Mountain Council decides to go to equalized assessment

by John Lund
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Mountain Township is going to equalized assessment. Council unanimously approved a bylaw, asking Ontario's revenue minister to introduce the system, in special session after a public meeting on the subject at Nationview Public School recently.

"1986 taxes will be based on equalized assessment," Reeve Keith Fawcett said, "which is the first step toward market value assessment."

He says equalization is a big issue, but "it was coming." More than 600 Ontario municipalities are assessed under the system, he says, and those not switched over "by 1988 will be put on it automatically" by the province.

"There's always people not satisfied," he says. "Some people's taxes will go up, some will go down, but if it's equalized....it's fair. That's good enough for me."

Regional Assessment Commissioner Denis Gagnon, who explained equalization to about 70 ratepayers at the public meeting, the purpose is "to ensure properties of equal value are paying equal taxes."

"Some of the early questions were of a nagative nature," he says, but as people grasped the fairness of the new system, "they were more positive."

Property in Mountain will be assigned to one of six categories: residential and non-farm vacant lots; multi-residential with seven or more units; commercial; industrial; farm and vacant farm lots; and pipeline.

Assessments will be qualized within each category. the total value of all property in a category, according to existing assessment rolls, will be compared to the total 1980 market value of the same property.

And the portion of total taxes paid by each category will not change, Gagnon stresses. If residential properties paid 30 percent of the total before equalization, they would pay 30 percent after. Individual assessments may vary, but each category's share of the total will stay the same.

Similarly, a change in the relative value of properties will not increase or decrease revenues to the township. Equalized assessments will distribute the tax burden more fairly across the township, Gagnon says.

Field inspection of all properties in the township was carried out in July, August and September, Gagnon says, taking into account any renovations and improvements in calculating new assessments. Assessment notices will be sent to ratepayers Jan. 8, and new assessment rolls will be sent to the township by Feb. 11.

Ratepayers will have several opportunities to appeal the new assessments. A three-day open house will be held in January to hear rate-payers' concerns, and the Cornwall assessment office will hear complaints up to the day before the new rolls are released.

After that, ratepayers can appeal to the Assessment Review Board, and if not satified with its decision, to the Ontario Municipal Board.

But Gagnon says he expects, "the number of appeals would be minimal."

He encourages concerned property owners and tenants to call the Neighbourhood Assessor in Cornwall toll-free at 1-800-267-7194.

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Edwardsburgh Township insurance costs rise 78 percent from last year

by John Lund
Cheiftain Staff Reporter

Insurance for the Corporation of the Township of Edwardsburgh will cost at least $10,000 more this year than last -- and that figure could go even higher by 1988.

Tenders for three years of coverage were opened and an insurer selected at the regular council meeting recently.

The coverage extends to all parts of the township's operations, from automobile collision insurance to liability for errors and ommissions. The corporation carries $10 million liability insurance.

Clerk/Treasurer Richard Austin opened two bids, from Mantha Real Estate and Insurance Inc. and Frank Cowan and Co. Ltd. At his suggestion, council recessed briefly to review the tender documents.

Austin told council Mantha was low bidder at $25,299 for 1986, with provision for adjustments up or down in each of the following two years.

He said the $32,101 Cowan bid was rejected because the company had not affixed its seal to the tender documents.

The Mantha bid represents a 78 per cent increase over 1985 premiums. The company, a broker for the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association program, which provides rural townships with insurance at reduced rates, has handled township policies since 1982.

Austin said the $32,101 Cowan bid was rejected because the company's seal was not affixed to the tender documents.

Reeve Allan Gillis told the meeting, "Does council understand why this increase is being put in place? I think we all read the papers."

To which Deputy Reeve David Sloan replied, "I think we understand it but we don't like it. It seems like a hefty increase."

Company representative John Mantha replied the upward trend of recent liability decisions left insurers with no choice. "There's no way municipal business can stay at the same level when you have to pay out $8 million (in one decision)."

Council then passed Bylaw 85-28, accepting the Mantha tender for coverage up to Dec. 18, 1988.

In other business, council passed a resolution setting the membership of committees and boards.

On the community centre management committee, Lorne Bender, Marlene Hunter, Mary Woodland, William Sloan and George Dick will be joined by Coun. Ross Somerville and Deputy Reeve David Sloan, who will also represent council on the South Nation River Conservation Authority.

Library Board will be composed of Lorne Bender, Patricia Wilson, Lorraine Cleary, Jane Latimer, Annalea Ladoucer and Coun. Bob Doucette.

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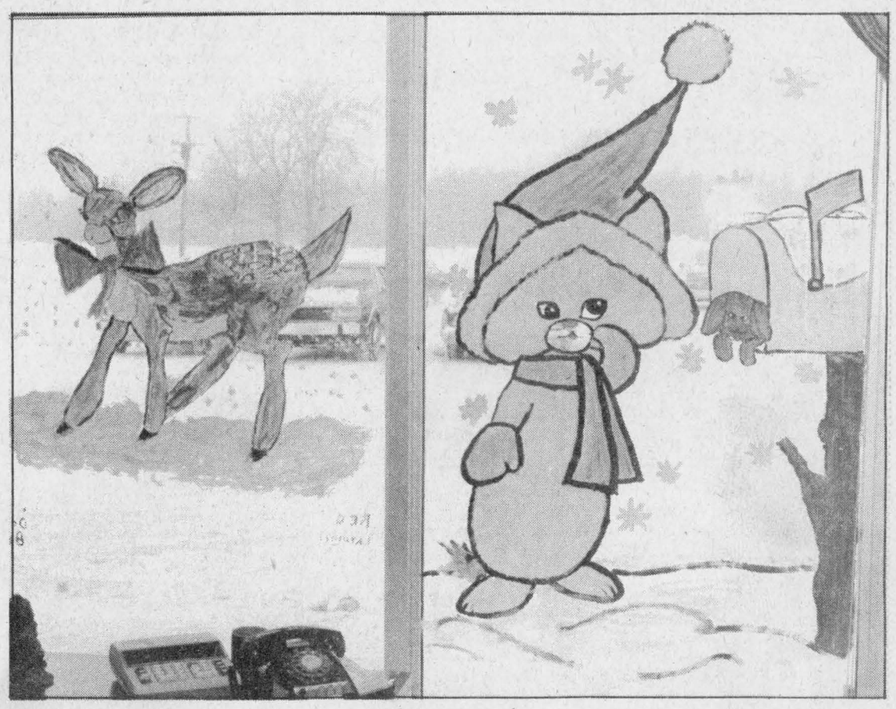

Christmas artists active

Some of the same artists who placed Christmas scenes on the Iroquois Post Office windows were back last week, aided by some new talent, to decorate the windows of the Royal bank, Iroquois Shopping Plaza. *Chieftain Photo - D. Moore*

Police on look-out for impaired drivers

Local police forces will be maintaining a close watch on drivers who may have had one too many drinks, particularly this week and next.

The Ontario government is cracking down on Criminal Code offenders and drunk drivers. Amendments to the Criminal Code concerning the provisions relating to impaired driving came into effect recently and impose longer suspensions on drivers convicted of driving while prohibited or suspended for criminal offences, particularly as relate to alcohol use.

Criminal Code offences amount to the most serious threats against the safety of other motorists, and nearly 95 per cent of these convictions involve alcohol.

In the last year there were close to 50,000 suspensions under the Criminal Code in Ontario; approximately one-third of these involved repeat offenders. The government is also prepared to deal with chronic drinking drivers in a very serious manner.

If travelling from one party to another this season, take along a friend who doesn't drink. Remember...if you drink, don't drive.

Separate School Board inaugural

Bishop Larocque, attended the first meeting of the new Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Roman Catholic School Board on Dec. 3, and delivered a strong message to the board members on their responsibilities toward the education of the children, and to the ideals of catholicism. The following are excepts from the text.

Speaking in both french and english of the school system, by your election you are now responsible for the Catholic education given in our schools. You are responsible not only to your electors, to parents, teachers and especially to the children and youth, but insofar as you share in a true ministry you are responsible to Jesus the Lord, for the extension of his mission confided to you. I congratulate and thank you for the work you have done."

Referring to the controversial aspects of Roman Catholic demands for public funding beyond grade 8, Bishop Larocque said they are not looking for a secularized society, ad suggested that "the opposition voiced by certain bodies to the completion of our system by adding the final 2 years really does not address this question, but rather the very existence of a Catholic school system."

He continued "This demon-

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Iroquois skating rink to open in time for Boxing Day

by Pat Hare
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The new Recreation Committee of Iroquois Council have already tackled an important recreational facility in the village, and it seems likely that residents will be well pleased with their plans. They include adult supervised skating periods, the availability of hot chocolate and potato chips at modest cost, and the ability to rent the ice for private parties.

Directors, Lorraine Fader, John Haldane, Brenda Loucks, Audrey Rooney, Nellie Leightizer, Bill Ault and Leo DeBellefeuille will take turns supervising the rink at specified times. It should be noted that all unaccompanied childern should be capable of putting their own skates on and taking them off, and handling their own clothing. Smaller children are welcome, but should always be accompanied by an older child or a parent.

Weather permitting, the rink is to be opened on Thursday, December 26 and a Recreation Director will be on hand on that date, and on December 28, 29 and 30, between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. Public skating from 7:00 to 9:00 each Friday, will also be supervised by a Director.

At other times the rink will be supervised by employees, and the schedule for the season is: Monday to Thursday, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Public Skating; 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. Hockey; Wednesday, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Hockey; 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Public Skating; Sunday, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Public Skating.

The followiong details should be noted: The hockey times are for pick-up games by the children, or individual practice. It is merely the period when hockey sticks are allowed on the rink.

The rink can be used at any time,

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Post Office busy as Santa's helpers

For some years Canada Post Corporation has taken on the task of ensuring that when a chld writes to Santa Claus the letter is delivered, and the sender receives a reply.

This year has been no exception, with the Iroquois Post Office handling about fifty letters so far; some letter were received late, but through true Post Office efficiencey, will be handled in time for Christmas.

The Cardinal Post Office handled about 35 letters this year, about the same as last year. At Brinston the total was about 7, and at South Mountain about 14 letters were handled.

Last year 45,583 letters were addressed to Santa Claus from children all over the world. Santa's helpers, some 829 Canada Post Employees, volunteered to ensure replies.

Benefits from the program include an assurance to the children that Santa will answer all letters having a proper return address; in effect the campaign promotes proper addressing and use of postal codes.



St. John's United Church Christmas Concert

St. John's United Church in Cardinal was the setting for the annual Christmas Concert held last Thursday, December 19th. Shown here, the Kindergarten class performs the play 'Twas the night before Christmas'. For the complete story on the concert, please turn to page five of this week's issue. *Chieftain Photo - J. Grant*

Seaway stills holds about twenty ships

The water temperature continues to drop along the St. Lawrence Seaway, increasing the chances that some ships will not be able to clear the waterway this season. The official closing date for the Seaway was last Friday, December 20; however, the actual closing date is being slipped day by day depending on the weather, in an attempt to clear all ships.

About 20 ocean-going ships remain in the system above St. Lambert, and about the same number of lake vessels are still moving. All of the ocean-going ships are now east-bound out of the system, but about a dozen still have to make their way through the Welland canal.

Ice is beginning to form both above and below the Iroquios locks, and even in the Welland system, but so far the locks are able to operate. With continued cold weather the Seaway may be shut down very shortly.

But now another problem has arisen, with the on again, off again strike by pilots once more in effect. Last Thursday 90 pilots, who work the St. Lawrence River below Montreal, walked off the job for the third time in less than a week.

