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Ride on

LONG SAULT - The Upper Canada OPP detachment has been in full action with its annual Christmas RIDE program. Between Nov. 29 and Dec. 12 officers checked 1,035 vehicles through the Long Sault, Morrisburg, Winchester area. Of those, two 12-hour suspensions were handed out and two charges of impaired driving were laid. As a result of the latter charges, the drivers automatically had their licenses suspended for 90 days according to new provincial law.

401 shut-down

LONG SAULT - Highway 401 was closed for 12 hours Saturday morning after a tractor-trailer carrying hazardous chemicals crashed shortly after midnight on the westbound lane just east of Ingleside exit. The 1995 International owned by General Electric Capital of Oshawa was being operated by William Weatherall, 54. Apparently, the driver lost control of the vehicle on an icy patch and it crashed into the ditch. Weatherall was taking to Hotel Dieu in Cornwall and treated for minor injuries. Due to the nature of the load, the highway was closed for safety measures and experts were called in. The highway re-opened at noon.

Ticket winners

CHESTERVILLE -- The winners of the Chesterville Merchants' Million Dollar Draw will be paying close attention to the December 21st 6\49 draw. First prize winner Barbara Phifer of Williamsburg won 25 6\49 tickets, second prize winner Wanda Feeley 15 tickets and third prize winner Lyn Currie 10 tickets. The prizes were drawn Wednesday.

Boxing Day Bingo

MOREWOOD -- The Morewood Firefighters Association is sponsoring a Boxing Day Bingo December 26 at the Winchester Township Community Centre in Morewood. The bingo starts at 1 p.m. sharp and features a $1,000 jackpot.

Food winners

CHESTERVILLE -- Four lucky people skated away with prizes in the Chesterville Skating Club's Ham & Turkey Draw. Ham winners were Wytzie VanDerVeen of Crysler and Gerry O'Malley of Greely. Turkey winners were Cathy Hunt of Chesterville and Laurie Baker of Chesterville.

Santa's coming

WILLIAMSBURG - Santa Claus will arrive in Williamsburg Sunday at 1 p.m. Dozens of residents, young and old will line the streets as the hamlet features its community Chrismas theme. Organizers are hoping for good weather and welcome a sprinkling of the white stuff. Several floats are entered in this year's parade along with the special guest star Santa Claus himself.

Chime in carolers

CHESTERVILLE - The Chesterville and District Historical Societ invites all those interested in caroling to gather at the Heritage Centre Monday at 7 p.m. Singers will then proceed throughout the village bringing a vocal wish of good cheer. All are welcome and refreshments will follow.

New name for local OPP cluster

LONG SAULT -- The OPP's recently- amalgamated Winchester, Morrisburg and Long Sault detachments now have a new name. the cluster has now been named the Upper Canada Detachment, a name that will describe the working area of Stormont and Dundas counties. The administrative headquarters for the Upper Canada Detachment is in Long Sault.



A Christmas toot

Tuba player Jennifer Borlee got into the Christmas spirit as she came complete with reindeer horns for Wednesday night's NDDHS concert band Christmas Concert before a packed house in the school gym. The concert featured performances by the junior and senior concert bands, the grade 10 class, junior jazz band, Jazzmanian Devils, the Group of Seven and a duet with flautist Erin Sheedy and band director Greg Prest on guitar playing Bach's Sinfonia from Cantata 156.

School closure issue could die next month

Greg Hewitt
Record Staff

AVONMORE -- Supporters of three Stormont County schools targeted for closure by the SD&G Public School Board are quietly optimistic the issue could be settled in their favor next month.

A report from the board's Finance and Facilities Committee indicates closing Roxmore and Newington public schools and the secondary section of Rothwell-Osnabruck School would save only about $382,000, not the $750,000 originally estimated.

And Osnabruck Township trustee Bill Fleming will sponsor a vote at the board's next English Language Section meeting, January 14, to have the three schools taken off the closure time-line.

Fleming told the Record Thursday he has seen a "change in climate" amongst trustees, and says he is optimistic they will vote next month to do away with the closure issue.

Fleming's vote will not be about individual schools, but about trashing the closure time-line altogether. He admits, though, even if the time- lines are voted down, the issue could resurface down the road.

Fleming was one of only three trustees who originally voted against instituting the time- lines. "I believe the community school is really an important keystone of the education system in Ontario and I'd hate to see that disappear," he said Thursday.

The report has fostered deep optimism amongst school council members and parents in the three affected communities, who have been rallying intensely since September, when the board voted to add the schools to the so-called time-line for closure.

"I got a real good feeling (Monday) night that the school board was going to make a sensible decision," said Murray Barkley, community and business representative for the Roxmore School Council. "There seemed to be a lot of healthy skepticism."

Barkley said while the report likely had a big impact on the trustees, the briefs, one from each community, and the outcry in general, are also likely factors.

The Roxmore School Council presented a brief to the board's Finance and Facilities Committee Monday, in which the historic significance and current value of the school are outlined. The brief also outlines a number of negative effects the closure of Roxmore would have in the community, and states the school council will present realistic alternatives to the closure next month.

Written by Murray Barkley and delivered by Roxmore School Council Chair Andy Boyle, the brief stated, "Avonmore has had a school in the heart of its community for longer than Canada has existed as a nation, or indeed, Ontario as a province."

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Catholic teachers ratify agreement

Melissa Batchilder
Record Staff

CORNWALL - A deal has been signed between the English-language section of the SD&G Separate School Board and members of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association.

Both sides ratified a new collective agreement earlier this week which will cover the period from Sept. 1, 1993 to Aug. 1, 1998.

The new collective agreement maintains the current salary schedule intact and restores to teachers three increments which were frozen due to the Social Contract Act of the former NDP government.

In addition, the board and teachers have agreed to modify the benefit plans and to reduce personal days from three to two, the board will retain the Unemployment Insurance Rebate, and the Lunch Supervision clause of the collective agreement has been amended while providing teachers with a 40-minute lunch period.

OECTA Unit president Ariane Carriere says classes were not disrupted and students were not affected at all during negotiations, which began earlier this fall. Despite critical points, students continued their education without interruption.

Although the board ratified the agreement Dec. 11, members of the union voted Dec. 17 with 99 per cent of 252 teachers in favor of the agreement.

Negotiations concluded between the union representatives and board officials Dec. 10 with hopes that contract concerns would be settled. Teachers with the local association had earlier voted overwhelmingly in favor of strike action.

