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Mountain Twp. turns back on arena



Easter chicks

Three-year-old Jenna Hendrikx of Metcalfe picks out her Easter chick during chick pick-up day at Fred's Farm Supplies, Friday.

Photo — Edwards

Kim Robinson
Press Staff

WINCHESTER — If Mountain Township residents want to use recreation facilities in Winchester they're going to have to reach into their own pockets.

The township won't be using its tax dollars.

Councillors announced the decision at a meeting last Wednesday which brought the Winchester Recreation Board together with the councils of Mountain Township, Winchester Village and Winchester Township to look at more equitable ways of sharing recreation costs.

Last year Mountain Township gave about $13,000 toward the roughly $105,000 in operational costs not covered by revenue at the community centre. Recreation at the centre has a total annual cost of $349,807. It is estimated that 30 per cent of the people who use the centre reside in Mountain Township.

Winchester Reeve Larry Gray, who led the meeting, asked for a straightforward answer on who would help pay for sports and other activities at the Winchester Community Park.

"If there are people in the municipalities that feel they shouldn't be in the recreation business I want to know it now," declared Gray.

Winchester Township Reeve Claude Cousineau said his council, which gave about $20,000 last year, would pitch in its share once the township's budget had been worked out, but Mountain Township Reeve Estella Rose announced that her municipality would no longer be a contributor.

Rose said the message she was getting from both council and people involved in recreation in the township was clear, but she added, "I wouldn't be disagreeable to going back and rehashing it."

Councillor Robert Guy said as far as he was concerned the matter was already decided. He pointed to a unanimous decision reached at a special meeting of council March 22 to "not give Winchester Village any monies for recreation services."

Without this input from their municipal government, Mountain Township residents will have to pay some sort of surcharge before

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Sipes sentenced

MORRISBURG - Christopher Sipes, 27, of Inkerman, was sentenced to five years in prison by Judge Lynn Ratushny after pleading guilty in provincial court here Tuesday morning to manslaughter in the April 16, 1994 death of Willis Arcand, 64, of Mountain Township.

Sipes was also sentenced Tuesday to 30 months, to be served consecutively, on a drug importation charge to which he had pleaded guilty in December.

Originally charged with second degree murder, he pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of manslaughter on the basis of a psychiatric assessment conducted by Dr. John Bradford, chief forensic psychiatrist at the Royal Ottawa Hospital, and on a joint submission by his lawyer, Heather Perkins-McVey and Crown Attorney John Campbell.

In the report, given to Judge Ratushny Tuesday, Dr. Bradford wrote that Sipes's criminal responsibility were lessened by alcohol-induced "patchy amnesia" and a homophobic reaction to what he believed was a sexual act being carried out on him by Arcand, who, according to Perkins-McVey, often used the prospect of free drinks to lure young men to his French Settlement Road home and solicit sex from them.

According to Perkins-McVey, quoting from the Bradford report, Arcand was known to be aggressive and violent when drinking and could be "forceful when he wanted sexual activity".

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Newspaper costs increase

WINCHESTER — An increase of over 100 per cent in the cost of newsprint since August 1994, and with three more increases predicted in 1995 (the next May 1), will mean an increase in the cost of subscriptions, and store sales of *The Winchester Press*, effective May 1.

Single copies of *The Press* will increase from 50 cents to 75 cents. Subscriptions to addresses within 40 miles of Winchester where there is no door-to-door delivery will increase from $20 per year to $25 per year, plus GST.

The cost of subscriptions outside the 40-mile area and to addresses where there is door-to-door delivery, will increase from $45 a year to $50 a year, plus GST. Subscriptions to U.S.A. and to other foreign destinations will increase from $50 to $65 a year.

"We have absorbed the increases in newsprint costs since August by instituting in-house efficiencies in all aspects of our operation, especially in our web printing operation," said publisher John Morris, "but we cannot afford to absorb more costs. Part of this increase will have to be passed on to our readers, but even at 75 cents our community paper is still less than a cup of coffee."

"We want to be as fair as possible with our regular subscribers with this significant increase," Morris said, "so we are going to allow any of our subscribers whose subscriptions come due this year a chance to renew at the present rates of $20 or $45 plus GST if they renew by Mon., May 15.

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Spending focus of PC platform

Liz Edwards
Press Staff

WINCHESTER — His party, if elected, will cut spending but some services in the Winchester area won't feel the slash, according to SD&G and East Grenville Progressive Conservative MPP Noble Villeneuve.

Speaking Friday night in Winchester at the annual meeting of the local P.C. association, Villeneuve said party leader Mike Harris is taking a hard line on government spending for the upcoming provincial election campaign this year, promising to balance Ontario's budget in four years.

Some of the cuts the Conservatives propose include eliminating 15,000 civil service jobs through attrition or layoff and reducing the number of MPPs by 24 per cent.

"We're starting right at home...It's going to be tough but we do not have a choice. The public of Ontario has sent us the message," he said.

But in an interview with the *Press* Villeneuve said certain services such as the Winchester District Memorial Hospital would not have to worry.

"There are three areas we're not cutting back on. The envelopes are sealed on health care, on in- the-classroom education and on law and security," he said.

Education will have to learn to share some services; there is a lot of duplication, he adds. Agriculture programs will likely not be cut either.

But services such as social assistance, which currently costs Ontario taxpayers $6.5 billion a year, will bear some of the brunt. Programs such as workfare where those receiving unemployment must work for their money.

It's a tough, controversial stance but at least at this point, Villeneuve is not backing down on the issue.

"If you're an able-bodied person and you're not willing to work for your social assistance I'm sorry you may not get any," he says.

This is the fifth election campaign for Villeneuve, who was nominated for this riding last year. He has served as the local MPP for almost 12 years. The area has traditionally voted Conservative with the last Liberal MPP elected in the 1960's.

"I'm ready, I'm as ready as I've ever been and I've seen more positive things out in those parts of Ontario that I've had the privilege of visiting than I've ever seen before," he said.

Village enjoys budget surplus

Liz Edwards
Press Staff

WINCHESTER — Winchester Village came through last year with almost $40,000 to spare, according to the auditor's report released last week.

The small surplus has been transferred to the municipality's mutual fund. In 1993 the village had $68,000 in excess, according to auditor Lynn Clapp of BDO Dunwoody, a chartered accounting firm in Ottawa.

He reviewed the village's 1994 financial statement with council at its last regular meeting.

In total the village spent $2,224,392— almost $100,000 more than the previous year — but slightly less of the money came through taxation and user fee charges. Instead the village received about $150,000 extra through grants and other sources.

As it has been in other years, Winchester's biggest expenditure was the $609,294 spent

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Nature-lover repulsed by piled carcasses



Animal carcasses along a pathway in the Mountain Wildlife Area. Press Photo — Fetterly

WINCHESTER — Authorities are still questioning whether the Winchester Bog will remain the final resting place for a large number of animal carcasses found recently.

The animals, presumably left by trappers as most of them were skinned, are a health hazard and should be removed by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) which controls the land, says Naomi Langlois, a fish and wildlife technician from the South Nation River Conservation Authority.

The bog, located north of Winchester Village, is a provincially-significant wetland and the number of dead animals lying there could pollute the water, she maintains.

"It's not going to look good in the eyes of the public; not just hunters go there, nature lovers do too."

Jeff Columbus, a senior environment officer with the Ministry of the Environment, would also like to see the animals removed but he is not sure whether the ministry is legally obliged to do so.

The environmental protection act is a bit vague, he says. It only states that no waste shall be deposited in an area which is not a waste disposal site.

As far as the MNR is concerned, the carcasses are not waste as they will be recycled through the natural process of decay.

MNR Conservation Officer Bob Easton noted in a press release Monday, "This is a good way to return nature to nature. While it may not be pretty, this is an acceptable practice."

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Arena

they can register in any of the community centre's programs. The Winchester Recreation Board is currently looking at options of family and individual rates, but no definite fees have been set.

Though about $90,000 was spent last year on recreation in Mountain Township, Rose said the township's recreation committees want this money to go to more local facilities like the outdoor rinks at Inkerman and Hallville.

"They have been saying to council, 'If you're going to spend money we want it spent here'."

Mary Jane Elliott, deputy reeve for Winchester Village, argued that this sort of facility doesn't provide the same level of service, that an outdoor rink can't be compared with the arena.

The decision to end funding is also prompted by the view that in lean economic times municipalities have to concentrate on areas like road improvement rather than recreation.

"We've gone by the day that a kid can go to three weeks' swimming lessons for $50," said Guy, "I think it's time that Winchester Village runs the facility and charges whatever it costs to run it."

But many of the Winchester Village representatives disagreed. Both the reeve and deputy reeve supported the view that many families can't afford recreation without subsidization.

Winchester Recreation Director Frank Morgan recalled difficulties in an attempt last year to charge user fees in the registration of Mountain Township minor hockey players. He said Mountain Township councillors have to make it clear to their constituents that it was their decision to move toward a user pay system.

Mountain Township has been involved in funding the community centre since the three municipalities contributed to its construction in 1973.

Sipes

Both Arcand and Sipes had been drinking heavily prior to his death.

Quoting further from the Bradford report, Perkins- McVey said the assessment showed that Sipes is a heterosexual with "mildly conservative sexual attitudes" and with no latent homosexual tendencies, even when under the influence of alcohol.

Dr. Bradford also wrote that Sipes has some "anti- social personality disorders", particularly "impulsivity and aggression" which are aggravated by alcohol and recommended that his problem with substance abuse be dealt with.

Perkins-McVey told Judge Ratushny that Sipes had been attending 12-step programs before his admission to the Royal Ottawa to deal with his drug and alcohol problems and has been dry since his arrest on April 24, 1994.

Court was told that on Sat., April 16, 1994, Sipes started drinking at about 11am and continued throughout the day. He and a group of friends had been "touring the back roads and acting like yahoos". The drinking bout continued throughout the day and into the evening and Sipes was told by the Kemptville OPP that he was too impaired to drive. He found someone else to drive him and ended up at Arcand's home, which he had visited several times in the past.

Perkins-McVey said Sipes went upstairs and went to sleep, awaking to find himself naked and believing Arcand to be performing a sexual act on him.

It is here that the patchy amnesia sets in, according to Perkins-McVey.

Sipes pushed Arcand away and reached for something from a table beside the bed to defend himself with as they struggled.

He then left the residence, went to a friend's for another drink and passed out.

Arcand's body was found by his brother and brother-in-law on April 18 after he had failed to appear for a morning coffee at his neighbor's home the day before, as was his custom.

According to Crown Attorney Campbell, investigating officers Keith Seguin and Brent Mattice of the Winchester OPP Detachment found Arcand clothed only in a T-shirt. He had a deep puncture wound at the base of his neck and there were lacerations on his penis. There was shaving cream on some areas of his body, as well, according to the officers' report.

A post mortem conducted at the Ottawa General Hospital ruled that Arcand's death was due to the stab wound, which caused internal bleeding, and to strangulation.

Police noted that Arcand's wallet was missing as were a television and VCR.

The murder weapon, a gun cleaning rod, was later recovered from a river.

Sipes was arrested April 24 and the ramrod was recovered with his co-operation, Campbell told the court.

A pre-sentence report prepared by probation officer Jos Vandiepen indicated that although Sipes may have liked to play the "buffoon and good old boy" he has "greater potential than he often exhibits" and has expressed a desire to learn a trade while in prison.

Perkins-McVey said being in custody has had a sobering effect on him and he has a realistic attitude towards a lengthy prison term. She cited case law in seeking a five-year term.

Based on the presentence report and Dr. Bradford's assessment, Judge Ratushny said she would accept the joint submission and would credit the year he had already spent in custody.

In handing down the sentence, she mentioned Sipes's co-operation with police and said it was "heartening to see that Dr. Bradford and Mr. Vandiepen have hope for you".

Before sentencing Sipes earlier that morning to 30 months on the drug importation charge, Judge Ratushny was told that Sipes was repaying a substantial drug debt by acting as a "mule" to pick up five kilograms of hashish at Mirabel Airport on Feb. 18 of last year.

The drugs had a street value of $100,000, federal prosecutor Doug Grenkie told the court.

The person to whom he owed the debt has since died, court was told.

The case was switched to Morrisburg court on the understanding that Sipes would be pleading guilty and the 30-month sentence was the result of a joint submission by the Crown and his lawyer.

Newsprint

"This means that readers whose subscriptions come due between May and December 31 of this year can save five dollars by renewing by May 15 (See advertisement, page 10).

Morris said the reason for the drastic increase in the cost of newsprint is tied directly to a strong demand for newsprint in United States and the weak Canadian dollar.

"Newsprint is priced in American dollars," he said, "mainly because 90 per cent of Canadian production is exported to United States, and the newspaper industry in the U.S. has recovered much quicker and to a much stronger degree than it has in Canada."

Morris said that by keeping the increase to prepaid subscribers at only 10 cents per week, instead of 25 cents per week if purchased at outlets throughout the area, it is hoped that more readers will opt for weekly delivery by mail.

Surplus

on the sewer system, waterworks and garbage, though there was a slight decrease of about $32,000 in capital project spending in this area.

Tax collection has been high and fairly consistent from year to year with approximately 95 per cent of monies paid. About 59 per cent of taxes come from the residential and farm sources with the rest from business and commercial.

"It is a very healthy split," said Clapp when questioned by a councillor.

Carcasses

Easton said the ministry will be notifying area trappers to remind them to be more responsible when disposing of carcasses. The ministry would prefer that fur harvesters scatter the carcasses in the woods.

The MNR officer predicted that the animal remains will be consumed by the natural environment by next month. In the meantime, he saw no disease or water table pollution risk in leaving the carcasses where they lay.

The animals were discovered by Mountain Township resident Laurie Gibson about two weeks ago when she and her daughter were walking through the bog.

According to Gibson, there were several skinned bodies of coyotes, raccoons, skunks, sheep and rabbits.