Jean Bouchard, a spokesman for the pilots, indicated that this time the walk-out could last for a long time. In the short term, the strike should not affect ships within the Seaway proper, but if the work stoppage goes on for a lengthy period, ships above Montreal are bound to be affected. And as traffic backs up, ships may not be able to clear the Seaway before freeze-up.

this week

Matilda W.I. donation

The Matilda W.I. got into the Christmas spirit at their last meeting when they voted to give sizeable donations to a number of local charities. Page 2.

Ecumenical group helps

Over 150 families will have a happy Christmas now thanks to the efforts of area residents. For the complete story please turn to page 7.

Seaway students help out.

SDHS got out of the class room and into the work force recently, in a manner of speaking, for the Canada Starch Company. For the complete story please turn to page 9.

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Christmas Spirit exemplified by Matilda Women's Institute

The Christmas spirit was exemplified on Monday Dec. 9th when members voted to donate $150.00 to the fund for Christmas baskets given locally. $100.00 each to the Salvation Army Posts. $200.00 to the Children's Hospital for Eastern Ontario. $100.00 to our local Winchester Memorial Hospital and are also sending potted flowering plants for four nursing homes where former members are now residing.

This was made possible by catering to a banquet on the Saturday previous for R.C.A. Victors Christmas party for 265. in Matilda Community Hall. Also Christmas cards are being sent to former members. there will be no January meeting but a dinner and theatre or shopping spree is being planned for that month.

In the past months Mrs. Bertram Shaver convened the C.N.I.B. canvass in the township and $1854.00 was realized. Thanks to Mrs. Shaver and all those who canvassed their part of the township. Many thanks are in order. This was the best canvas yet.

If one contemplates the assistance which has been given by a group of some twenty women in these past few months just imagine what more could be achieved if we had more of a membership. Or a Junior Women's Institute for younger farm women to carry on the objectives of our community, farm women's problems, battered women and child abuse to name a few.

If you are interested contact our local or district president or any Women's Institute member or come to our meetings and be informed of upcoming Leadership and 4-H courses being offered.

On January 25, the Matilda W.I. is going to bus to Brockville to see Don Harron and Katharine McKinnon. Non members will be taken to fill the coach. The cost to be $19.00 for transportation and show ticket.

Matilda Council discusses contracts

It is the time of year again to discuss contract terms, an Matilda Township has been meetint with their road crews to pave the way for contract talks.

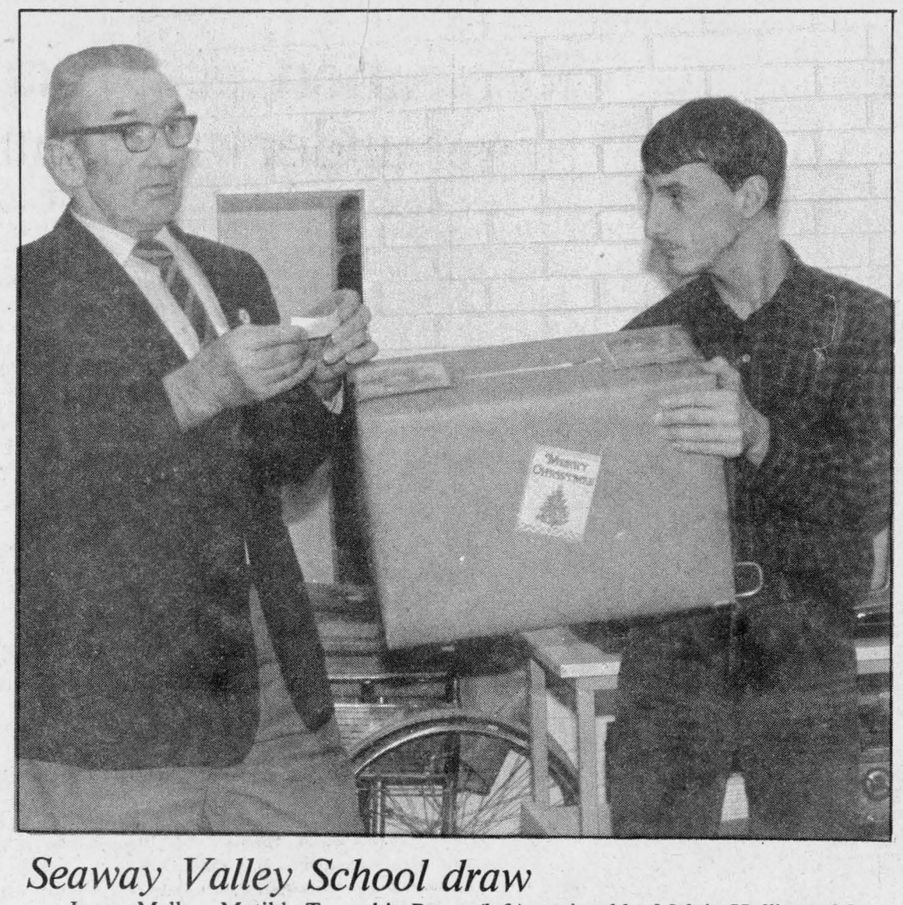
The present contract, which covered a 15-month span, is due to expire at the middle of next month. Madeline Anderson, representative of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, has a first offer ready to present to Council. In the meantime, informal discussions with the men were designed to put everyone at ease, although the matter of hours and procedures were mentioned.

Although Reeve Mellan is not prepared to release any details, no problems are anticipated as talks go forward.

Fire-Free

Normally at this time of year a number of small fires particularly involving wood stoves, give the fire departments considerable trouble. However, for the past week Cardinal Fire Department have no fires to report.

In Iroquois, apart from a call to extinguish a blaze in an automobile on County Road 1, last Wednesday, no fires were reported.



Seaway Valley School draw

Lorne Mellan, Matilda Township Reeve (left), assisted by Melvin Hollister, Morrisburg, draws the winning tickets for the "Pay What You Pull" draw, operated by the Seaway Valley School. The draw was held Friday, Decemb er 20. *Chieftain Photo - P. Hare*

LETTERS

Designated driver Program offered

Dear Sir:

P.A.I.D. is pleased to announce that several businesses will take part in the Designated Driver Program. They will serve free (or discounted) non-alcoholic beverages to the Designated Driver in a party, during the holidays. Check with your host for their ruling, but basically the driver receives free non-alcoholic drinks, but if he drinks an alcoholic drink, the priviledge is lost and he is billed for all drinks consumed.

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Season's greetings to all and thanks to participating businesses!

Due to an earlier press deadline, not all participating businesses may be listed, P.A.I.D. apologizes but patrons ask your favourite spot probably is participating!) The Loyalist, Morrisburg; The Spinning Wheel, Morrisburg; The New Centennial, Morrisburg; Jiggers - Iroquois.

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Iroquois W.I. enjoy their dinner meeting

Members and guests of Iroquois W.I. enjoyed a full turkey dinner, Thursday Dec. 19, the regular meeting night.

Following the singing of "Grace" the delicious dinner was served; catered by "The Presbyterian Women" who kept the tables well filled with mouth watering food.

While dinner was settling, President Florence English welcomed all and reported several meals were taken to shut-in members in the immediate area.

Many prizes of seasonal nature were drawn for. The door prize, presented by President Florence was won by Muriel McGruder.

Pictures of the membership taken at the October meeting were distributed.

A framed certificate of appreciation, received by Pres. Florence on behalf of the local branch, and presented by Branch 370 of the Royal Canadian Legion, was shown to the members.

Recongition for 2 members who have been active in the community in the immediate past - Leona McIntosh, for her work in "Neighbourhood Watch", and Lorraine Fader for her decision to run for councillor and her successful leading of poll, was shown. A good round of applause for these two members was given.

The Jan. meeting will be an afternoon one - the time 2:00 p.m., with an extra Thought for Grandmothers.

Word was given of a trip to Brockville on Sat. Jan. 25, to see Don Harron and Catherine McKinnon. Those interested to advise immediately either Freda or Gwen.

A sing song of Christmas Carols was enjoyed with Jane Graham at the piano.

Marion Davis gave a reading about Real Love at Christmas which was enjoyed by all. Following this, a poem: "The Shape You're In" was read by Henrietta Lindley.

The caterers were thanked by Vi Hare and shown appreciation by all with hearty applause.

Several games of cards were enjoyed to wind up a successful evening.

Sacred Heart euchre winners

The winners of the Sacred Heart euchre held on Thursday, December 17th were: Ladies first prize was won by Eleanor Mills with 74 points, Madeline Kavanaugh was second with 63 points.

The men's first prize was won by Len Biscope with 83 points and second prize was won by Steve Brady with 72 points.

The door prize was won by Maurice Shaver.

The special door prize of a turkey donated by Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dwyre, of Cardinal was won by Eileen Typhair.

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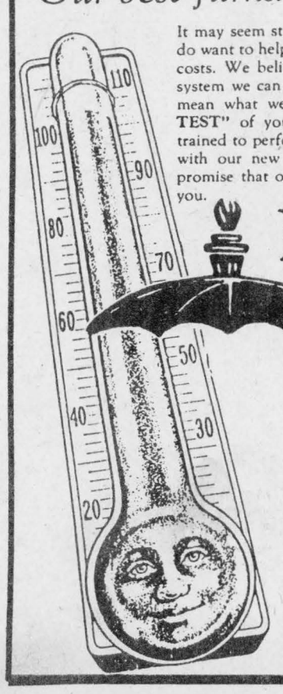

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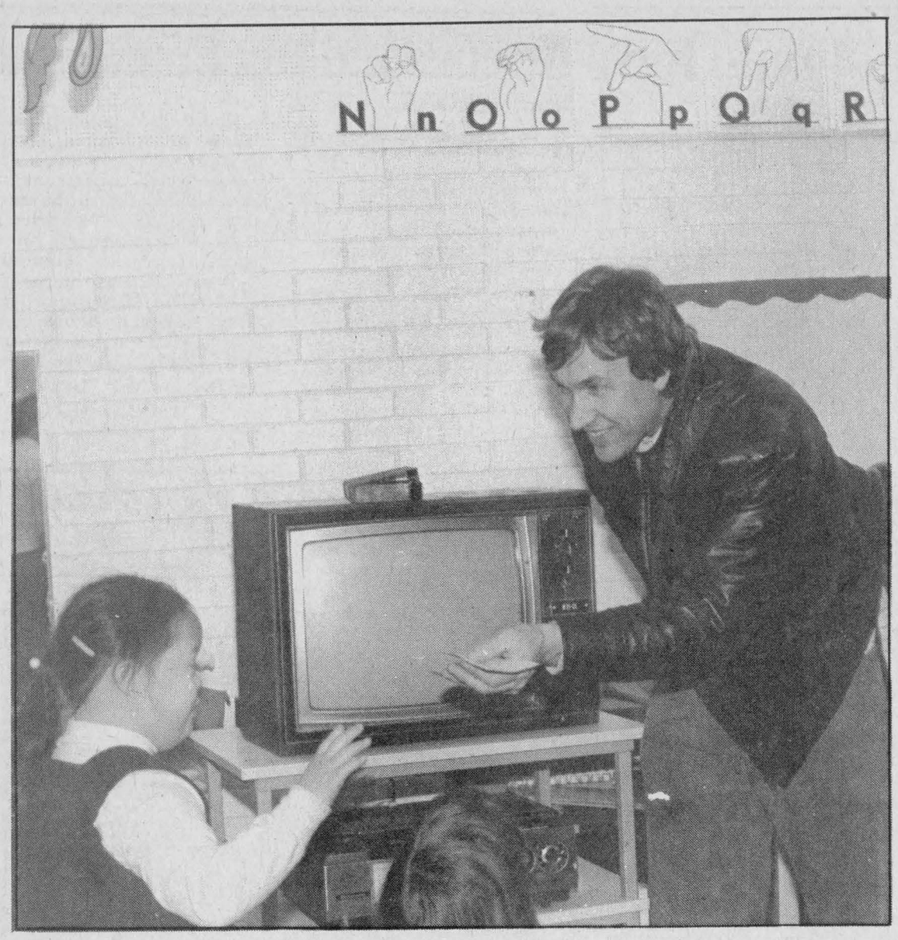

Seaway Valley School helps needy

Kim Yu, Winchester, presents a cheque for $200 to Rev. Allen Tysick, for use in the purchase of food and toys for needy families at Christmas. The money is a portion of the proceeds from the "Pay What You Pull" draw, operated by the Seaway Valley School.

