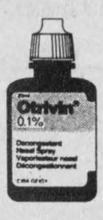

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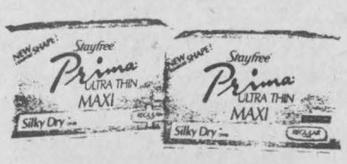

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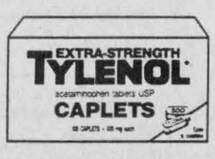

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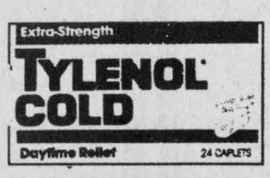

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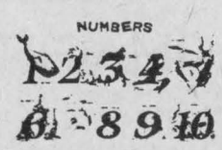

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Police blotter

Intruder charged

MOUNTAIN TWP. — On Dec. 8, a Mountain Township resident woke around 2:40 am to find a ski-masked intruder standing in his bedroom. The culprit fled the Hwy. 43 residence and was arrested shortly after. Charged with break, enter and assault is Jeremy Roach, 18, of Kerr's Ridge Road in Mountain Township. He is to appear in Morrisburg court on Feb. 13, 1996.

Alcohol suspected in crash

OSGOODE TWP. — Police believe alcohol was a factor in a collision that occurred on Hwy. 31 on Dec. 6. Kenneth Meldrum, 24, of Osgoode Township was heading south in a 1981 Ford when he lost control of the vehicle and went into the west ditch. No injuries were reported but charges are pending.

Peace bond ordered

MORRISBURG — A peace bond was ordered in Morrisburg court on Nov. 28 for Dr. John Burke of Winchester to keep the peace and not have any contact for one year with the individual whose complaint had led to an assault charge for Burke. This was an agreement reached outside of the trial process between the Crown and a representative of the accused.

Snowmobile theft

MOUNTAIN TWP. — A security chain didn't stop thieves from taking a black and purple 1994 Polaris XLT snowmobile (VIN 2231594, Ontario registration number 689098) from a residence on Hwy. 43 in Mountain Township on Sunday, Dec. 10. The snowmobile had been chained to a verandah.

Stolen plates

WINCHESTER — A Winchester man faces charges of possession of stolen property and driving a vehicle without insurance after police stopped him in Winchester on Saturday, Dec. 9 and found the licence plate on his vehicle was stolen. Fred Guerin, 19, of York Street in Winchester will appear in Morrisburg court on Jan. 16, 1996.

Greely break-in

GREELY — A Greely business lost a Cannon photocopier in a break-in during the early morning hours of Dec. 8. Thieves fled after activating the alarm system but not before picking up the office equipment.

Purse snatched from vehicle

WILLIAMSBURG — Some time during the night of Dec. 6 a Williamsburg resident had her purse stolen from her vehicle. The purse contained approximately $2 in cash as well as personal papers.



Ribbon cutting

The new Baldwin's Bridge at the north end of County Rd. 16 (Brinston Road) was officially opened on Dec. 8. Present at the opening were: front row, left to right, Steve Taylor of Totten Sims Hubicki Associates (engineering and planning), Leslie O'Shaughnessy, chair of the Counties' Roads Committee, Mountain Township Reeve Estella Rose, Stormont Dundas MP Bob Kilger, United Counties Warden Floyd Dingwall and James MacGillivray, member of the Counties' Roads Committee. Back row, left to right, Claude Cousineau and Charles Barkley, local reeves and roads committee members, Williamsburg Township Reeve Johnny Whitteker, Bruce Miller of Totten Sims Hubicki and Don McDonald, county engineer. The $750,000 project was completed under the Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Works program.

Health unit responds to suicide statistics

Kim Robinson
Press staff

CORNWALL — Dundas County has the highest teen suicide rate in SDG and Prescott-Russell, but health unit officials caution this statistic is not cause for alarm.

Dr. Robert Bourdeau, director of Eastern Ontario Health Unit, says a recently released study on causes of death in the five counties involved small numbers, so even one suicide could cause a big increase in percentage. In Dundas, 27 per cent of deaths among 10 to 19-year-olds were suicides as compared to seven per cent in Russell, the lowest rate in the health unit's coverage area.

"It could just be a blip," says Bourdeau.

In the period under study, 1986 to 1991, there were three teen suicides and three teen motor vehicle deaths recorded in Dundas.

Dr. Sharat Doshi led the study, which spanned the years 1986 to 1991. He says he would not call the difference in suicide rates significant, but what is important is how the health unit can act on its findings.

"Now we know the leading cause of deaths for teenagers is motor vehicle accidents or suicide and we can concentrate on those problem areas," he says. "That gives us a bit more direction on what we should be promoting with teenagers."

The health unit is concentrating on family counseling to help prevent suicide. Dr. Bourdeau says the emotional problems that develop into suicidal tendencies build up gradually over time and often can be counteracted before they reach a crisis stage. He sees communication between parents and children as an essential preventative measure.

"We are concerned with primary prevention," says Bourdeau. "We've developed a number of parenting classes to give parents the tools they need to communicate."

The health unit provides classes for parents dealing with children from pre-school to high school age. Parents can call any of the health unit's offices for information on these programs.

Bourdeau says the classes help parents and children develop better relationships that will help them cope in ever more difficult socio-economic times.

The Ontario Health Survey, conducted in 1990, found the number of people who believed they lived in a dysfunctional family was highest among 12 to 19-year-olds and that this perception increased significantly with lower income.

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EDITORIAL

Not forgotten

As a number, it was not a particularly monumental anniversary and for some people it's an issue they like to leave in the past.

But six years after 14 women died at the University of Montreal, there is still a group of people in Winchester who cared enough about the issue to mark the occasion.

It was a simple ceremony. They lit candles, they marched silently, they spoke briefly. They do it, not just for the sake of mourning the deaths of women who were in the prime of their life, some of them just on the verge of graduating and starting their careers.

The day has gone beyond a commemoration of the women who died when Mark Lepine turned his gun on them as they huddled in fear.

Their tragic end has become a symbol. Out of their deaths comes a type of Remembrance Day in its own right. It is for victims of violence in their own homes and communities, particularly but not exclusively women.

Women are most often on the receiving end of violent domestic disputes. But men are also victims in this crime. As children, if they are not physically harmed, they are emotionally and psychologically scarred. They grow up to be the abused and the abusers of tomorrow.

For men who do not abuse, they have to live with the fear that someone they love may become a statistic of this all-too-common problem.

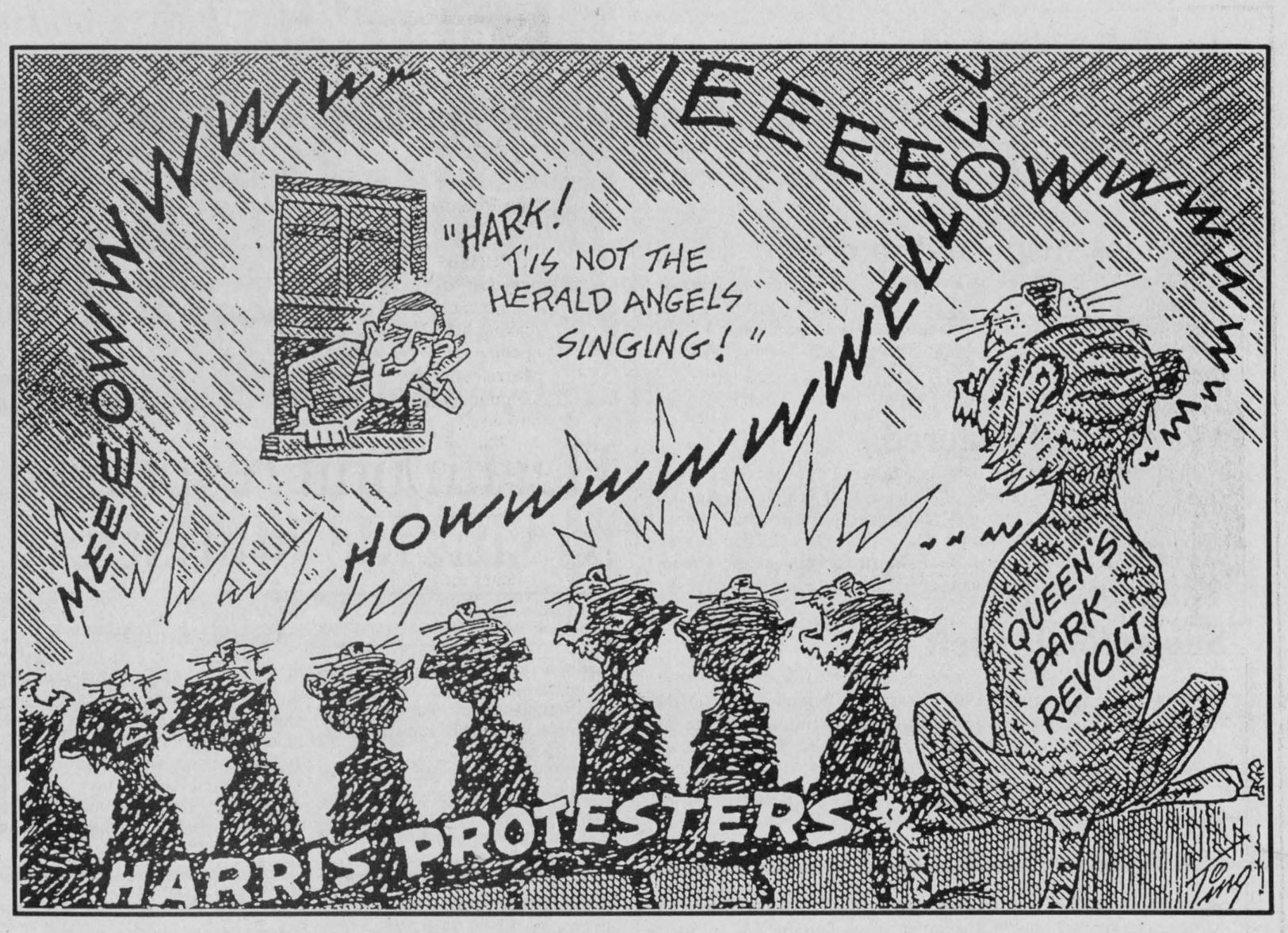
Although he could not be at the ceremony last week, MPP Noble Villeneuve sent a letter assuring those who attended that the government considers the issue very seriously. The government is made up of people, he said, who are fathers, mothers and husbands of women just like the ones who died in Montreal. Safety for all people is a priority.

All people who fight for this can hope is that his words are not lip service. The shelters and services that protect women against these crimes will not be deemed frills under a tight new budget.

It would serve the government well to remember that violence —the blow of a fist or the shot of a gun, is not a soft social issue. These people are not a special interest group. It is everybody's concern and it happens all the time, right in this area.

Preventing violence in our own communities is just as crucial as ensuring our national defense.

Violence did not stop with the lives of 14 women six years ago on Dec. 6.



This week in...

1945

Winchester and Inkerman pooled their hockey players in order to have the numbers needed to operate junior and intermediate teams. The junior team would wear Inkerman colors in the Central Ottawa Valley League, while the intermediate team would play Prescott, Spencerville, Cardinal and Morrisburg under the Winchester name.

Flooding had begun at the Winchester rink and it was set to open so long as the weather stayed cold. Season's tickets had been printed up and were ready for sale.

Dr. C.H. Meredith resumed his dental practice in Winchester's Helmer Block after an absence of three years in which he had worked with the Royal Canadian Dental Corps.

1955

Santa Claus paid a visit to about 1,000 children in the Winchester Santa Claus Parade. He was accompanied by Mrs. Claus and helpers from the Winchester Public School Safety Patrol.

Auto parts stores in the area were reporting a brisk trade in emergency brake cables. Provincial police were checking cars for safety features and failure of emergency brakes was the most widespread deficiency they found in their roadside inspections. Motorists were fixing up their vehicles before they were stopped.

Orville Smail of Brinston was elected president of the Dundas Holstein Breeders' Club at the club's annual meeting, held in the Orange Hall at Winchester Springs. He succeeded Harry Holmes.

1965

The Ontario Telephone Services Commission was telling Metcalfe Telephones to sell its franchise in Osgoode and Cumberland Township after receiving petitions complaining about the telephone company's service. An ice storm on Nov. 17 had knocked out over half of the phones served by the company, and in some areas service had not been restored until mid-December.

A two-room school in Winchester Springs was to house classes for children with learning disabilities. The Education Authority of the Dundas Association for the Mentally Retarded was to take possession of the building Jan. 1, 1966 and have the school renovated and open by September.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1975

During his last meeting as United Counties warden, Williamsburg Township Reeve Johnny Whitteker raised the issue of reducing the size of the council by eliminating deputy reeves. A bylaw to that effect was being drafted for presentation at the first session of the new year.

Winchester was to have a Liquor Licence Act vote to determine if residents wanted a government liquor store in the village.

A near tragedy occurred during the Winchester Santa Claus Parade. As paraders proceeded south on St. Lawrence Street Tom Fawcett, 14, was overcome by carbon-monoxide fumes from the canopied garden tractor he was riding. His uncle, Keith Fawcett, noticed him slumped over the tractor's steering wheel. The elder Fawcett loaded the youth in his car and made his way through parade crowds to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. Tom regained consciousness on the way to the hospital but was kept there for several hours for observation.

1985

A record number of spectators lined Main Street in Winchester to watch the Santa Claus Parade. Ault Foods "Care Bear Heaven" float took the top prize in the commercial class and the First Winchester Brownies won first in the non-commercial class with their float based on the story of the old woman who lived in a shoe. Ottawa radio personality John Ross helped judge the floats. Ross is still judging at the parade 10 years later.