"There were two raccoon piles and in one pile, there were over two dozen. There was one pile I couldn't even tell what it was. It was awful and they were all over the place," she says.

Gibson says her family often go walking through the bog and her son rides his bicycle there. She has seen the occasional dead animal but never anything to this degree.

"It spoils it for everyone," she says.

She contacted several ministries and the Conservation Authority to see if the carcasses could be removed.

MNR conservation officers are currently investigating reports of deer and livestock carcasses in the area. This sort of dumping, a waste of meat suitable for eating, would be an offence under the Ontario Game and Fish Act.



New executive

The new executive of the SD&G and East Grenville Progressive Conservative Association include Dawn McPherson, Jean Somerville, Noble Villeneuve (MPP) and Pat Rae in the front row. In the back row are David Guy, Glen Campbell, Wyman Barton, Floyd Dingwall, Terry Ouderkirk, Ted Warren, Jean March Lefebrve and Basil Dawley.

Have you visited your library lately?

WINCHESTER — United Counties residents are using S.D.&G. County libraries more than ever. Materials circulated in January 1995 are up 19 per cent over last year. New members have also increased by 29 per cent.

More new books is the reason for the increase according to county librarian Betty McDougall. Despite last year's budget cutbacks and rising book prices, new recreational reading materials were purchased for the 22 branch libraries. These materials, such as popular fiction paperbacks, attract users and stretch the book-buying budget. "The mild weather this winter may also have played a part," adds McDougall with a smile.

Ongoing library activities such as class visits, story time, and craft programs attract young users to the libraries. Two recent author visits and March break activities for children were enormously successful.

Future plans for the county library include expanding services to online information systems via computer terminals in the branches. Online access to the Ontario Government's Environmental Registry is currently accessible at library headquarters in Avonmore and will soon be available in four of the library branches. The county library is also completing an automation project which will put the library's catalogue of holdings online.

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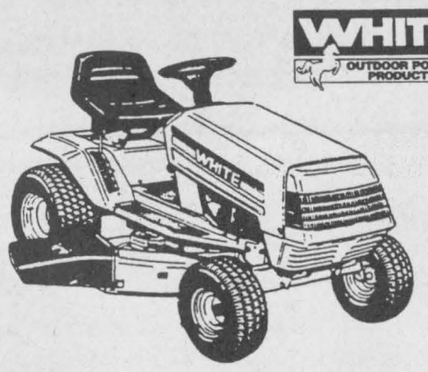

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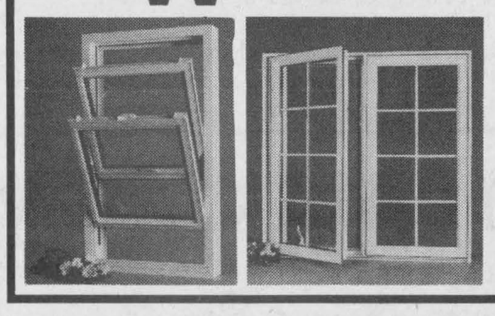

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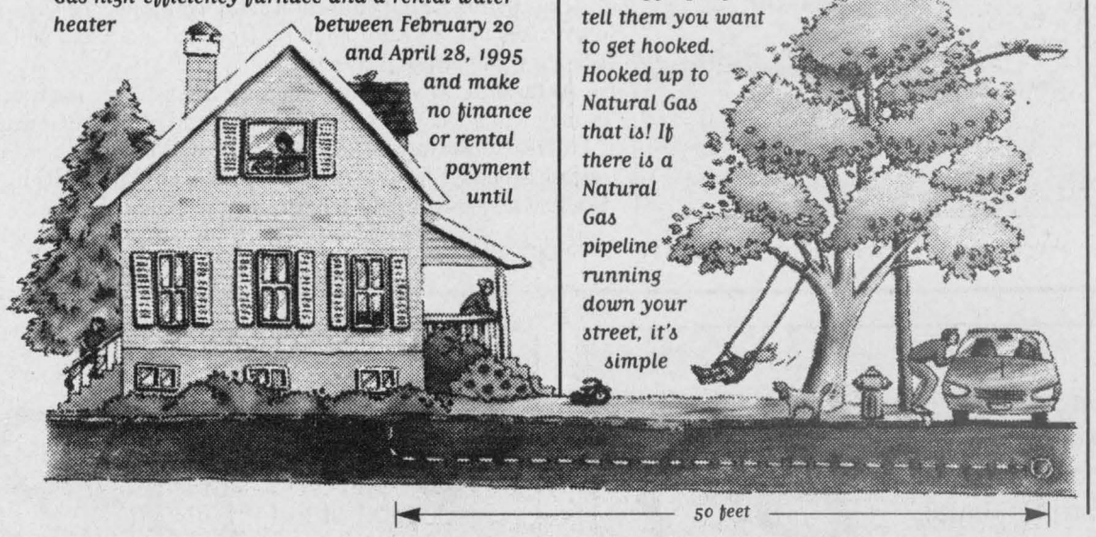

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North Dundas quiz team reaches for the top

Liz Edwards
Press Staff

MAPLE RIDGE — A pop quiz would not likely faze them.

Sitting slightly forward, buzzers clutched in hands and feet tapping in anticipation, the students at North Dundas District High School Thursday were more than ready to stretch their brain muscles.

When it comes to trivia these teenagers know their stuff cold.

After all, the four Reach for the Top team members had been studying everything from history to obscure facts about baseball for month to compete in the zone championship.

And the North Dundas team won the competition, beating out Thousand Island Secondary School and North Grenville District High School to qualify for the provincial championship in Toronto this May. The team, consisting of Jeremy Kerr, Donald Fisher, Marilyn Brooks and Paul Brown, played two games of three rounds each.

"I think it's the first time we've played very strong in our first round," says the team's teacher and coach Kathy Lapointe.

The game is fairly rapid-fire, with only a minute's break between the three sets of each game. Questions were hardly uttered before the students were popping out the answers.

Mind you, they weren't always the right ones.

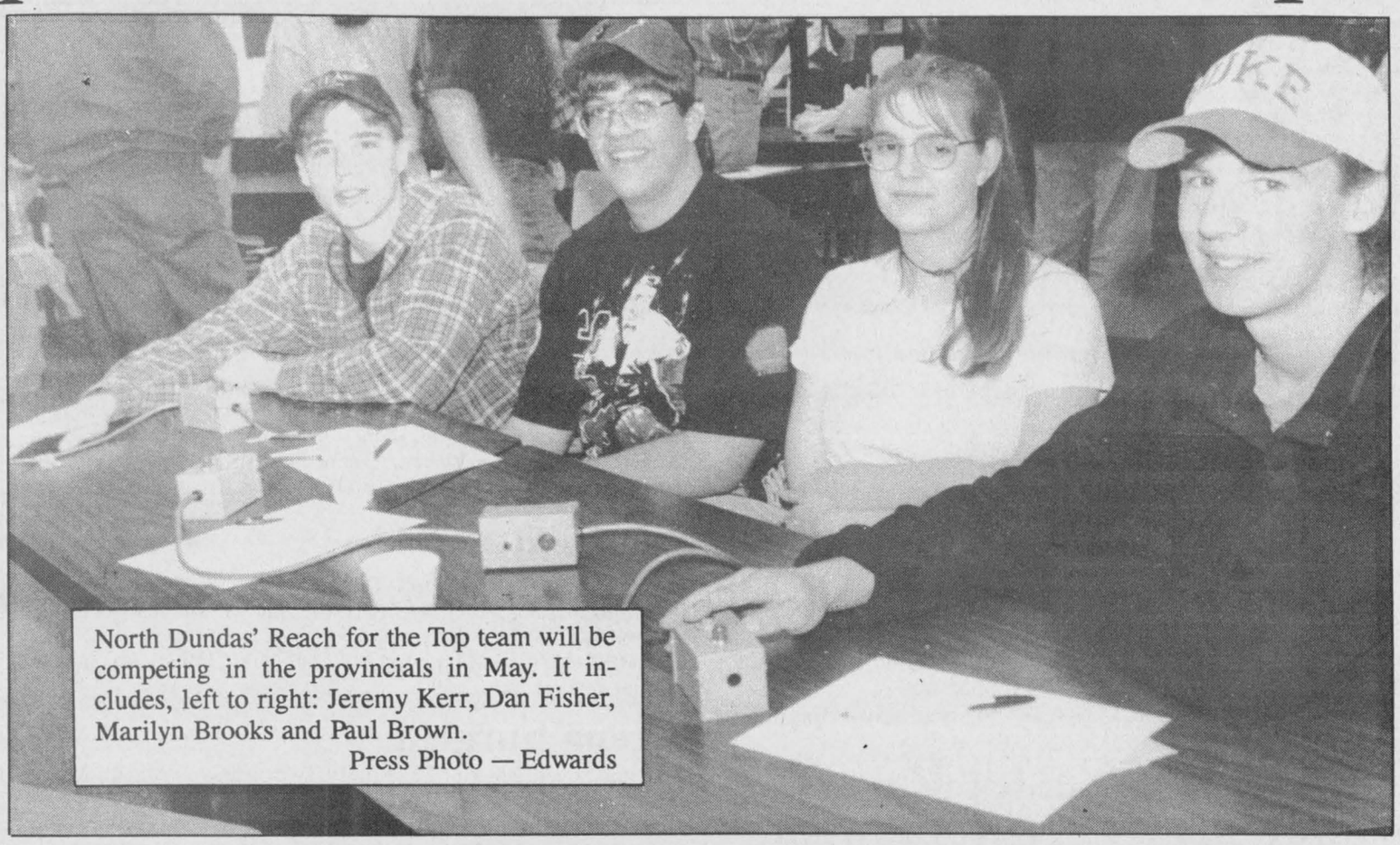
Occasionally there were slip-ups, that even the students found amusing. Pierre Trudeau is not dead and the phrase "A Canadian is someone who makes love in a canoe" cannot be attributed to Lester B. Pearson.

But the North Dundas team managed to hold its own. Kerr, who is the team's designated history, political and geography buff, managed to amass 150 points by himself which was the other team's total score.

Traditionally the school has had strong teams. In the last few years, they have sent a team to the provincial championships and in 1991 its team came second in the nationals.

It's taken a lot of work. The team studies and practises seven times a week and for the provincial the students estimate the work will be even more intense. According to team member Brooks, they'll have to brush up on classical music and art.

"I do more studying for Reach than actual school stuff," she remarks.



North Dundas' Reach for the Top team will be competing in the provincials in May. It includes, left to right: Jeremy Kerr, Dan Fisher, Marilyn Brooks and Paul Brown.
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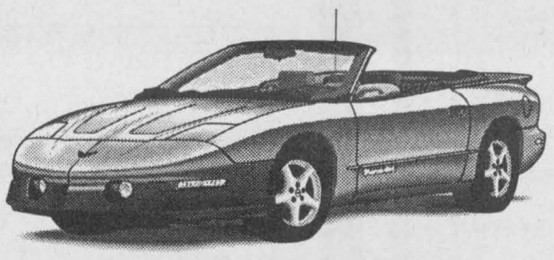

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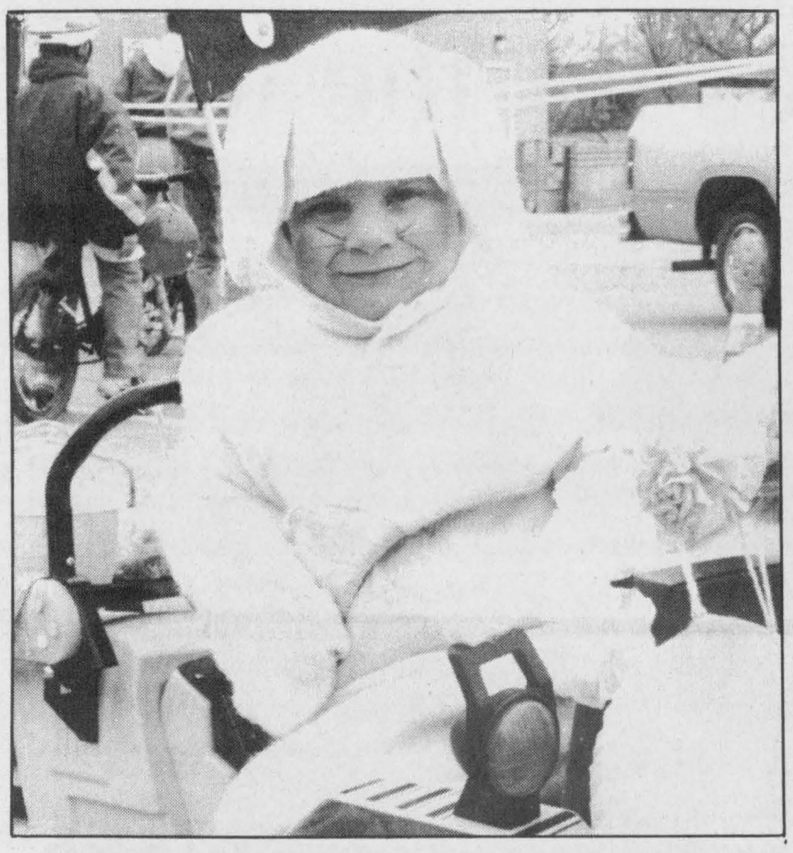

Bunny Michael Cross, 3, added to the many cheery spring sights at the Easter Parade in Chesterville on Saturday.

Press Photo —Robinson

Chesterville Easter Parade attracts 20 first-time entries

Melissa Batchilder
Record staff

CHESTERVILLE — Sunshine filled the sky as hundreds lined the streets Saturday to watch Chesterville's first-ever Easter Fun Day parade.

The rest of the day wasn't anything to complain about either, say organizers of the inaugural event which was sponsored by the Chesterville Merchants' Association.

"We were really pleased with the enthusiasm of people and the numbers that turned out to participate in events," says Betty Vanden Bosch.

More than 20 entries took part in the parade which lasted 15 minutes.