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CDDA still hard at work fulfilling Crysler's dreams

Greg Hewitt
Record Staff

CRYSLER -- For a small community, Crysler has big dreams - a medical centre and pharmacy, additional housing for its seniors and better recreational facilities for its youth.

And the volunteer-based Crysler and District Development Association, now in its 20th month, continues to nurture those dreams, and lead the campaign for a better community.

Members of the association's executive sat down last Tuesday to reflect on its accomplishments, and look toward the future. They quickly agree, when asked, how the association, and its goals, will progress: "Slow and steady."

Already, Crysler and area residents have benefited from the CDDA's elbow grease. In conjunction with the South Nation River Conservation Authority, trees were planted along the river corridor this fall. Flowers and a bench were added to the park in the spring, and more could be added next year.

Earlier this month, about 20 kids aged 14 and under showed up for a new recreational hockey league. And last month, a Halloween party was held at the community centre.

And a monthly news bulletin, called Crysler News, is circulated to homes and businesses throughout the Crysler area. It's produced by CDDA treasurer Lillian Champagne, and informs the community of every-

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(Left to right) CDDA chair Bianca Sherwood, treasurer and News editor Lillian Champagne, businesss rep. Ginette Patenaude, seniors' rep. John Lefebvre, vice-chair Francoise Landry and secretary Robert McLeod.

Schools

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The brief noted the crucial role the school plays in the community, and pointed out its enrolment has increased from 117 students in 1990 to 184 in 1996. "... with Roxmore flourishing and growing by leaps and bounds the current threats of closure is to say the least more than a little puzzling."

The brief also addressed the school board's contention the building needs roofing, ventilation and septic repairs. It says the building is in fact "the envy of most other schools in SD&G. It's few minor problems can be overcome with minor expense."

"So why the time-line? We suspect it has more to do with Tagwi's empty spaces than with any minor imperfections at Roxmore."

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it," quipped Henry Ford. Not only is Roxmore not broken, it is, and deservedly so, the pride of Roxborough and Avonmore and one of the finest schools in the SD&G system. Our brief to the school board early in the new year will offer positive and specific to our mutual challenges and substantiate these with the results of research we are presently undertaking," the brief states.

It concludes, "We are here to work together in partnership with the board to propose alternatives to policies we believe are not in the best interests of either the community or public education and to propose constructive solutions to shared concerns."

Vote

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Key points in the dispute included proposed cuts to preparation time and benefits. Under the old agreement teachers were allowed 160 minutes of preparation time per week. The board wanted that trimmed down to 100 minutes per week.

The dispute had been ongoing since early 1993 , when collective bargaining began for a new agreement that was to expire in August. But with the Social Contract which rolled back wages, all discussions ceased until January this year.

CDDA hard at work on Crysler's dreams

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thing, from anniversaries and other special occasions to coming events, CDDA updates, business profiles, tips of the hat, jokes and other valuable tidbits.

On the horizon are more shrub and flower plantings next summer, a playgroup for little ones in February, tentatively called Mes Amis and continued work on the leisure trails project. The CDDA is also looking into funding possibilities for a project to enlarge the floating dock on the South Nation River.

The CDDA has an active membership of about 15, and 40 to 45 members, who pay an annual $5 membership fee. Also, about 70 of the hamlet's 90 businesses are members.

The CDDA's newly-drafted Constitution and Bylaws describe the association as a "non-profit, bilingual local group of volunteers representatives of the interests of our community including, but not limited to, agriculture, seniors, youth, business and the general population."

Under objectives, are listed the establishment of a community health centre, the preservation and restoration of natural resources, the establishment of low-cost accommodation for seniors, a recreation centre and programming, and the promotion of more local self-sufficiency and economic development.

"It's just a working document, but we figured it would give us a start," says CDDA chairperson Bianca Sherwood, noting the two documents were prepared this summer based on models from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Ontario Healthy Communities Network, to which Crysler belongs.

Sherwood notes the documents are also important because it's important to have "official papers" when it comes to operating as an established entity and becoming involved in detailed projects.

The Healthy Communities Network provides a little bit of funding, but more importantly, acts as a resource and a link to other member communities and their experiences.

In a reflection of Crysler's demographics, the association embraces bilingualism. Its meetings are often half English and half French, and its constitution and bylaws are printed in both languages.

The CDDA is grateful to an Ottawa woman, a professional translator on maternity leave, who volunteered to translate the documents from English into French. Anouk Jaccrimi's efforts saved the association considerable money and earned a mention in Brown's Beat in the Ottawa Citizen a while back.

And the CDDA, through a joint effort between Ottawa's Carleton University and other organizations, will soon employ the talents of a student, Patrick Garby, who is doing his Master's degree in Community Development. Garby is expected to come on board next month, and perform a follow- up survey to the CDDA's Visioning Process, which consisted of a series of workshops held at the beginning of 1996. The Visioning Process identified Crysler's "wish list" of items, from smaller things like cable TV to the larger medical centre and seniors housing.

Sherwood says while finding dollars for projects is a challenge every community faces, "The main thing is to keep plugging away and not get discouraged." She invites members of the community who have ideas for projects or events to contact the association.

"If someone has ideas for a project, we can try to follow through the best we can. We don't have a lot of money, but we can point them in the right direction."



St. Mary's School has celebrated Advent throughout December.

St. Mary's students celebrate Advent

Melissa Batchilder
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE - All eyes focused on the flame burning on the tips of three candles secured into a circular wreath.

They were the eyes of children. Little souls who are so filled with anticipation this time of year that it's difficult to sit still. Yet for a few minutes Monday morning at St. Mary's School more than 100 children focused on the burning candles.

As the third wick came to life principal Michael Van Camp invited the children to join in preparation for Christmas by bringing peace to their corners of the world.

Advent is a time of preparation, explained Van Camp. "It's a time to prepare for the birth of Christ." Each of the four weeks preceding Christmas are marked in the symbolic manner of lighting candles in an advent wreath.

With this, the third week, children were encouraged to focus on peace. "We want to bring peace into our own lives and those around us," said Van Camp. "Peace to prepare the world for Jesus."

Grade 5 student Kyle Dearing interpreted for his school mates what their role in bringing peace could mean. "You send me to smile at her when she's made fun of me and hurt me with her meanness.

"You send me to forgive him when he's scratched me and behind my back he's told lies about me. You send me to renew the friendship. I'm a messenger, Lord. I am sent for peace."