Curling confused

As I write this, Monday eve, I'm alone.
My significant other is out of the house.

She's not carousing the bar circuit, she's not shopping, she's not shovelling the driveway. (The latter being an invitation I graciously extend to her on any day of the week, not just Monday.)

No, if this is Monday, she must be curling.

It's on this night that she rushes home from work, quaffs down a meal with the ferocity of a jackal at a Wal-Mart luncheon counter, throws on her curling garb and, as she puts it "heads to the rink".

I don't understand curling. I never have.

This, however, should not be misinterpreted. I, ahem, "respect" curling and all those involved in the activity.

If I didn't respect curling, I might be inclined to compare it to oh, say, shuffleboard for overachievers, darts for those who enjoy the great outdoors.

But this would be wrong — and out of my character.

Nancy, a curling neophyte, loves to curl. And she's quick to pick up the jargon. Unfortunately, our conversations at the end of her... her... "curling sessions"... (I'm not quite sure what the official reference is here) are somewhat one-sided.

She explains herself well. But my sense of comprehension is only slightly better than that of a possum with a migraine.

Our curling conversations leave me bewildered, not quite sure what I actually heard.

Her: My rock crossed the hog line, ended up at the T-line and almost touched the button.

Me: Well don't worry, I'm sure your rock will come back and the pig will understand.

Rural Roots
by Denis Grignon



Her: Then I had to sweep cuz the skip was saying, "Hurry hard." But you don't really sweep cuz we don't use corn brooms any more.

Me: Yes I understand. Perhaps a Black and Decker Dustbuster would best suit your curling needs, dear.

Her: No, we use "Brownies". But they're not really "brownies". They're called something else. But we call them brownies, anyway.

Me: Of course. Perfect sense. Now I must lie down and stare into space for awhile, for my head hurts.

I've often asked curlers if curling is a sport, or a game. They usually hesitate an answer, possibly because they've questioned it themselves.

Understandable.

Few sports feature an ice surface that's located only a few steps away from a draught tap and barstool.

Again, don't misunderstand me. I think this is a good thing.

That one team can be sweating like farmhands on a July day while the opponents are reclined and sucking back a 50 (or a soda) can only enhance the true camaraderie and fun of sport — what it's meant to be.

Neither will you ever see curlers drop their gloves half way through a ... er... session to start a fight.

Most certainly, sports fans, or game enthusiasts, will never witness Australian Rules curling.

Australian Rules Curling play-by-play announcer: The gloves are still on but both teams seem poised for a tough conflict... Skip Gibbons sends Jenkins into the curling boards with a wallop as he tries desperately to pull the shoe slider from his ear... The referee has been called out to help glue the rock back together, shattered after it came too close to the stud in Henshaw's gas powered brownie... Henshaw, by the way, having his best season since that injury involving the exploding hack... what an athlete!

Curling is also devoid of many of the pitfalls of my winter activity, pick-up hockey. You won't see curlers "hogging the rock" or selfishly "backsneaking" by the blue line, or complaining because they can't hold a hockey stick and a sandwich at the same time. (Okay, maybe that last gripe is more of a personal one).

Curling really is a team activity. And I do, indeed, respect it.

I have to.

Otherwise I'll be the only one shovelling the driveway.

Denis Grignon is a radio broadcaster and professional stand-up comic who recently moved to Mountain Township.

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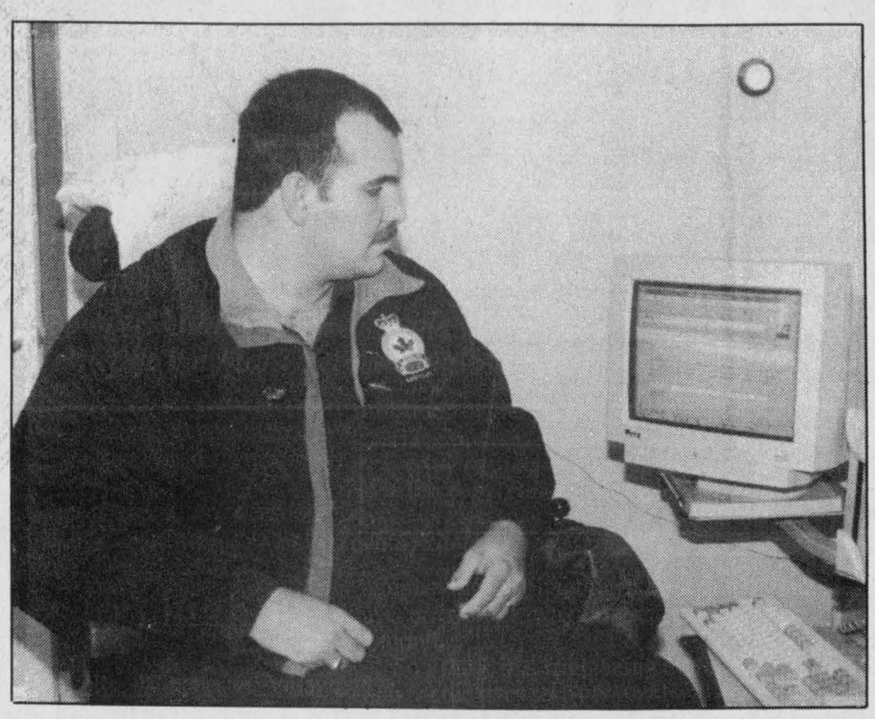


Area becoming hooked on Internet

Kim Robinson
Press staff

MORRISBURG — Things are moving very fast for Ken Davies.

A scant six weeks ago he was making his first inquiries about opening up an Internet user service in Morrisburg and late last week Mor-Net Communication Inc. was ready for business.

"This whole enterprise is as much a surprise to me as it is to Morrisburg," said Davies last Friday when Mor-Net opened at its Morrisburg Plaza location.

The fast pace of development matches the speed of the service he offers. With a personal computer, the proper software, a modem and an Internet address, users can gain access to information from individuals, libraries and other on-line institutions around the globe in minutes.

"It connects us with the world," says Davies, who notes that unless one is willing to pay long distance charges, Morrisburg is a very isolated community as far as telephoning goes.

Mor-Net customers pay $30 for 50 hours of Internet use each month. They are linked with the Internet through Glen-Net, which serves the Cornwall and Glengarry area.

This Alexandria-based connection is a lifeline for Mike Ashburn, who has been using the vast Internet information network to search for a cure for a debilitating injury. Three years ago, Ashburn was shot in the back by an angry patron while working as a doorman at a Montreal nightclub. Since then he has been in a wheelchair and for over a year he has been using the Internet to find a way out of its confines.

Ashburn explains that when winter makes it difficult to get out of the house, he still has contact with the world outside via the Internet. He uses much of his time on-line to find information about treatments for his injury so that he can give his doctors suggestions. He says starting this search made him feel more in control of his situation.

"I felt like I was influencing the result of whether or not I stay in the chair, not just relying on doctors."

One great resource for Ashburn is a Glen-Net discussion group for people in the region who are coping with disabilities.

This type of peer support group is common. Ken Little of Russell converses electronically with other sufferers of migraine headaches. They share information about controlling the pain with diet and drugs, and in this sharing find some comfort.

"It's a way of enlightening people," says Little. "It's helped me a lot to know that there are other people out there who suffer from migraine headaches."

His involvement with the discussion group led to an interview with CBC's *Marketplace* concerning a migraine drug treatment he was taking. The television program was able to target its interviewees on-line through the support group section.

Though his interview didn't air (Little believes he wasn't negative enough), he still found it gave him a lot of insight into the way television news programs work.

Other interesting Internet experiences for Little include making contact with pen pals in England and North Carolina.

He has been working in the system through National Capital Freenet for close to a year. With this non-profit server, based at Carleton University, he got an electronic address and user ID after making a donation. Having Ottawa as an Internet access point made sense for Little because he is within local calling range for the city.

Many users in the Winchester area are anxiously awaiting this option.

Glen Carr of Carr's Computers in Winchester finds interest in the Internet is building with the approach of Dec. 22, the date that Ottawa calls will no longer be long distance. Carr is looking at setting up some sort of access for neighboring communities which will still be long distance to Ottawa.

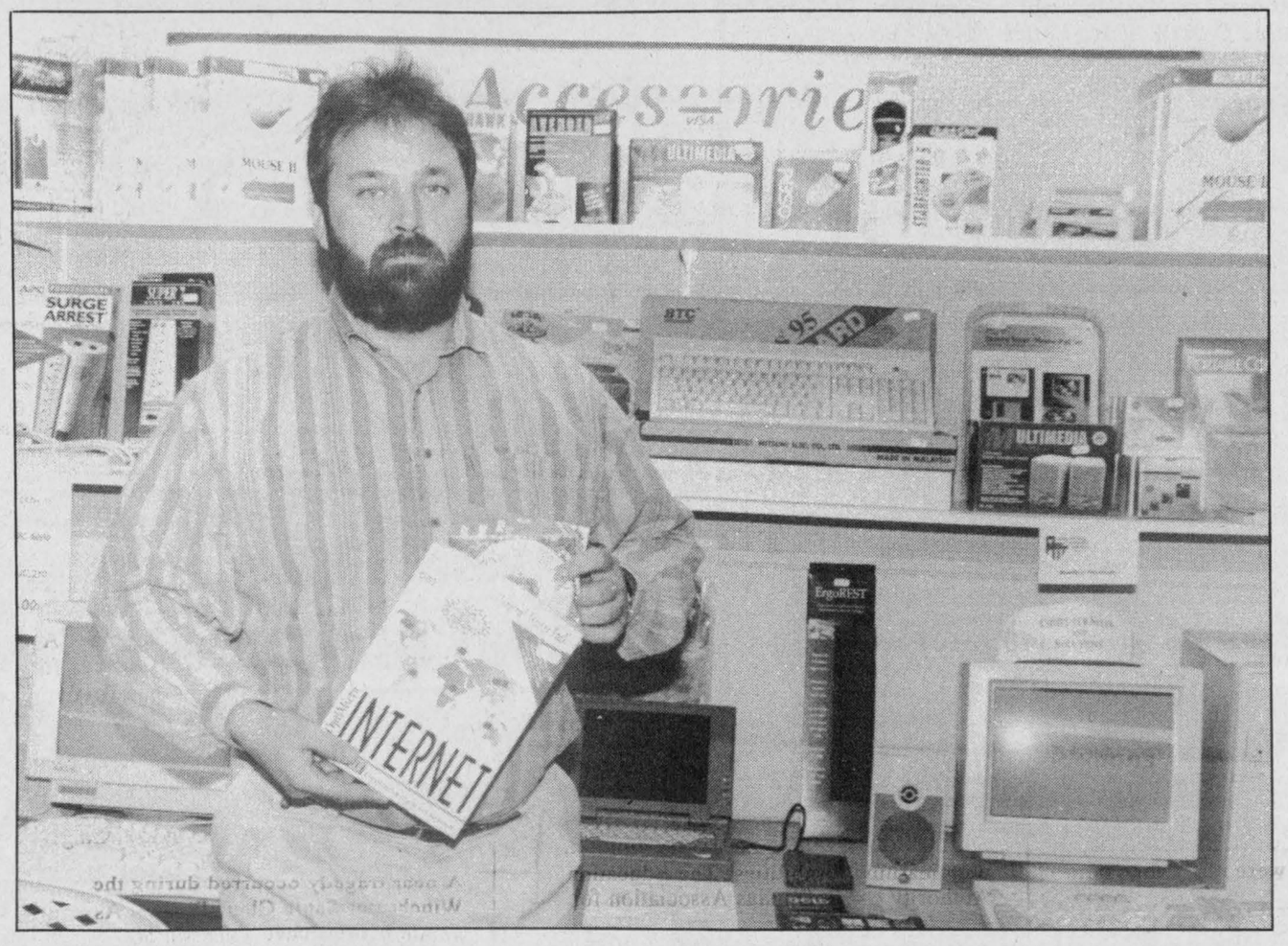
At Computer Sales and Solutions, also in Winchester, David Hooper is preparing for the end of the month by setting aside a computer with modem hook-up which customers can use to sample Internet offerings.

He has starter kits for people using the computer network for the first time but he also recommends that they take an Internet beginners course like the one offered at the T. R. Leger Alternative School to streamline their search skills.

"There's a lot of information out there and you can get lost," says Hooper.

There are only two terminals on-line at T.R. Leger's Winchester location, but with simulation software that imitates a session on the Internet the beginners' course can accommodate up to 10 people. Each of the students has a turn with the real thing during the course, which lasts two evenings. The next session will take place Feb. 6 and 8.

Right now the school is absorbing the cost of phone line charges to its Ottawa server and, like other Internet users in the area, is looking forward to the change in long distance status.



Wealth of information

Top, Mike Ashburn spoke about the vast amount of information available on the Internet at the Mor- Net opening. Above, David Hooper sells CD ROM starter kits for new travelers on the information highway.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rates too high

The Editor:
On Dec. 4, the Winchester Village council voted three to two to pass a bylaw setting the water and sewer rates. It is about time and it is needed, but there is still a couple of problems with it.

First and foremost is the fact that the council didn't follow the procedures for passing a bylaw. If a bylaw was going to be passed, it should have been on the agenda so interested parties could voice their concerns. Second, council should really have considered how much the rates they have set could hurt the ratepayers and even the village itself.

With all the years of experience of the people sitting at the council table, one would really have to wonder why they would pass a bylaw in such a way, since, if it not done right the first time, they will have to go back and do it over again correctly. In the meantime, there is no doubt a certain amount of animosity between council and ratepayers in the struggle to rectify the situation — something that could and should have been avoided.