The commercial winner during the parade was Riveredge Farms with its theme, Easter in Spring. Farmer Di's received an honorable mention for its contribution, Hoppy Easter.

The non-commercial winner was the Chesterville Rotary Club. Honorable mentions were the Bunny Patrol by Joshua McMillan and the Chesterville Fair Board for its S.S. Fair Lady advertising the Lobster Fest June 24.

Mike Dean's Superstore sponsored the bicycle contest. Winners were Michael Cross, Adam Thompson and Nicole Champagne. More than 20 children entered.

The winners of the hat contest, sponsored by David's Community Shopping Centre and Vanden Bosch Farms Inc. were also judged during the day. Kaitleen Kelly and Gladys Smith won for largest creations, Grant Hennen and Kristi O'Neil won for smallest creations, Sarah Sunderland and Bruce Curie won for prettiest creations and Stephanie Lapointe and Jennie Harwood took the honors for the "hats are made from the darndest things" category.

Coloring contest winners were Julie Hummel of Chesterville and Fiona Lewis from Finch. This competition was sponsored by Seaway Valley Pharmacy and Gone Loonie.

The treasure hunt was "the mother bird" in the Nestle sign with three people guessing the correct answer. Christalyn Nicol was the chosen winner. She received the basket donated by Ruth's Alterations that was filled with merchandise from local stores.

The craft and bake sale was a huge success as well, says Vanden Bosch. Reta Christie was the winner of the door prize, donated by Wooden Nickel Antiques.

Vanden Bosch also praised the participation for the Rotary Egg Hunt. More than 200 children collected chips and turned them in for Easter eggs and chocolate bunnies.

Police blotter

Damage done

Vandals were busy in Osgoode Twp. during the evening Saturday. Damage was done to two vehicles at the Stanley Apartments in Metcalfe, a school bus in Osgoode village and a trailer parked at a River Road residence.

Phone solicitation

There have reports that representatives of a Montreal-based company have been telephoning area residents to inform them that they have won vehicles. The only "requirement" is that the winner send money to cover the cost of delivery and taxes. "Before giving your cash away check with your local police department, Better Business Bureau or the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations to make sure that the organization is legitimate," said OPP Const. Nancy Onlock. "Remember, if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

Icy roads

Thursday, at about 5 p.m., Donna Gibson of Winchester was travelling south on Hwy. 31 in a 1987 Lincoln. She lost control of her vehicle on the icy road and struck a northbound 1992 Ford operated by William Thurgood of Long Sault. Nobody was injured and no charges were laid.

Arena burgled

Sometime overnight April 3, Rideau Twp. Arena in Manotick was broken into. The culprits forced their way into the building, then entered several rooms. Cash, snack food, sports equipment and a television were among the items stolen.

Two days later, there was a similar entry at Osgoode Arena. Money, tools and a VCR were taken. In both incidents, there was considerable damage done to the buildings and some of the fixtures inside. Identification officers attended the crime scenes and police are trying to link these entries with at least 10 other community centre break-ins in eastern Ontario.

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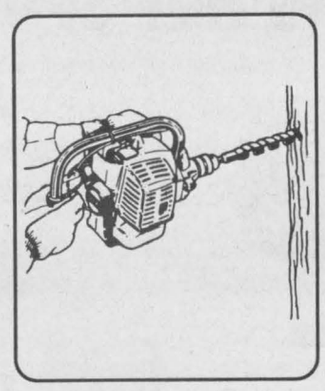

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Canoe race

BERWICK —The Mighty Castor River Run-off will surge into its fourth year on Sunday, April 23. The canoe race, hosted by the Russell Optimist Club and the South Nation River Conservation Authority, will take place on the Castor between Metcalfe and Russell.

At noon, competitors will set off from two separate points along the river; at the junction of Hwy. 31 and the Castor River (just south of the Metcalfe/Snake Island interchange) for the 15 km race, and east of Metcalfe along the Mushroom Road (off of RR6) for the 7 km event.

Participants should drop their canoes in the patrolled start area before registering at the Russell Pool between 9:30 and 11:15 am. A free bus shuttle service will take registered canoeists to the starting line.

The race will be followed by a meal and awards presentations at the Russell Arena. All participants will receive an event T-shirt with their $30 boat registration fee. Proceeds from the event will go to the Russell Optimist Club.



Workers at Clara's Dressmaking and Tailoring recently completed a contract for 10,000 President's Choice aprons. Back, left, Audrey Stewart, Debbie Annable and Kelly Stewart. Middle, left, Laura Levere, Karen Tomlinson, Elke Brown, Louise Arsenault, Kathy Raby, Beth Hetherington and Dawna Marquette. Seated in front, Tanya Vasey, owner Clara Edwardson and Laurie Gibson. Wendy Craig, Nancy Kirkwood, Kim Little, Vicki Robinson, Hana Slavick, Margaret Thomas and Rena Wicks were not on hand for the photo. Press Photo —Robinson

Clara's tailors finish 10,000-apron contract

WINCHESTER —The latest style at Clara's Dressmaking and Tailoring isn't making a huge fashion statement, but it does have a lot to say about small-town initiative.

On Saturday, the Main Street business finished an eight-week contract to make 10,000 President's Choice aprons, which will be used in grocery stores across the country.

"They're covering Canada," says owner Clara Edwardson.

Clara's got the contract through another Winchester business, Peacock Promotions, after the two had worked together on smaller projects.

The initial proposal, to make 7,000 aprons, was the largest job the shop had ever taken on, and it kept growing.

Edwardson says it was a big challenge, "to see if we could do it in Canada and compete with China's prices."

The experiment was a success. She found that her client was very pleased with the quality of the final product.

The sewing work was pieced out to women from Winchester and the surrounding area. The contract provided employment for 20 people in February and March, five of them full-time.

"They were quite happy to work at home," observes Edwardson. "Most of them were younger gals with families."

The aprons, a change from the old red and white President's Choice style, were made with environment-friendly, unbleached material.

Russell pushes for high school

By John Nelson

RUSSELL—Township and public school board officials are hoping to convince the Ministry of Education to approve a new high school for this village.

Township council agreed during its March 27 meeting to support a Prescott-Russell County Board of Education letter sent to the ministry March 2. That letter describes the need for a high school in Russell and outlines savings it would bring about.

School board chairman Allan Anderson said about 450 students would be affected if plans for the multi-use facility were altered to include Gardes 10 to OAC. Current plans call for Grades 7,8 and 9 to be housed in the new facility.

Long bus rides would be eliminated, reducing transportation costs and benefiting students through time saved.

"In some cases, they (students) spend over an hour traveling each way," said Anderson. Local youngsters attend classes at North Dundas District High and Osgoode Township High School, among others.

Anderson said the total cost savings of a local high school would be $400,000 a year. In his letter to the ministry, he said that would pay for the new facility in 20 years.

Russell Township concillor Tom Van Dusen said now was the time to push for a high school.

"The process is already under way," he said. "It's just a matter of upgrading the multi-use facility."

He noted that the land has already been secured so that much of the cost would be eliminated.

Council was unanimous in its support for a new high school.

Anderson said a high school in Russell would lead to greater community spirit as students would no longer be bussed to distant points but would be able to walk to a nearby school. This would give high-schoolers greater opportunities for recreational and social activities related to school life.

In his brief to the Ministry of Education, Anderson points out that more than 15 local groups, including council, two school boards, local churches, RAPA and service clubs support the project.

A new school would help prepare students for the electronic age and feature top-notch laboratories and gymnasiums as well as art and dramatic arts facilities.

The growth rate in Russell Township has been more than 10 per cent for several years and that is expected to continue. The township estimates that the population will exceed 20,000 within the next 10 years.

Anderson said no reply has yet been received from the ministry.

"All we can do is hope," he said. "We're all working hard up here to try and get a high school."



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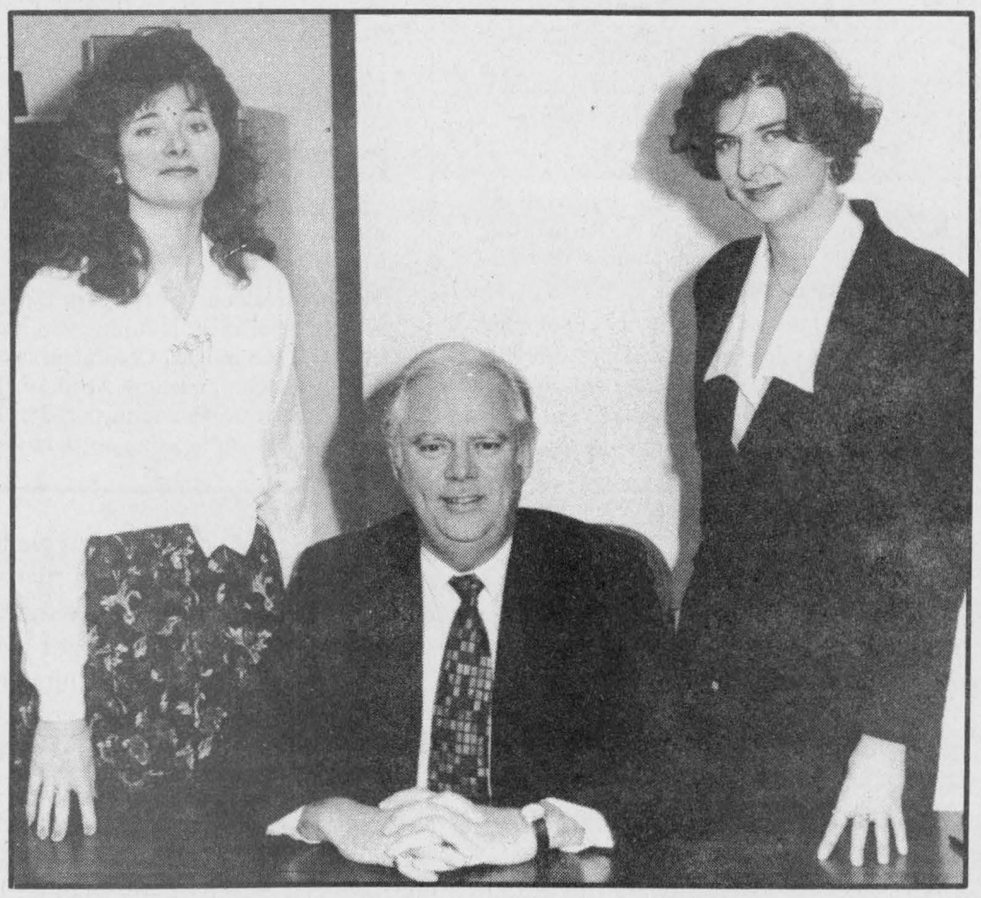

Left to right: Joanne Moran, Bruce Kerr, Joanna Kerr.

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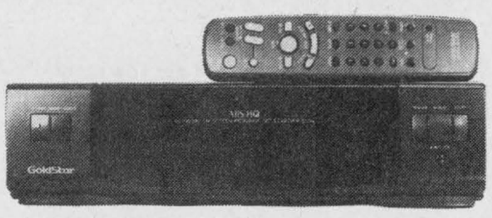

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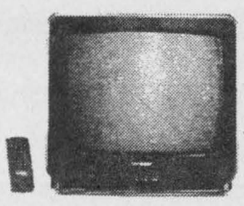

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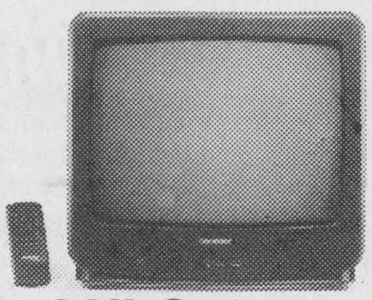

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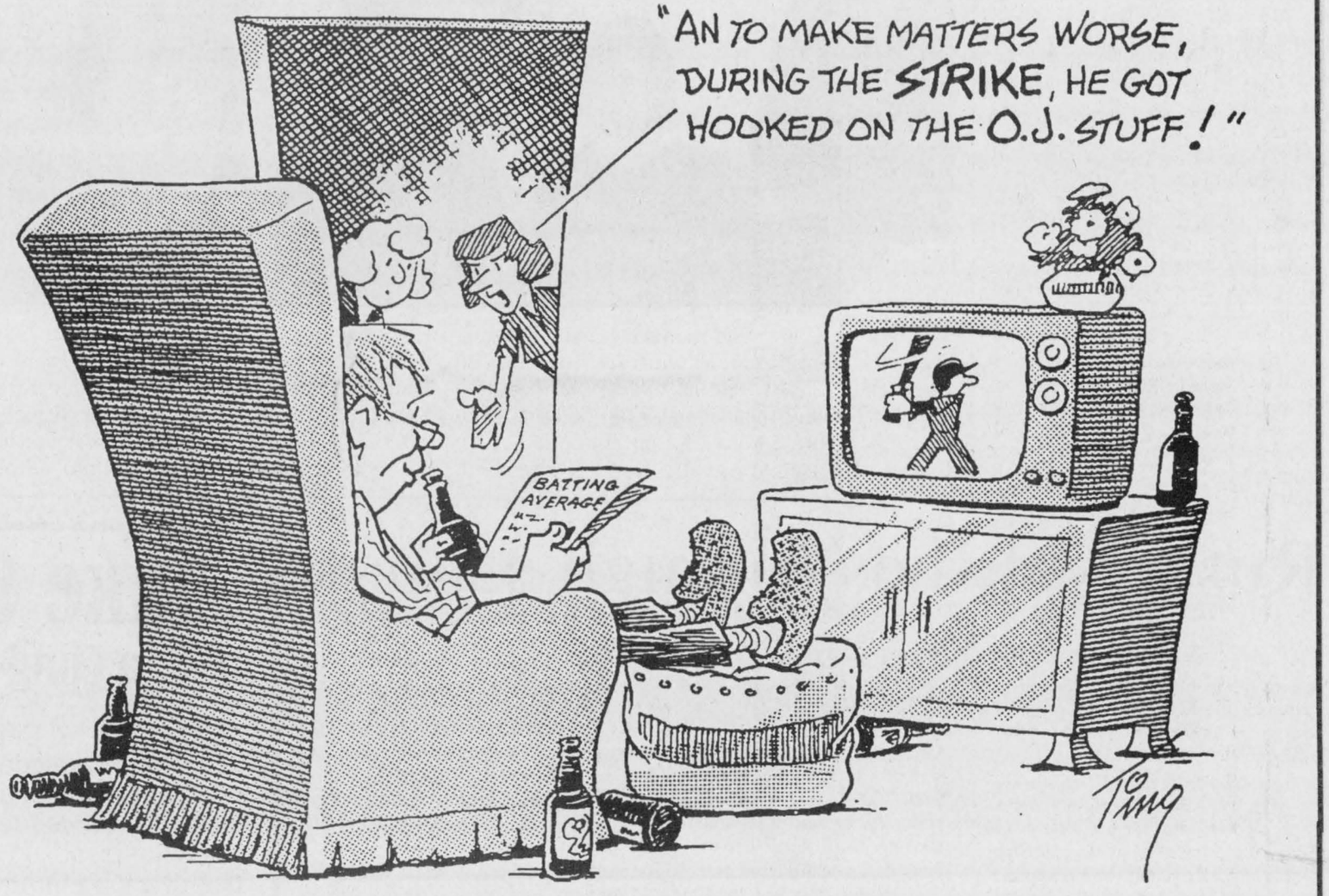

EDITORIAL

Mountain sports whistled down

If life is anything like a hockey game then Mountain Township council has scored in its own net.