"Peace is difficult," said Grade 5 student Michael LaPrade. "You have to talk to each other after you've sworn at each other. You have to look each other in the face after you've been in a rage."

One also has to shake hands with another after kicking each other down. "You have to come together after splitting apart." LaPrade asked the school to join with him in asking for the courage for peace.

On a more global level, Wesley Monteith told of how much peace is desired in countries that experience the horrors of war. "It is longed for greatly wherever fear and anxiety suffocate children, men and women."

Peace, Monteith said, "is demanded where suffering crushes the joy of living."

Bowing his head, he added, "let the messenger of peace come. Let him come to swell the grains of peace buried in the hearts of all people. Let him come, Jesus, the one sent by God."

And together the children with their teachers prayed led by Grade 5 student Shannon Cossette.

"Lord, teach me to set out paths for peace. Often I want to keep everything for myself. Often, I want to do everything myself and be the best.

"I can work to the best of my ability at school, at the same time as helping others to do so as well. I avoid fights and insults sometimes by letting friends play and respecting the rules. Lord, teach me to set out paths for peace.

"Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

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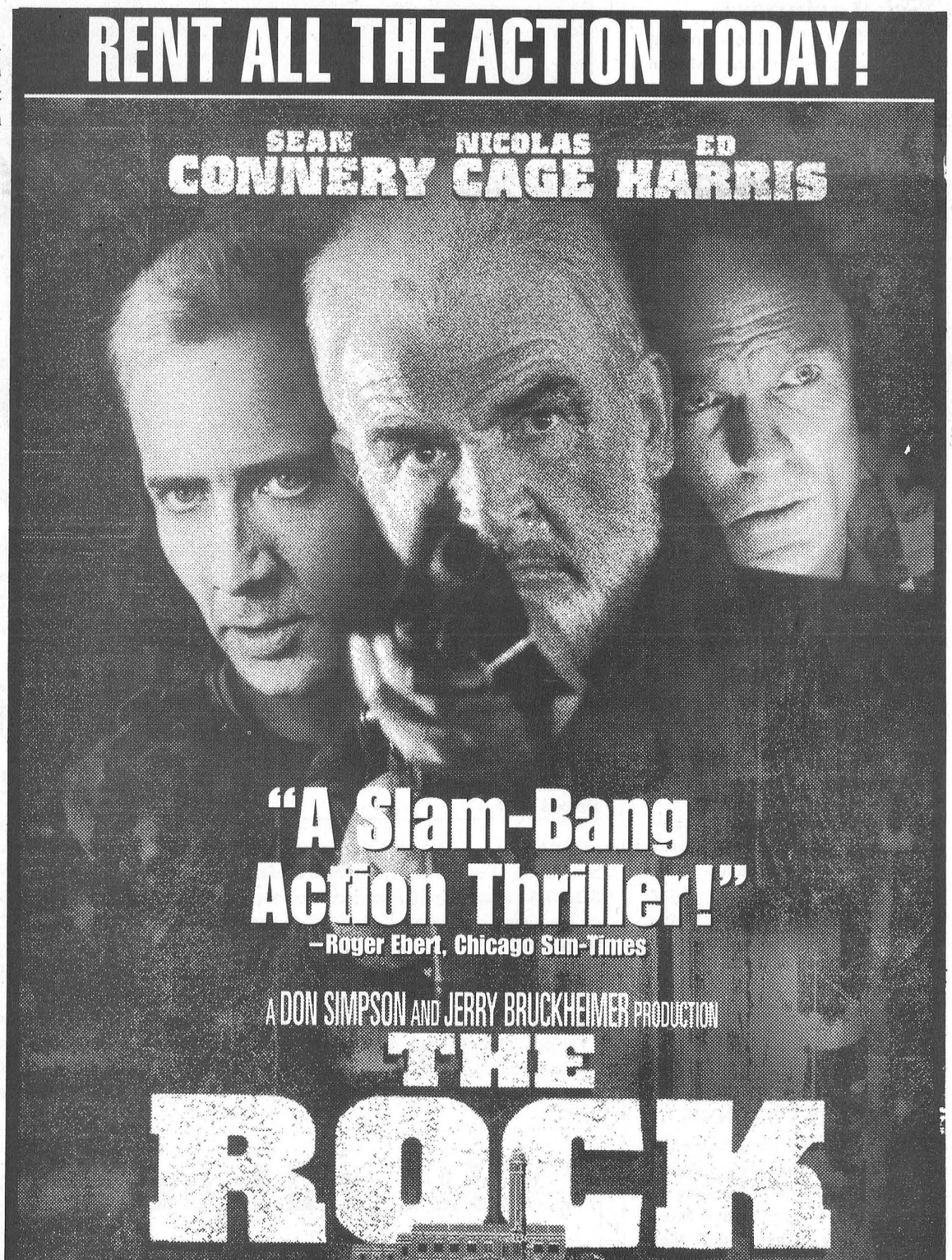

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Maple Ridge students reflect on the meaning of Christmas

The first flake of snow hits the ground. And overnight people found, that soon it would be Christmas.

Morning comes and people see the spirit of winter is not only in me, and know it would soon be Christmas.

Cheerful kids playing with their toys, and knew it would soon be Christmas.

The whole town was amazed at the sight, of what had happened overnight, for everyone knew that it would soon be CHRISTMAS.

Steve Pope

To me Christmas means a break from school. I mean you should be happy to be home on a week night not having to worry about homework and about having to get up at seven in the morning. Right? All the adults still might have to go to work and we get the house to ourselves. Okay, you should be happy for us. I bet all the teachers even like the break. And that's my idea of a Merry Christmas.

Adam LaPorte

Christmas comes once a year.
Filling hearts with Christmas Cheer.
Christmas cards by the bundle.
A tower of gifts ready to tumble.
Santa Claus all in red.
Baby Jesus asleep in bed.
Christmas comes once a year.
Filling hearts with Christmas cheer.

Kate Mead

Presents beneath the Christmas tree,
Count them all on Christmas Eve.
Buying presents for your friends,
Christmas giving never ends.
Go out caroling on Christmas Eve,
Making smiles that never leave.
Cheerful kids on street,
Dancing to the Christmas beat.
Go to friends and families,
For a little Christmas treat.
Put up lights so Santa can see,
Decorate your Christmas tree.