Chieftain Photo - P. Hare

Dominion Textile forms a real estate company

Dominion Textile Inc. and Canderel Limited, a well-known Canadian developer and manager of office and industrial real estate, announced today the formation of joint venture company, Candertex Realty Inc., to recycle properties owned by Dominion Textile Inc. but not being fully utilized.

Thomas R. Bell, Chairman and President of Dominion Textile Inc., said that the corporation owns at the present time close to 2.3 million square feet of building space and over 1,800 acres of surplus land which could be developed into profitable alternate business.

Candertex's first project will be to develop the Mount-Royal complex at 5524 St. Patrick Street in Montreal: Of the 400,000 square feet in building space available, the corporation will lease back from Candertex approximately half, while the remaining space will be leased to other independant tenants. The leasing portion of the project is already underway.

Dominion Textile intends to extend the process to other vacated facilities with the objective of converting them to office space, commercial centres, warehousing facilities, etc. Candertex will provide new investment and help create new jobs in the communities affected recently by plant closures.

Recreation program to get underway soon

As soon as Mother Nature provides sufficient snow and ice the winter recreation program, sponsored by The St. Lawrence Parks Commission, will get underway with new features.

Cross country skiers can take advantage of one-hour waxing and skiing technique clinics to be held each Sunday in January from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Crysler Park Maple Sugar Bush shanty, located off the Upper Canada Road (Exit 758 off Highway No. 401), 9 km east of here.

For this first year, the clinics will be offered free-of-charge. Hot drinks will be available at the shanty.

Weekend skaters on the Upper Canada Village canal will appreciate the warmth during the day of the bonfires on the shore and the hot cider and coffee available adjacent to the Village Store.

Skiers have five cross-country trails in Crysler Park from which to choose. Free parking is available at the entrance to the trails on the Upper Canada Road, south of Highway No. 401, Exit 758.

Brown's Bay Park has 5 km of ski trails with free parking available inside the Brown's Bay Park campground area. Skiing is permitted on all non-restricted parklands.

Snowmobilers can enjoy 11 km of wooded parkland at Crysler Park and 24 km of trails at Brown's Bay. Locations of trail entrances and free parking are the same for the skiers. All parklands other than the restricted areas of the Upper Canada Migratroy Bird Sanctuary and the Upper Canada Golf Course are open to snowmobiles.

There are hundred of acres of Commission parkland for snowshoers. The Long Sault Parkway and Old Fort Henry, Kingston, are excellent sites for tobogganers.

Upper Canada Village, Crysler Park, will offer sleigh rides through the Village streets from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. December 27 to December 31 and January 2 and 3 and each Saturday and Sunday thereafter (weather permitting). Tickets ($1.35 for adults, $.75 for children 6 - 12 years of age and NO CHARGE for children 1 - 5 years of age) for the half-hour rides may be purchased at the Village Store.

Bird Notes

by
E. G. AVERY



The snow is still falling and feeders all around town are doing a record business; new feeders are soon discovered, so this is a good time for new bird-watchers to get started. Once begun, a winter feeding program should be continued, as some birds become quite dependent on this method of surviving the cold season.

A new suet-dispenser now adorns our tree, a coated-wire affair which provides comfortable perching for Chickadees, and seems to please Dora, our Downy Woodpecker, perhaps because it hangs in the same place where the suet was last year.

One morning when all the eating places were crowded with everything from Chickadees to Starlings, a sudden departure of every bird in a "mass exodus" caused an immediate investigation. Usually, a passing car, or children in the lane, do not disturb the birds but this was different.

After some searching in the surrounding trees, the "culprit" was found: a Hawk perching on a high fence rail. Because it was snowing, and the distance between, it was not possible to tell what kind of Hawk it was, except that it was mid-size and had wide bands on the tail. After making a couple of passes over the area it finally took off and we had no activity for about a half-hour, until a Chickadee ventured back, and things gradually returned to normal.

That is the bad news. We have saved the good news for the last, and it really is good.

Have you ever wondered how is that you just happen to look out at the right time to see something special? On Thursday morning we were just about to do the breakfast dishes when a flurry of wings under the cedar tree caught our attention, and there it was, a female Cardinal, picking up seeds where they had been spread under the tree for protection for the 'beaks and Chickadees.

There was no sign of the male bird, and it was a joy to watch as she flipped wings and tail, hopped about so we could see the crest, red on the tail, and the bright rose-coloured bill. Beautiful.

To all of our readers, the best blessings of the Christmas season.

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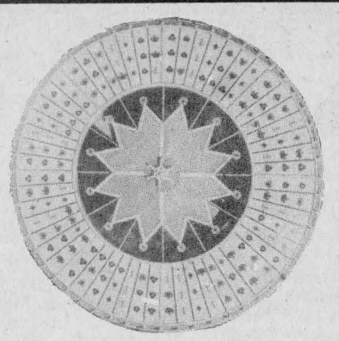

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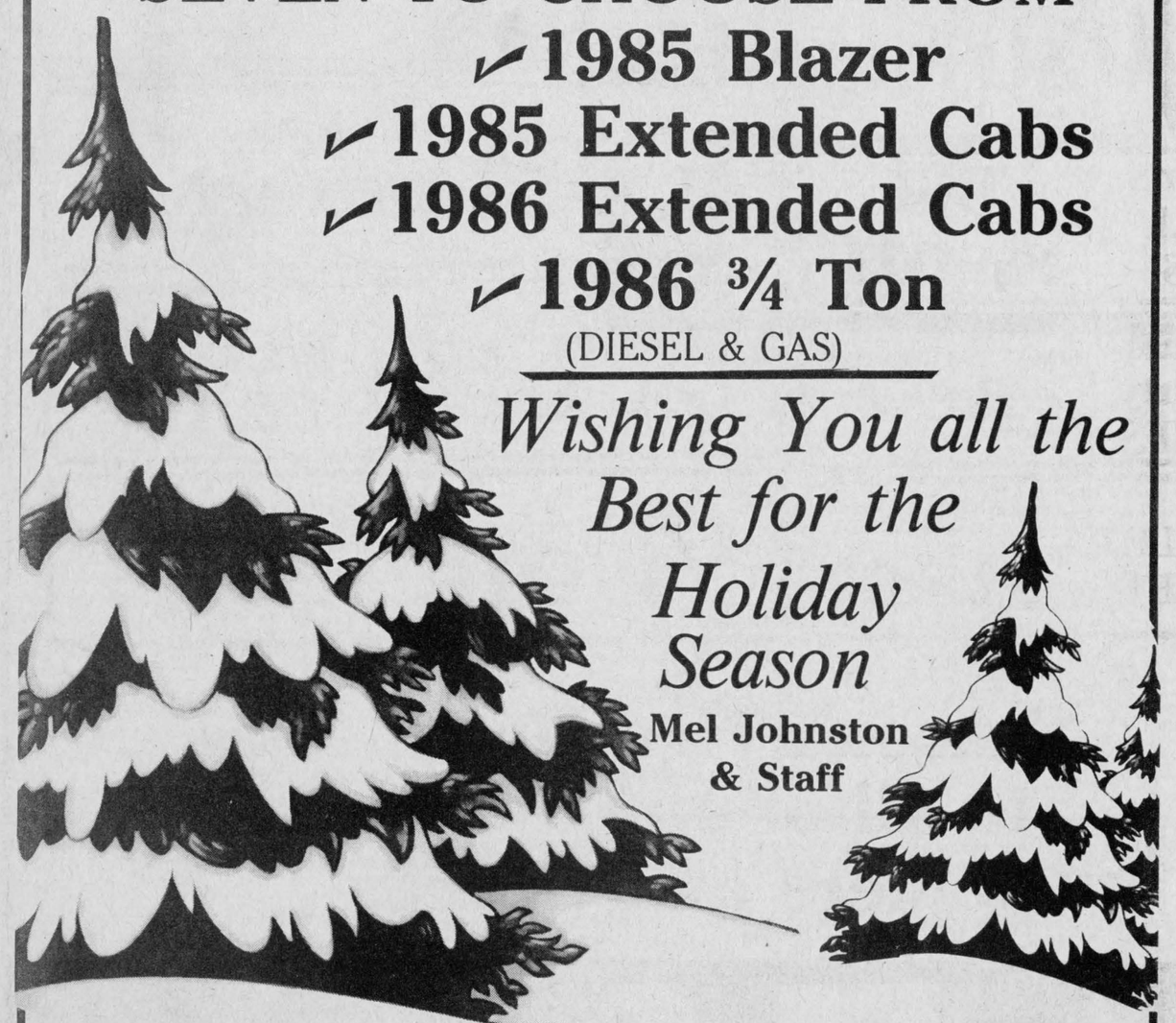

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Minister of Agriculture should have intervened for farmers

by Noble Villeneuve, MPP

The Resources Development Standing Committee of the Legislature completed the Annual Estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture and Food this past week. The Minister, the Honourable Jack Riddell, has allowed the Spills Bill to be proclaimed without applying any pressure on the Ministry of the Environment to attempt protecting the farmers. The Ontario Federation of Agriculture lobbied the Minister long and hard requesting changes to the absolute liability aspect of the Spills Bill but to no avail. The Minister of Agriculture and Food did not intervene on behalf of Ontario agriculture.

The General Standing Committee, of which I am a member, is presently proceeding with Estimates of the Ministry of Health. I have personally expressed my reservation regarding the new Health Discipline Act which will effectively dictate to pharmacists both the dispensing fee and the cost of the drug. This legislation will, however, be going to a Standing Committee of the Legislature for input from all concerned.

I also expressed my deep concerns over the lack of continued funding to ensure that Mount Carmel House remains viable and operational and also the somewhat precarious financial position in which the MacDonell Memorial Hospital finds itself with professional nursing staff and support staff being trimed to the bare minimum.

The Holiday Season is upon us and I thought it appropriate to discuss the ever present problem, particularly at this time of the year, of drinking and driving.

With the holiday season fast approaching, the number of staff dinners, neighbourhood parties, evenings on the town and general socializing increases significantly. As they increase, so do the incidents of drivers getting behind the wheel of their vehicle after having 'just a couple of drinks'.

Public awareness of the problem has been rising steadily. The various police forces throughout the province have continually stepped up their annual roadside spot checks; and this year will be no exception.

But public awareness of the problem of drinking and driving and increased spot checks are not enough. Some individuals will still drink and drive. The answer, in most instances, lies in providing them with an alternative. The Designated Driver Program is a tried and proven alternative.

Various restaurants and drinking establishments across Ontario have already indicated their intention to initiate the Designated Driver Program at their place of business.

In this instance, the designated driver must identify him, or herself, to the beverage server. A badge or button indentifying that person as the designated driver will be supplied by the server. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided throughout the evening compliments of the establishment. for the designated driver.

When you and some of your friends are planning an evening out, find out if the establishment you intend to patronize is participating in the Designated Driver Program. If it isn't, nominate one person to be responsible for driving the others home or to the nearest public transportation stop. It then becomes the responsibility of this 'designated driver' to refrain from drinking. It is the group's responsibility to provide that individual with non-alcoholic beverages throughout the evening.

I heartily support the spirit of the Designated Driver Program. I urge more restaurants and drinking establishments to show their support by participating in the program. And I urge each of you, as you head out for an evening of festivities with your friends, to ensure that one member of your party accepts the responsibility as 'designated driver'.