Last week council effectively decided that if its residents want to participate in sports and recreation programs at the Winchester Community Centre, they'll have to pay the whole shot themselves. The township is withdrawing any financial support for the facility.

Unfortunately the residents will be the ones who take the penalities.

Ratepayers likely won't notice the difference on their tax bills but they will when they go to register themselves or their children for any of the numerous recreation programs (hockey, lob ball, figure skating, swimming to name a few) at the community centre. It will cost them more.

Council says, however, it will not spend any less money on recreation but instead will put it into Mountain's own programs. Granted, they probably could always use the money but they won't be able to match what is already offered at the arena.

The sport programs there aren't just pick-up games and free skates. The amount of organization is enormous. Volunteers for Mountain's own organized sports such as baseball, soccer and floor hockey probably already have enough to do, and finding more residents to give their time certainly won't be easy.

There are a lot of factors to consider, the facilities for one. The township's outdoor ice rinks depend on weather and aren't the best-suited for minor hockey or figure skating. If they can find instructors, there will be days when it's just too warm or too cold to teach.

And there's nothing to replace the swimming pool. The South Nation River certainly isn't up to the challenge.

Cost is another matter. It will be expensive to insure participants if Mountain does try to offer more of its own programs. In a time when government, school boards and other organizations are trying to avoid unneccessary and expensive duplication of services, it seems odd the township seems to be going the other way.

One township councillor remarked that families can afford to pay more if they want to go to the arena. He's lucky he doesn't have to. Depending on the family income, residents may not notice the increase if they're only registering one child or adult in a program. But if there are two or three it's going to be quite costly.

And it is not an unnecessary frill. Aside from the obvious health benefits of sports and recreation, they are essential for social reasons, especially in a rural area where there is often not much else for young and old to do in their spare time.

It also keeps what would otherwise be a lot of bored kids and adults busy and happy.

This week in...

1945

Winchester citizens were anticipating V-Day celebrations. They decided to hold a "monster parade" with veterans, reservists and music by the Cannamore pipers at either 2 pm or 7:30 pm, depending on what time victory was declared. Residents would be notified of the declaration by church bells, telephone and cubs or scouts acting as messengers. The parade was to be followed by a service of thanksgiving at the high school grounds, where a wreath would be laid and the Last Post would be played in memory of the war dead.

Housewives were asked to leave their milk bottles outside before they retired for the night as milk deliveries were now being made in the early morning rather than in the afternoon.

1955

A 65-year-old woman drowned in a foot of water in the basement of her Metcalfe area home after being knocked unconscious in a fall. It appeared that Cora Fisher had lost her footing on the basement steps. Neighbors discovered the body after her disabled husband was unable to reach her.

Dr. D.L. MacLean's 1954 Chevrolet was stolen from the driveway of his Cameron Avenue home. He discovered the theft early Good Friday morning. The car was recovered three days later near Beechwood Cemetery in the west end of Ottawa. It had been damaged on one side but all of the veterinary equipment which the doctor kept in his car was intact.

1965

A school for the mentally disabled was to open in Winchester Springs. The SD & G Public School Board had decided to



turn over a two-room school house for this purpose and a special administration board was to be established. Gordon Thom, president of the Dundas Association for Retarded Children, received the charter for the organization from Ontario secretary W.A. Kirk during a meeting held at North Dundas District High School.

The Winchester Chamber of Commerce called a meeting to renew interest in the organization. A nominating committee was to select officers to rebuild the business group which had done little in the way of collective effort aside from some Christmas decorating in the past few years.

1975

The Melvin Cup returned home to the Winchester rink 48 years after it was first donated for local competition by Hart Melvin. The cup had been won by a number of local teams during the 1930's, while in the next decade the Inkerman Rockets held onto it for five consecutive years. The trophy fell out of use in the 1950's. Harry's Raiders, the Winchester Town League champs, were the first players to have the honor of taking the cup on its return. The trophy was to be prominently displayed in the showcase at the arena and played for annually by local teams.

Winchester experienced a bad spring snowstorm. Nearly a foot of snow was dumped on the town, bringing heavy equipment back onto village streets.

1985

The treasurer of the Winchester's newly-established Computer Den said if the facility didn't get more funding it would be closed down by the end of April. Bob Lyon said the den needed some interim financing beore it started to pay for itself. Although over 700 people had signed up as members, many were not using the facility and paying its $1 per hour fee. The den cost $300 a week to operate but was only taking in half that amount in user fees.

The first residents of the Park Drive Villa seniors' apartment building were to move in within the month. Contractors were to have work completed by April 19. The building was to be administered by the local non-profit housing corporation.

Will frogs still sing?

OUT MY WINDOW
by Tony Welland

Today the TV is the background music; morning soaps seem to be a favourite entertainment for sick kids. Even after all the fevers I've sat through with my children over the years, I still feel nervous and inept when the thermometer hits 40 C. That's 104 on the old scale, almost enough to fry eggs on. Tylenol, water, apple sauce, ginger ale. That, and Jerry Springer talking about disloyal boyfriends and vampires, and 'Sally' urging her audience to screaming fits on any subject remotely related to sex. People really yell at each other on these shows; they show no restraint. It's solution through confrontation.

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The best news these days is that Quebec politicians are at each other's throats over the timing and thrust of the referendum question. Are the separatists self-destructing? Premier Parizeau sees himself as a liar if he backs out of a 1995 vote.

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Canada has been condemned as the second worst polluting country in the world. This is horrible news in a nation that apparently prides itself on cleaning up our Earth. While we have known for years that we are major offenders of the air with our cars, it seems that one of the main reasons for our deteriorating environment has to do with our use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides, nitrates in the rivers, and destruction of wetlands.

This means that it's our farmers who are some of our worst offenders. This can be little surprise! In our own small corner of the planet, we living in the South Nation River drainage basin have watched our river be treated more like a sewage lagoon than a river of life. A canoe trip down any branch of the Nation, and that includes all those branches of the Castor, will reveal piles of manure on the banks, cows in the water.

Every stream and drain pours a myriad of chemicals in. Our culture shows a complete disdain for the health of our water.

We have watched a village like Winchester struggle for years to find enough water for its residents - yet a river flows so nearby. Recent reports have stated that we have found underground sources for our area which will last for twenty years. What then? Is our own river so grossly polluted that its recovery as a source of fresh water can't even be considered? Do you know how many bites of bass or pickerel you're allowed from the Nation? Don't ask.

And those of us on private wells must start to wonder just what chemicals are seeping into our lives. When we test our water, it's usually only for feces, and perhaps whether it's too hard to do a good laundry; we seldom ask if there are poisons in our midst. Perhaps we don't want to ask. We don't dare. And yet companies flourish by spraying poisons onto lawns for beautification.

As National Wildlife Week passes for another year, and children in numerous schools start on new projects to restore bits of habitat for creatures to enjoy, I'd like to add my plea once again to put some thought into how we might ensure some kind of future for the river that flows through our midst.

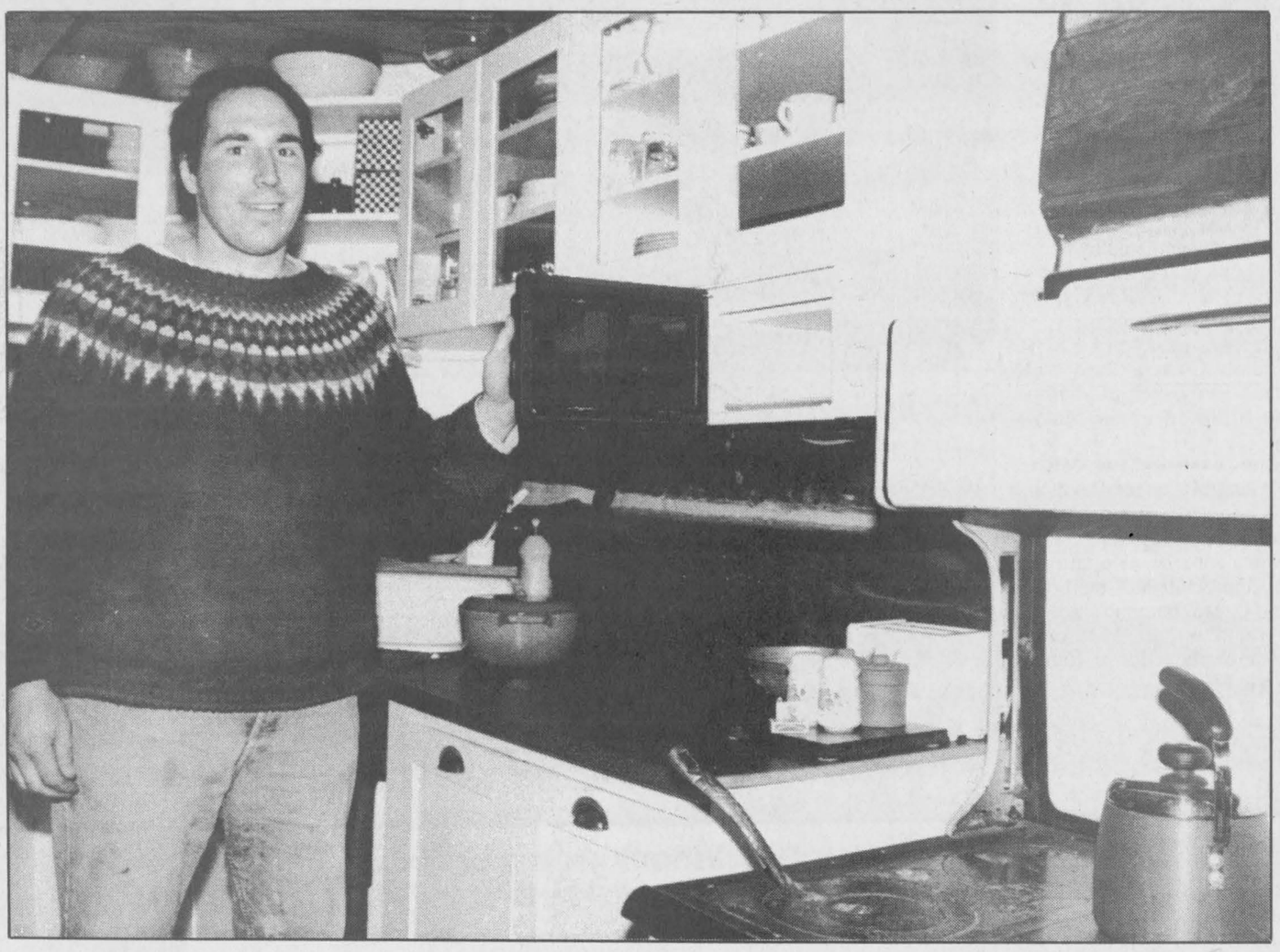
In our local ponds and diminishing wetlands, the frogs still sing. Will they sing in the Nation in years to come? Or will they be mutants? Must we simply write-off any river that flows through farmland, or is there a cure?

ExPRESSion

PERSPECTIVES

Metcalfe couple lives life off the grid

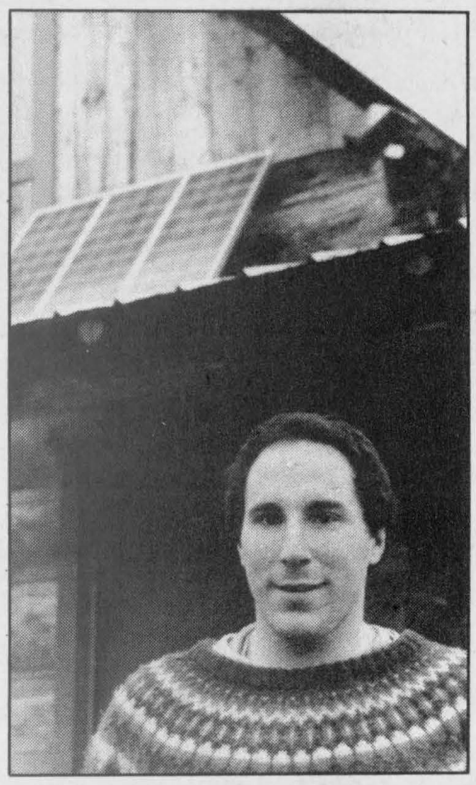
By Chris Bridgen



Natural power

George Wright of Metcalfe stands outside the home without hydro wires. The solar panels, on porch roof, as well as a wind generator supply the power. The kitchen has both modern conveniences (microwave oven) an as well as a traditional wood burning stove.