Mallory Feeley

Sing a song of Christmas
Bells Chime and ring.
Sing a song of Christmas,
People laugh and sing.
Sing a song of Christmas,
It's really really great.
Sing a song of Christmas,
Christmas don't be late.
Sing a song of Christmas,
Caring by the ton.
Sing a song of Christmas,
Lots and lots of fun.

Jenna Lalonde

Christmas...
Santa, loving
Singing, sledding, riding.
Fun and laughter from family,
Children.

Andy Wesley

Christmas means the time of giving and the birth of Lord Jesus. It's a time when families get together to celebrate the special day of giving and caring. It's a very special day for everyone to enjoy and to celebrate the birth of Jesus. That's what Christmas means to me.

Tyler Leach

The meaning of Christmas is the giving and caring, not the wanting and whining for something you got but don't like. It is the thought that counts not the gift. Christmas is the day when Jesus Christ was born. It is the day when families get together, get along with each other, and have peace on earth.

Derek Chambers

Sharing, caring and loving is what Christmas means to me.

Decorating a Christmas tree is the occasion when your family gets together and has a good time.

On Christmas Day it shows how much people love and care about you. It brings you closer to your family.

When you receive gifts you should think of who game them to you and that they care for you.

When Christmas is over and another year has past. But remember that they save the best part for last.. December 25.

Jennifer Hall



Christmas is a season of giving, a holiday that that has the power to reunite families, regardless of feuds and quarrels, to share in the joy and excitement of Yuletide. Family members, young and old alike, gather 'round the hearth or tree to hear stories of Christmases past told and retold through countless generations. Young children scurry about in delight and amazement, checking under beds for hidden gifts and opening doors on the Advent calendar while Mother continues her frenzied baking.

But Christmas means more than that. For many, Yuletide symbolizes the refreshing of beliefs, a way to remember the sacrifices their God made for the well-being of man. They show their gratitude by fasting, praying and many other methods.

Even though Christmas has been widely commercialized, it still remains one of the most cherished holidays and is the theme for countless songs, movies and books. This wonderful holiday brings out the spirit of giving in everyone. 'This the season to be jolly!

Robyn Maler

In my eyes Christmas is pure magic. The lights, decorations and even the wonderful aroma of Christmas baking could put a smile on any kid's face. I love it when it snows and you can watch the flakes slowly float to the ground. At night as you drive by the houses that are glowing with bright lights you can bet your spirits lift. Some people think Christmas is too commercial but I don't agree with that. I think Christmas should be celebrated. I think it helps you get into the Christmas spirit, which is of course the most important thing.

Sarah Barkley

To me Christmas is a time for families to get together and have fun. It isn't about presents. Christmas is a holiday to celebrate the birth of Christ, but everyone seems to forget that. Too many believe it's just about getting presents. I, of course, like getting presents, but I still remember what we are out of school for. Merry Christmas.

Ryan Mewhinney

Christmas means a time for family and friends to get together. it is a time where you give to the people that you care about. It is about giving and caring for others. It's the time to remember Jesus. That's what Christmas means to me.

Amanda Johnson

Christmas means family togetherness and the joy of being with people you love. Christmas to me isn't just getting presents and things under the tree; it's the thought and the holiday spirit. Christmas Day was the day that our Lord Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem. It's waking up to the beautiful white blanket that is covering the ground. It also means peace on earth. That is what Christmas means to me.

Daniel Douglas

Christmas to me is
Helping others and the colors
Red, white and green
Inside people are
Sharing gifts and having
Tea and coffee,
Making people happy and
Associating with others and making them
Smile.
Together
On Christmas Day makes
Me smile
Everytime

Christina Carruthers

I like Christmas because it's about sharing and getting together with all the people you love. I like sitting at the table with all that delicious food around. After the prayer you sit there and think how happy you are to be part of such a special party. After dinner you gather around the tree and see the happy faces around you. At the end of the day you wish you could start all over again.

Devon Hakvoort

What Christmas means to me,
Is decorations on a tree.
And the look on my brother's face,
When he opens a box covered with lace.
And inside of it he sees,
The thing for which he said "please."
Then when the turkey's finally here,
And everybody gathers near,
The feeling of love and care,
Doesn't compare to a car, a train or even a teddy bear.

Sarah Wall

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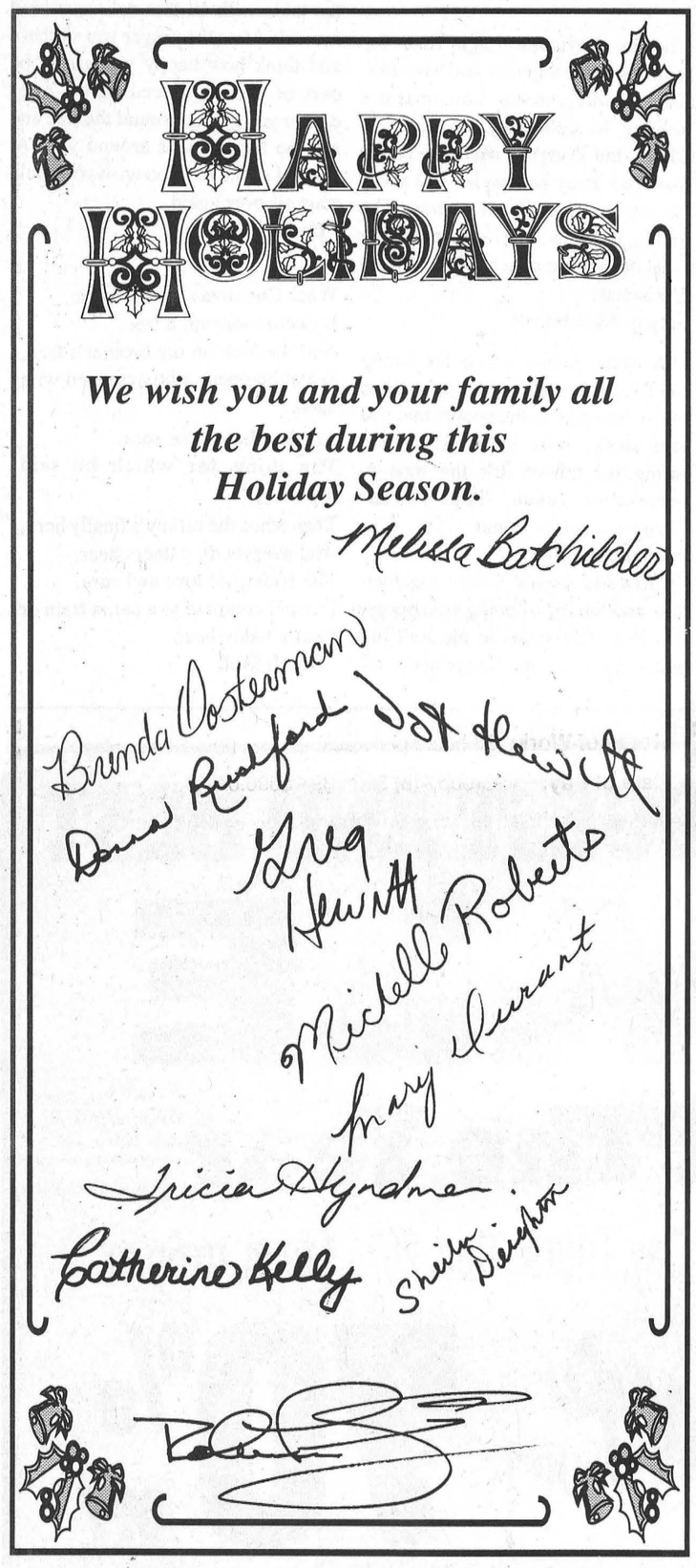