Your life, and the lives of others, depends on it.

Surely A Merry Christmas

The year 1985 has been an unusual year for this writer and in some respects the end of an era in writing and publishing. This was the year that *The Chieftain* changed hands and about all we've been doing is writing the odd editorial and Here and There Columns. We've dabled a bit in writing Lions and Cancer Society meetings and the rest of the time we've been busy at a new job and a new career. 1985 certainly has brought a lot of changes.

So we come close to the end of the year with many feelings, not the least of which is remembering the many years as a printer and as a publisher of our own newspaper. Perhaps the most important event in a lifetime was in starting the "new" *Chieftain* in June 1982. Seldom does any man get that opportunity or be given a means to leave in his wake a lasting memory.

It came about for a variety of reasons that we have mentioned before but mainly because we believe that a newspaper reflects in many ways the life in small town Canada and is an integral part of any community.

To publish a newspaper requires many ingredients; a loyal staff to start up with, which we had; loyal advertisers to make sure the bills were paid, which we had; many volunteer writers, working for nothing but the publisher's and community's thanks, which we had; and that one final ingredient which makes it all worthwhile: a community that appreciated the other ingredients and bought this newspaper.

So now, the end of the year is closing in. We've come to that pleasant time of year in which we give thanks in so many ways for so many reasons. Our thanks goes out to all of you, past and present, who help maintain *The Chieftain* as a community newspaper.

May the coming Yuletide bring you joy and contentment and may you have the pleasure of being able to smile every morning you arise. That you have joy brought to you on Christmas Day and that you are able to bring joy to others in true Christmas spirit.

And may God bless each and every one of you. **K.K.**

Toward a healthy soup

Ontario desperately needs a state-of-the-art facility for treatment and disposal of hazardous wastes. The recently-announced selection of a preferred site for this facility is an important step toward that goal. For, the longer Ontario is without such a facility, the more we are - and will be - exposed to hazardous wastes.

Through our use, abuse and discarding of hazardous chemicals, many places have been nothing but bowls for a toxic chemical soup, "we" (society) have begun to add vast numbers and quantities of chemicals to that soup.

It has been estimated that perhaps 500 'new' chemicals are added to our technological repertoire each year. And this doesn't include the progressive - in some cases, exponential - increase in quantities of already-used chemicals.

Together, they constitute an enormous load of, ultimately, waste which must be disposed. Many of our more responsible waste generators do their utmost to ensure safe disposal. Others do not. Either way, so long as comprehensive, state-of-the-art facilities are unavailable, wastes will continue to go somewhere. Some find their way into ordinary dumps. There are delightful stories around Ontario of 'magic ponds', that have been filled over and over with liquid industrial wastes which simply disappeared into the ground - presumably into sand and gravel acquifers, to resurface one day in wells or springs. Other waste finds its way into insecure landfills, sometimes on the sides of valleys, or onto gravel roads - along with waste oil used to keep down dust. Or it's surreptitiously dumped - onto roads or fallow land, and into streams or lakes.

And the effects are by no means localized. PCBs, used widely as an ostensibly-contained coolant in transformers and other electrical components provides an excellent example.

PCBs don't quickly decompose, and if incompletely destroyed by too-low combustion temperatures, produce even more insidious byproducts. Unlike many other chemicals, PCBs are mobile in the environment, volatolized to be carried by the wind, borne in water, and accumulated through the food chain. Not surprisingly, PCBs are in arctic polar bears, antarctic penguins, and almost every living thing - including you and I - in between. Yet, PCBs are but a few of hundreds of such wastes; the checklist for known chemicals in the Great Lakes approaches 400.

The result is that we are all part of a huge statistical experiment in to the combined effects of myriad chemicals upon the residents of that chemical soup.

The commissioning of that state-of-the-art disposal facility won't be a panacea. But it will be a major step in the right direction. It will sharply reduce the wastes reaching the soup. It will provide the best treatment available. And it will ensure that wastes ultimately land-filled are not placed into giant sieves - like Love Canal and the other now-leaking Niagara dumps - but rather in secure, impervious vaults.

Predictably, nobody wants such a facility near them. They worry about spills, emissions and transportation accidents. But the facility must go somewhere. And the right place must, surely, be based not on political unpopularity but upon ensuring that it is the most secure facility - that with the best soils, contained drainage, the least likelihood of accident and the best technology.

The Iroquois Chieftain welcomes your opinion. Write Letters to the Editor, Box 529, Iroquois, K0E 1K0





Here and There

By Kay Kay

Coming up to Christmas and New Year's one has to wonder just how effective the new drinking and driving laws are going to be but as an indication that the public is taking it seriously we've talked to quite a few social drinkers who say they're taking it easy on the booze.

Perhaps at last it has sunk in that drinking while driving or being drunk behind the wheel of a car or any other vehicle can kill.

Recent sad events involving teenagers in Gananoque and Chesterville should bring the facts smashing into our heads that too many people die from one of society's main illnesses. The trail of heartbreak each such accident leaves behind can be devastating to families.

Holding an inquest in the secondary school at North Dundas was an excellent idea and certainly must have impressed the students there. Too bad that all the parents couldn't have been there also because the same lessons apply to all of us.

We did notice at a recent party in Ottawa that many people took a taxi to and from the party. We also have noticed that there seem to be more police out in patrol cars in the cities we visit each week; either that or we feel more conscious of them. Whatever the reason, we are pleased to see the public taking seriously, perhaps more so than ever before, the fact that no longer will drivers be immune from prosecution. Drinkers can drink at home, can drink anywhere they like but no longer while behind the wheel of a car... not unless they want to chance drastic retaliation. Next time you see a drunk on the road, call the police. The life you save not only might be yours, but the driver's life and perhaps one of our own village and area kids. That should be worth any pangs of conscience that you might have. **K.K.**

Postscripts: A column or too back we intended a friendly poke at friend Charles, but it didn't come out the way we intended. Apologies, and Merry christmas.

Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club presented this writer with a plaque in appreciation for past years' favours from the newspaper business. this is also shared by wife and staff and greatly appreciated by all of us.

A strange bird

Bill Smiley



A STRANGE bird is our Hugh. An odd bird, indeed. He can be as cunning and wily as an Egyptian bazaar merchant. Next moment, he can be as naive as a six-year-old who has been slapped for doing something unthinkable in our rectitudinous Canadian society.

I observe him more closely than I have in years, because of geography. For some years, he attended, occassionally, various universities, from Toronto to Halifax. He worked on a boat on the Great Lakes, and another on the Vancouver-Alaska run. He spent five years in Paraguay. There were side-trips to Mexico, Israel, Guatemala, Costa Rica. He's been to Brazil, Argentina, Peru and Bolivia. As a result, we didn't see much of him.

Now, he has rented a winterized cottage at a beach near me, while maintaining his practice in the city. Nobody but Hugh would rent a cottage which he must vacate from mid-June to Labour Day. But he did.

He arrives from the city on Friday evening. Does he rush out to his beloved cottage, which he rented to "get away from the city?" Not on your life. •

We have cups of tea, some food, a little yatter. He plays the grand piano and some new tapes he's discovered. We watch late TV. He sleeps late, showers, brings me a cuppa in bed, plays more piano or guitar, and halfway through Saturday afternoon, I almost have to kick him out to go to his retreat in the country.

He returns to my place Monday evening and the same routine is followed. Tea, shower, music, TV. He cathes the early bus Tuesday, usually, and goes back to work in the city, where he sleeps on a bed in the clinic he shares. A tough life.

We spat, infrequently, but fairly fiercely. I'm a sceptic; he's a believer. In everything: holistic medicine, astrology, reflexology - the mind boggles when he gets on to the relation between music and the entire body. I ask snarky questions until his dark brown eyes begin to smoulder.

But he has a great personality, and a wonderful curiousity. He is very fit, because he eats only the right foods, except that every time he leaves, my refrigerator is almost cleaned out.

He charms people, and opens up to them. He is an excellent listener, except that he gets a bit of a glazed look when I go on about something he doesn't agree with, or has heard before, or doesn't fit into his scheme of things.

He is completely amoral about money. He received a small inheritance from his grandfather, and admitted that it was just enough to pay his debts. (It wasn't, of course.)

He has friends all over Canada and the U.S., and sees nothing wrong with "dropping in for a visit" and staying a few days. And he's just as hospitable with his friends. He's asked them all up to his cottage, where he has an electric piano, courtesy of you-know-who, a TV, all the appliances, and electric heat.

This may sound as though I thoroughly dislike and am suspicious of my son. Not so. It's just that he has a human spirit that is not easy to pin down. He loves his sister (who is another weirdo), his nephews, and, at times, his father. He went on a long trek to see his grandfather, who is in his nineties.

He came home the other night, and found his father draped in his favorite armchair, with a wet towel on his head. Was aghast. "Dad, what's the matter?"

I informed him that I had come home late, left no lights on, carried four bags of groceries, had made a mis-step on the back porch, and fallen (still holding two bags of groceries), and had cracked my head on the sharp side of the porch. By the time he got there, it had almost stopped bleeding down my neck. My mother taught me that a cold compress would ease the bleeding, years ago, when there was no such thing as an emergency ward.

But Hugh was horrified. He insisted, over my objections, that we go to the hospital. (He loves driving my car.) It turned out that the cut was fairly deep and wide, and the doc stuck some stitches in it.

Did you ever try to get a bed in a hospital? It's like getting a engraved invitation to a garden party at Buckingham Palace, except that I doubted the Queen's signature would get you in.

I'd been waiting three weeks for a bed, and there I was, with a little cut on my head, being cosseted and sewn. Oh, it was worth it. They put a great, flapping bandage on the cut, and then tied a thing around my forehead, so that I looked like a hippie or an Indian or a long-distance runner. My neighbor was delighted by my band. But it fell off in a few hours. It was apparently designed only to hold my head together.

So. You see? If Hugh hadn't come home, and wanted a chance to drive the car, I could be sitting, dead cold, in my own blood, still reading the paper.

the bottom line

YOU'RE TO BE EXCUSED if you had an uneasy feeling of deja vu while reading the paper lately. The headlines, screaming that Canada Post is in bad shape and getting worse, are more than vaguely familiar, as if we've read them before.

WE HAVE. But this time, the people behind the headlines are members of a task force handpicked by the government to assess the Crown corporation's operation. This time, maybe, we can hope for some action. The committee, headed by businessman Allan Marchment, says the crisis in the post office must either be solved, or Canada Post be dissolved.

"POISONOUS" LABOUR/MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ARE AT THE ROOT of an inefficient and overly costly service that is deteriorating, the task force reports. Marchment and his coleagues lambaste everything in sight: an absentee rate of 16 or 17 days a year compared to six for all sectors of the economy; a 75 per cent rise in operating costs in the last 20 years while mail volumes rose only 20 per cent; frequent strikes, legal and illegal, which paralyze large portions of the economy.

AND THEY GIVE THE POST OFFICE UNTIL 1990 to shape up or find itself dismantled and its services doled out to the private sector. It's the same kind of assessment which a variety of organizations, including the Consumers' Association of Canada and the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, have been giving Canada Post for years.

IN FACT, THE CFIB HAS BEEN EVEN TOUGHER in its proposals for the post office than the usually blunt Marchment committee. Where Marchment gives Canada Post five years to clean up its act, the CFIB would like to see immediate privatization and contracting out of many postal services.

WHERE MARCHMENT SAYS POSTAL RATES SHOULD BE SET by an independent third party, the CFIB has called for a price freeze until service improves to warrant an increase. Where Marchant suggests a contingency system be set up to deliver mail in the event of a strike, the CFIB has urged an end to postal workers' right to strike.