Press Photos—Bridgen



METCALFE—The repetitive, wooshing hum of the tall wind generator is the first noise you hear. It sounds like a helicopter hovering a kilometre away, and only disappears when the winds stop.

They rarely do along the tall hills and tunnel- like valleys of the Ottawa Valley. That's one reason Kim MacMullin and her husband George Wright decided that homesteading without help from Ontario Hydro was an option. Steady winds mean a steady stream of electricity to run their home's fridge, microwave and television. All at a fraction of the cost paid by consumers dining from hydro's electrical feast.

In their home just outside of Metcalfe, Wright and MacMullin have done what few people in the area have attempted. They live off the grid. No hydro lines run off from the road up the driveway to the family's 1850s log home at the top of a hill. No remembering to pay monthly bills, no long waits for service trucks.

Instead, all they must deal with is a bank of batteries in the corner of their basement, solar panels on the roof and peace of mind.

Their photovoltaic system sits on the roof, collecting sunlight. The sound of wind is like money in the bank to Wright. He grows concerned only when the air stills.

"We love the sound... it's just like the wind whistling through the trees. When that thing whistles, I know I'm getting something," said Wright, a carpenter by trade and wind enthusiast by nature. Living off the grid is more common in areas closer to Toronto... surprisingly enough, in areas within sight of nuclear power plants such as the Bruce Nuclear Station.

In Bruce County in northwest Ontario, about 100 homes use photovoltaic electric systems the Toronto Star reports. Bruce was also the site of one of the first wind farms in Ontario. Along the shores of Lake Huron, where the winds whip up metre-high waves, a series of towers with 18-metre churning blades harvested power. Although wind force stressed the structure, knocking it down last December, similar projects continued, some sponsored and paid for by Ontario Hydro.

While one tower collapsed, the funding for many more settled into place. Also last December, Hydro decided to invest in a program to investigate renewable energy possiblities. Part of the provincial NDP's New Energy Directions policy, the five-year, $110-million project is expected to light and heat the equivalent of a 30,000-house city by the year 2000.

CLEAN LIVING

Federal funds are harder to come by. Wind Power Monthly magazine, the renewable energy bible, says that while Ottawa spent $157 million on atomic energy research in 1993-94, only a trickle, $650,000 was directed towards harvesting winds, which don't have a half-life. Living a clean lifestyle, without nuclear rods and heavy water, is another reason MacMullin and Wright went gridless.

"It was something we read about, and we wanted to go that way, but we didn't know if we could afford it," said Wright.

MacMullin, who grew up on a steady diet of electrical power from Hydro, says the couple considered it for many years. While in university together, they would write away for information and compare systems on paper.

"But we still weren't 100 per cent sure until we heard how much it was to hook up. We almost did it out of spite and frustration," she said.

The two made their final decision... or had it made for them... when an Ontario Hydro representative said a 600-foot line to their house from the road would cost between four and $6,000. Light bulbs powered by wind energy lit in their minds. A wind generator and photovoltaics looked more feasible after they hung up the phone. The system they had in mind would cost $3,500: $1,200 for wind, $1,200 for sun and $1,100 for conversion and storage equipment.

POWERING UP

Three-quarters of their power comes from the 600 watt wind generator, the rest from the photovoltaic panels, three in all, perched at an angle on the roof. The solar and wind power is fed through lines into four golf cart batteries in the basement.

Because electricity can only be stored in batteries as DC, Wright and MacMullin bought an inverter, a small machine which turns 12 volt DC into 110 AC at a one-time cost of $800. Therefore their home is wired like any other, track lighting along the kitchen, table lamp on the antique wooden table near the entrance.

The couple aren't members of the granola crowd. They like comfort, enjoy the television and a cold drink from the fridge. "People think we're real back-to-the-landers, but we just like the look," Wright says of the log home, which he and his wife transplanted from Alexandria to their plot in Metcalfe. But still, they use only two kilowatt hours a day, not the 20-30 kilowatt hours used by most homeowners.

"We use the woodstove to heat the house and cook. And our light bulbs are energy-efficient," explains Wright. "Creating a temperature is the killer. Hot or cold." The fridge uses most of the energy needed in the house, he explains. In winter, water runs through the stove and is stored, heated, in a hot water tank downstairs. In summer a blackened solar panel with coils snaking through it heats their water. No electricity needed there.

"The trick is to get as many appliances as possible on wood, gas or propane," Wright says.

Another trick the two use is conservation. When forgetting to turn your lights off means drained batteries instead of dirty looks, you remember to flick the switch.

"At home, in the evening, we normally, have three lights on, and the radio is on. We can keep that up for five or six hours without a problem.

"We just don't forget to turn the lights off. Ever," he adds with a laugh. "We still have to watch what we use."

Despite the extra care it takes to live off the grid, MacMullin has never regretted their decision.

"We don't do without anything. And everyone who knows us... our family and friends... said they would give us a year before we ran out and got hooked up. It's been three. Now, they envy us when they get their bills," she said.

Wright says plans are in the works to add more photovoltaic panels. That would balance the solar and winds elements more closely. He says an eventual 50/50 split would be ideal; more solar energy in the summer when the winds die down, more wind power during winter storms when the sun is hidden.

"The winds aren't as strong here as they are in the prairies and there isn't as much sun here as in California," said Wright of the two areas where renewable energy is more popular. "We have to go both ways."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Grieving family upset

The Editor:

Our family has had a very trying week. We lost our brother, who had many friends and family in this community.

We found it very disturbing that en route to the cemetery a female police officer showed no respect and totally ignored the grief of others.

We were raised, along with many others, to show respect. In our opinion it doesn't matter whether there are five cars or 80 cars; you should pull over to the side of the road and show some respect to the dead.

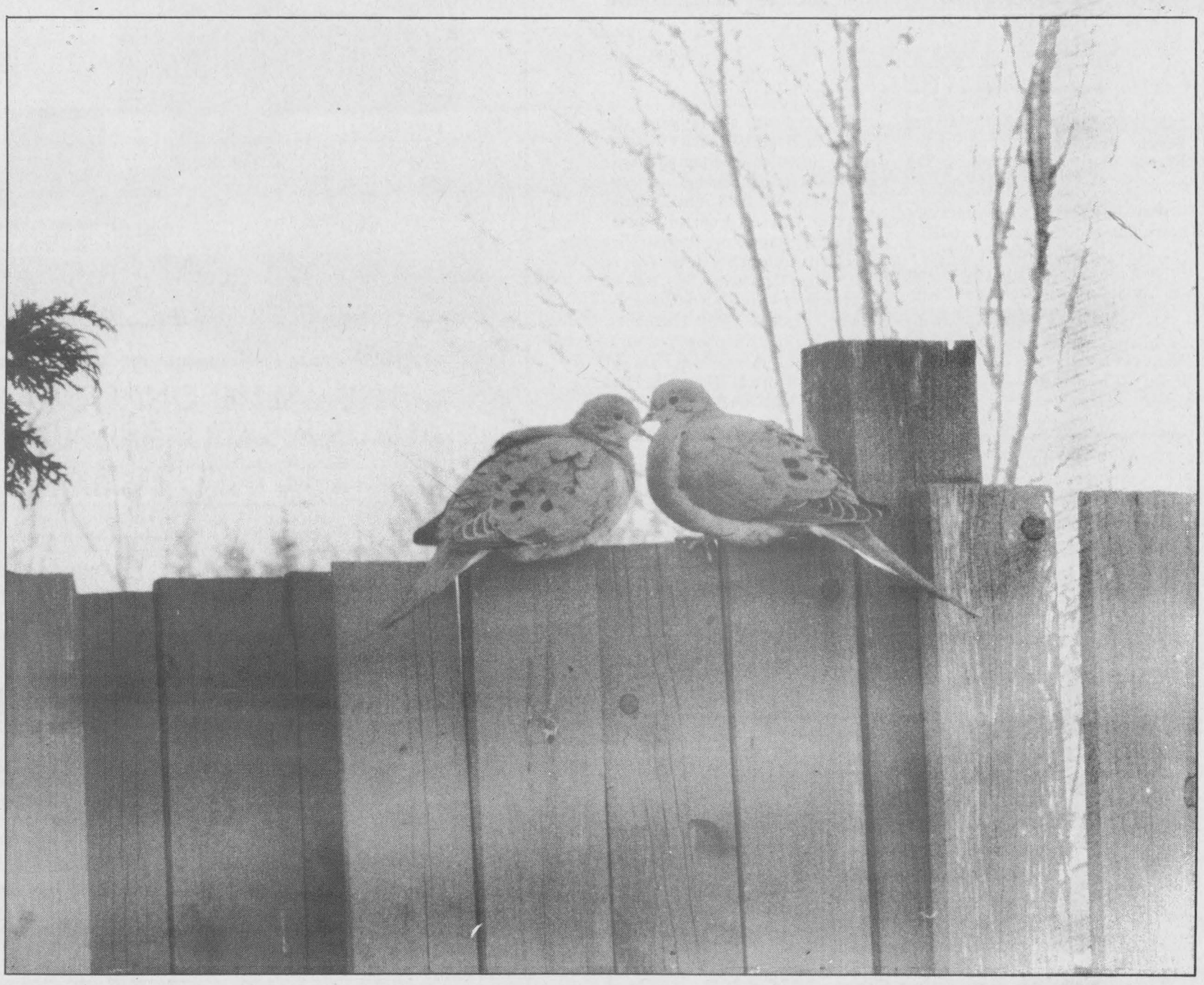
We feel that we need and respect our police officers of our community and they should show some respect back.

We feel she should (knowing who she is) apologize through the editor; to the family of the late Larry Cronin.

The Cronin Family

OPINIONS

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



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OBITUARIES

Larry John Cronin

Larry John Cronin of RR3, Chesterville, died April 2 at the Ottawa Civic Hospital after a 2-1/2 year illness. He was 37.

Born November 20, 1957 in Winchester, he was the son of the late John Francis Cronin and the late Lois Ada May Cronin.

He married Cheryl Lynn Gage at the Chesterville United Church on July 24, 1982.

Mr. Cronin was a farmer and laborer in the area and was a member of Inkerman United Church.

He is survived by his wife Cheryl, sons Adam and Cory, sisters Brenda (Ted) Mead, Sandra (Wilf) Wicks, Bev (Eric) Stoddard, Susan (Larry) Wicks, Heather Cronin, Melody Cronin, Shawna Cronin, and brother Richard (Louise) Cronin. He is also survived by grandmother Pearl Levere and 19 nieces and nephews.

A service was held April 6 at the Daniels Funeral Homes, Winchester with Rev. Fred Milnes officiating. Interment followed at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Richard Cronin, Mike Simzer, Steve Simer, Steve Fisher, Brian Belanger and Joe MacGovern.

Cyprienne D. Belanger Cross

Cyprienne D. Belanger Cross died April 4 at the Winchester Memorial District Hospital. She was 84.

She was the daughter of the late Anselme Belanger and Maria Laroche. She was born Feb. 11, 1911 in Bourget, Ontario.

Mrs. Cross was the wife of the late Hector Belanger and the late Lawrence Cross.

She is survived by brother Aurelien (Reina Berniquez), sisters-in-law Jean Cross (late Sherman Ball) of Winchester, Lucienne (late Julien Belanger) of Hull, Lucille (late Marcel Beausoleil) of Montreal, Doris Guibeault (late Jerry Belanger) of South Mountain, and Robert Belanger (Carmen) of Hammond. She will be fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews and friends. She is predeceased by brothers Rev. Cyprien Belanger and Julien Belanger.

A service was held April 8 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Chesterville with Father Jim Esper officiating. Interment followed at St. Mary's Cemetery.

Pallbearers were nephews, Michel Belanger, Gerald Belanger, Raymond Belanger, Jacques Gauthier, Daniel Bronet and Mike Belanger.

As expressions of sympathy, it would be appreciated if memorial donations could be made to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital or to the Ottawa Cancer Centre, Civic Hospital.

Ada Belle Curran

Ada Belle Curran of Chesterville died April 2 at home. She was 70.

A former employee of Dutch Sash and Door in Morewood, she married Donald Joseph Curran, who survives her, on May 9, 1924 in Chesterville. Mrs. Curran was the daughter of the late Garland Sharkey and May Fyke.

She was the dear mother of Ronald, Muriel and Marie, the loving grandmother of Darryl, Jason, Heather, Derrick and Andrew. Mrs. Curran was the dear sister of Harold, Thomas, Malcolm and Patricia. She was predeceased by her brothers Bertram, Jack, Francis and Lenny as well as her sister Charlotte.

Services were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church April 5 with Rev. James Esper celebrating the mass. Pallbearers included Ronald Curran, Jason Curran, Larry MacDonald, Darryl Hughes, Alan Sharkey and Bert Yaldon. Interment was at St. Mary's Parish cemetery, Chesterville.

Jeannette Geymonat

Jeannette Geymonat of Metcalfe died March 27 at the Ottawa General Hospital. She was 85.

A resident of Metcalfe for 30 years and Montreal for 38, she was born Oct. 5, 1910 in Bobbio Pellice, Northern Italy to the late Davide and Madeleine Geymonat.

Ms. Geymonat is survived by 19 nieces and nephews, approximately 60 grand-nieces and grand-nephews as well as 50 great grand-nieces and great grand-nephews. She is the youngest of seven children, all who predeceased her. Her family emigrated to Canada in 1911 and lived on Ridge Rd. in Ramsayville. She was educated in Montreal.

She was a former school teacher and principal in Montreal and won the senior citizen of the year award in 1994. Ms. Geymonat was a member of the Metcalfe United Church. She also organized the first kindergarten school in Metcalfe, the first library in Osgoode Township, and helped establish Metcalfe Christian School.