The truth behind Santa's sweatshop

By Robin Morris
Babe in Toyland

Little hands will be tearing open presents under the Christmas tree next Wednesday morning but what of the little hands that crafted the gifts, often in appalling conditions, that will bring such joy? Much has been made in the daily press lately of the exploitation of child labor in Third World countries and most of the flak has been fired at U.S. toy giants Mattel and Hasbro, many of whose products are manufactured in those parts of the world where Buzz Hargrove and his palls are persona non grata.

Children as young as 10 have been reported to be working in sweat shops in places like Pakistan, where a 12-year-old was recently murdered after having spoken out about the brutal working conditions in a factory in which he had been sold into slavery by his parents. There are reports of plants in Central American free-trade zones that are so bad that North American companies associated with them have pulled out completely. In China, conditions are reported to be so primitive that workers routinely die from exposure to glues and paints used in manufacturing toys for your kids. There have been televised reports of plants in Southeast Asia where women workers are locked into dormitories at night and are forced to have abortions so that they can be kept at their sewing machines churning out pairs of $200 sneakers endorsed by multi-millionaire athletes.

But in all these reports of pre-20th-century working conditions in various Third World hell holes, there has been one very serious omission, and Off The Record intends to bring this into the open to assist you in making informed buying decisions this Christmas

We have learned of a toy factory in a corner of the world so remote that it has only been visited by Norwegian explorers, Russian skiers and a U.S. nuclear submarine. A place so godforsaken that even the seals feel safe. A Dickensian version of a one-company town controlled by the factory owner as if it were a 19th century Yorkshire mill town. A locale so antipodean that there is only one way in and one way out and both are in the firm grip of the plant boss. A place under no political jurisdiction and with no laws save those of its parsimonious owner whose insatiable pursuit of production has led to the most shameless exploitation of his workers.

It's the North Pole, fictional geographic location in the Arctic Ocean permanently fixed in our imagination. Although Canada claims it as its own, we've never been able to exercise complete control of this northernmost point of the earth's rotation and with the Russkies perched on the other side of the polar ice cap it was to our advantage to allow its political strongman, Santa Claus, free reign in his realm of rampant capitalism rather than have him go over to the Reds. We used the same logic when Papa Doc Duvalier controlled Haiti and a long string of generalissimos dressed like hotel doormen ran Chile for the benefit of U.S. mining companies.

But now that the Bolshies have taken a powder in the former Soviet Union and People's Republic of Ontario, the truth about the guy in the red suit and long beard - an Arctic version of Castro - can be told and we base our report on a long-suppressed UNESCO study into conditions in the dystopia of Santa's Workshop.

United Nations workers have never been allowed into the workshop proper, much as they've been refused entry to North Korea's nuclear power stations and Iraq's biological warfare plants, but workers were interviewed on ice floes outside the plant where they were forced to fish for their dinner and the story was pieced together from this anecdotal evidence.

One worker told UN investigators he had started as a child and had been employed in the workshop for 900 years. In that time hadn't grown an inch - except for his batlike ears, which had grown to more than adult size and came to sharp points. This, the investigators reported, was a little known side-effect of the dangerous glues used in the plant. Similarly, other workers were noticed to have markedly turned-up noses, a condition caused either by the toxins in the paints used on the toys or by riding English tack. Many were noticed to have extremely long feet, curled up at the ends, and their long stocking-style caps covered tiny elongated heads caused by a ceaseless tug-of-war between gravity and the magnetic pole.

They reported that other than the fish they could catch on their short breaks away from their workbenches, they subsisted on a diet of curdled milk and stale cookies brought back by Claus on the one night he was away from the plant - the one night of the year they had off.

They jokingly referred to themselves as elves and laughed ruefully about the time they had gone on strike for better working conditions.

"You know the garden gnomes at White Rose? They were the union organizers," said one elf, who asked to remain nameless for fear of spending eternity among the azaleas in Avonmore.

"And Rudolf? He used to play reindeer games until he took to sniffing solvents and grew a schnoz that puts the Northern Lights to shame. At least Donner and Blitzkrieg - that's his real name - have managed to stay straight."

And what about Santa, St. Nicholas, Sinter Klaas, Father Christmas and the Big Boss's other aliases?

"You know he comes from Turkey originally, eh?" the elf told the investigators. "It's hardly a paragon of industrialized nations."