MARCHMENT AND THE CFIB AGREE a wage freeze is needed and that many of the union powers which hamstring management should be removed. But all of this effort can be consigned to the dead letter department if the real master of the post office, the federal government, refuses to act, and act decisively.

EVEN THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE UNEASY that the government may not have the political will to see some of the tough proposals through, saying in essence that Canada Post's chances of meeting the 1990 deadline are slim and none. The message for the politicians is clear, from private citizens and business alike: clean up the postal mess and do it now. Surely we have the right to expect the message will get through.

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THIS WEEK'S BOTTOM LINE: Frustration is not having anyone to blame but yourself.



Christmas concert at Benson Public

One annual event which everyone looks forward to at this time of year is school Christmas concerts. Shown here, Ashley VanCamp gives a solo rendition of Frosty the Snowman during this year's concert at Benson Public School *Chieftain Photo - J. Grant*

Christmas concert held at Benson School

The students of Kindergarten thru grades 3 presented a Christmas Concert at the Benson Public School in Cardinal on Wednesday December 18th.

The school auditorium was jammed to capacity to see the youngsters perform.

The program opened with the students of grades 1, 2 and 3 reciting the greeting, and welcoming everyone to the concert. The children's choir was lead in and all the students led everyone in the singing of 'O Canada'' and then they sang Silver Bells and the Little Drummer Boy.

The morning Kindergarten class did the dramatization of the Nativity scene and then sang ''Away in a Manager.''

The girls from grade 3 did a skit called ''I Don't Believe in Christmas. The students of the afternoon kindergarten class sang ''Up On the Housetop'', Rudolph'', and Jingle Bells with the rhythm band.

One of the afternoon Kindergarten students Ashley VanCamp sang ''Frosty the Snowman''. The grade threes acted out and sang ''Winter Wonderland'', followed by the students of grade 2 reciting a poem ''Christmas Colours.

Jingle Bells was sang by the grade 1 class, followed by the grade 2's performing a marching drill to the ''March of the Toy Soldiers.''

The songs ''I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus and ''Mary's Boy Child'' was sung by the grade 3's. The children's choir sang ''That's what I want for Christmas.'' We Wish you a Merry Christmas and Santa Claus is Coming to Town.

No Christmas concert would be complete without a visit from Santa Claus. Santa presented each of the students with a candy cane.

Mr. MacElrea, the principal of Benson's thanked the teachers Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Barkley, Mrs. Lampson, and Mrs. Boissenault as well as the parent volunteers Helen Robichaud, Helen Deschamp, Ada Baldwin and Trudy Watson for the work they did in making their concerts a success.



Cabbage Patch winner

The Cardinal Figure Skating Club held their draw at the Cardinal and District Community Centre on Thursday December 19th. The winner of the Cabbage Patch Twins and the two outfits was Gerry Miller of Cardinal. The winning ticket was drawn by Darren Stitt (left) and Barb Owers (right) held the drum. The outfits were made by Linda MacDonald and Betty Baldwin. The Figure Skating Club raised $275 on their draw. *Chieftain Photo - J. Grant*

Christmas concert held at St. John's

The St. John's United Church Sunday School held there concert on Thursday December 19th in the church hall.

The kindergarten class performed the play ''Twas the Night Before Christmas'', a poem ''Santa Claus'' and sang ''Away in the Manger, and ''Jingle Bells''.

Miss Ashley VanCamp sang ''Frosty The Snowman''. The primary class did a choral reading of ''My Christmas Stocking and sang ''Trust and Obey''.

The recitation ''Who's Good'' was read by Billy Minkhorst. The primary Junior class did a skit ''The Christmas Change''. ''Away in the Manager was sung by Erin Henry.

The play ''The Surprising Change'' was performed by the Junior Class. A birthday cake to Jesus was presented as everyone sang ''Happy Birthday Jesus''.

Mrs. Beryl Riddell, superintendent of the school thanked Matthew Brown (assistant superintendent) for being master of ceremonies for the concert and the teachers for all their work in putting on the concert.

To bring the evening to a conclusion Santa Claus arrived to the enjoyment of everyone.

Back a Fighter with Easter Seals

McDonald House

Employees of Canada Post Corporation have again given assistance to the Ronald McDonald House program by selling ''teddy-bear posties''.

The idea began some years ago, and was spearheaded last year by Post Office employees in Calgary. This year employees in Orleans were instrumental in organizing the campaign in the area. The ''postman'' is dressed in post office gear, and carries a pack; at $20 each the demand was great at the Cardinal Post Office whose employees looked after things in this area.

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Cardinal Skate-a-thon winners

The Cardinal Figure Skating Club held a skate-a-thon on Friday, November 29th at the Cardinal and District Community Centre. The skaters who raised the most money were presented their prize money on Thursday, December 19th at the arena. L-R Mark MacDonald was second (he won $25.00 and he raised $92.00), Mrs. Barb Owers (Chairman of the Ways & Means, presented the cheques to the winners). Danielle Read (she was First and won $100 and raised $161.00) and Brenda Toupin was third (she won $15.00 and raised $100.00). There were 16 skaters who participated in the skate-a-thon and they raised a total of approximately $900.00.

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Parks ready to welcome skiers

Sports

Janet Williams loves winter. It means she can join other cross-country skiers on provincial park trails throughout Ontario.

More than 40 provincial parks have trails -- ranging from two kilometres to 19 kilometres. You can also skate or go for a toboggan ride at Bronte Creek near Hamilton, or have a winter cook-out at Rushing River southeast of Kenora. Local ski clubs also maintain trails on Crown land and private land that can be used by the public.

Williams is a 1984 graduate of the outdoor recreation course at Seneca College's King campus near Toronto, and a qualified ski instructor. She stresses that all cross-country ski buffs should take lessons before setting out on the trail.

And no matter how skilled you are, you should always ski with a partner -- "for safety's sake."

If you plan to try cross-country skiing for the first time this winter, Williams suggests renting equipment first. "Then you can see if everything fits and you're comfortable with it."

And she has some tips for those who feel they are ready to buy equipment.

First, there's the skis. If you fully extend your arm above your head, the skis should reach from the ground to your wrist. When you extend your arms out from your side the ski poles should fit under them Ask a skiing friend to go to the store with you to offer advise.

There are different types of skis as well. Janet prefers wooden ones because they hold the wax longer than fibreglass. Fibreglass no-wax skis are fine for the occasional skier who doesn't want to be bothered with waxing.

Comfortable boots are almost as important as the right skis and poles.

"Uncomfortable ones can ruin your day," Williams says.

And dress wisely. Don't bundle up.

"Start Cool" she advises, "Then if you feel cold later, add clothes as you go."

Wool keeps moisture away from the skin. A wool turtle-neck sweater, covered by a light parka is ideal, and long woollen socks pulled over knickers are better for cross-country skiing than ski pants. "You need something loose," she says.

And wear a wool ski cap or toque pulled down over the ears, or a balaclava that covers the face. "Your head's like a chimney where body heat can escape," she says.

Wear light woollen gloves or mitts. Be careful of frost-bite -- white spots on nose, ears or lips, especially on a windy day.

"That's why we have a partner -- to tell us if we've been nipped. It's better to be safe than sorry," Williams says.

As for basic waxes to make the skis run smoothly, she prefers a green or blue hard wax for new-fallen snow, a softer, purple or red wax for milder days, and when the snow is like ice, klister wax -- a sticky, gluey substance that prevents slipping if you intend to climb any hills.

"Now when you're ready to actually try it, it's wise to start with a short trail that takes no longer than 20 minutes to complete," Williams says. "Then, if your new equipment isn't comfortable or you get cold, you can easily turn back."

At provincial parks, cross-country skiers can ski at their own pace, and choose trips that either last a few hours or a few days.

Warnings and directions are conveyed by symbols and colours. Trails are identified in three ways:

- novice -- green circle bisected by a S-curved line.
- more experienced skiers -- a blue square bisected by a moderately S-curved line.
- expert -- a black diamond bisected by a jagged line.

A red hill symbol marks a slope exceeding 10 degrees or where caution or preparedness is called for. Red arrows are used to indicate the direction of travel and warn skiers of turns ahead. Other signs give trail names, mark distances and indicate the location of washrooms and warm-up huts.

Janet Williams calls cross-country skiing an "extended walk." It's something like learning to walk all over again. But what a sense of accomplishment when you take those first steps!

What follows is a list of provincial parks with cross-country ski trails, with information on some of the trails. Further details may be obtained by calling the ministry's outdoor recreation office in Toronto at (416) 965-3081, the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation at (416) 965-4008, or local ministry offices in the area where you want to ski.

Algonquin Region

Algonquin Provincial Park has four groomed cross-country ski trails -- Fen Lake, a 13-kilometre loop, starting from West Gate; Mew Lake, 10.5 kilometres; Sunday Lake, an 18-kilometre round trip and the David Thompson Trail on Leaf Lake with one five- and two eight-kilometre loops. There are also trails at Silent Lake and Arrowhead provincial park.

Central Region

Cross-country ski trails are at Awenda, Bass Lake, Springwater, Earl Rowe, Wasaga Beach, Sibbald Point, Bronte Creek, Emily Mark S. Burnham, and Balsam Lake provincial parks.

Awenda, 11 kilometres north of Penetanguishene, has 30 kilometres of marked cross-country trails for both the novice and intermediate skier. A warm-up shelter and firewood are provided.

Bronte Creek, on the Oakville/Burlington townline just north the QEW Exit 109 to Burloak Drive, has 13 kilometres of groomed cross-country ski trails, conditions permitting.

Eastern Region

Trails are found at Bon Echo, Charleston Lake, Ferris, Frontenac, Presqu'ile, Sandbanks, Fitzroy, Murphy's Point and Carillon Provincial Parks.

Charleston Lake, 16 kilometers north of Hwy. 401 Exit 659, off Hwy. 17, has warm-up cabins along its 16 kilometres of groomed trails.

Presqu'ile Provincial Park, exit at Hwy. 2, five kilometres south of Brighton, has 14 kilometres of trails, groomed as conditions permit.



Band donates to charity

S.D.H.S. Band members got into the spirit of Christmas last Wednesday as they donated a total of $200 --raised at their annual Christmas concert-- to charities in Iroquois and Morrisburg. Shown above, Iroquois Band President Catherine Whittaker presents a cheque for $100 to Iroquois/Matilda Lions President Don Fairweather. This money will go towards the Lions' fund to assist young Jaime Adams in her fight against Morquio.

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Cardinal Mixed Dart League

The Hot Rods are leading the Cardinal Mixed Dart League as of December 6th, with 82½ points.

Standings:

Hot Rods 82½; Black Birds 81; Mousecateers 79; Bid Birds 77½; Porky's Revenge 74; Heavyweights 74; Tom's Tombs 73½; Mudcreek 73½; Born Losers 72; Lucky 13's 70½; Die 'no' mights 70½; Olive's Gang 68½; Al's Angels 68; Toby's Tons 67½; Ma & Pa Kettle 63; The Bunglars 60½; Joker's 60.

Most Games:

Steve Deschamps 8; Allan Amell 8; Shirley Bishop 8; Roger Bishop 6; Doug Allard 6; Ken Doran 6; Tom Smail 5; Dwight Dodge 5; Brad Windsor 5; Ron Hughes 4; Muriel Allard 4; Dolores Steele 3; Bart Castleman 3; Roy Douglas 3; Wink Perry 3; Ritchie Kanavaugh 3; Ben Allard 3; Clifford Towsley 3; and Rob Robinson 3.

High Scores:

Doug Allard 140; Stan Woodard 140; Ritchie Kavanaugh 132-100; Roy Douglas 128; Rob Robisnon 125; Ron Hughes 125; Mike Deschamps 121; Allan Amell 120-120; Roger Bishop 120-100; Brenda Menard 119; Mary Gilligan 116; John Wright 111; Dolores Steele 110; John Fahrngruber 110; Debbie Walter 102; Steve Deschamps 101-100; Tom Smail 100-100-100; Dwight Dodge 100-100; Brad Windsor 100; Terry Reid 100 and June Douglas 100.