Services were held at Duncan Funeral Home March 30 with Rev. K. McKibbon officiating. Interment will be held in Ramsayville Cemetery later in the spring.

Peter Graafland

Peter Graafland of Chesterville died April 4 at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. He was 58.

A former farm machinery service manager, he was the husband of Ina Dikschel who he married in Chesterville in 1964.

Mr. Graafland was born in Vaassen, Holland to the late Frido Graafland and Suuse Langereis.

He is survived by both his wife and his mother. He was the loving father of Lisa Boulanger (Rene) of Morewood and Jacki Graafland (Glen) of Williamsburg. He was the dear brother of Fritz Graafland of Ireland and Antoon Graafland of Holland.

A service was held at Daniels Funeral Home in Chesterville April 7 with Rev. Bert DeBruijn officiating. Cremation followed.

Della Pearl Reed

Della Pearl Reed died April 4 at the Winchester Memorial District Hospital after a six-year illness. She was 89.

Born July 6, 1905 in Winchester Township, she was the daughter of the late George Barkley and Ellen Biccum. Mrs. Reed married Tom Reed, who predeceased her, in 1946.

She is survived by her sisters-in-law Marjorie Lusk (the late Arnold), Ethel Barkley (the late Jim) and Ella Barkley (the late Basil) and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Reed was a member of the Winchester Baptist Church. She was friendly, loved to entertain and was well known for her baking.

A service was held April 7 in the chapel of Daniels Funeral Home, Winchester, with Rev. Steven Niel officiating. Interment followed at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Arden Clements, George Clements, Ray Clements, Dwight Barkley (nephews); Barrie LePitre and Alex MacDonald (husbands of nieces Nancy LePitre and Marion MacDonald).



Puzzling prices

Pearl Beckstead picked up these puzzle bargains at the Morewood Presbyterian Hall on Saturday. The church congregation hosted their annual spring rummage sale Sat., April 8 and patrons seemed pleased at the selection of merchandise.

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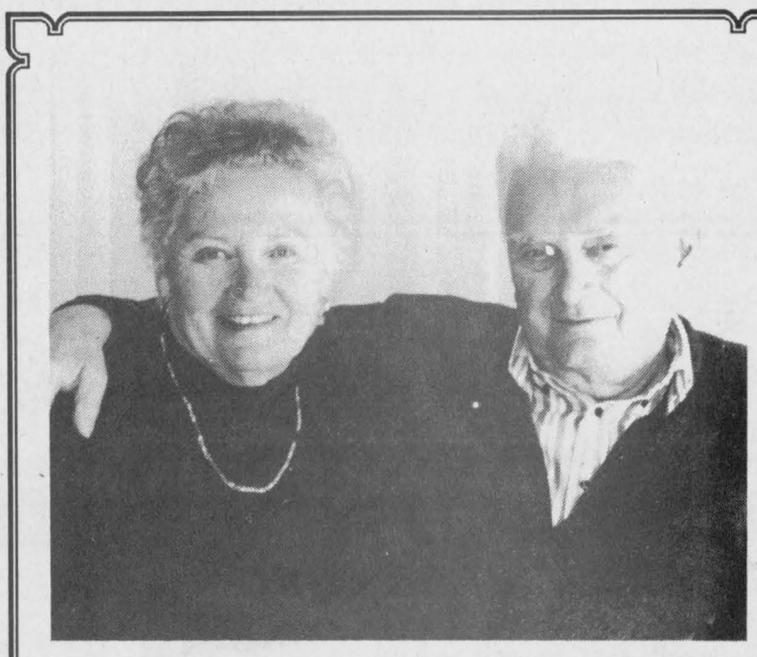

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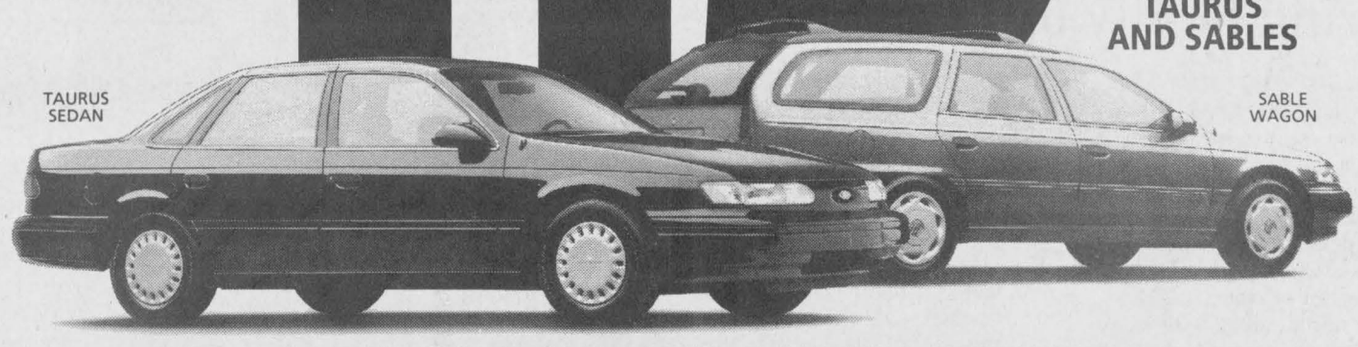

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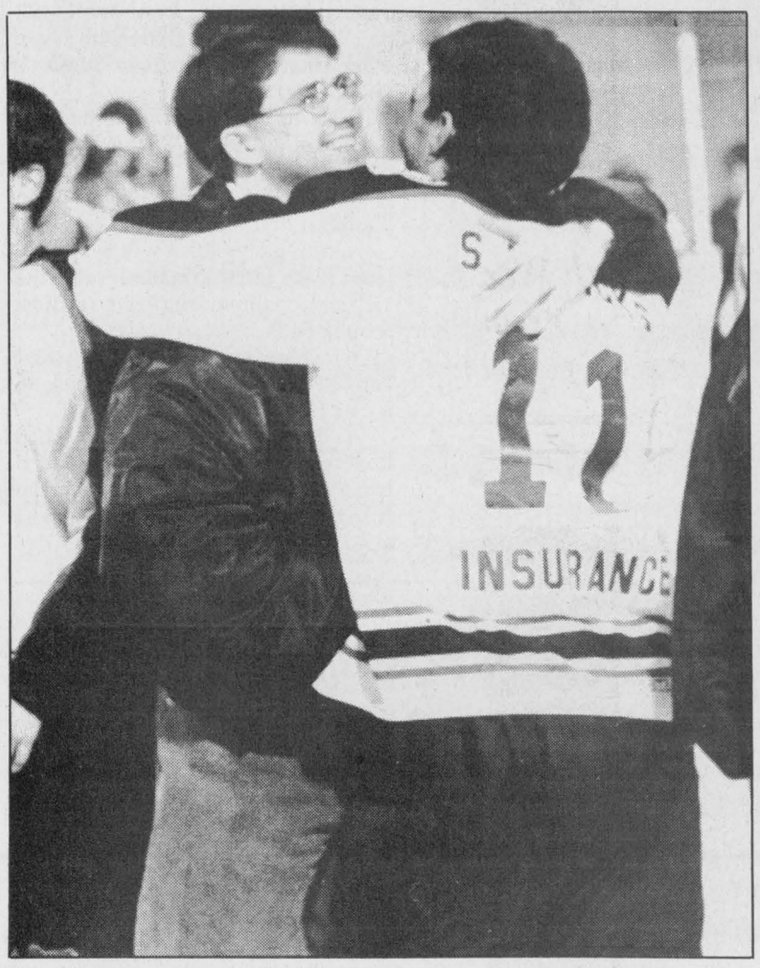
On top!

Jets' coach Bob Dumelie congratulated veteran forward Kevin Regalbuto (photo below) just prior to the championship team mob shot (right). Metcalfe captain Bruce Buckland accepted the Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League championship silverware from president Dwayne Barkley (lower right) and then presented it to his teammates (centre photo). Islander goalie Adam Herrington and his defence had their hands full trying to contain Metcalfe's potent attack.





Metcalfe unstoppable in quest for Jr. 'B' crown

METCALFE—Kevin Breton ripped in three goals, including one into the empty net, here Sunday afternoon powering the Metcalfe Jets to a 6-3 victory over the visiting Gananoque Islanders.

The win signalled the end of a very productive hockey season for Metcalfe's Junior "B" hockey club.

It took the Jets just four games to sweep the Rideau-St. Lawrence champions out of the series which made Metcalfe the 1994-95 Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League champions.

As rookie coach Bob Dumelie put it during the frenzy of the on-ice post game celebrations,"It was an incredible first year. Where to you go from here?"

In a year that saw the Jets attain new ownership - Angus Miron, a new general manager - Kevin Daly, new coaches - Bob Dumelie and Bob Kemp and a new training staff one would hardly think with all of that transistion an Eastern Ontario championship would be in the cards.

But the Jets, who finished second in the regular season to the Ottawa West Golden Knights, have overcome all obstacles to become champions.

They first knocked off the defending champs from Clarence Creek and then took care of the Ottawa West Golden Knights to earn themselves the Metro Division banner.

Next came the formidable task of defeating the powerful Valley Division champs from Arnprior.

No problem: the Jets took care of that situation winning four games to one to add the Valley - Metro Division banner to their growing collection.

Here Sunday afternoon before 700 screaming fans the Jets put the coupe de gras on the Rideau- St. Lawrence Division title holders from Gananoque.

The Islanders wilted in four games, losing 6-5, 4- 0, 4-1 and 6-3 decisions to Metcalfe.

As coach Dumelie and his bench partner watched their team celebrate Sunday he tried to sum it all up.

"For our first year it is so incredible. But they (pointing to the tangle of players slapping each other on the back and tossing the championship trophy around) really deserve everything they have won. The team has so much heart. They never quit. They stuck together and really got stronger as the year went on."

"Our record in the playoffs was 16-2. That really tells you what kind of a team we are."

And Metcalfe defeated quite a hockey club in Gananoque to take their first EOJBHL championship since '86, when by the way, coaches Dumelie and Kemp were players on the team. Because prior to meeting the Jets the Islanders were boasting a 12- 3 win-loss play-off record.

First-time GM Kevin Daly supported his coaches' observations.

"It was really quite a year. It's hard to believe it but it (championship) is theirs, the players. They deserve the credit. And of course they (pointing to coaches Dumelie and Kemp) did one hell of a job."

FINAL GAME

The mood here in the Larry Robinson Arena as the 700 fans filed into game four was upbeat.

Holding a 3-0 lead in the series it was almost a foregone conclusion that the home town team would claim the Eastern Ontario championship that very Sunday afternoon.

Period one was low key with Islanders Adam Herrington and Jets' lanky Andrew Allen playing perfectly. It was Allen's first appearance in the series after he was injured during the battle with Arnprior. Derek Mason had filled in and posted three wins, including a shutout.

Kevin Winton got things started when he blew a 20- foot slap shot behind Herrington completing on a two on one with 3:05 left in the opening stanza.

Corey Ignas replied quickly tying it up 1-1 2:34 before the buzzer.

A powerplay goal by Kevin Breton (set up by Kevin Regalbuto and Marty Johnston) with 1:01 left on the clock opened up a 2-1 lead for the Jets as the first 20 minutes came to an end.

Keith King put the Islanders back into the thick of the battle scoring from John DiPaolo at 10:10 of the second stanza.

Metcalfe broke up the stalemate scoring on another powerplay at 9:39. Kevin Breton made it 3-2 snapping home a Bruce Buckland relay.

Gananoque's Jason Doell had a golden opportunity to knot the count at 3-3 moments later when he found himself alone in front of Allen who was down and on the opposite side of the cage. But the Islander forward waited a split second too long and a Jets' defender checked the puck away before any harm was done.

Seconds later Metcalfe went up ice and made it 4- 2. Kevin Regalbuto carried the puck into the Islander zone, drew the defender to him and flipped a feathery pass onto Don Osbourne's stick as he broke through the slot to the net. Big No. 25 instantly whipped a low drive against the twine with 7:23 left in the second.

Kevin Winton opened up a 5-2 lead for the Jets when he wristed a harmless-looking shot at Herrington's cage from the left face-off circle. The fluttering disc eluded the Gan goalie and gave Metcalfe a three-goal lead with 8:32 left on the clock.

The Jets ran into penalty trouble, taking a minor with 4:44 left and a 4:00 spearing infraction at 3:43. That situation gave the Islanders a 5 on 3 powerplay for the duration. With the goalie on the bench the visitors then enjoyed a 6 on 3 advantage.

They finally used the extra firepower to add their last goal of the season. Nate Bols beat Allen from five feet out with 0:30 left on the clock and closed the gap to 5-3.

The Jets were still playing shorthanded when Kevin Winton gathered in the puck at center ice and fired his third goal of the game into the unguarded cage at the east end of the rink. Final Metcalfe 6 - Gananoque 3.