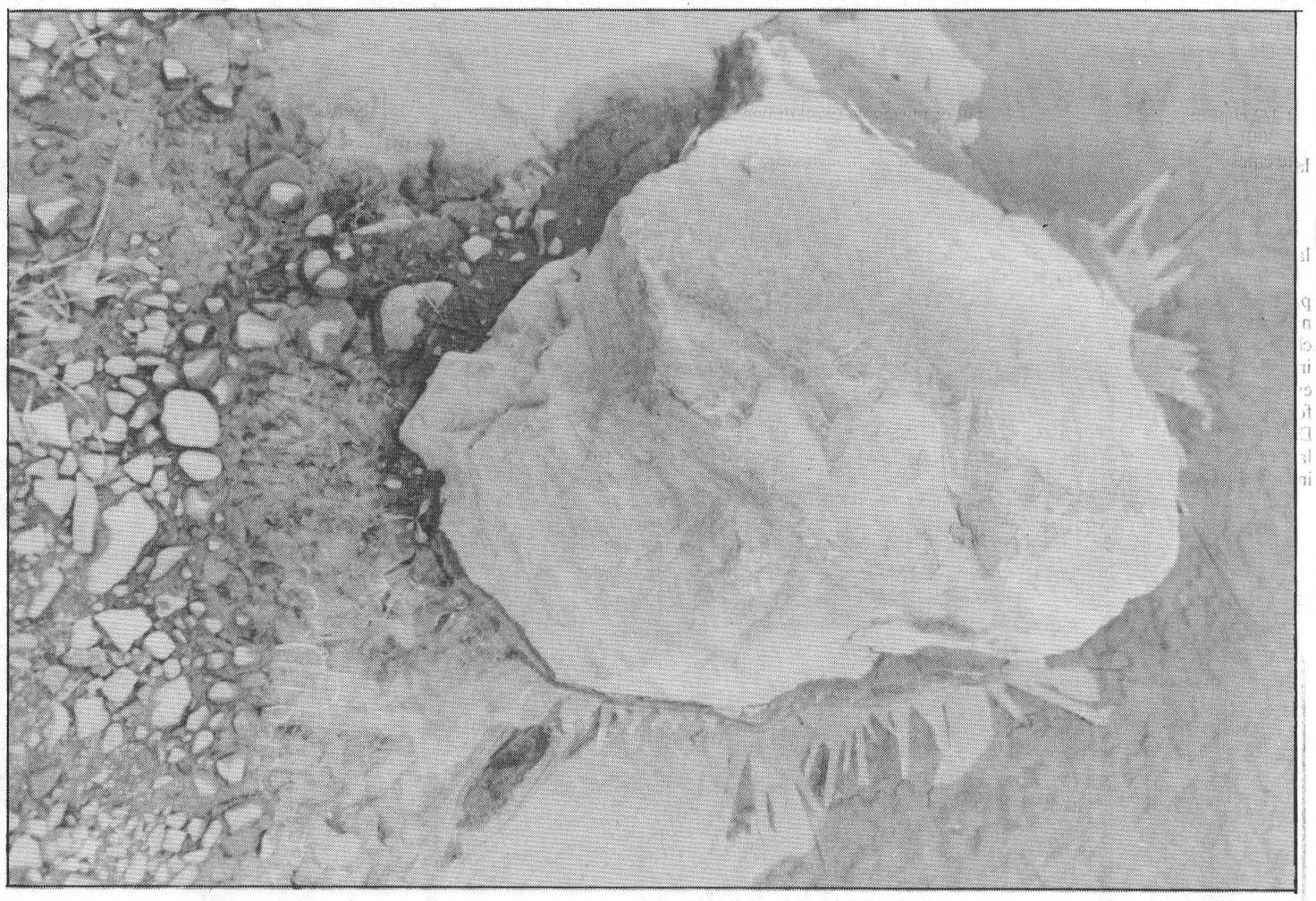
"Anyway, he wasn't really all that bad - his wife's the one you gotta watch out for - until Clement Clark Moore wrote that poem about the night before Christmas. Jeez, for the past 172 years he's been going on and on about being a jolly old elf and shaking like a bowlful of jelly. He believes his own publicity and all the time the production quotas go up and it's hard to get more kids to come here voluntarily." (You know those kids pictured on the milk cartons? Most of them are working here now. Old Mrs. Claus goes out and recruits them. Her theme song is Stalk the Malls.)

"The old guy treats his elves the way Snow White treated her dwarves. Always asleep and letting the little guy do the bullwork. Every once in a while he comes up with a brilliant idea like last week when he wanted to combine girls' fashion dolls with boys' action figures and came up with the Klaus Barbie doll. Even Mattel wouldn't touch that one."

"So most of the time he just sleeps and signs marketing and distribution deals with the big toy makers."

"And what do we get? Another day older and deeper in debt."

Merry Christmas.



THE FARMER'S WIFES

By Wyn Thompson

It's Christmas...the December day we eagerly await each year has finally arrived. It is the special holiday in which we meet and greet old friends and new, and feast.

As I sat by our Christmas tree last night enjoying the quiet of Christmas Eve in Hill House, I re-read this poem which lays out the ritual we enter into each year.

"Long ago
Mary and Joseph
struggled back
to the City of David
before the first Christmas
could happen.
Every year
we arise and follow
a winter star, each unto his own Bethlehem,
to kneel again
at the birth of love.
Tonight
planes and trains
crisscross the darkness
with twinkling lights
bringing the children
home for Christmas.
- Patricia Calley Groth.

It is Christmas Day 1996 and, in each Christian country around the world, there is a celebration unique to the area.

Some may be in homes, some apartments, some shelters for the homeless, some out-of-doors.

Some may celebrate the birth, others may not.

Some may have a great deal to celebrate, others may have little.

But, for the most part it is a day when family, friends, or neighbors are getting together whether it is in homes, institutions, or soup kitchens.

Some eat foul, some meat pies, some eat vegetarian; some eat little, some eat much.

Some will witness a re-enactment of the arrival of Joseph and Mary and the donkey. I read of such a one last night. In this scenario in a town in the south of France during the middle ages, the costumed villagers welcome these simple folk into their town, transformed to another era.

To the sound of whistles and drums, a whirling circle of young dancers in traditional dress begin the pageant while a parade of medieval folk perform chores around the empty stable on the hill.

What if their costumes are not quite true to the period, there's a lovely taste of folklore to the characters - the shepherd with the lamb around his shoulders, the fisherman and his daughter, the hunters and the woodsmen...the laundry women, the spinners, the bakers, the cheesemakers, the local constabulary, and the flour-covered miller.

After the donkey-riding visitors arrive, the villagers make them comfortable in the stable.

The crowds stand on the hillside on a chilly December day to watch "real" people recreating the old story, and enjoyed.

At a coffee get-together the day before Christmas, a lady remarked, "I can't imagine Jesus being born in the holy land today. There's so much commotion.

A man of the cloth who was present reminded us "that when Jesus was born, Palestine was occupied. Conflict was everywhere; trinkets were sold outside the Temple in Jerusalem."

Another man remembered he and his wife being in a foreign land where the streets were snowless and there was no Santa. They were invited to neighbors for a vegetarian luncheon.

Later, they walked back to their apartment, poured two glasses of lemonade and spent Christmas night on their balcony looking at the eastern sky, rich with stars and no Christmas greeting.