Secondly, a water rate is needed, but it is needed to recover the cost from the ratepayers, not to do them in financially.

When the meters were first installed, my wife Sharron had two businesses and two tenants on the one meter. One hundred and fifty-eight cubic metres of water went through the building in the first three months alone. That's 158,000 litres of water.

Sharron, knowing there was no way she could ever collect that kind of money back from her tenants, had the plumbing redone so everyone would be charged for the water they used. The end result was that whomever was wasting the water stopped. This is why I think metered water is a good idea, because it will stop the waste not because it is a cash cow to be milked.

Sharron and I use water conservatively and in the next nine months, after having the plumbing redone, our use, on average, was 21 cubic metres a month.

So I think it is frightening to think of what the rates set by council will do to people who are living more than two in a household. There's more showers, more laundry, more dishes, and no doubt, more waste. They will find a significant difference in their water and sewer rates.

It is also frightening to think how much it will cost landlords who end up being saddled with the cost of the water used and wasted by their tenants, to say nothing of the fact of how frightening these new rates would be to anyone even thinking of buying or selling in town.

Metered water is needed but it needs to be done right. If it is not, we will all be the losers in the long run.

Ray Dorey,
Winchester

Common sense?

The Editor:
It is high time Ontarians started taking a good, hard look at the actions and attitudes of the Mike Harris government. We need to start questioning some of the underlying assumptions of the *Common Sense Revolution* and consider the type of society we'd like to be a part of in the future.

To begin with, we need to look past the economic doomsday prophecies advanced by the neo-conservative elite to give careful consideration to both long-term impacts and alternatives. Unfortunately, the Conservatives don't seem willing to do this. Instead, they scare and manipulate us into believing drastic either/or scenarios: reduce the debt immediately or face certain disaster; there are no alternatives to massive cuts; pain and suffering (of the politically weak, at least) is necessary and unavoidable.

I'm not arguing that we should ignore the debt. But perhaps we need some perspective. Are deficits and debts really the greatest threat to freedom, democracy, and economic well-being we face? Or are there larger concerns that those in the grips of neo-conservative ideology cannot see? Few people are taking the time to ask these questions, let alone answer them. But, in this political climate, I'd risk being declared criminally insane if I didn't admit the deficit needs attention.

However, who decreed that massive spending cuts on the backs of those least able to afford it (women, children, the poor, and the elderly) is the one best way to attack the debt? Contrary to the *Common Sense Revolution* (but not contrary to common sense), there are alternatives. Perhaps large corporations could share their wealth or at least give up lucrative government subsidies. After all, Canada's top five banks recorded $5 billion in profits this year, while ordinary people only got poorer. And a promised $5 billion income tax cut out of $8 billion in cuts is not exactly the best way to cut the debt.

Furthermore, there is much waste and inefficiency to be trimmed, especially at the higher levels of government. Bureaucracy could be eliminated; come to think of it many bureaucrats could be eliminated — they are highly-paid people who do not produce or create anything (except maybe red tape), but only "manage" somebody or something. On the other hand, there are many creative people out there with money-saving, grassroots ideas to provide essential services. Unfortunately, many of the organizations that employ and enable people like this have been eviscerated by the cuts. At any rate, we need to realize that there are alternatives to cuts which at the very least would lessen the blow.

But we need to examine not only the actions, but the whole attitude of the Tories. Of course, it is wise to be concerned about public debt. But should it be our primary, almost-exclusive concern? Or should there be greater concerns, like the long-term well-being of democratic society and all its citizens?

Unfortunately, when it comes to the Tories, this isn't the rhetorical question it should be. In the grip of the ideology of the *Common Sense Revolution*, the government is exacting the massive spending cuts without due regard for their impacts and the detrimental long-term effects of slashing a social safety net two generations in the making. Indeed, the Finance Minister himself has admitted that the cuts were made without proper prior analysis. With the magnitude of the actions the Tories are taking, this should be a time of more thought, not less.

Yet with Bill 26, the omnibus "bully-bill", the Tories plainly demonstrated their desire to preclude thought, analysis, and debate. The sneaky, manipulative way in which they introduced the bill, and their plans to ram it through the Legislature before Christmas clearly show the Tories contempt for the democratic process, the opposition, and by extension, all Ontarians. The contents of this bill add further evidence: with the power to close hospitals, amalgamate municipalities, and view confidential medical records handed over to the Cabinet and unelected bureaucrats, to say nothing of reduced freedom of information, this legislation is clearly anti-democratic.

Naturally, the Mike Harris government justifies all their actions by chanting their mantra of deficit reduction. They have indicated that they are prepared to undermine our social system, endanger human life and well-being, manipulate the public and the Opposition, subvert the democratic process, and sacrifice democratic rights in a blind, ideologically-driven rush to save money. The question all citizens must ask is an easy one: are we willing to pay this high a price, an unnecessary price, simply to reduce the deficit? As a thinking, humane person, my answer can only be *no*.

Rob Wallbridge,
Williamsburg

Illegal vote

The Editor:
Background: According to Municipal Affairs, Ontario councils must follow certain procedures. According to Municipal Affairs, "no item is to be added to the agenda unless it is an emergency" and "even a special meeting *must* be posted".

These procedures were not met when the Village of Winchester council passed the third reading of the bylaw setting the water and sewer rates.

For the past two years, the Friday prior to a council meeting, the village clerk faxes us a copy of the upcoming council meeting. The agenda shows what is to be discussed and a brief explanation of any bylaw which is to be discussed.

Nov. 3, we received a copy of the agenda for the Nov. 6 meeting. What a surprise! Bylaw No. 06-95 (third reading) being a bylaw to amend the water and sewer rates. When was the first and second readings? Not at a regular council meeting. We later found out that it was at a special meeting. Was this meeting posted?

At the Nov. 6 meeting there was a petition delivered to council. There were over 90 names on this petition to make council aware of the concerns about the consumption rate of 20 cubic meters limit per household per month. We were led to believe that council was going to investigate this further.

On Nov. 17, we received our copy of the upcoming meeting. No mention of water.

When the clerk's office was contacted on Nov. 20, we were told that water and sewer rates were indeed going to be discussed that night. We contacted a few people who showed up to hear Warren Martin tell us about the faulty meters. We were led to believe that the whole water metering would be deferred until further investigation.

Dec. 1, we received the agenda for the Dec. 4 council meeting. Under "old business", water meter installations. (That seemed logical after last council meeting). We did not put the word out. What a surprise!

That night, with the help of our Deputy Reeve, Mary Jane Elliott, the discussion went from the faulty water meters to the third reading of this bylaw. Three of the council members voted to pass this, two did not. At the insistence of our Deputy Reeve, this was a recorded vote.

The three were Mary Jane Elliott, Cliff Parsons and Betty Cooke. The two that were opposed were Larry Gray and Bob Riddell. Both Gray and Riddell wanted an open meeting to gain public opinion. But, as we can see, they were voted down.

We, too, feel there should be metered water. It is inevitable. However, we also feel that this council should take a serious look at the consumption limit of 20 cubic meters per household and also, at the fact that the meters are faulty.

If they have no problem with these two things they should have no problem letting us know that this bylaw was going for the third reading.

This council was elected because they were to be an *open* council. Have some of our council members forgotten this? Some of the council members seem to be having great difficulty dealing with the matters at hand on a professional instead of a personal level.

Procedures need to be followed. What a better time than now!

Sharron Jordan-Dorey, Linda Foster
The Winchester Ratepayers Association

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.

Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,
I want "Pocahontas Twirl Hair" and "Dance Moves Barbie". I want a black and white teddy bear, and a "Kitty Kitty Kitten" and a surprise present. Thanks for the surprise present from last year.

I wish the whole world haves a Merry Christmas. Thank you Santa.

I have been very good again this year, because my mommy and daddy told me I was. I hope everyone in the world gets a toy for Christmas.

I have a new dog and cat. Please bring them a surprise present.
Love, Sarah Miskiman,
Age 6
Winchester

Dear Santa,
I am happy that you brought me toys last year. I want a black and white teddy bear, a "Kitty Kitty Kitten" and "Nakoma" and "Butterfly Princess Barbie".

Please bring my kitten and puppy a treat.

I love you Santa. I hope everyone has a lovely Christmas. You are nice, Santa. I love you. I am a very good girl.

We will leave cookies for you. I will help mommy bake them.
Love, Laura Miskiman,
Age 4
Winchester

Dear Santa,
My name is Josée. I'm 3 years old. I was good for mummy and daddy. For Christmas I would like some movies, the Walt Disney one, some books, some dolls, a new toothbrush, a guitar, a top, Lots of Kitty in my pocket. I collect them and play makeup. And a small computer. I'll leave you some cookies and milk, for the reindeers I'll leave them some sugar.

I love you Santa. XXOO
Josée Coulthart
Chesterville

Dear Santa,
Do you play hockey at the North Pole? I play for N.D. Novice C #2. I like going to my grandma's on Christmas Da. You must be busy. Could you please get on an All Pro Dunk-It and bring something for my brother Ben.He is ten.
From James Kirkwood
Age 7

Dear Santa,
My name is Blair and I am 6 years old.

At Christmas time I like to see Christmas lights.

I would like you to bring my brother Ryan a new shirt and I would like you to bring dad new pants. Please bring mom a new pink T-shirt.

I hope everyone in the world has a great Christmas
Love Blair Fields
South Mountain

Dear Santa,
I can wait for you to see me. How are your elves? I hope that they are making a lot of toys for people. I will give you some cookies and milk. I want a Doodle Bear, doll in deep red velvet, Sport Barbie and Game Boy.

Can you give my sister Marie, Baby Sister Kelly.
Love Miranda Deschamps
Williamsburg

To Santa,
How is Miss? She better not feed you to much because you won't fit into your suit and how is your reindeer and elves. Here is the stuff I want: Baby Sip 'n Slurp, a big big CD player, a phone that only has batteries, Pog the game, Game Gear game for Game Gear, Earth Worm Jim, Dance Mix 93, Steve Earl, Super Nintendo Game Donkey Kong Country 2, Anne of Green Gabbles.
Love Brittany Baldwin
Williamsburg

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing well and that you and the reindeer are resting for your big trip! I will leave all of you a treat. I have tried to be a good girl and I would like a computer, a pink dress and a Baby Tumbles. If you have an extra baby sister/brother around, I would take good care of her/him and share all my stuff with it.

Have a Merry Christmas!
Kelly Velthuis
Metcalfe

Dear Santa,
I love you. You are the best guy I ever saw. P.S. My name is Carly. I am seven years old. We will put up a sign on our yard saying we'll try harder. I love Santa
Carly Gilchrist

Dear Santa:
My name is Sierra Pemberton. I am 5 years old. I'm trying to be good for mommy and daddy. I like winter and the snow. I love to make snowmen. For Christmas I would like a Doodle Bear, BabyTumbles and Sparkle Pet Cats and Dogs.

My little sister Marleigh would like building blocks and a new baby doll.

We will leave out some cookies for you and carrots for your reindeer. Thank you.
Love,
Sierra and Marleigh Pemberton
Inkerman

Dear Santa:
My name is Alyson Erwin; that's Alyson with a "Y" and Erwin with an "E". I have been a really good girl this year. I would like two Barbies with clothes on and two dresses and a Tumble Baby I saw on TV.

Daddy and Mummy will leave you some Pepsi and chips and sugar for the reindeer and some ketchup.

See you at the parade.
Love,
Alyson Erwin
Hallville
P.S. Don't forget to wave and I'll sit on Kelsey's knee and she can sit on your knee.
P.P.S. And a snow shovel.

Dear Santa:
My name is Kelsey Erwin and I have tried to be good. I would like a computer and an exercise Barbie and a new Ski-Doo helmet. See you at the parade. I love you.
Love,
Kelsey Erwin
Hallville
P.S. And a snow shovel.

Dear Santa,
I want a gold necklace with my name on the necklace and I want a top size 5, pants and a collection of pogs and a box of Christmas candy.

I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Joey Beckstead
P.S. Will you bring Sammy my dog a toy?

Dear Santa,
I like getting your favorite thing that you never saw before, and snow to play in. I like the Christmas decorations and the tree.

I want my brother and sister to get something special. For my mom a new can opener and for my dad a box to put his junk in, and Sam my dog, a ball to play with. For my friend Tyler new roller skates and for Hayley a new doll.

I want Rudolph and Santa and all the reindeers and elves to come to Winchester and Santa's wife too.
Love, Alex Gravelle, 5 years old
Winchester

Dear Santa,
How are you. You and your elves must be very tired from getting ready for Christmas. Mrs. Claus must be busy cooking for all of you. Tell her I said Hi.

I know that you have lots of children to bring gifts to so I will only ask for a few. I really liked the gifts you brought year Christmas.

This year I was good most of the time, so could you bring me the Casper movie, two new Barbies, a few CDs, Clue Jr. and a ring with my birthstone.

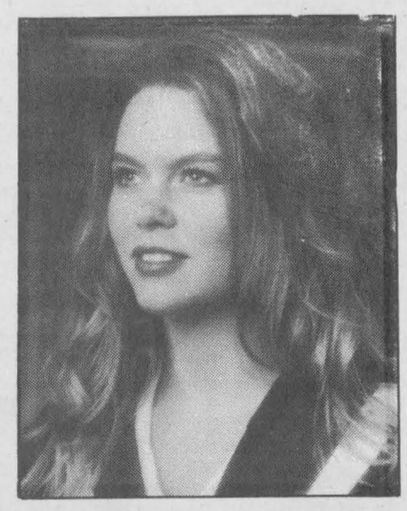
Jessie Orr Brault
P.S. My mom says Hi.