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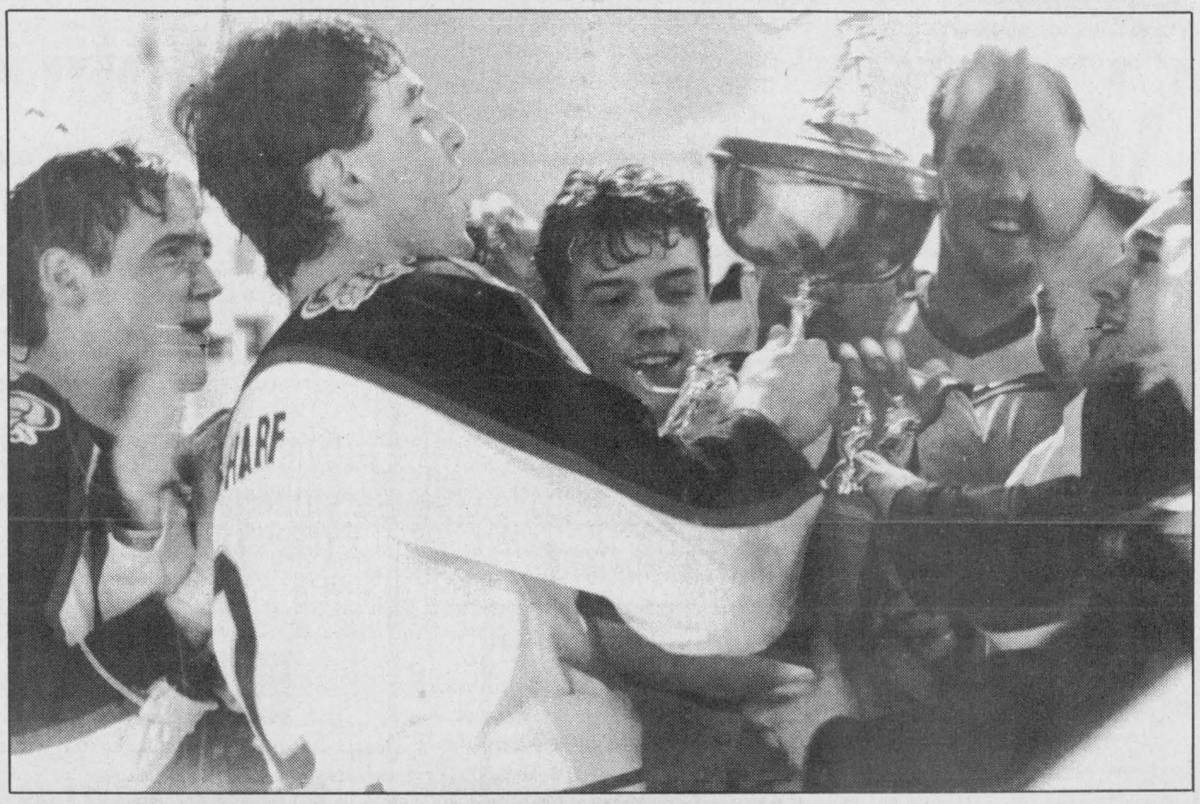

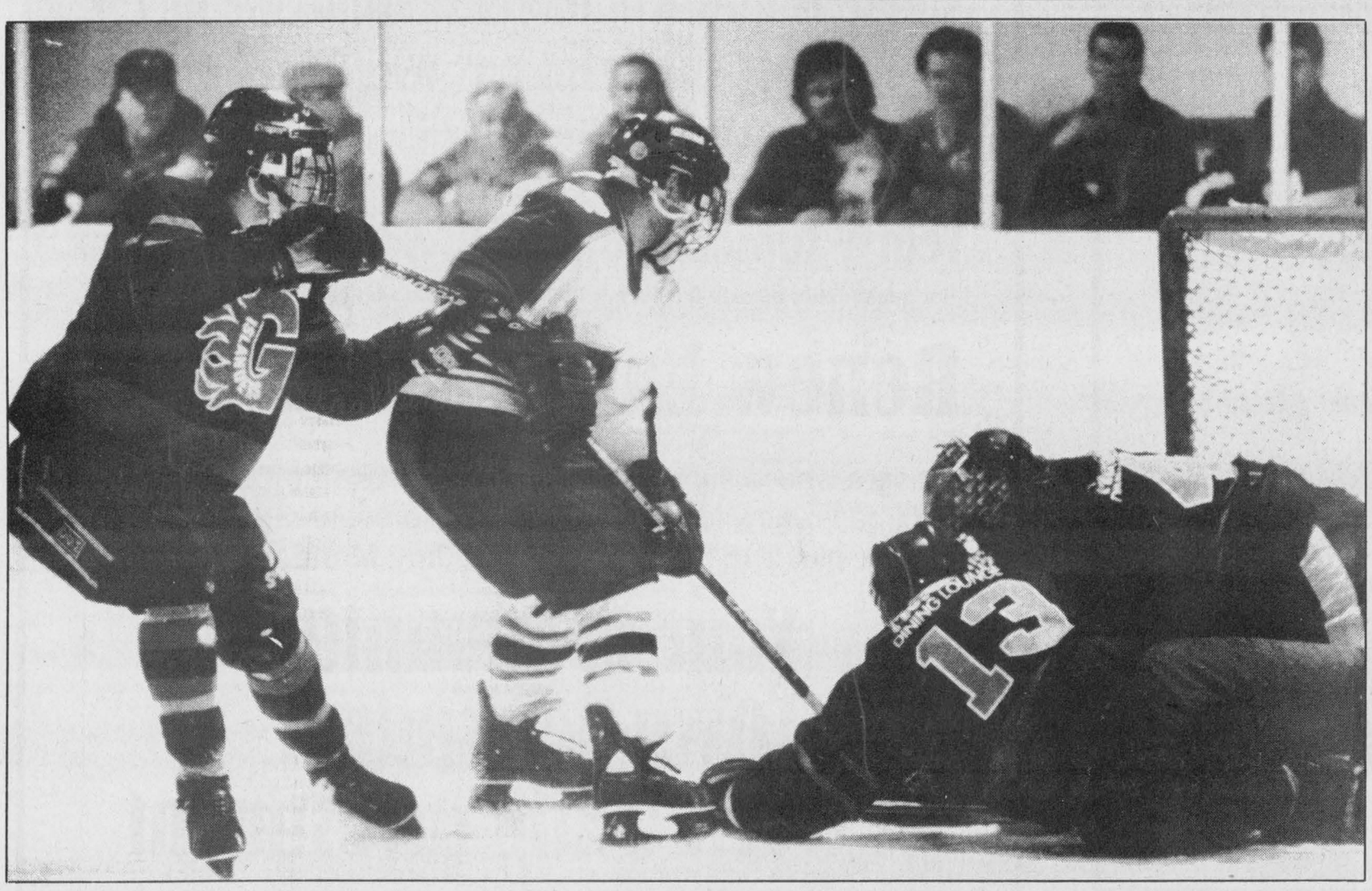



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FRANKLY SPEAKING

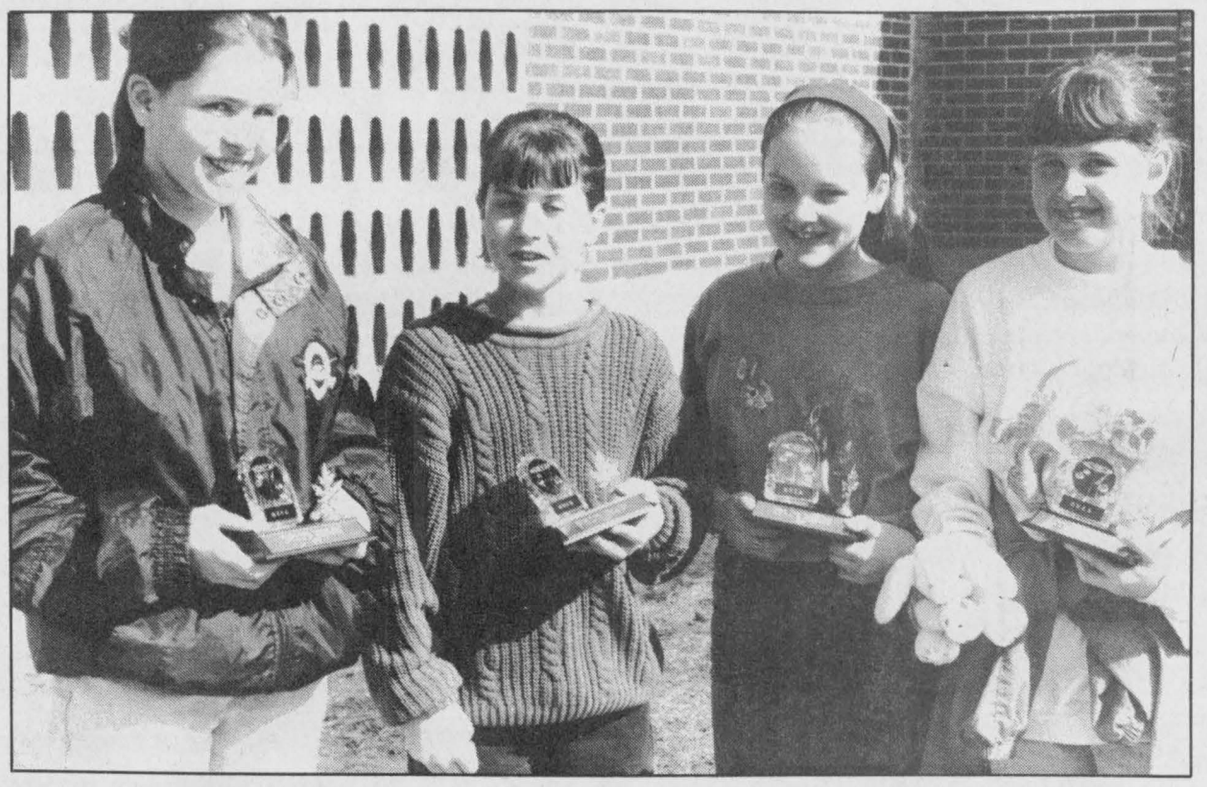
by Frank Morgan

TOUGH DECISION FOR RECREATION COMMITTEE

Mountain Township's decision to cut off all funding to Winchester Recreation for the coming year places a tough responsibility on the shoulders of the recreation committee, which faces a new challenge. They must come up with a method of recovering the loss and still offer safe, well-organized programs and facilities to all who have come to enjoy the many advantages made possible with commonly-shared facilities. To believe that the ratepayers of Mountain Township — who have enjoyed the many advantages of organized activies in a modern facility — will be completely overwhelmed by curtailing their activities to the short season on open air rinks or a dive off the river bank, is something that is not going to be well — received, re recreation tax dollars. Both the Village of Winchester and Winchester Township realize their responsiblity to help provide good, safe recreation programs. They have agreed to spend tax dollars to help offset some of the costs which would have to be funded at very high rates, should their taxpayers be asked to foot the entire costs individually. Just imagine how it would be received if the cost of education, which takes up more than half of our taxes, was suddenly left to be financed entirely by those who attended our schools. To think that asking all users from Mountain to pay all of the additional costs will not make recreation unaffordable to many families is a fallacy, as many may find it very difficult to come up with the rising costs which are applied. Recreation committee members face a very difficult decision, regardless of how they chose to come up with additional funding for those people from Mountain who will be most affected. Should a surcharge be enforced it will not be just for minor hockey and figure skating, ladies' hockey, broomball, and public skating. It will include all organized activities on the ball diamonds, as well as summer children's programs, which are all a part of recreation. Many will not be able to pay or will refuse. Our programs will all be affected and it may not be possible to offer many of them at all. In recent months, representation by Mountain at the recreation committee meetings has been almost nil (with one member attending just one meeting in the past two years,) so attempts to rearrange budgets so that many costs would be only Winchester's responsibility would not have been known when their decision to cut funds was made. It is my opinion that Mountain council's decision was influenced greatly by members of their recreation board who represent the outside rinks. There is nothing wrong with that, as all areas of the municipalities' responsiblities must be addressed. However, I believe that a very large majority of ratepayers who take part in organized programs and activities such as minor hockey, figure skating and our excellent aquatic training, were completely rejected in their decision. These ratepayers will not only contribute their share of tax dollars but will be forced to pay again should they wish to take part in any organized programs offered in larger facilities. It is hoped that the recreation committee will not be hasty in setting a policy without meeting with the many groups that will be affected by Mountain's decision, so that they may understand fully the consequences of Mountain's decision to ignore them in their planning.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE METCALFE JETS

We join the many in sending congratulations to the Metcalfe Jets for their decisive victories which brought them the Eastern Ontario Junior "B" championship.



"B" division winners

Skip Alison Levere, vice Leslie Levere, second Sheena Casselman and lead Stefanie Griffith finished the curling season winning the "B" bracket title in the OVCA's Little Rock Championships in Smiths Falls last weekend. Winchester defeated Smiths Falls 9-2 in the final match.

Press Photo—Van Bridger

Winchester takes 'B'

SMITHS FALLS—A Winchester Curling Club rink skipped by Alison Levere and manned by vice Leslie Levere, second Sheena Casselman and lead Stefanie Griffith earned "B" side honors here in the OVCA's Little Rock championship on the weekend.

Competing against 16 teams on Saturday the WCC team earned 22 points and qualified along with seven other rinks to take part in Sunday's elimination round.

Prescott, who went on to defeat a team from the Navy Curling Club in Ottawa 12-1 in the "A" flight title game, nipped Winchester 5-2 in Sunday's first round.

A convincing 10-3 win over Carleton Place lifted Winchester into the "B" side championship game against Smiths Falls.

Winchester went up 1-0 in the first end only to have Smiths Falls pick up a pair (2-1) in the second.

A three-point third end pushed Levere into a 4-2 lead. They added two more in the fourth, a single in the fifth and two more in the sixth to post a 9-2 victory.

Bronze medal

OSHAWA—Seaway District High School, representing EOSSAA, captured the bronze medal here during the 1995 Ontario School Boys' curling championship over the weekend.

Don Mills repeated as OFSAA champion finishing the 20-team playdown with a 6-1 record. Timmins finished second and Seaway District High third.

Spencer Cooper, Josh Adams, Mike Brunt and Travis Thompson had a 6-0 record going before losing in the semi-final round. The Iroquois school then bounced back with a 12-2 win over Ryan Werenich's Newmarket foursome to capture the bronze medal.

Coach Sid Morrell's squad went down 2-0 to Werenich, gold medal winner at this year's Canada Games, but recovered to score 12 unanswered points to secure the win.

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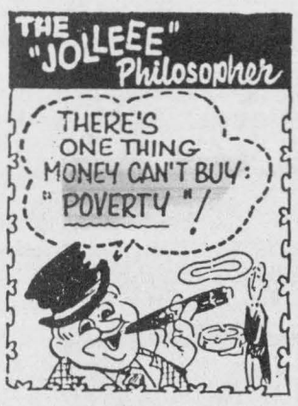

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Lions carry off championship silverware

SOUTH MOUNTAIN—The tradition continues. Monday night marked the 23rd annual Mountain Township Floor Hockey League awards night.