"We felt both lonely and happy, the way you feel when everyone you love, your family, is together in one place at Christmas."

At Hill House today, the Farmer and I sit down to dinner with number one son and his three children, almost a-once-a-year event now that the grandkids are grown and very, very busy. It is good to hear what they have been doing as each one is challenged by the times, but soldier on.

We ate and laughed for we are a jolly lot when we get together. We recalled Christmas sayings and rhymes best loved and enjoyed each year.

One grandkid who loves to cook, and yes, to eat, dusted off this one...the Beggar's Rhyme. "Remember," she said, "it went like this."

"Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat,
Please to put a penny in the old man's hat;
If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do,
If you haven't got a ha'penny, God bless you!"

"It always dredges up such wonderful visions of food," she concluded. "You're weird, " said her young sister.

And so it went and time ran. They had to hurry on to join their mother and her family celebration, but it was good to have been together.

We had visited my aged mother in her apartment on Christmas Eve and spoke to number two son and his family this morning.

It is the night of Christmas '96...the Farmer, Cat and I settle down to read, to television, to music. It has been a good day, a happy day.

"God rest you merry, Gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay." are my last simple, but heartfelt words spoken to you now.

Record readers share their favorite recipes and poetry for holiday season

Cherry Jewel Bars

1 1/4 cup all purpose flour
2/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar, divided
3/4 cup soft butter
1 egg, 1/2 tsp salt
1 1/2 cup deluxe mixed nuts with no peanuts in mixture
1 1/2 cups red and green glazed cherries cut in halves
1 cup pure chocolate chips

Method - Combine flour with 1/3 cup brown sugar, cut in butter until its coarse crumbs. Press into a 15x10" in pan that has been well greased. Bake at 350 degrees F for 15 minutes. Meanwhile beat egg slightly. Stir in remaining sugar and salt, add nuts, cherries and chocolate chips. Mix well to blend. Spoon over base, spread evenly, press firmly to adhere layers. Bake 20 minutes more, cool & cut in bars.

Olive Heasley



Gumdrop Gems

3/4 cup undiluted carnation milk
1 cup baking gum drops
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup white sugar
1 egg
1 tsp vanilla
1 cup flour (sifted)
1 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Method - Pour carnation milk over gumdrops let stand. Beat butter, sugar, egg & vanilla blend well, add milk & gumdrop mixture, add nuts. Pour in a greased 8x8 pan. Bake at 350 degrees F for 25 to 30 minutes. While the cake is still warm, pour over it vanilla icing. Enjoy.

Olive Heasley

Rocky Road Bars

1 1/2 cups graham wafer crumbs
1/2 cup soft butter or margarine
1 1/2 cups coconut
1 1/2 cups chopped nuts
1 300 g pkg. of semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows
1 can Eagle brand milk
3 squares semi-sweet melted chocolate

Method - Combine crumbs & butter press in a 13x19" pan sprinkle coconut over crumbs next nuts, chocolate chips and small marshmallows each in a separate layer next pour milk evenly over all. Bake at 350 degrees F for 25 to 30 minutes or until golden. Drizzle with melted or shaved chocolate as soon as removed from oven cut in 35 bards. Enjoy.

Olive Heasley

Slice & Bake Chocolate Chip Cookies

2 cups butter
1 1/2 cups white sugar
1 2/3 cups brown sugar
1 Tbsp. vanilla
4 eggs
2 tsp salt
5 1/2 cups all purpose flour
2 tsp baking soda
2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 cup chopped walnuts

Method - Cream butter and sugars together, beat in eggs and vanilla until fluffy. Combine flour, salt and soda. Gradually add flour mixture to cream butter mixture, blend well. Stir in c. chips and nuts, divide into 4 equal parts. Shape each part into 8 to 10" roll, wrap well in heavy plastic then foil. Put in freezer. It keeps for up to six months. To bake, slice partly frozen dough in 1" thick slices, bake at 350 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes, cool on wire rack. Makes approximately 10 dozen cookies.

Olive Heasley

2 Hour Buns

2 Tbsp. instant yeast
7 1/2 cups flour
2 eggs
8 Tbsp. white sugar
6 Tbsp. oil
1 Tbsp. salt
3 cups warm water

Method - Mix together yeast with 4 cups flour and yeast mixture. Blend well, add rest of flour and salt. Blend well - set to rise for 15 minutes, punch down DO NOT KNEAD, let rise for another 15 minutes, punch down, shape into buns, put in greased pans, cover and let rise one hour. Bake at 350 degrees F for 15 to 18 minutes make about 4 dozen buns.

Olive Heasley

Pink Salad

Cool Whip (large or small) I use large
1 small cottage cheese
1 can fruit cocktail (or crushed pineapple)
1 small red jello powder (not set jello) Method - Whip cool whip then stir in cottage cheese, add 1 can cocktail or pineapple (well drained). Take a package of any red jello powder and sprinkle it on first mixture until it is well mixed in. Place in fridge to set.

Beatrice Riddell

Peanut Butter Cookies

1 cup brown sugar
1 cup crunchy peanut butter
1 beaten egg

Method - Mix soft peanut butter and brown sugar together. Stir in beaten egg until all mixed well. Roll small pieces of dough in hands the size of a plum. Place on ungreased cookie sheet, press down with fork. Bake at 350 degrees F for 5 - 8 minutes.

Beatrice Riddell

Turkey Breast

1 turkey breast, soaked out in water. Dry well with paper towel, cut out any fat as well as centre bone. With sharp knife divide breast "almost" through, open breast up, spread with rolling pin to flatten out, almost double in size. Spread breast with margarine or oil, all over.

Method - Mix cooked cranberries, 1/2 cup orange juice, 1/4 cup grated orange rind, 1/2 cup sugar. Cook all until thick, spread all over turkey breast. Add a little more orange juice over sauce on breast. Roll breast into long roll. Tie with white cord. Roll in both ends and put into aluminum foil. Place in 350 degree F oven for 2 1/2 hours. When baked, set in fridge until cold enough to slice as in jelly roll. When meat is ready, slice on platter. You can add cherry tomatoes with white onion slices around edge of platter.