More letters next week



Lisa O'Connor

Lisa O'Connor, daughter of Joey and Marlyn O'Connor, graduated at the fall convocation ceremony at the University of Ottawa with an Honors B.A. in Linguistics. She is presently pursuing a Masters Degree at Ottawa University.



Amy Carkner

On Oct. 28, 1995, at the fall convocation at St. Lawrence College, Kingston, Amy Carkner, daughter of Garry and Mary Carkner of Mountain, graduated from the animal care techniques program. Congratulations Amy from your family and friends.

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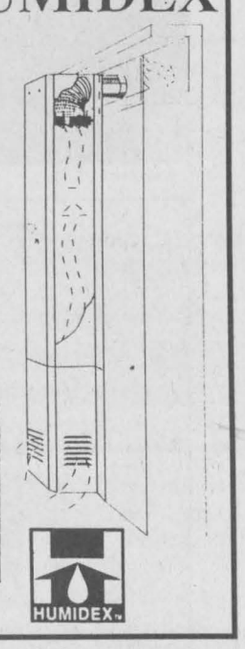

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Guns taken in break-in

WINCHESTER TWP. — Seaway Valley Crime Stoppers needs your help in solving a break and enter that occurred at a Boundary Road residence between 2:30 pm Thursday, Nov. 30 and 6:05 pm on Monday, Dec. 4.

Access was gained through a rear door. Once inside, thieves took the following items: JVC VCR (model HR-0150U, serial number 100J3405), JVC stereo receiver (model RK-20, serial number 13790778), Akai cassette player (model CS-F110), Bose speakers (model Alpha 1), JVC radio (model RC-W210, serial number 105C0347), Winchester 12- gauge shotgun (model 101, serial number K169754), SKB semi-automatic 12-gauge shotgun, Mossberg semi-automatic .22-calibre rifle (model 195K-A), Mossberg bolt action .22-calibre rifle, Henry single shot 12-gauge shotgun (Boher), SKS semi-automatic five shot rifle (Chinese 123), Mossberg semi-automatic .22-calibre rifle.

Remember, Crime Stoppers does not have call display. Conversations are not recorded and callers are always anonymous.

If you have any information on this or any other crime you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to $1,000. Remember we don't want your name but please give us your information. Call Crime Stoppers at 937-8477 or 1-800-265-8477 for long distance calls.

Babies of 1995



The Press will feature the babies born this year.

Photos will appear in our New Year's edition, Wed., Dec. 27, 1995.

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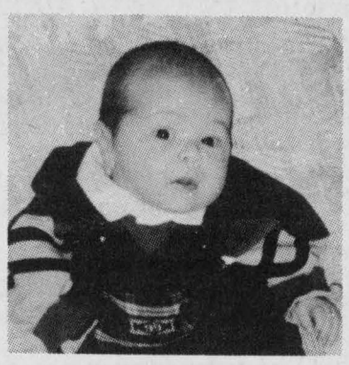
(Babies born in December 1994 also welcomed.)

Sample Ad



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Emotional stories bring memories of wartime back for many speakers

by Gerry McSheffrey

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — The brief general meeting of the St. Daniel's Catholic Women's League in South Mountain which was held on Wed., Nov. 22 in the parish hall was preceded by mass and followed by a recollection of "War Years" in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. President Gladys Lee opened with the league prayer.

Treasurer Cecile Lalonde reported that $1,500 was realized from council's annual bazaar which was held in October. Council wishes to acknowledge all who supported the event with a "sincere thank you".

Communications convener, Gerry McSheffrey, reported that follow-up letters from the White Ribbon Against Pornography campaign were ready to be sent to both federal and provincial ministers, along with white ribbons, to remind them to uphold the law against pornography. As well, a cheque would be sent to Canadians For Decency, the organization which sponsors the WRAP campaign.

Joey O'Connor, education convener, reported that Christmas gifts were ordered for distribution to the children in the parish who attended catechism classes. She also reminded council that Dundas Community Learning Centre, where she is a volunteer, is in need of funds.

Plans were made to visit shut-ins during the Christmas season. As well, council will be assisting the Mountain Lions Club by supporting their food basket drive along with the Parish.

After adjournment of the meeting by Joey O'Connor, the evening was highlighted by the exchange of war stories and viewing of the war memorabilia display. President Gladys Lee welcomed all those present. Joey O'Connor began with the reading of the poem *Why We Wear a Poppy*. Dien Havekes recalled how 50 years ago 8,000 Canadians gave their lives liberating Holland. She spoke about the bonds of friendship which were established between Canada and the Netherlands. She also had a recollection of how her brother, Bill Koekkoek, picked up refugees in a wagon and how they stayed at the family farm. She also related the emotional return when in 1994 she and her husband John were on a tour of Holland with the Osgoode Male Choir. At the Holten Cemetery, wreaths were laid on behalf of Osgoode and Winchester Townships.

Wilhelmina Jansen recalled being 16 years of age at the beginning of World War II. She spoke of being a seamstress and remaking coats and dresses, using white silk from a parachute for trim. She recounted memories of enemy soldiers buying Dutch chocolates and of the closing of Jewish shops, of the Jewish people who were picked up by the enemy and having to wear the yellow star symbol.

Vince Morrow recollected enlisting in 1941, in Ottawa, and being trained as a wireless radio dispatcher, spending 11 months learning Morris code and being on submarine patrol. Albert Koekkoek related a story of a cousin who was too old to join the army but was put on "clean up" duty and was caught by the enemy while trying to smuggle loaves of bread.

John Blom remembered being eight years old and living in Rotterdam where his family of 10 were evacuated from their home in about two hours and they fled to a cloister about 20 kilometres away, leaving behind the family butcher business.

John Berendsen remembered the growing of tobacco and it being sold on the underground market in order to obtain food. Gladys Lee related living in Montreal and having "blackout curtains" on windows as soldiers guarded the ports and canals, the railway being the main means of shipping. She also recalled the black market and rations.

Mary Hall recalled a plane crashing near her family farm.

Monsignor Lynett mentioned a colleague, Father Hendricks, who was ordained in 1940 and was detained in a concentration camp and, whose main food was turnips.

Gladys Lee read a poem which was found on the body of an American soldier in Africa, who for the first time prayed to God.

Joey O'Connor concluded with the reading of *In Flanders Fields*, followed by refreshments. A great evening was enjoyed by all.



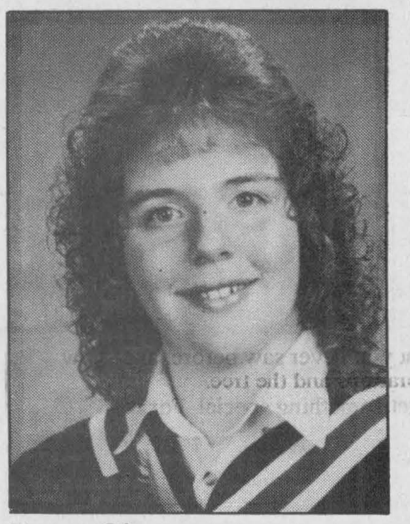
Geggie's gives to WDMH

Jackie Cross of Geggie's Home Hardware gives a cheque to Don Smith, president of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. Geggie's donated $750, through its fundraising efforts, to the institution.

Press Photo —Edwards

Nichol wins spree

WINCHESTER — Paul Nichol of Mountain Township won the Christmas shopping spree sponsored by the merchants of Winchester. Nichol won $1,900 worth of gift certificates, everything from gasoline to clothing. The winning ticket was drawn Dec. 2.



Betty Cinnamon

Betty Cinnamon, daughter of Eileen Cinnamon, graduated from St. Lawrence College Oct. 20, 1995 with her diploma in Practical Nursing Assistant and also has passed her registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario. Congratulations Betty. Love, Mom and Jeremy

Bazaar profitable for St. Paul's

by Betty Larmour

WINCHESTER — The Ladies' Aid of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church met in the church hall on Mon., Dec. 4 for their pot luck supper and regular meeting.

President Moira MacLeod asked the blessing and all enjoyed the delicious food, followed by singing Christmas carols accompanied by Doris Cross at the piano.

A short meeting was held with introduction of guests. Norma Duncan reported on gifts to be delivered to our shut-ins, also two cards were signed by all. Betty Larmour gave the treasurer's report, with $2,052 being realized from the tea and bazaar, which was held on Nov. 11. All agreed to give $2,000 to the Board of Managers.

A collection of loonies in the amount of $40 was given to the snowsuit fund.

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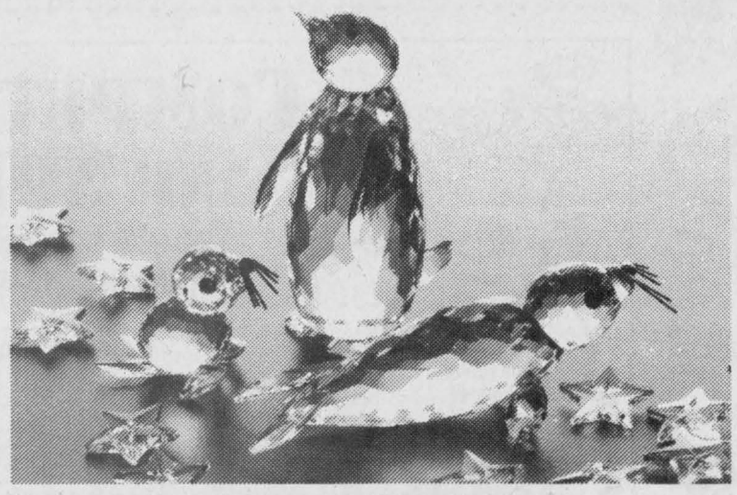
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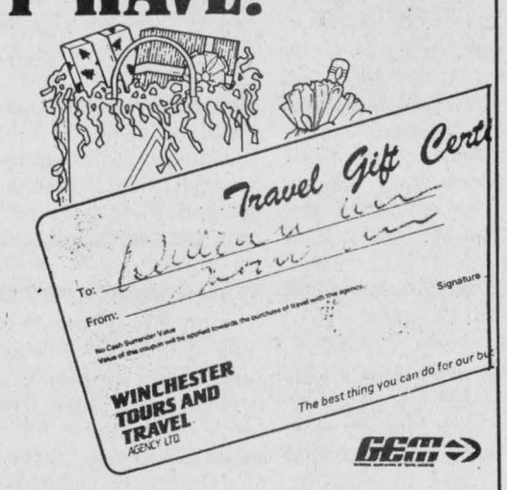

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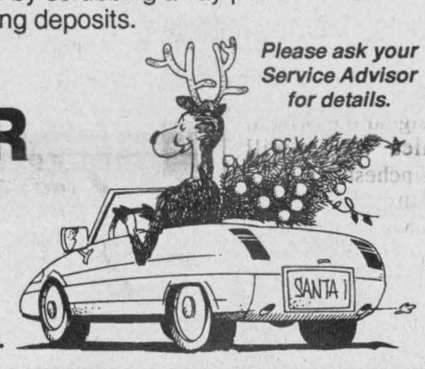

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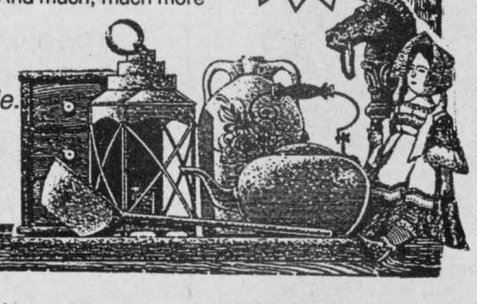

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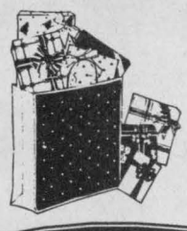

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Lachance makes $400 shot in bonspiel final

WINCHESTER—In spite of a scheduling conflict with the Ottawa Valley Curling Association's 35th annual mixed spiel the Winchester Curling Club managed to attract some top-notch talent to it's 1995 Cash Bonspiel.

The Anne Merklinger rink, Rick Bachand's foursome, Ken Sullivan/Dave Stanley's Winchester Travel combination... not to mention the "A" event finalists J.P. Lachance and Nicole Lefebrve, helped formulate a solid 20-team slate.

Usually a male only competition the Winchester Cash Spiel was designated an open event this time around.

Chairman Dave Levere explained the change to an open format (men's and women's rinks) was just around the corner but with the OVCA event in Ottawa knocking his enrolment down to 20 from the usual 32 rinks the adjustment was made this year.

"Many of the area spiels are open and have been for some time. It (format) actually provides some pretty good competition. This spiel went over very well and next year it will be wide open again," he explained.

Levere says he has contacted the OVCA with his concern over this year's scheduling and confirmed that the 1996 WCC Cash will put a full complement of 32 teams on the ice next December.

LAST SHOT

J.P. Lachance forced Nicole Lefebrve to put her last rock in the house in the 10th end of Sunday afternoon's championship match and then cooly slid the deciding shot into the rings, tapped the Lefebrve stone out of play and stuck for the winning point... in a 5-4 contest.

Lachance and his team of Troy Hickling, Michael Wilson and Scott Esdon claimed $800 for the victory. Lefebrve and her rink of Deb Karbashewski, Jennifer Martin and Diane Sullivan earned $400 as "A" draw runner-up.