Founded in 1972 by Terry Foley, the league continues to provide a source of recreation and friendly competition for local children.

The 1994-95 campaign produced a double winner in the Lions Club team which finished first during the regular season and also claimed the play-off title.

Terry Foley presented the Foley Family Trophy to Lions' coach Janet Adams for the League championship. Leo Backes, on behalf of the Mountain Township and District Lions Club, then presented the season championship Lions Club Trophy to Adams.

Barry Faith of Weagants and Cara Berends of the Fire Depeartment Smokies were selected as this year's Most Sportsmanlike Players (Dave's Plumbing and Heating Trophy).

Tyler Tessier (Weagants) received the Paul Barkley Plumbing Trophy as the Top Goalie.

Mike Allen (Lions) with 109 goals and 34 assists captured the J.E.D. Express Ltd. as the top male scorer. The Godard Motors Trophy (Top Female Scorer) went to Cara Berends of the Fire Department.

Leading their respective teams in scoring this season were: Josh McRoberts (Weagants) 56-18-74; Jordan Hodge (Winchester Print) 55-18-73 and Mike Berends (Fire Dept.) 36-7-43.

Six players on the Smokies, five from Weagants, seven from Winchester Print and three from the Lions Club played 16 penalty-free games and received Dundas Milk Committee's No Penalty awards.

This season's Shoot-Out Showdown Award (Byers Funeral Home Inc.) winners were Mike Allen in the Senior division and Mike Berenda in the Junior catagorey.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Mike Allen was deemed the Lions Most Valuable Player while Robert Thurler earned the Most Improved Player trophy.

Josh McRoberts was the Weagant Most Valuable Player and Eric Gaw the Most Improved Player.

Rick Cowan earned MVP honors for the Fire Department Smokies while Adam Percival and Alex Goldburg shared the Most Improved Player award.

Jordan Hodge was the Winchester Print MVP and Tanya Percival the team's Most Improved Player.

APPRECIATION

Coaches Harold Mellon (Fire Department), Andy Percival (Winchester Print), Barry Faith (Weagants) and Janet Adams (Lions Club) received gifts of appreciation from the league and players.

Timekeeper Karen Lewin who is retiring along with referees Jamie Cowan and Bill Anderson also accepted gifts in recognition of their commitment to the organization.

The evening's program was organized and co- ordinated by MTFHL executive members Denise Mellan, Debbie Suffel and MC Anja Berends.



This year's champs

The Lions Club captured both the MTFHL regular season and play-off championships in 1994-95. Front, left, Adrianna Hoogenboom, Andrew Mellan, Robert Thurler, Yann Bossel, Stephanie Rochon. Back, left, James Ross, Tom Suffel, Glen Mellan, Mike Allen, coach Janet Adams.

Press Photo—Van Bridger

Ladies need two goalies

CHESTERVILLE—With the 1995 season opener just two weeks away Chesterville/Winchester Ladies' Ball Hockey League officials are still looking for players, goalies in particular.

Two goaltenders are needed to complete the rosters and officials point out that a goalie plays no registration fee.

All other players must pay their registration by April 13.

The 1995 campaign will feature eight teams and four games each Thursday evening here at the Chesterville Arena.

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Harvey leads Stars to championship

METCALFE—Doug Harvey figured in on all of the offence as the Ross Realty North Stars nipped the Dewan Painting Red Wings 3-2 in the 1994-95 Metcalfe Town Hockey League sudden-death championship game.

It was a miracle year for the North Stars who finished fourth and wound up as the league champions.

The Ross Realty crew eliminated the B.C. Aluminum Kings 8-4 in the two-game total goal semi-final round losing the first match 3-2 but bouncing back with a 6-1 decision in game two.



A 3-2 victory over the Dewan Painting Wings gave the Daryle Ross Realty North Stars the 1994-95 Metcalfe Town Hockey League championship. Front, left, Kevin McManus, Ron Casselman, Wayne Widemaier, Jim Kerfoot, Steve Brown. Back, left, Bruce Kerfoot, Dave Vanderydt, John Vandentillart, Moe Robinson, Doug Reaney, Tim Kelly, Doug Harvey, Mike Rocquebourne.

Press Photo—Quail

The third-ranked Dewan Painting Wings also revived themselves in the semis to qualify for the championship match. After dropping a 5-3 verdict to the first-place 31 Esso Flyers in the opening contest the Wings rallied with a big game from Bill Jamieson and blanked the Flyers 4-0. The Wings' final margin of victory was 7-5.

George Nesbitt put the Wings up 1-0 when he finished off a play started by Bob Kemp at 19:31 of period one.

The Stars made good on a powerplay at 16:22 to tie it up at a goal. Doug Harvey beat Jamieson on the extra-man play engineered by Tim Kelly and Moe Robinson.

It was 3-1 Stars after two periods of action. Doug Harvey scored his second goal on an unassisted play 9:51 before the end of the frame to make it 2-1. He then did the leg work on a play capped by Kevin McManus at the 2:07 mark to take the count to 3-1.

Winning goalie Wayne Widemaier held the Wings offence off the board until there was but a single second left in the game.

Richard Corlyon closed the final gap to 3-2 netting the final goal of the MTHL season with 0:01 showing on the clock. Bob Kemp set up the powerplay.

Widemaier had to be sharp over the final 5:00 of the game as his team took minor penalties with 5:00, 2:45 and 1:45 left on the clock.

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Embrun wins ninth title

BARRIE—Defending Canadian Men's Elite Broomball champion Embrun survived a semi-final round scare here on Sunday as they went on to claim their fifth consecutive national championship.

Quebec Photo Police took Embrun Plumbing into overtime before losing a 4-3 decision.

Quebec stood second in the other round robin section of the tournament and were sporting a 4-1- 0 record prior to their semi-final meeting with Embrun.

Yvan Breton and Michel Papineau netted goals in the first half as the Plumbers went up 2-0. Quebec's Gabriel Julies cut the deficit to 2-1, scoring in the final 10:00 of the second half. With time ticking down into the final minute Quebec pulled their goalie and were able to tie it up using a sixth attacker. Daniel Duclas tied the game up 2-2 and sent it to OT.

A 5:00 overtime period was then played with no goalies and four players on each side. Darrell Campbell cashed in a pass from Yvan Breton and Michel Papineau 0:12 into the frame to put the Plumbers up 3-2. With 0:48 left on the clock Dennis Daly connected from Breton and Normand Lemieux and Embrun was up 4-2. Quebec managed to make it a one-goal game when Martin Ouellette scored at the 0:06 mark.

That close shave put Embrun into the championship match against the host Barrie team. Goals by Yvan Breton, Guy Marion and Michel Papineau lifted the Plumbers to a 3-1 victory and their fifth straight Canadian championship.

Bernard Larose gave up one goal to Barrie's Curtis Wicks en route to the victory.

Embrun becomes the first team since 1976 to claim five consecutive Canadian titles.

Tournament MVP awards were shared by Yvan Breton, Michel Papineau and Normand Lemieux.

Wilson Montgomery was named coach of the year.

Embrun opened the 1995 National Broomball Tournament downing Nova Scotia 4-1. Yvan Breton led the attack with two goals and one assist. Bill Moran and Michel Papineau netted the others. Adam Sexton replied for Nova Scotia.

Barrie fell 3-1 to the Plumbers in game two. Michel Papineau led the scoring parade with a goal and one assist. Jacques Gagnon and Breton snapped in the other markers. Curtis Wicks scored for Barrier.

Sylvain Boisvert posted the shutout in round three as Embrun blanked Manitoba 2-0. Normand Lemieux and Michel Papineau took care of the scoring.

Michel Bourgeois potted three goals and Michel Papineau netted a pair and drew four assists as Embrun hammered British Columbia 8-0 in game four. Yvan Breton, Jacques Gagnon and Guy Marion connected for singles. Bernard Larose turned in the goose egg.

Larose turned in another winning effort as Embrun closed the round robin with a 4-1 win over Quebec Contre-Coeur. Paul Petersen nailed in two goals while Breton and Papineau snapped in singles.

Embrun then advanced to the semi-final round sporting a perfect 5-0 record.

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Flames finished

The Dundas Flames, a third year initiation level team, recently completed their hockey season with a 6-5-1 record and a 3-1-0 mark in post-season. Front, left, Parker Boyd, Tyler Fawcett, Kyle Hunter, Mitchell Emon, Tommy Wheeler, Dale Dellaire, Blain Moran, Back, left, Assistant coach Glen Simms, Robert Mooers, Michael Beuman, Troy Stewart, coach Barry Fawcett. Missing assistant coach Brian Moran and team mother Cathy Fawcett.

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Embrun 72's hold onto 'C' trophy

EMBRUN—Coaches have always preached to their players that you can't win hockey games from the penalty box.

The St. Isidore Eagles were taught that old lesson again as they gave up 10 powerplay goals (five per game) in the last two matches they played against the Embrun 72s.

Watching from the box the Eagles were able to see just how potent the Embrun offence was.

The 72s, powered by the 10 goal - five assist effort of series' MVP Stephane Dicaire, swept St. Isidore in four games to win their second consecutive Eastern Ontario Junior "C" Hockey League championship.

The fourth and final win (6-3) came Monday night (April 10) in St. Isidore and locked up the championship for Embrun, who outscored the Eagles 28-13 posting 9-6, 8-2, 5-2 and 6-3 victories.

Embrun converted five of the powerplays they enjoyed into goals as they won game four by three.

It was 4-0 after a period on goals by Dave Ryan, Dan Lacroix and a pair by Martin Gignac. Billy Lacombe and Mathieu Bougie ruined goalie Stephane Levere's shutout bid, scoring in period two as they closed the gap to 4-2, but Gignac netted his third and Stephane Dicaire his 10th of the series to give the 72s their final victory.

Jeff Fox (2), Lacroix (2), Diciaire (2), Yvan Levac (2), Gignac and Joe Kelly picked up assists for the champions.

GAME THREE

St. Isidore served over 60 minutes in penalties as they lost 5-2 and fell back 3-0 in game three on April 7.

Stephane Levere posted the victory allowing Eagle goals to Pat Laflamme and Pat Daniels as St. Isidore managed to close the score to 2-2 in period two.

Jeff Fox, Yvan Levac, Dan Lacroix, Martin Gignac and Stephane Dicaire netted pucks for Embrun.

GAME TWO

Embrun led 2-1 after a period of game two and were up 5-2 after 40 minutes en route to a convincing 8-2 victory and a 2-0 lead in the series.

Martin Gignac paced the 72s' offence, scoring three times. Yvan Levac, Michel Pinard, Dave Ryan, Martin Labelle and Joe Kelly potted the other markers.

Dan Desforges scored both St. Isidore goals as his team picked up over 40 minutes in penalties.

GAME ONE

St. Isidore enjoyed their only lead of the series when they jumped out to a 3-1 advantage in game one on April 2. But by the time the final buzzer had sounded the 72s were smiling after rallying for a 9-6 win.

Stephane Dicaire, Jeff Fox, Phil Poirier, Martin Gignac, Michel Pinard and Martin Labelle were among the Embrun scorers. Labelle also drew three assists.

Dan Maisonneuve, Carl Bercier and Dan Deforges snapped in goals as the Eagles scrambled to within a goal (7-6) before falling short.

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Tourney champs

The North Dundas Novice Raptors captured the "A" championship at this year's NGS tournament in Finch. The team was also the "A" finalist at the NGS event in Maxville. Front, left, Scott Bradley, Scott Smail, Darrell Moore, Travis Armstrong, Derek Kelly, Matthew Bird, Shawn Gilmer. Back, left, Bobby Cayer, Trevor Carruthers, Tony Kelly - coach, Bradley Switch, Mitchell Scott. Absent: Matthew Holmes, Dave Bird - assistant coach, Kevin Smail - trainer.

Courtesy photo

Raceway to open

GLOUCESTER - Live harness racing will shift back to Rideau Carleton Raceway on Albion Road in Gloucester this Saturday.

The move to open the area track far ahead of its normal July 1 starting date was the result of the withdrawal of Connaught Park Raceway's licence to operate by the Quebec Racing Commission.

For scores of area residents and students, it means an early return of part-time jobs to the area.

For the horsemen, it means they will have somewhere to ply their trade in the area.

"It is important that the guys have somewhere to race because they would either have to ship to another area, as some have, or sell their horses and get out," said Jeff Robillard, the track's marketing director.

Problems at Connaught Park are not new. Questions about the viability of opening its racing season have surrounded the Aylmer facility in recent years.

A Quebec Trotting and Pacing Association representative said the track owes the horsemen $317,000 - the lion's share of that, $220,000, is a share of revenue from simulcast wagering and $97,000 is from purses raced for this season.

About 200 horsemen are expected to race their stables at Rideau Carleton with Connaught's close. Rideau Carleton president Glenn Pearson estimates the number of jobs affected by the move is about 1,000.

Rideau Carleton will conduct live racing cards on Saturdays and Sundays, with post times at 1:05 p.m. both days.

"That's what we're going to start with," said Robillard. "We're prepared to expand on that but it is based on the horse population."

With racing getting started this Easter weekend, Robillard said a light lunch menu will be available in the dining room.

Track patrons will notice some significant reductions in prices for the bonus live racing in the area. Admission will be reduced from $3 to $1 and clubhouse admission, which was $2, will be free. This weekend, passes to the Ottawa Home Show will also be up for grabs, said Robillard.

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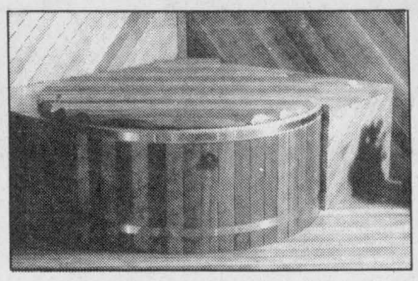

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