There will be no darts on Friday, December 13th and the Dart wine and cheese Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 14th at the Cardinal Legion.



Returning the favour

The Seaway High School Band recently returned some of the support it has received from the community by donating the proceeds of their recent Christmas concert to charities in Iroquois and Morrisburg. Pictured above, Morrisburg Band President Janet Jones presents Kathy Johnston of the Morrisburg Meals on Wheels group with a cheque for $100. *Chieftain Photo - S. Dea*

Changes to the fuel tax rebate program

National Revenue Minister Elmer MacKay this week issued a reminder of the effect that legislative changes to the Excise Tax Act and the discontinuation of the Petroleum Compensation Charge have had on the Federal Fuel Tax Rebate Program.

The Fuel Tax Rebate Program is designed for farmers, fishermen, trappers, hunters and logging or mining operators using fuel for off-highway and commercial purposes.

On purchases of gasoline or diesel fuel eligible for the Fuel Tax Rebate during the period December 1, 1984 to May 31, 1985 inclusive, the rebate was 4.8 cents per litre.

The Petroleum Compensation Charge (PCC) component (1.8 cents per litre) of the Fuel Tax Rebate was cancelled June 1, 1985. Claims under the PCC must be made within a year of the purchase of the fuel.

On purchases of gasoline or diesel fuel eligible for the Fuel Tax Rebate made on or after June 1, 1985, only the federal sales tax component of 3.0 cents per litre may be claimed.

Claims of the federal sales tax component (3.0 cents per litre) are subject to a four-year limit from the date the fuel was purchased prior to the budget of May 23, 1985. After that date, fuel purchased is subject to a two-year time limit within which a rebate application (FT-3) must be filed (available from local Excise and Canada Post offices).

Questions regarding entitlements under the Federal Fuel Tax Rebate Program, should be directed to local Excise offices.

The Fuel Tax Rebate Program began on December 1, 1984 and will be in effect until January 1, 1987.

Prescott OPP busy

Several accidents last week kept the OPP detachment at Prescott busy. On Thursday, December 19, at about 5 p.m., Ronald Richards of Prescott was exiting from Highway 401, followed by another vehicle driven by James Glynn, also of Prescott. After making the stop, the Richards vehicle stopped for on-coming traffic, and was hit from the rear by the Glynn car. Damage to Richard's car amounted to $2,000, but only $100 damage was done to the Glynn vehicle. Richard's wife and two sons sustained minor injuries, but were taken to Brockville General Hospital for observation.

Two accidents were reported on Wednesday, December 18. One accident was minor with only $40 damage reported. The other accident involved a tractor trailer driven by Alton Mattie of Laval, Quebec. The vehicle was eastbound on Highway 401, in blowing snow, and when a snowplow passed, further reducing visibility, the driver of the tractor trailer skidded into the median, causing $1,000 damage to the rig. No injuries resulted.

On Tuesday of last week, Barbara Anderson of Toronto was travelling Highway 401, just after 11 p.m. About 3 miles east of Highway 16, the Anderson vehicle was struck by an unidentified vehicle, causing $1,000 damage to her car. There were no injuries.

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Tues., Dec. 31st: Iroquois Matilda Lions Club New Year's Eve Dance. Matilda Township Hall, Dixons Corners. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Gary and Mickey Code and the Running Kind. $25. per couple. Buffet lunch. Tickets limited. Contact C & L Feeds, Steve Wilson or Beaupre Jewellers.

Tues., Dec. 31st: New Year's Eve Party at the Pioneer Hotel. champagne served at midnight, hats and noise makers, lots of fun. Snacks at bar. Only $6.00 per person.

"TREASURES OF THE SNOW" film will be shown in the Morrisburg Civic Centre on Sat., Jan. 11, 1986 at 7:45 p.m. Sponsored by the Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church.

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Ecumenical group cares and shares

by Pat Hare,
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Over 150 families will have a more enjoyable holiday season this year in the townships of Matilda, Williamsburg and South Mountain. Food supplies and toys are being delivered to those who can best benefit from the generous donations of their neighbours.

Rev. Allen Tysick of the United Church, Matilda explained that "three years ago it was decided to form an ecumenical committee of representatives from the Anglican, Roman Catholic and United Churches in the area, and establish a central registry for those needing assistance at Christmas. The Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club have generously supported the project, he added, "and this year the banks throughout the townshps added their help by being collection depots for non-perishable foods and toys."

Ecumenical is the key word, since all needy families are cared for by the collective efforts of the group, regardless of their religious affiliation. Other churches, such as the Morrisburg Pentecostal and the Christian Reformed Church, Williamsburg, encourage their parishioners to support the ecumenical collection. This avoids duplication of effort, and ensures that all recipients of the gifts benefit from a well co-ordinated program.

"Knox Presbyterian Church, " said Rev. Theisjmeijer, "endeavours to provide local assistance, and also contribute on an international level. This Sunday gifts for two needy families in the community will be brought to the church by the parishioners. In addition there will be a special offering, the proceeds of which will be passed to the Presbyterian World Services for relief work in Africa, Mexico and South America".

As with all such endeavours, money and other donations come from many people and organizations and it would be virtually impossible to identify all of them. An especially noteworthy contribution, however, was the gift of $200. to Rev. Allen Tysick from the children of the Seaway Valley School for Trainable Retarded Students. They are sharing a portion of the money collected in their recent draw, with those who need help at Christmas.

Bridge winners

Ladies -
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Gents -
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Senior Poetry and Essay Winners

The Royal Canadian Legion, Iroquois Branch 370, have made awards in their Senior Poetry and Senior Essays contest. Pictured in the front (l to r) are Kitty Hubbard, first prize in Senior Poetry, and Shelley Black, first prize in Senior Essays. In the back (l to r) Ed Hitchinson, Zone Commander of the Legion, Lisa Sheridan, honourable mention in Senior Essays; Sonya Coligan, Second Prize, Senior Poetry; Eldon Horner, honourable mention, Senior Poetry; Annette Reichert, second prize, Senior Essays; and Cathy Gibson, honourable mention, Senior Essays. Missing from the picture was Larry Toonders, honourable mention, Senior Poetry. All these winners are students at Seaway District High School.

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Seaway Valley School gives gift to people in need

by Pat Hare
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The lucky winners of the "Pay what you pull" draw, operated by the Seaway Valley School for Trainable Retarded Students, were: $100 - Bert Wicks, Morrisburg; $50 - Joe Hutt, Brinston; and $25 - Jim Hutton, Ottawa. The tickets were drawn by the Reeve of Matilda Township, Lorne Mellan, assisted by student, Melvin Hollister, Morrisburg.

"This was the first fund raising program undertaken by the Seaway Valley School," said interim principle, Gerry Morrell, "and it has netted approximately $1,400." "Special credit", he emphasized "is due to the generous support of the ladies auxiliary of the Iroquois Fire Department, who sold 60 of the total of 200 books in circulation. Parents and other volunteer salespeople also made it all possible," he added.

Morrell pointed out that the Iroquois-Matilda Lions and other groups have been most supportive of the school since its inception and it has been organizations such as this who have normally spearheaded their fund-raising acitivies. "This year, school officials decided to run the draw and they are very pleased with the result," Morrell added.

The money can be used toward a VCR ("we are the only school without one, said Morrell") or for playground equipment or trips for the students.

"On the basis that all in the community have done so much for this school, we are anxious to offer something back", said Morrell. Thus, a cheque for $200 was turned over to Rev. Allen Tysick, by student Kim Yu, on behalf of her school, for use in purchasing food and toys for those in need of help at Christmas. Rev. Tysick, with his trusty, grinning puppet, "Wrinkles" assured the children and staff of the timeliness of the gift, as two additional families needing help had come to his attention that day.



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Separate School Board adopts education credo

The Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Roman Catholic Separate School Board adopted an education credo at their meeting of December 17.

The credo contains 17 statements which outline the Board's commitment to the promotion of a philosophy of Catholic education, their sensitivity to multiculturism, their acknowledgement of the culture and language of the two founding nations English and French, the applicability of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, their belief that school should be the logical extension of the home, their recognition of student and parental needs from a religious and academic standpoint.

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Iroquois students decorate windows

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Next year, the Christmas artists hope to expand, covering as many windows in the Plaza as time allows, and the merchants want. The greatest reward that the students receive is the satisfaction of producing the beautiful paintings.

Anti-drinking campaign is having an affect

Current anti-drinking campaigns are having an affect. Very few charges are being laid this season in regard to alcohol-related criminal code offenses. Morrisburg detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police also report no criminal activity over the past few days.

However, accidents still continue. Early Friday morning, December 20, an east-bound tractor trailer skidded on the snow-covered surface of highway 401, just east of Iroquois, crossed through the median, and ended up on the west-bound shoulder.

The driver was not injured, and no other vehicles were involved.

On December 18, Brian Keeler of R.R. 2 Brinston lost his 1979 Dodge to fire. Keeler was northbound on County Road 1, north of highway 401 when smoke began issuing from the defrost vent. He was able to stop the car before flames burst out, destroying the interior. Damage was set at $1200; the Iroquois Fire Department attended.

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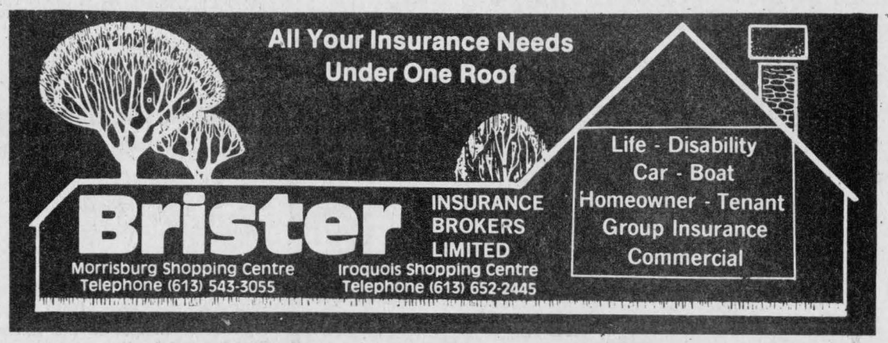



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To help you in filing your appeal, Notice of Appeal forms are available from the Assessment Review Board, your Regional Assessment Office or your Municipal Office. As well, you can use the reverse side of a Notice of Assessment or write a letter stating the property address and roll number, together with your reasons for appealing. Appeals should be forwarded to the Regional Registrar of the Assessment Review Board listed below.

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Normal service will continue on New Year's eve until 4 p.m. Mail dispatch on December 31 will be at 11:30 a.m. The Post Office will be closed on New Year's Day, with full service resuming on January 2. 1986.

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Karen Roberts new Counsellor

New Youth Counsellor

Miss Karen Roberts of Iroquois will be the new Youth Employment Counsellor for the Cardinal and District Resource Center in Cardinal starting January 1, 1986.

Karen is the daughter of Dale and Helen Roberts of Iroquois. She is a graduate of St. Lawrence College in Kingston where she took the Correctional Workers Program.

"I am very interested in working with and helping people, preferably the youths," said Karen.

Karen will be replacing Carol Thompson who is going to be working in Winchester, at the Women's Resource Centre and will deal with battered people and the families of battered people.

"I am very pleased with the success rate of the Cardinal Resource Centre," said Carol. "They are a very exciting group of people to work with. Since October we had worked with 30 youths and about half have been placed in the work force," she added.

"The move to Winchester is a career advancement and I will be available to help the executive of the Resource Centre at any time, but I feel Karen is quite capable of doing the job," she concluded.