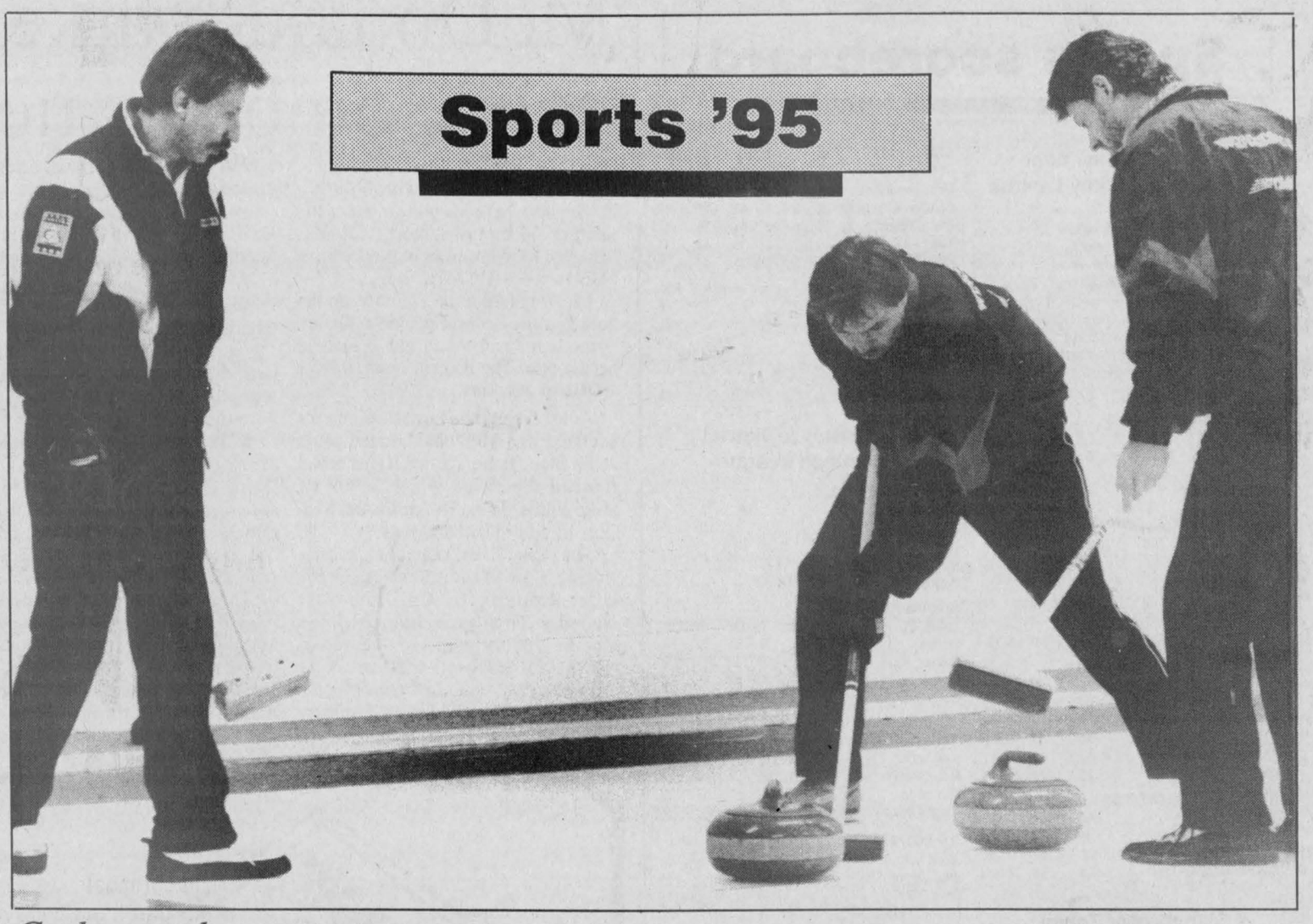
Lachance defeated Winchester's Gary Gallinger in round one, downed the Dunne foursome 5-2, edged Anne Merklinger 5-3, drew a bye to the final and nipped Lefebrve in the final game Sunday afternoon.

Lefebvre defeated Sobering 8-1, Mason 7-3, eliminated Rick Bachand 5-4 and lost by one in the championship match.

In the "B" event Al Solari, Mark Rogers, Jean Leduc and Rene Frigeault downed Jim Gamble, J.P. St. Pierre, Robert St. Pierre and Ashley Craig 10- 3 in the final game and picked up the $300 prize. Gamble collected $200.

Following his open round loss to Ken Sullivan, Solari defeated Patterson and Dave Levere to make the "B" final.

Gamble lost his first game 9-3 to Merklinger but rebounded with three impressive wins. The Russell crew blanked Boucher 8-0, Wert 8-1 and Sobering 9- 3 and qualified for Sunday's showdown.



Cash crunch

One of the games drawing extra attention from fans attending the Winchester Curling Club's Cash Spiel on Saturday featured the Rick Bachand rink and Ken Sullivan's Winchester Travel foursome. Bachand forced the game into an extra end and won it with his last shot, 5-4. Bachand, left, observed Ken Sullivan and Peter Henrikx setting up a guard.

Press Photo—Van Bridger

Boxing Day

WINCHESTER—For the first time in 14 years Winchester will be the site for the Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League's annual Boxing Day Tournament.

The first puck will drop at 9:00 am on Tues., Dec. 26 as the eight-team tourney opens with a game between the St. Lawrence Division's first-place Char-Lan Rebels (16-3-4) and the Metro Division's Metcalfe Jets (9-10-2).

Game two is slated for 10:30 am and will pit the Valley Division leading Perth Blue Wings (17-4-2) against the Rideau Division's South Grenville Rangers (9-11-1).

High noon will signal the official opening ceremonies which will precede the host Winchester Hawks (11-8-3) challenging the Metro Division leading Ottawa West Golden Knights (11-8-1).

The fourth and final opening round contest is set for 2:00 pm and will have the Westport Rideaus, first in the Rideau Division at 16-6-0 going against the Valley Division's powerful Arnprior Packers (13-9-1).

The first semi-final game will go at 3:30 pm and the second at 5:00 pm.

The championship game will get under way at 8:00 pm.

The games are formatted in two 20:00 periods, stop time. In the event of a tie a 5:00 (sudden death) overtime period will be played. If the score is still tied there will be a shootout.

The Winchester Hawks Hockey Club will serve breakfast beginning at 7:00 am. Bar facilities, also in the Winchester and District Arena hall, will open at noon. Meals will be offered during the entire tournament. Minors, who will not be admitted to the arena hall, can enjoy food and refreshments in the Winchester Curling Club lounge during the day.

Devils swept

CORNWALL—It was a clean sweep for the host school here last Wednesday as the Patriotes opened their SD&G High School Basketball League season taking three matches from the visiting North Dundas Devils.

Today NDDHS will play host to their season home opener opening to balance the win/loss ledger.

In the senior game La Citadelle led the Devils 38- 16 at the half and cruised to a 72-42 victory. Steve Ouellette drained a game-high 26 points for the Pats. Roch Lemire was number two shooter hooping 18.

Aaron Lannin paced the Devils' attack hooping 20. Chad McMahon was second high with 11.

Brian Haley hit for 13 leading the Junior Pats to a 58-27 win over North Dundas. The winners were up by eight, 22-14 at the half.

Junior coach Jevon Groves noted that his team was down by just one (9-8) after a quarter and by eight at the half but it turned ugly in the second half.

"It sure wasn't pretty. But we have played just one league and one exhibition game so we certainly hope to develop more as a team," he explained.

La Citadelle made it a clean sweep as the Midgets trimmed the Devils 38-21. Pat Ruest nailed 10 for the Pats and Dave Summers eight points for the Devils.



Goalie Matt Crawley, a former Metcalfe Jets, blocked 29 shots in his first win as a Hawk.

Crawley blocks Rideaus

WINCHESTER—Winchester continues to be a friendly place for the Junior "B" Hawks to play hockey.

Here at home last Friday night they gave the visiting Westport Rideaus a sound thumping beating the Rideau Division's top team 8-3.

Sunday night it was another road kill as the Hawks received a sound 10-5 thrashing from the 15-6-0 Islanders in Gananoque.

The home town Hawks are undefeated in their last four games and sport an 8-3-0 record when playing in Dundas County's "Dairy Capital".

On the road it has been a losing proposition... five losses in seven tries. Although they have earned single points for losses in OT and shoot- outs.

Sunday night in Gananoque the Hawks were without Ryan Nichol, Eric Savard, Jeff Scobie and Chad Barnhart and let a close game transform into a 10- 5 loss.

Chris Dunn worked the nets and he and his mates were down by just one, 3-2 after a period and by four (7-3) after 40 minutes.

Terry O'Sullivan, Chris Mann, Garth Byrnes, Jared Hebbs and Jason Ross logged the Winchester goals.

Friday night in Winchester Chris Bailey gave the Hawks a 1-0 first-period lead over the Westport Rideaus.

Eric Savard (SHG), Ryan Nichol, Shane Stroughair and Nichol (again) found the twine in period two as the Rideaus fell behind 5-3.

Terry O'Sullivan netted his 14th and 15th of the season in period three and Jeff Scobie his team- leading 16th as the final count rose to 8-3.

Matt Crawley, formerly of the Metcalfe Jets, got the start and stopped 29 of 32 shots.

Rob Coon, Mark Hartley (PPG) and Pete Cunningham (PPG) notched the Rideau goals.

Nichol (2), Stroughair (2), Garth Byrnes (2), Rob Raistrick (2), Ryan McElroy (2), Miguel Lafleche (2), O'Sullivan, Jason Ross and Matt Kossatz all earned assists.

THIS WEEK

Winchester will play host to the Kemptville 73s this Friday night (Dec. 15) and Sunday (Dec. 17) hit the road for an afternoon (2:15 pm) matinee in Morrisburg against the Lions.

Devils overpower Saints

MAPLE RIDGE—It was a perfect opening to North Dundas's SD&G girls high school volleyball season.

All three squads posted victories here last Wednesday and sent the St. Lawrence Saints back to Cornwall without a point.

The North Dundas Junior Devils feature a completely new lineup (just one player returned) And in spite of their inexperience embarrassed the Saints 15-0 and 15-1.

"It was the first game out so both teams didn't know what to expect," commented coach Kelly Durant.

Durant did not know what to expect from her team but was pleasantly surprised with the results.

"They (Devils) played more like a mid-season team in terms of communicating and digging." Durant added, "We have quite a few kids with a lot of talent so that's an advantage. St. Lawrence did some things right but just not enough of them."

Seven of last year's Midget Devils team, three grade nine and Linda Patenaude (last year junior) make up the team.

"It's the first time I have grade nines on the team. I keep losing my whole team every year so it's nice to have a couple of people to build with next year."

SENIOR DEVILS

The Senior Devils also made an impressive start in their SD&G campaign defeating the Saints in straight sets, 15-5 and 15-7.

"We played well for the first game of the season," noted coach Patti Hall.

"At first we didn't do a whole lot of attacking but later on we were able to get some shots in."

The Devils are hoping to return to the SD&G finals this year but have just three returning players.

"Hopefully all of the other schools will be in the same boat," Hall said.

Maggie Graham, Andrea Flowers and Carrie Fawcett are the returnees.

In spite of the strong start, Hall is waiting to see the results following upcoming matches against the Gaels and Patriotes.

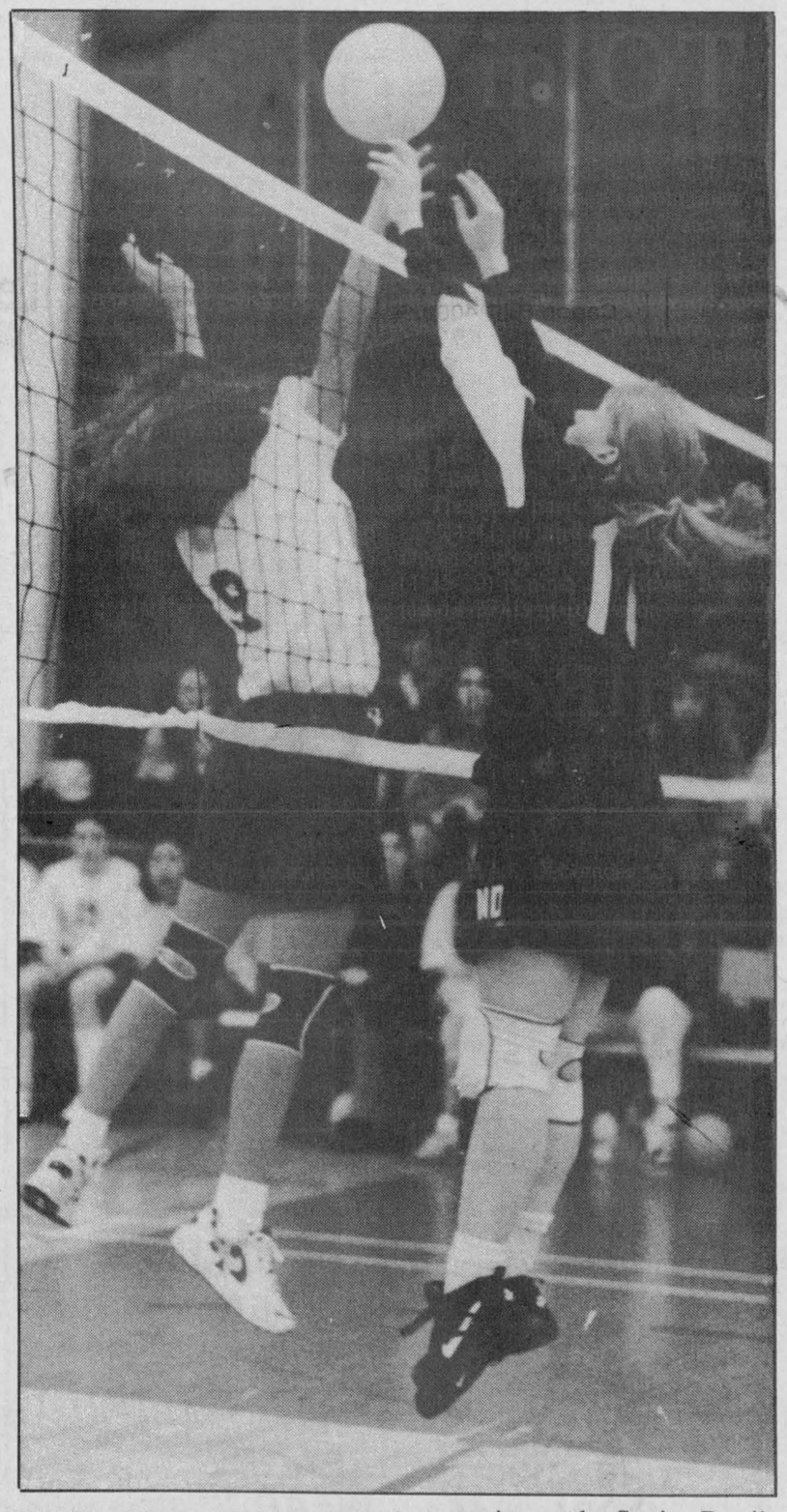
MIDGET DEVILS

After dropping an opening 15-8 decision to the Saints the Midget Devils bounced back and won the match with set victories of 15-6 and 15-7.

"The girls were nervous because it was their first game but once they felt out the court they got it back," stated coach Emily Slowey.

The coach noted that both Cara Berends and Tracie Veley were solid from the serving line.

This week the Devils were in Alexandria to take on the Glengarry Gaels (Dec. 12). Tomorrow (Thurs., Dec. 14) they will host the powerful La Citadelle Patriotes.



Chrissy Linton, right, rose to the occasion as the Senior Devils swept the Saints 2-0. Press Photo—Van Bridger

Regalbuto sinks six shots, Jets win in OT

METCALFE—Veteran forward Kevin Regalbuto almost single handedly destroyed the Shawville Jr. "B" Pontiacs here last Friday.

In an EOJBHL match between the Metro Division and Valley Division Pontiacs Regalbuto stole the show scoring six times. He also drew an assist for a seven-point night.

And stealing the show was no easy task because Shawville's Jeff Gibbons matched Regalbuto's goal production netting six of his own, including five in the third period alone.

But the game's first star has to go to Metcalfe's No. 11... Kevin Regalbuto because he turned a play started by Kevin Breton into the game-winning goal at 4:50 of overtime.

Metcalfe took a wild 9-8 decision in a match that dares not be described as a goaltenders' duel and in the process improved their record to 9-10-2.

This week Bob Dumelie and Bob Kemp will try and guide their troops back to and maybe above the 500 level. Wednesday (Dec. 13) they take the Jets into the Canterbury Arena to meet the South Ottawa Canadians and Sunday (Dec. 17) afternoon (2:15 pm) it's back home to the Larry Robinson Arena to meet the Goulbourn Royals.

RALLY TIME

Friday night Shawville skated out to a 2-0 lead in the opening stanza on markers by Gibbons (his first of six) and Pat Groulx.

Ryan Wood snapped in the third Pontiac tally at 3:23 of the middle frame but it was only good enough to close the gap to 4-3, because the Jets had broken from the gate with four consecutive goals.

Regalbuto hit at 17:25 from Scott Bearss and Kevin Breton. Don Osborne then cracked a relay from Regalbuto and Garnet Walker in off the post at 14:32. Regalbuto made it 3-2 with help from Quinn Peel at 6:37 and Bruce Buckland canned a feed from Jeff Hay and Kevin Collins at 4:32 to put the Jets up 4-2.

Metcalfe continued to blister shots at Cedric Caron in the Shawville net early in the third and found themselves ahead 7-4 on three Regalbuto goals and one by Chad Guy.

Shawville put together a rally of their own and on five Gibbons goals roared into an 8-7 lead. Regalbuto tied it up scoring from Osborne 3:51 before the end of regulation time and finally decided the issue on another Regalbuto shot at 4:50 of OT.

JET MANOEUVRES

In some recent player transactions Metcalfe has obtained goalie Pat Nadeau (19) from Arnprior. Goalies Derek Mason (19) and Matt Crawley (18) went the other way, although Crawley, left unprotected, has since wound up in Winchester with the Hawks. The Jets also obtained a defenceman to be named later and future considerations.

Metcalfe also obtained defenceman Scott Bearess (20) from South Ottawa for young blueliners Jeff Campbell (16) and Dallas Ashford (15).

In an earlier deal Shane Stroughair (18) went to Winchester for Mike Nannini (17) a no-show for the Hawks this year.

The Jets have Kevin Regalbuto (17-24-41) in third place in the Metro Division scoring race. Kevin Collins (4-25-29) is ninth and Kevin Breton (13-14-27) is in 10th spot.

Sports scoreboard

Rideau-St. Lawrence Junior "B" Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS

Dec. 6: Kemptville 6, Brockville 4

Dec. 8: Winchester 8, Westport 3
Alexandria 6, Brockville 5
S. Grenville at Morrisburg PPD

Dec. 9: S. Grenville 7, Alexandria 1
Gananoque 4, Char-Lan 3
Morrisburg 8, Westport 4

Dec. 10: Gananoque 10, Winchester 5
Char-Lan 6, Athens 3

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
Rideau Division						
Westport	16	6	0	117	77	33
Gananoque	15	6	0	127	82	30
South Grenville	9	11	1	93	96	21
Athens	7	14	1	82	127	16
Brockville	4	19	0	70	133	9
St. Lawrence Division						
Char-Lan	16	3	4	143	85	38
Kemptville	12	7	4	108	83	30
Winchester	11	8	3	98	119	27
Morrisburg	9	9	2	115	115	21
Alexandria	3	18	1	87	142	8

**Teams losing in overtime or shootout receive 1 point.*

ST. LAWRENCE DIV. TOP SCORERS

	G	A	Pts.
Marc Bellemare, Char-Lan	37	36	73
Chad Duguay, Morrisburg	22	37	59
Dave Campbell, Char-Lan	20	32	52
Chad White, Morrisburg	14	29	43
Geoff Hare, Morrisburg	20	22	42

RIDEAU DIV. TOP SCORERS

	G	A	Pts.
Eric Cole, Gananoque	24	19	43
Corey Compeau, Gananoque	21	22	43
Karl Herbison, Athens	23	18	41

Winchester Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:
Week 11 (Dec. 5):
Boyd Chrysler Rams 4, CountryBoy Kings 2
Funtastic Pools Flyers 4, Country Kitchen Stars 3

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
CountryBoy Kings	7	2	2	40	20	16
Country Kitchen Stars	5	4	2	50	30	12
Funtastic Pools Flyers	4	6	1	34	43	9
Boyd Chrysler Rams	3	7	1	29	57	7

TOP SCORERS	G	A	Pts.
Darrell Shelp, Country Kitchen	18	14	32
Wally Vandekemp, Country Kitchen	10	10	20
Tim Beach, CountryBoy	5	13	18
Mark Guy, CountryBoy	8	9	17
John Guy, Country Kitchen	6	11	17
Keith Moore, CountryBoy	11	5	16
Brad Hanes, Funtastic Flyers	8	6	14
Todd Findlay, CountryBoy	7	7	14
Dean Williams, Country Kitchen	5	8	13
Brett Fitzsimmons, Boyd Rams	6	4	10

Chesterville Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:
Week 11 (Dec. 5):
Red Dogs 6, Green Hornets 5
White Knights 3, Black Aces 2

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
Black Aces	8	3	0	58	42	16
Red Dogs	7	4	0	61	45	14
Green Hornets	4	7	0	56	68	8
White Knights	3	8	0	39	54	6

TOP SCORERS	G	A	Pts.
Darrell Shelp, Green	14	16	30
Kent Young, Black	14	15	29
John Luimes, Red	8	17	25
Kris Young, Red	8	13	21
Kevin Henry, White	18	2	20
Chris Van Bridger, Red	8	11	19
Ray Sherrer, Black	9	8	17
Jason Ouellette, Black	7	8	15
John Tessier, Black	4	11	15
Gary Beisheim, Green	8	6	14

Metcalfe Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:
Week 13 (Dec. 10):
Continental Mushroom 5, McVey Insurance 1
Pronto Food Rangers 6, Hicks Insurance 4
31 Esso Ducks 3, Tom's Air Cooled 0

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
31 Esso Ducks	8	3	2	45	38	18
McVey Insurance	6	5	2	45	38	14
Continental Mushroom	6	6	1	43	31	13
Pronto Foods	6	6	1	40	35	13
Tom's Air Cooled	5	7	1	36	42	11
Hicks Insurance	4	8	1	33	44	9

TOP SCORERS	G	A	Pts.
Jim Bezanson, CM	12	14	26
Barry Kerfoot, McV	11	12	23
Jeff Stanley, Esso	8	12	20
Steve Corlyon, TAC	10	9	19
Tyrone Franey, Esso	11	6	17
Rick Bloom, CM	6	11	17

Winchester & District Broomball League

RECENT RESULTS:
Week 12 (Dec. 10):
Ormond 3, Manotick 1
Newington 1, Toyes Hill 1
Morewood 6, Winchester 1
Prescott Road 3, Mountaineers 0

STANDINGS "A" POOL	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
Ormond	10	2	0	51	13	20
Prescott Road	9	2	1	31	18	19
Morewood	8	3	1	47	17	17
Manotick	8	4	0	22	24	16
"B" POOL						
Toyes Hill	4	7	1	9	32	10
Newington	2	8	2	19	38	7
Mountaineers	2	8	2	22	28	6
Winchester	1	10	1	11	37	4

**Teams losing in overtime receive bonus point*

TOP SCORERS	G	A	Pts.
Jason Norman, OR	12	11	23
Brian Como, MOR	12	8	20
Dave Coir, OR	10	8	18
Dan McDiarmid, OR	3	14	17
Steve Norman, OR	7	8	15
Paul Downey, OR	5	9	14
Gerald Eby, MOR	5	9	14
Joey Hillis, MOR	3	11	14
Chad Benoit, PR	5	8	13

Osgoode Women's Broomball League

RECENT RESULTS:
Week 13 (Dec. 6):
Osgoode Nighthawks 2, Prescott Road 1
Sweepettes 1, Outcasts 1 (OT)
Kemptville 3, Red Dot Cafe 0

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GE	GA	Pts.
Osgoode	12	0	1	34	6	22
Kemptville	9	3	1	34	13	22
Sweepettes	5	6	2	13	15	12
Red Dot	4	8	1	6	23	10
Outcasts	2	8	3	8	17	9
Prescott Road	3	10	0	10	25	6

**Teams losing in overtime receive bonus point*

TOP SCORERS	G	A	Pts.
Nancy McDiarmid, Kemptville	9	6	15
Wendy Achtereekte, Kemptville	7	5	12
Debbie Ledger, Kemptville	4	8	12
Marie Shelp, Osgoode	7	4	11
Carol Robinson, Osgoode	6	5	11
Debbie Shaver, Osgoode	6	5	11
Colleen McFadden, Kemptville	6	3	9
Evelyn Nooyen, Osgoode	5	4	9

Winchester & District Ladies' Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:
Week 10:
CountryGirl 5, Stewart's Classics 0
Annable's Jewellery 3, Andy's Food Town 3
Double Beauty wins by default over Sports Unlimited

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
Double Beauty	9	0	1	40	7	19
Annable's Jewellery	6	0	4	20	9	16
CountryGirl	5	4	1	20	21	11
Sports Unlimited	3	6	1	14	19	7
Andy's Food Town	2	7	1	20	33	5
Stewart's Classics	1	8	0	6	31	2

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	Pts.
Nancy McDiarmid, DB	16	11	27
Tanya Blais, DB	8	8	16
Amy Fraser, DB	10	4	14
Jennifer Banford, AJ	7	5	12
Nancy Beavers, AF	3	8	11
Carolyn Herfkens, AF	6	3	9
Barb Canham, CG	6	3	9
Rhonda Winter, DB	4	5	9

McDonald marker nets Combines tie

SMITHS FALLS—Paul McDonald scored the tying goal with 4:09 left in the game here Monday night as the visiting Kemptville/North Dundas Midget "B" Combines battled Smiths Falls to a 4-4 UCMHL tie.

McDonald put the Demons on the board in the second period after the home team had taken a 1-0 lead in period one. The Rideaus were up 4-1 after two sessions.

Arlo Graham-Cowell, Charles Seymour and McDonald potted goals in the final frame. Myles Hanscombe guarded the twine while Seymour, Mike Ennis, Mike Deighton and McDonald all collected assists.

The Combines skated to a convincing 8-3 win over the South Grenville Rangers in Cardinal last Thursday. Thomas Seabrooke led the way to victory with a three-goal, two-assist effort. Calvin Hull chipped in two goals and two helpers. Paul McDonald and Jarrett Simpson snapped home singles as their team cruised into a 5-3 lead after two periods.

Ben Lang, Jason Cecchini, Mike Ennis, Simpson, Hull (2) and Seabrooke (2) engineered the plays.

A visiting squadron of Athens Flyers shot down the Demons 5-3 in Chesterville last Friday night.

North Dundas trailed 1-0 after a period but responded with a pair of second-period goals to keep pace with the Flyers.

Mike Ennis knotted it up at a goal scoring from Mike Deighton and Darcy Roberts at 12:53 only to have Athens go up 2-1 at 9:11. But just a minute later Phillip Carkner tied it up 2-2 scoring on a pass provided by Arlo Graham-Cowell.