Kathy Jodoin of Futures Program

Futures Program gets started in Cardinal

The Cardinal and District Resource Centre has received a $40,000 grant from the Ministry of Skills Development to start up a Futures Program. This program is a subsidy for youth to offer training and job experience.

The co-ordinator of the program is Kathy Jodoin who started on Tuesday, December 17th. Kathy is originally from Cornwall but is now living northwest of Prescott. She has worked for 9 years with the Stormont, Glengarry and Dundas County Board of Education as a counsellor (social worker). At present the program is a full time job but once things get going she will be only working approximately 20 hours per week.

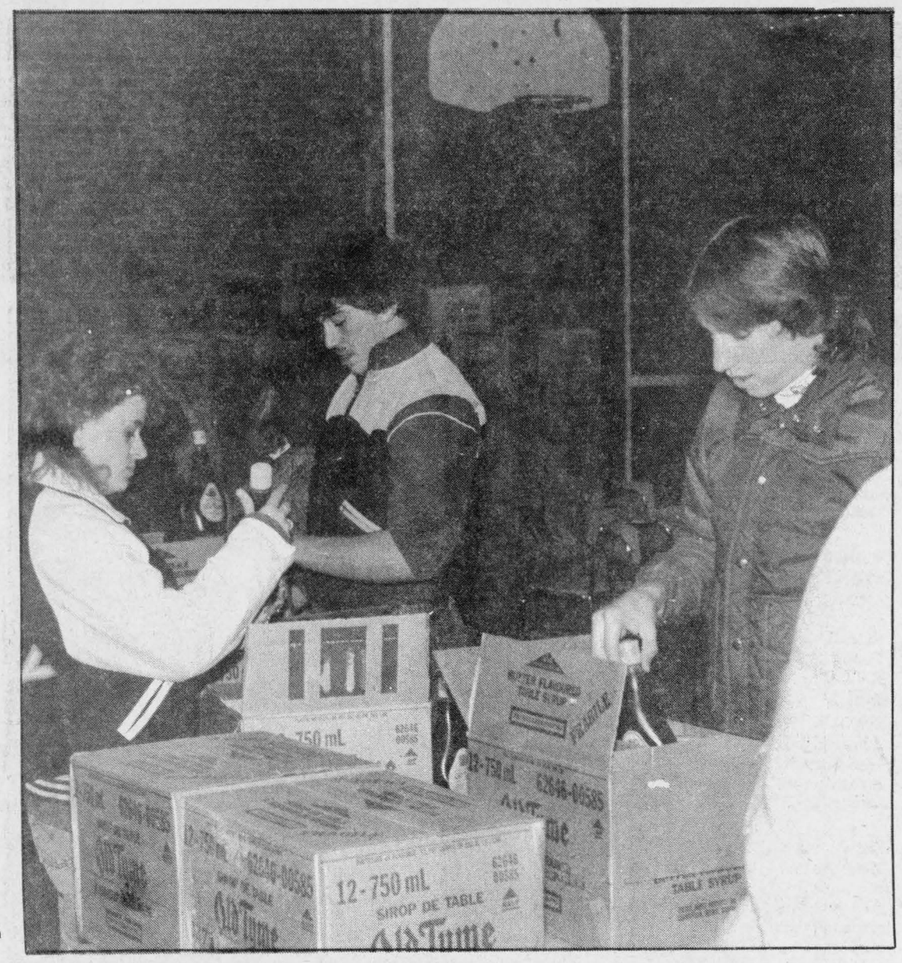
There are some individuals in the program now which have been transferred from other programs, said Kathy.

There are three ways to go in the Futures Program. 1) You have a 4 month placement at a job where there is a high training factor and where there is a strong possibility they will be employed at the end of the program.

2) A Youth can go into a 1 year guaranteed objective. The youths are guaranteed three - 4 month placements with different employers and they must upgrade their education towards grade 12.

3) The 16 weeks of Pre-employment preparation, which is administered by the colleges (St. Lawrence), is where the youth attends classes for 16 weeks and is being paid a stipend during that time.

The Ministry is quite flexible with its guidelines, said Carol Thompson. This program should be well underway within the next few weeks.



Many hands make light

A number of students at SDHS are shown helping Canada Starch sort damaged syrup containers. Only students with good average marks were allowed to help with the project, proceeds from which will benefit the program to rebuild the track.

Chieftain Photo - D. Moore

Seaway students help out CASCO

Canada Starch began a new process recently involving the packaging of table syrup. However, the temperatures changes involved in the process have caused problems, and the plastic containers are being warped. It has now become necessary to unpack and repack about 4,000 cartons of the merchandise.

Although not normal practice, Seaway District High School has agreed to help the company do the work. Generally speaking it might be more economical to throw out the product and start over again, but with the students helping it is worthwhile to examine each bottle, discarding those that are damaged, and repacking the good ones.

Arrangements were made between Garry Banford of CASCO and Don Fairweather, Head of Physical Education at SDHS, with the funds realized going toward the $35,000 needed to re-surface the school's track.

It has turned out that about 25 percent of the bottles have to be discarded. The job has taken nearly three days, and involved 9 semi-trailer loads of cartons.

United Counties hold first meeting

The first meeting of the Council of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry for the current term of office was held on Monday December 16 at the County Building in Cornwall.

At this inaugural meeting, Warden Ralph MacKenzie was sworn in for a one-year term. He is at present the Reeve of the Township of Finch.

Business at this first meeting of the initial year of the three-year term was taken up mainly in swearing in members, and setting up committees.

A number of dignitaries were present, including Mrs. Warner, representing her husband Norm Warner, MP, who could not attend; Luc Guindon, MPP for Cornwall; Noble Villeneuve, MPP for Stormont-Dundas-Glengarry; Don Boudria, MP for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell; and the Mayor of Alexandria, Jean-Paul Touchette. Also in attendance were several past Wardens.

The next County Council meeting is scheduled to be held on January 20, 1986.



District Deputy Night at Cardinal Lodge

The Cardinal Masonic Lodge 491 held its annual District Deputy night on Tuesday, December 17th. Mr. Ted Lockhart, Past District Deputy, Lyle Byers District Deputy Grand Master, Dale Montgomery Master of Cardinal Lodge, and Tom Amell Past District Deputy are pictured above left to right. Approximately 60 Masons from various Lodges such as Iroquois, Prescott, Spencerville, Ogdensburg, Cornwall, Winchester, Chesterville to name a few attended the meeting. *Chieftain Photo - J. Grant*

Lease campsites carefully

To the city dweller a "place in the country" represents the dream of a lifetime and many people are deciding that a long-lease campsite might be that dream come true.

Long-lease campsites are usually situated away from heavily built-up urban areas where land is relatively economical. A developer will often purchase a hundred acres or more, usually near a lake or river for maximum outdoor recreational activities.

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Because you are leasing the site and not purchasing it outright, it is vital you consult a lawyer signing anything. Don't be persuaded that your signature is "only a formality" and doesn't bind you to anything.

Bear in mind, the registered owners may be able to mortgage and re-mortgage the property without your knowledge. If your registered owner is incompetent or dishonest he could find himself bankrupt and you could lose your site and all the money you have paid in advance.

Examine your lease very carefully and have your lawyer insist there is a clause permitting you to sublease or transfer your lease to another buyer if you wish, without payment or charge of any kind.

Make sure your lease contract allows for ongoing management of the site, and that such management is responsible for the provision of services needed for you to enjoy the site.

If you visit the site before it is fully serviced, be sure the proposed club-house and swimming pool will be built.

Make sure the site is accessible throughout the year if you intend to use it for winter months. Ask about the availability of water, sewage disposal and other services.

Ask about emergency medical aid, and be sure to find out the distance to the nearest hospital. Inquire about fire and police protection services, and the availability of site patrols during your absence.

If you have an active young family, you might want to find out if the facilities are suitable for children. Or you may prefer to find a site that caters to older people.

Research, plan and take your time. Don't let your dream of a lifetime turn sour through hasty action.

The Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations has published a booklet on what you should know about long-lease campsites. For copies, contact the Consumer Information Centre, 555 Young St., Toronto, Ontario, M7A 2H6, (416) 963-1111 or, toll free, 1-800-268-1142.

LOOKING BACK

20 Years Ago This Week-

Pat Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson of Iroquois wrote home from her position in the Canadian High Commissioner's Office in Australia, telling about her then recent excursion to Tasmania. The letter, which was printed in the *Post*, told of the wonders of such places as Queenstown, the Bass Straight and Ulverstone, and was greatly enjoyed by all who knew her.

Gary Hall of Beach Avenue was the lucky winner of a $5,000 draw sponsored by a Cornwall branch. As well, Keith Beaupre and Gerald Cornell were the winners of a Lions Club "100 Club" draw, netting $300 and $200, respectively.

The *Post* reported an attendance of over 400 youngsters at the Village's annual rendezvous with Santa Claus. As soon as they all had met their patron saint and received a bag of candy and fruit, St. Nick took his leave to visit the stores, then the Old Village Nursing Home. Finally, he returned North to the Missus, ready to make his Christmas flight.

The Iroquois United Church presented the Christmas Cantata "Come, Let Us Adore Him" to a receptive crowd in the sanctuary. The Cantata, selected and arranged by Yale and Keating and taken entirely from classic sources, featured the music of Brahms, Wagner, Tschaikowsky, Beethoven, Braga, Schubert, Yon, and Schumann. Solos were performed by William Knox, James Anderson, James Morrison, Mrs. Carman Caldwell, and Mrs. George Fowler, while Rev. J. Leslie Dean gave a brief discussion on the theme of the Cantata.

10 Years Ago This Week -

The Ottercliff Hall claimed the distinction of being the last ship to pass through the St. Lawrence Seaway before the network closed for the winter months. Although the lower end of the system had actually closed three days earlier, some crews had stayed on duty for several last ships. After the safe passage of the Ottercliff Hall, the canal would be drained and preparations begun for 1976.

Shawn Markell, age five, and Katherine Shaw, age seven, each won a new pair of skates for their fine efforts in the *Post's* Christmas colouring contest. Judges for the competition were Frank Rooney and George Cooper.

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FROM THE FRONT

Rink

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On January 18, the rink has been rented out to a private party, so will not be available for general use. Other groups interested in booking the ice may do so by contacting Lorraine Fader, 652-4428. The cost is $25. This charge is applicable only to private parties; local church groups, Scouts, Guides and similar village organizations will not be expected to pay.

Lorraine Fader, indicated that a second hand refrigerator is needed at the rink. If anyone has one to donated, or if one is available at modest cost, Mrs. Fader would be pleased to hear from you.

Edwardsburgh

The adjustment and minor variance committee includes Walter Hofmann, Irwin Adams and Coun. Robert Doucette. Emergency Planning goes to Coun. John Hunter.

Delmer Adams of Matilda Township, Wilfred Place of Prescott, Earl Brown and Walter Froom will comprise the North Channel Cemetery Board.

And at the Reeve's suggestion, two new committees were struck. The Roads Committee is made up of Councillors Somerville and Doucette, while the Administration Committee has the Reeve and Coun. John Hunter as members.

The Reeve is an ex officio member of every committee and board.

When council considered allocating its 1985 budget deficit or surplus, the Clerk reminded members that past council policy was to apply it to the reserve fund for future capital expenditures. If not, the premium or shortfall would have to be calculated into the 1986 budget under terms of the Municipal Act.

Spencerville Trustee James Purcell asked council if the village could accumulate any surplus, in the budget it receives from the township, in a similar fund. He indicated the money might be used later on projects like the Spencerville sewer system.

The Reeve replied, "it has always been council policy that any surplus go into . . . a general reserve fund," adding he thought the township and the province would be dealing with the sewer question.