Thomas Seabrooke pumped in a relay from Charles Seymour and Jennifer MacDonald at 14:51 of the final frame to send the Demons into a 3-2 lead but the lead wasn't enough. Athens netted three unanswered goals and left town with a 5-3 victory.



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Bantams win two

KINGSTON—Barret Brundige blocked all but one shot here Saturday night backing the North Dundas Bantam "B" Demons in a convincing 8-1 UCMHL victory over the Kingston Township Titans.

The Titans' only goal was scored in the final 3:00 of the second period after the Demons had taken a 5-0 lead.

Joey Hillis scored a pair of second-period goals and drew two assists. Brad Filion connected for goals in the second and third frames and collected two helper points and matched Hillis' four-point effort. Colin Fossitt scored once and helped out on two goals. Defenceman Justin Heuff, Justin Gravelle and Jeff West each were good for a goal and one assist. Jeff Beck (2) and Matt Cormier also helped out on the scoring plays.

The victory was the second straight for the Demons over Kingston Township following an 8-2 decision posted Dec. 1 in Chesterville.

Brad Filion and captain Jeff West each drove in a pair of goals while Joey Hillis, Colin Fossitt, Marty Link and Steve Mattice snapped in singles. Mattice (2), Justin Gravelle (2), Hillis (2), Justin Heuff, Jeff Beck, West and Fossitt engineered the goals.

North Dundas sandwiched a 4-1 loss to the North Leeds Stars in Westport between the wins over Kingston Township. Joey Hillis (unassisted) notched his team's only goal



Dundas champs

Timothy Christian School dropped their first set 12-15 to St. Cecilia's but bounced back to win their match by 15-12 and 15-1 counts to become the 1995 Dundas County Senior Elementary Boys volleyball champions. Nationview Public School hosted the nine-team competition last week. Front, left, Danny Postma, Tony Vander Veen, Randy Tibben, Zack Luimes. Back, left, Dave Vandermeer, Chris Craig, Ben Van Gilst, coach - Heine Veerman.

Press Photo—Van Bridger

Six goal effort by Guy

WINCHESTER—Ryan Guy continues to carry the hot Sherwood for the North Dundas Atom "C" Warriors.

Guy, team captain, scored once in the first period of Sunday's UCMHL game, added four more goals in the middle stanza and dented twine a sixth time in the final frame as the Warriors thumped the visiting South Grenville Rangers 16-3.

North Dundas led 6-1 after a period and 13-2 after two.

Mark Coville fired home all three Ranger goals but Warrior goalie Mathew Gibeault had more than enough offensive support.

In addition to Guy's six goals the Warriors got three each from Chris Thompson and Shawn Blais. Jason Crump drilled in two while Kris Blais and Rory Clement slapped in singles. Thompson (5), Shawn Blais (3), Kris Blais (2), Devin Carruthers (2), Darren Guy, Mike Zubatuk, Adam Schoones and Clement all earned assists.

The Warriors now sport a league record of 8-0-1.

Last Tuesday in Morrisburg the Warriors knocked off the White Lions 3-1 in league play. Mathew Gibeault missed the perfect game with 1:26 left in the second when Lion shooter Matt Hicks fooled him.

Rory Clement scored two of the North Dundas goals and Ryan Guy knocked in the final one with 4:00 to go in the game. Chris Thompson (2), Darren Guy, Devin Carruthers and Ryan Guy picked up assists.

EXHIBITION PLAY

Exhibition play produced a win and a loss for Peter Guy's squad last week.

Saturday in Ottawa the Warriors scalped the South End Red Dogs 3-0 to improve their record to 5-1-0.

Goalie Matt Gibeault was strong in front of the string while his mates supplied him with a three- goal cushion.

Devin Carruthers scored in the first period and then Chris Thompson pumped home two in the last stanza. Darren Guy (2), Thompson, Matthew Baker and Jason Crump all collected assists.

Friday night in Winchester Osgoode Rideau handed the Warriors their first loss beating them 5-2 in an exhibition match. Chris Thompson and Jason Crump were the goal getters.

Eastman powers Express

FINCH—Chris Eastman came through with a pair of goals leading the North Stormont Express to a convincing 6-4 EOJCHL victory over the 14-3-0 Embrun 72s last Friday night.

It was just the second win of the game campaign for the Express and couldn't be stretched into a two-game win string. Because the next time out North Stormont gave up three powerplay and one shorthanded goal in a 7-1 loss to the Rockland Nats (14-3-0).

Dominic Bissonnette scored the lone goal against Rockland cashing in a pass from Jason McDonald and Ian Henderson with 5:36 left on the clock.

The Express led Embrun 1-0 after a period and had the defending league champs tied up 4-4 after 40 minutes.

Beside the two-goal effort provided by Eastman the Express got singles from Jason McDonald, Christian Charlebois, Mike Rodger and Tom Cooper. Michael Yelle, Scott Redmond, Chris Lefebvre, Lance Ouderkirk, Mike Dowdell, Eastman, Julien Benoit, Dominic Bissonnette and Eastman all collected assists.

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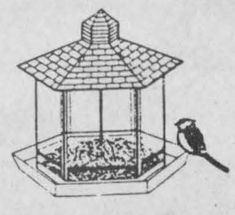

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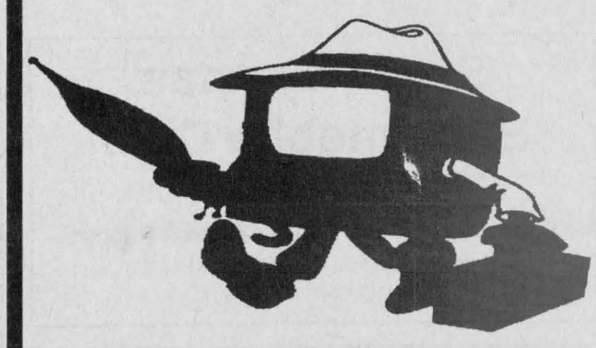

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Maroons tie Blues 3-3

WINCHESTER—Nancy Beavers picked up a relay provided by Tara Berry and poked it into Carrie Nolan's net with just 0:01 left on the clock to give Andy's Food Town Maroons a 3-3 tie with the Annable's Jewellery Blues.

Sunday morning's last-second tie with the second place Blues (6-0-4) enabled the Maroons to improve their Winchester and District Ladies Hockey League record to 2-7-1.

It was tied 2-2 at the half. Tara Berry opened the game up scoring from Heather Erwin and Carolyn Herfkens at 12:50. The Blues evened it up at the 8:20 mark on Laurie Barkley's unassisted goal.

Berry netted her second goal at 5:40 when she completed a play started by Herfkens and Marilyn Collins but the Maroons' 2-1 lead only held up until Jen Banford scored on a feed from Kim McDiarmid 0:20 before the intermission.

The Blues took a 3-2 lead at 14:42 of the second stanza when McDiarmid (assisted by Colleen Porteous and Cathy Little) beat Laurie McDiarmid. They held on until Beavers cracked in the tying marker with just 0:01 left on the clock.

The first-place Double Beauty Stylists (9-0-1) picked up an easy two points when the Sports Unlimited Reds defaulted.

In the other contest the number three ranked CountryGirl Shop (5-4-1) got a perfect effort from goalie Lori Garlough (first shutout) as they whitewashed the last-place Stewart Classics 5-0.

Barb Canham led the winner's attack scoring three times. Wanda McKinstry supplied a goal and one assist and Gale Smith fired in one goal. Lorna Gove-Smith (2), Jane Hendrikx (2), Sue Whelan and Debbie Henderson all drew assists.



Big kick

Jason Beaudry, middle, earned top honors (brown belt - fighting) competing in the prestigious 24th Annual Quebec Karate Champion Tournament recently. Fellow Winchester Karate Club members Andrew Carkner (blue/brown - fighting), left, and Daniel Carkner (orange/green - fighting) battled their ways to fourth place finishes. Press Photo—Van Bridger

Charlebois gives Knights win

CHESTERVILLE—Denis Charlebois chose an opportune moment to score his first goal of the season.

The White Knight forward turned a play started by Gary Geertsma and Kevin Henry into a goal as he snapped a 2-2 tie with 7:23 left in the game. The shot lifted the fourth-place Knights (3-8-0) to a 3-2 victory over the Chesterville Town Hockey League's first-place Black Aces (8-3-0).

In the opening half of last Wednesday's twin bill Chris Van Bridger's second goal of the game proved to be the winner as the Red Dogs edged the Green Hornets 6-5.

With the victory the "Dawgs" moved to 7-4-0 and to within a win of the league-leading Aces. The Green Hornets at 4-7-0 stayed two points up on the Knights.

Kent Young gave the Aces a 1-0 lead when Mark Chayer set up his 14th goal of the year at 24:24 of the first half. Troy Helmer countered that play when he cashed in a feed from Kirk Tallman and Greg Kelly at 20:41. The count remained tied 1-1 at the half.

Ray Sherrer beat Jim Hume on a play engineered by John Tessier and Pete VanKessel at 19:09 of the second stanza as the Aces went up by one (2-1).

But nine minutes later the Knights knotted the score at 2-2 when Kevin Henry (18th goal) blasted a pass from Chris "Willy" Williams into Craig Smith's net. That set the stage for Charlebois to put home the winner at 7:23.

DOGS 6 - HORNETS 5

Chris "Sid" Van Bridger and Gary "Woody" Klein- Swormink put together two-goal, one assist efforts as the Red Dogs held on for a 6-5 win over the Green Hornets.

Klein-Swormink, John Luimes and Scotty Barkley gave the Dogs their first-half goals and a 3-2 half time lead.

Barry McShane and Gary Beisheim countered for the Hornets.

In the second stanza Van Bridger hit at 28:00 and 12:03 and Klein-Swormink at the 14:20 mark but the Hornets were buzzing and closed to within a goal as McShane netted his second and Ken "Hound" Byers scored twice to make it interesting at the buzzer.

John Mackler (3), Kris Young, Van Bridger, Barkley, Klein-Swormink and Whitteker picked up assists for the Dogs while Chris Berkers (2), Anthony Mann (2), Darrell Shelp (2), Don "Don" Marcellus and Dave VanDelst set up the Hornet markers.

Continental Stars on rise

METCALFE—Goals from five different shooters sparked the Continental Mushroom Stars to a 5-1 victory over the McVey Insurance Leafs here Sunday morning.

Doug Harvey, Rick Bloom, Shane Patterson, and Ken Quaile scored to put the Stars up 4-1 at the half. Jim Bezanson iced the decision scoring his 12th of the season 4:21 before the final buzzer.

Mitch Lavergne missed the goose egg by a shot. Barry Kerfoot put the Leafs on the board scoring from Marc Branchaud and Chris Reaney at 10:32 of the first half.

Moe Robinson (2), Rick Bloom (2), Steve Whitteker, Andy Donaldson, Harvey, Derek Burleigh and Patterson all earned assists in a winning cause.

The victory stretched the Stars undefeated string to seven. They have six wins and a tie over seven weeks and have risen from last place in the Metcalfe Town Hockey League standings into third spot. After an 0-6-0 start the Stars are now 6-6-1 and five points out of first place.

Rick Corlyon notched two goals and drew an assist leading the Pronto Food Rangers (6-6-1) to a 6-4 come-from-behind win over the Hicks Insurance Devils (4-8-1). Stu Patterson and Mike Doyle supported the cause with a goal and three assist efforts. Humberto Medeiros scored the winning goal at 17:35 of the second half. He also added two helpers. Greg McLaren scored once and set up a goal. Bob Kemp drew two assists and Roger Kargus posted the win.

The Devils led 4-1 at the half on Jim Brown's three-goal effort and a singleton by Stephan Rawlings but couldn't hang on to the lead.

Bill Jamieson was unbeatable backstopping the first-place 31 Esso Ducks (8-3-2) in a 3-0 win over Tom's Air Cooled Engine Flyers (5-7-1). Jeff Stanley, Tyrone Franey and Gaetan Forgues snapped in the pucks on passes provided by Bill Robinson, Ken Duncan, Kevin McManus and Stanley.

Glens by eight

CHESTERVILLE—They got behind early and never recovered.

The host North Dundas Midget "A" Demons trailed the Alexandria Glens 2-0 after 20 minutes and found themselves in a deep hole after two periods, down 6-1.

Andrew Carkner clicked on a play engineered by Rob Graham and Derik Gates at 14:29 of the third session to close the gap up a little to 6-2 but it was 10-2 for the visitors by game's end.

Rob Desormeaux scored on a break set up by goalie Daryl Beck with 0:16 left in the second period to account for the first North Dundas goal.

Cents post two wins

CHESTERVILLE—Doug Coleman scored four times and his brother Dave added three goals to the offence as the Winchester Centennials defeated the Mountain Bootleggers 8-3 here last Saturday.

Dan Lecours scored the other marker while Dave "Rotor Rooter" McClenaghan picked up the game's "Mario" award.

Last Thursday in Winchester the Cents dropped 10-4 decision to the visiting Maxville Old Timers. Reg Hyndman, Pete Filion, Larry Moore and Don Griffith fired in the goals. Geoff "Pick Pocket" Summers was the "Mario" recipient.

In their previous outing on Dec. 5 the Cents edged the Inkerman Classics 5-4. Neil Beckstead, Dave Coleman, Dave McClenaghan, Pete Filion and Geoff Summers potted the goals.

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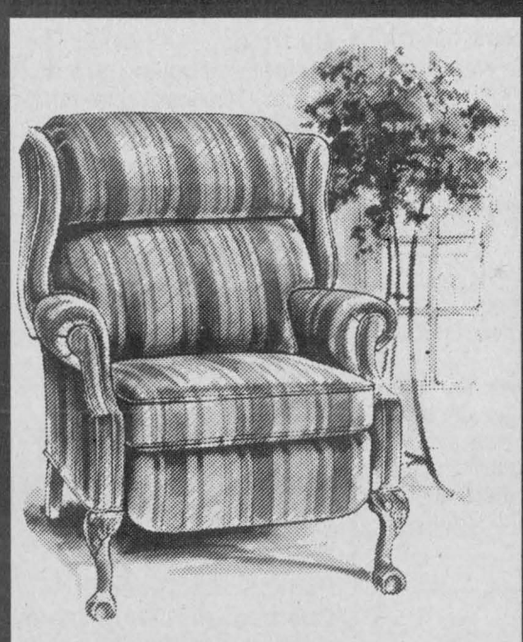

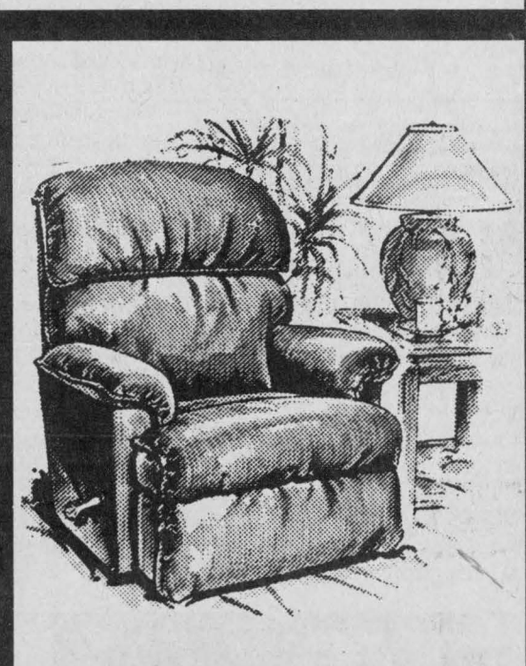

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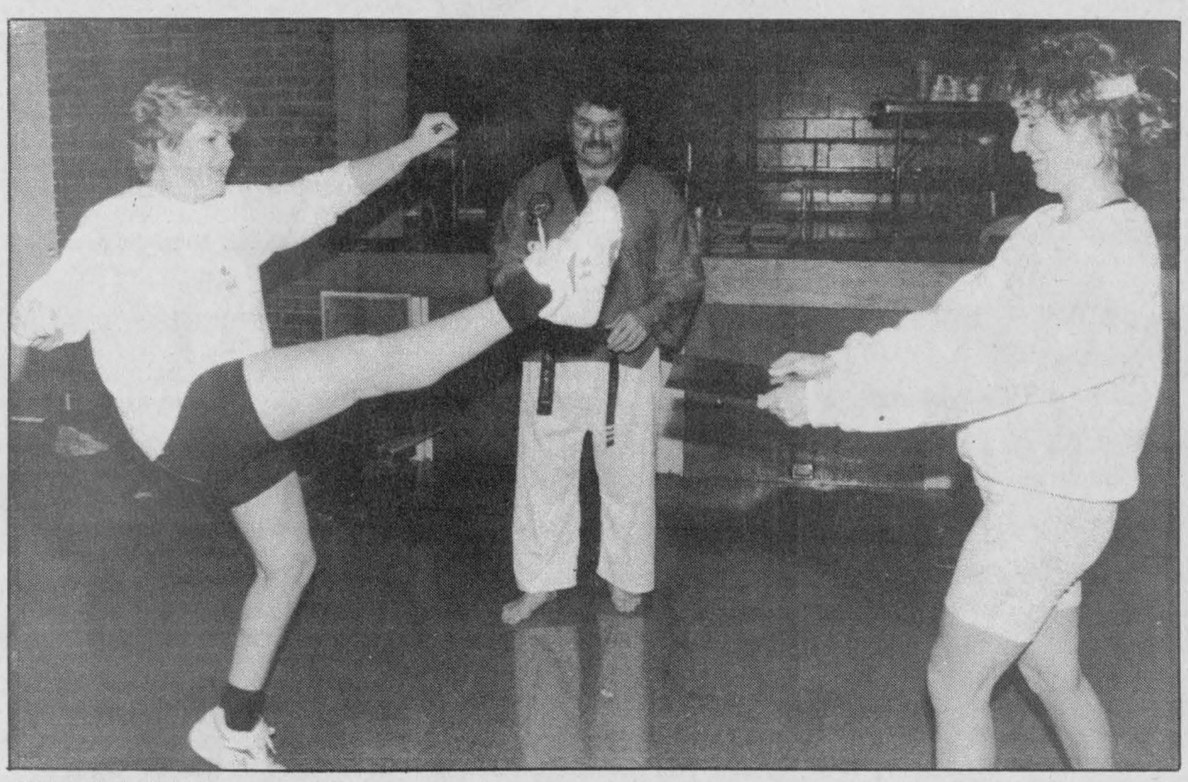

Health kick

Nancy Baldwin, left, and Maureen Billiald practised kicks on an old X-ray sheet during a recent Fit For Heart fundraiser at Dixons Corners Public School. Tae Kwon Do instructor Mike Lecuyer, centre, led this portion of the evening, followed by a weights and aerobics session conducted by Billiald. The proceeds of the event will go to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Press Photo—Robinson

Pucks tie on McBain goal

PRESCOTT—Kyle Stewart and Mike Tutton did the leg work getting the puck into scoring position, captain Trent McBain pulled the trigger and fired in the tying goal with just 1:32 left in the game.

McBain's goal gave the North Dundas Mighty Pucks a 3-3 tie with the South Grenville Atom "C" Rangers and further strengthened the team's 8-0-1 record.

The Pucks played three UCMHL games in three days and put together two wins and a tie. Their efforts have the Pucks tied for first place with the North Dundas Warriors and those teams are slated to square off in a showdown match this week (Thurs. Dec. 14 in Chesterville at 6 pm).

Over their three-game weekend the Pucks blanked South Grenville No. One Rangers 5-0, doubled the Flyers 4-2 in Athens and tied the No. Two Rangers 3-3.

Coach Bill Brannen says his team play[illegible] well earning five of six points. He s[illegible]s goalie Robert Lacelle was strong in the nets posting his second shutout of the season and noted a great effort by Brett Bird who netted five goals and two assists in those three games.

Saturday's match in Prescott was knotted 1-1 after a period. The No. Two Rangers led 3-2 after two forcing McBain to come up with the winning goal. Brett Bird ripped in the first two Puck markers. McBain, Kyle Stewart and Mike Tutton all helped out on the scoring plays. Stewart and Tutton set up the tying goal.

The day before in Athens North Dundas took a 1-0 first-period lead on the Flyers en route to a 4-2 victory in Center 76. Kyle Stewart scored in the first period. Brett Bird found the target for the next two markers, including the winner at 5:37 of the third stanza. McBain snapped in number four 0:02 before the final buzzer. Tyler Burke and Ben Mead picked up an assist each.

Robert Lacelle registered the shutout as the Pucks pasted the No. One Rangers 5-0 last Thursday.

Patrick Pomainville put the Pucks on the board scoring the winning goal on Brett Bird's feed at 3:52 of the first period. Ben Mead made it 2-0 scoring in period two. Tim Johnston banged in the last two in the final frame. Bird (2), Tyler Burke, Mead, Kyle Stewart and Scott Brannen all earned assists.

Outcasts tie Sweepettes

OSGOODE—They couldn't decide anything through 60 minutes of regulation time so the Sweepettes and Outcasts took their Osgoode Ladies Broomball League encounter into overtime.

And the extra session produced the same result... no decision.

In overtime the Sweepettes (5-6-2) took a 1-0 lead at the 1:13 mark on Kim Casselman's goal. But 0:37 before the buzzer the Outcasts (2-8-3) avoided defeat when Anne Jamieson batted a pass from Laurie Crawford into the net.

Goalies Mary Chartrand and Alice Kelleher played perfectly in regulation time.

Kemptville improved its record to 9-3-1 by blanking the Red Dot Cafe (4-8-1) 3-0.

Sherry Stewart turned in the flawless effort working the Kemptville cage while Nancy McDiarmid and Wendy Achtereekte netted first half goals. Achtereekte made it a 3-0 final putting a feed from Colleen McFadden into the twine 0:50 before the end of the game.

The front-running Osgoode Nighthawks (12-0-1) held on for a 2-1 win over Prescott Road (3-10-0) in another match.

Debbie Shaver scored from Evelyn Nooyen at 24:42 of the first half and Carol Robinson followed with a goal set up by Marie Shelp at 7:58 to put the Nighthawks up 2-0.

Prescott Road closed the gap to 2-1 2:28 before the half, when Julie Cyr scored.

Harvex Huslers on roll

WINCHESTER—Dick Christie scored three times as the Harvex Huslers won their fourth consecutive old timer hockey match last Thursday.

Gary Lapier hit for a pair and Jim Shaw one in a 6-3 win over the Osgoode Old Pride.

Earlier in the week the Huslers outscored the Chesterville Wolves 10-6 rallying from a 4-1 deficit. Richard Gilmer (3), Peter McKay (2), Phil Lyall, Rob Smith, Gerry Crowder, Dick Christie and Jim Shaw potted the goals.

In winning six of their last eight contests the Huslers edged the Bootleggers 6-5, blanked the Oxford Millers 3-0, lost to Barrhaven (12-6) and Iroquois (10-5), doubled the Osgoode Old Boys 6-3 and downed Morewood 11-3.



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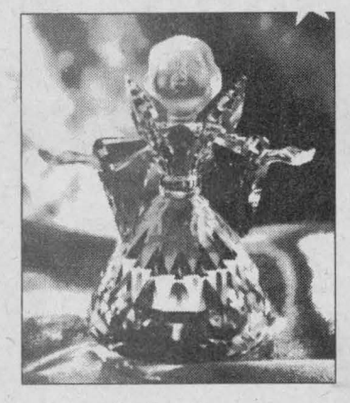

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CORRECTION

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Page 5: 21-Piece Drill Bit Set, 54-3626-6, is not a Mastercraft product.

Page 39, Item #4: Starter Kit, 54-2702-0. Copy reads: After $10 instant coupon on shelf. **Should read: After $10 mail-in rebate on shelf.**

Page 18: Sega Sports NHL All-Star Hockey Game Cartridge, 69-3106-0. The illustration should show a Game Gear cartridge, not Genesis. **Game Gear All-Star Hockey,** 69-3106-0, is **$54.99. Genesis All-Star Hockey,** 69-2919-6, is **$79.99.**

We wish to draw your attention to the following errors in our current "Christmas Countdown Sale" flyer

Page 24, Items #5, 6: Batteries, 65-0634X. Copy reads: Reg. 8.99, Sale 6.99. **Should read: Reg. 7.99, Sale 6.99.** (In some regions this may be listed under items 4 & 5 instead of 5 & 6.)

Page 29: Shop-Vac Dustbags, 54-0001-0. **Copy should read: Pkg./3,** not Pkg./4.

Page 15, Item #3: Deluxe Seige Castle Combat Set, 50-4644-4. The illustration is incorrect.

Page 20, Item #3: 11" Aluminum Stir Fry Pan, 42-0525-2. **Item #4: Insulated Cookie Sheet,** 42-0813-6. Copy reads: Reg. 14.99-15.99, Sale 9.99 each. **Should read: Reg. 14.99, Sale 9.99 each.**

We wish to draw your attention to the following errors in our current "Great Gifts 2 Week Sale" flyer

Page 31: General Electric Cordless Phone, 69-8052-6. **Does not have the crystal clear or two-way paging feature.**

Page 36, Item #5: Versatile Sweepa Broom, 42-9600-8, **only includes one bonus hand-held brush, not two.**

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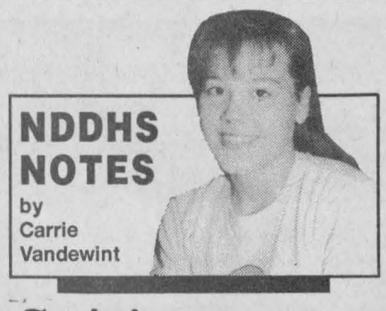

NDDHS NOTES
by Carrie Vandewint

Spirit needed

Our school is just not flammable enough. We simply do not have enough fire. We don't have enough passion for the things that should matter. Perhaps we just don't care enough.

I don't know whether this is a characteristic of our entire generation or if it solely occurs in teenagers of our region. Canadians as a whole are passive enough, but compared to the average Canadian, it seems at times that some North Dundas students are barely conscious.

According to some of our sports teams, we have one of the quietest gymnasiums in all of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry. Apparently, some students attending our school haven't quite figured out that they're supposed to be noisy in the gym and quiet in class. Somehow, we've mixed the two things up.

For some reason, students might not place as much importance on bringing in canned food as they would on getting use of the car on Saturday night. Truly, I say with great amounts of surprise and shock, there aren't many who are in a frenzy about the possibility of our school principal sleeping on the roof. Go figure.

Maybe I'm taking too much of a pessimistic outlook on things. Maybe this is normal for all the schools around the region. Maybe other schools in the middle of nowhere that raise tens of thousands of cans of food, collect the cans along the roadside as they fall from the sky.

I am not writing this article to put our school down in any manner at all; that is not my aim. Indeed, I believe that we have some of the most extraordinary students going to our school. I think that if we searched deep down inside of us, the spirit we found there could not be matched by any other school around. We are North Dundas District High School. It's up to us to show it.

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