The clerk advised the village had no authority to establish a reserve fund, and it hadn't been determined if there would be a surplus in 1985. He said council could earmark a portion of the general reserve fund for village use.

Council will hold a special meeting in January to consider the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's modifications to the Official Plan.

Ministry representatives, the township planner, the clerk and Chief Building Official will be on hand for the session.

The Reeve asked council its preference for an open or closed meeting. "The modifications may affect people affected by the official plan. Sometimes it's easier to do it in camera and get our own minds straight."

Coun. Ross Somerville replied quickly, "I think if we can have an open session, we should."

Date for the meeting will be set later.

Reeve Gillis will also meet with the Reeve of Augusta township to decide on an appropriate grant to Edwardsburgh for use of township recreation facilities by Augusta residents. "We'll sit down and work something out," Gillis said, adding the meeting had been suggested to the previous council, "but this time it will happen."

Council granted a request for an additional $200 funding from the volunteer fire department. Chief Ralph Dukelow said the money was voted by the department to inspectors Bill Sloan and Dave Kelper.

The department received an $8,500 grant from the township for 1985.

Dukelow said the department was called to 23 fires in 1985, one fewer than the year before.

He said another firefighter might be taken on this spring to fill out the 24-man complement. While he said a new truck would not be needed for two or three years, the department was interested in a van or station wagon.

Chief Building Official Linda Chapeskie reported she had almost completed documents for a tender call for maintenance of the Crowder drain.

Chapeskie said her draft of the Crowder tender documents forbid digging before May 1, but she suggested a successful bidder could do some clearing during the winter months if necessary.

She added she was drafting letters to landowners on the Crowder and Dewitt-Richter Drains to bring them up to date on developments. In discussion, a tender call for 4 p.m. Feb. 3 was suggested.

Roads Superintendent Ross Cummings discussed the construction of an insulated, mobile building for the dump attendant. Quotes for a 10x10 shed ranged from $600 to $1,000. Cummings suggested the work could be done cheaper by having the township buy the materials and build the unit; council suggested he look into it.

Cummings also presented council with quotes on leasing a backhoe, as directed at the last meeting. No action was taken, and Cummings was asked to see if Ontario transport ministry grants were available.

Recreation Director Wayne Smith secured council approval for renovations to the bar area at the South Edwardsburgh Community Centre in Johnstown. The centre will carry out the renovations, at no expense to the township, during January.

Smith also reported work on lighting the softball diamond was "90 per cent complete," and crews were awaiting the arrival of an Ontario Hydro transformer.

Council directed the clerk to request preliminary budget estimates from all departments and agencies financed by the township by Jan. 15.

Edwardsburgh Council meets in regular session Jan. 6 and Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the municipal offices in Spencerville.

School Board

strates to what degree the religion of secular humanism has penetrated our society (our media and even someof the Christian church): a privatization of God and an opposition to revealed church): a privatization of God and an opposition to revealed religion which will not submit to the scientific method and spirit. Allow me to read from the Humanist Manifesto of 1973 signed by over 1000 men and women from every sphere of life, ad from the teaching profession from Eastern and Western bloc countries (including Henry Morgentaler).

With such a philosophy of life, publicly espoused by many who are with the media as well as many in thepolitical and educational fields, need we wonder of the opposition not only to the completion of our schools, but even to the very existence of our system!

But the enemy is also within and how could it be otherwise, because we all are exposed tthe same virus. That is why it is so essential that trustees, administratios, teachers and parents realize the need of taking bold and necessary steps to accentuate the values which underlie our Catholic system of education.

When a teacher is waiting for me outside his grade 6 classroom to advise me that 60 percent of the children in his class are from one-parent families, when a Pastor advises me that not one of the sixteen students I confirmed on Thursday were at mass the next Sunday, when I search in vain for a resolution of your Board last year which has anything to do with the Catholicity of our system, when neither the preamble to the annual report nor the priorities of the Director of Education addresses the Catholicity of our system, I must, as your Bishop, express my concern and ask you to realize the challenge of our changing world and address the serious needs of the deepening of the faith commitment of all concerned.

The diocesan priority this year is "Let us share our Catholic faith". I am not asking for a witch hunt nor an inquisition, I am pointing out the important needs which must be addressed."

The Bishop then presented the following challenge: "How do we excel in the love and personal regard for each student, in the education to his or her full potential, with values for life (and for death) which will bring to our system the childrn of Catholic parents?

How do we help teachers and parents to prepare and participate in the new programme on education to family life, to human love, to sexuality, to chastity (self-control out of love) which will begin to be piloted in our schools shortly?

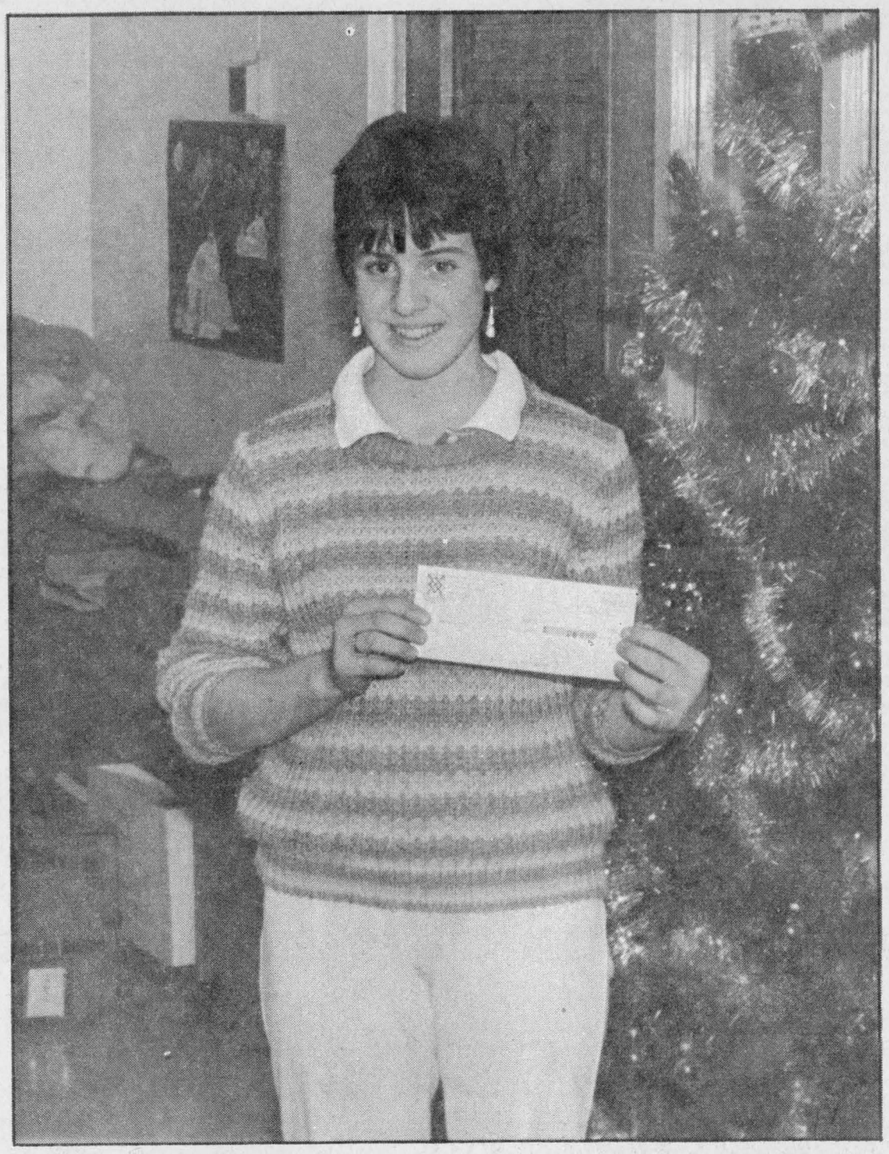
As trustees you must find the means of fostering in each school by all those responsible, including the parents, a plan to deepen the Catholic educational character of the school.

I must also share with you my great joy in seeing among the recommendations made by the Stacy Churchill report to government on Francophone Education, that Homogeneous Francophone Regional Boards in Ontario, be allied to the Catholic school system, since such a high percentage of the students would originate from that source. (I don't know how the Freeholder could have twice made the same error in stating that they would be separated from the Separate School Board.

I can also assure you that not all Anglicans nor non-Catholics share the views of Archibishop Garnsworthy. However, the lack of vocal public support after so many years of Ecumenical Dialogue is a great disappointment to the Roman Catholic constituents. It will test the depth of our dialogue. I earnestly pray that it may deepen and even strengthen it.

To assure a Catholic school system the first responsibilities fall upon your shoulders, Catholic trustees. May your faith and personal commitment be assisted by the help of the Holy Spirit, that power within ourselves can accomplish great things. "For nothing is impossible to God and to those who serve Him in serving his people."

As your Bishop I mandate you in the name of the Lord for this meeting of being stewards of the Catholic education of our youth-the hope of tomorrow."



Wins award for poem

In an area-wide contest throughout Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Debbie Cooper of Seaway District High School placed first in the English poem section. See story this page.

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Detox Centre to be opened at Cornwall General Hospital

A new, bilingual detoxification centre, to be run by the Cornwall General Hospital, is one of 21 addiction services receiving new or additional funding this year, Health Minister Murray Elston announced this week.

The Ministry of Health will provide approximately $40,000 in start-up costs and $289,700 in annual operating funds for the centre. Total funding required for the 21 programs will be $4.3 million annually.

"The centre will provide a supportive, home-like environment during initial recovery from acute alcohol intoxication," Mr. Elston said.

The District Health Council of Eastern Ontario has endorsed this program.

The Addiction Research Foundation estimates there are more than 5,000 alcoholics in the Cornwall area to be served by the detoxification centre. This area includes Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott and Russell counties.

The centre could serve as many as 1,040 clients annually, with the average length of stay in the centre estimated to be four or five days.

The 21 treatment programs receiving new or increased funding this year bring the total number of ministry-funded addition programs in Ontario to 83, for a total annual cost of more than $15 million limit

Dom-Tex payment plan now over

Dominion Textile Inc. announced this week the $15 million optional cash payment limit for the December 1985 investment date has been reached.

Any optional cash payment received after December 18, 1985 by the Royal Trust Company, the agent under the plan, will be returned to the shareholder immediately.

The reinvestment of dividends under the dividend reinvestment and share purchase plan is not affected and common share dents payable to a participant in the plan will continue to be reinvested.

Correction

In the Morrisburg Council Report, page 10 of the Dec. 18 edition, reference was made to a provincial payment of 3,000, whereas it should have read $300,000. We apologize for the error.

Affirmitive action

At a recent meeting of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Roman Catholic Separate School Board, a decision was made to hire an Affirmative Action Coordinator. The term is to be from Jan. 1, 1986 to Dec. 31/86.

Peter Van Moorsel, trustee, explained that for several years employee and student groups have been voluntarily identifying equal opportunity problems and making recommendations to the board.

These are related most often to female employees and students in areas such as perceived discriminatory practices, and the need for career planning guidance, and encouragement of higher expectations as members of the labour force.

The board believes the time has come to appoint a coordinator to analyse recommended practices, and provide training and implementation as required.

Cooper wins first

From among 200 entries, Debbie Cooper, a Grade 10 student at Seaway District High School, took first prize in the English Poem section of the Christmas card design contest which was held by the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry County Board of Education. The card will be the Board's official Christmas card to other school boards.

The winner of the cover design was Julie Van Wylick of North Dundas District High School, a Grade 11 student. The French Poem prize went to Lori Helmer, a Grade 9 student at Rothwell-Osnabruck School. The contest was held throughout all the High Schools under the jurisdiction of the SD and G Board.

Prize-winning poem
by Debbie Cooper

Softly, Softly the snowflakes are falling,
Gently they cover the earth,
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