Beatrice Riddell

Put Christ into Christmas

Put Christ into Christmas, in every Pure way,
Remembering "twas Jesus Who gave us this day -
A day of rejoicing all others above,
While Christians are voicing
Their feelings of love.
There can not be Christmas,
Where Christ is left out;
The Peace that he gives us, within and without,
No angels to sing of Good will unto men:
No thought of divine love; no light to shine in!
Put Christ into Christmas, in gifts on the tree;
He'll seal all the presents with "Done unto Me".
He'll add to the Pleasure, Direct from his store -
A love without measure, A Peace to endure.
Put Christ into Christmas,
So happy and real,
The spirit He gives us,
Our neighbors Shall feel
Not just in December,
But All the year Through!
And A friend remember
What Christ means to you!

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The Bounty of the County: Reaping the local harvest for Christmastime table fare

Melissa Batchilder
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE - It's a feast fit for a king and comes to you entirely from Dundas County.

While those in urban centres dash about madly attempting to find a fresh turkey or some firm carrots, those living in this county can prepare and share a holiday dinner with ease.

"We're really a good growing county," says nutritionist Johanna Jennings, whose extensive research indicates virtually everything needed for a healthy holiday meal is produced right here in Dundas County.

"We can come up with everything," she insists, from turkey to trimmings to scrumptious desserts.

Of course, it's the turkey that those preparing Christmas dinner usually think of first. Although ham, chicken and other fowl can often make for a nice variety and can also be purchased from local farmers.

"You can buy local turkeys at any grocery store or you can plan ahead and get them from a farmer." Lamb is another tasty diversion that is produced here and lots of farmers have beef.

If one chooses to stick with the traditional turkey dinner, then stuffing it will be a part of the preparation. Sit tight, most breads are produced in local bakeries with spices and onions coming from many Dundas County growers. Apples, which are always in abundance in the heart of McIntosh apple country, make for a pleasant sweetness in stuffing.

Complementing the meat can be a wide assortment of vegetables. "Many gardeners plan ahead and store their own vegetables for the winter." And there are several vegetable growers, such as Ed Gibson at Morning Fresh Market who produce mass quantities for sale.

"All of our root vegetables like carrots, turnip and parsnips are grown locally," says Jennings, so coming up with those isn't a problem either.



Alvin Runnalls and Mary Macdonald displayed the county's hearty produce earlier this year at the Chesterville Fair.

Don't forget the brussel sprouts. Grown by many local producers, they are high in nutritional value and can add a splendid touch of color.

Concerns about butter and other meal enhancements like pickles and beets can also be laid to rest. "Ault's in Winchester makes butter of course, while many people jar their own pickles with vegetables from the garden in the fall," says Jennings.

Along with butter, Ault's also produces ice cream and cheese; but not necessarily together, Jennings says with a chuckle. What dinner would be complete without a slice of locally produced cheese?

If those preparing Christmas dinner are looking for a warm appetizer, Jennings suggests pumpkin or zucchini soup. "Both pumpkin and zucchini are grown locally and can just tease the tummy enough to want to move onto the main meal." Cream of carrot soup is another kind cooks may want to look at. But none of these soups are light. If a host is looking for something to just tempt the taste buds then try a light consomme.

With an entire meal under one's belt, says Jennings, those celebrating may want to wait a bit for dessert. "If you spread the meal out then it's easier on the digestive system. You don't get that exhausted feeling at the end. It doesn't help to overload all at once."

Beverages are a must have at Christmas and Dundas County pulls through again. Whether it's locally made wines, eggnog or apple cider, a trip to a local producer or many make them at home, is all it takes to fill this void. Although the wine concentrate is not produced here, says Jennings, many people now produce their own.

Eggnog recipes are a dime a dozen and with egg producers like Wouters, cracking them into the punch bowl isn't a problem. Of course Smyth's Orchard in Dundela is a haven for apple lovers. As well, its products are available through dozens of local merchants. Try the apple cider warmed up with a stick of cinnamon.

"Because we are really a county of traditions, many dishes are handed down from generation to generation." However, don't be afraid to alter the recipe a bit by adding low fat products instead of creams. "It's better for the heart and the hips."

As well, with traditions in abundance because of a total mix of cultures, many families will find themselves consuming "good hearty meals." Many of these foods may not even be traditionally associated with the holiday. But chances are if the meal is traditional, then it isn't grown far from home.

Dessert! What would any holiday be without abundances of cookies, cakes and other treats? Although some ingredients are not grown locally, if you're committed to preparing this bounty of the county, then start with apples.

Whether it's apple pie, apple cake, apple crumble or whiskey apple, finding what the recipe calls for in Dundas County will be a breeze.

"We have many apple growers that can provide you with all it takes to offer up a fine dessert." And don't forget the whipped cream from Ault's.

Berries. Berries. Berries. The county is full of them. From blueberries to strawberries to raspberries. Those who planned ahead will now be able to whip out a bag of frozen berries to pour into any batter. The rich red color of strawberries can make a fabulous addition to an angel food cake or just simply served with some cream.

And pumpkins are a dime a dozen in this part of the province. "But try substituting evaporated skim milk for cream. It makes for a healthier, but still tasty recipe."

Again Jennings advises to eat your meals slowly. "Take the time to relax and taste your food." Prepare meals carefully keeping in mind that some foods can spoil.

When preparing a turkey, make sure to defrost it in the fridge. "Bacteria can grow in the stuffing so be very careful with it." Once the turkey is prepared for the oven, make sure the temperature is set for 325 degrees and cooked all at once.

Basting the turkey with low-fat broth instead of drippings makes it a healthier course. As well, she says, skimming the fat from the drippings before making gravy is a wise idea. Whisking in low-fat broth or the cooking liquid from vegetables can make a smooth, delicious gravy.

Some turkey connoisseurs also suggest preparing the stuffing in a casserole instead of in the bird. Add vegetables or low-fat broth to moisten it.

Ah, alas the holiday meal is prepared... or is it? What's been forgotten? It's only normal to forget something. Sure enough, where is the cranberry?

In Dundas County at Christmas this year, try using applesauce because despite the valiant search... there is yet to be a locally produced cranberry found in this, the bounty of the county.

... *except cranberry*

Melissa Batchilder
Record Staff

If you can do without sugar during your holiday meal, then planning according to "the bounty of the county" is right for you.

Admittedly, there are a few things that may fall in line with a traditional Christmas dinner. However, if you're willing to make concessions then substitutions can be made.

The most obvious miss in our Christmas meal plan is the cranberry. Because of the climate, Dundas County just isn't conducive to producing the red holiday fare. However, don't underestimate the value of a good McIntosh apple.

In fact, because of the hearty abundance of apples, the fruit can be stream-lined throughout the entire meal. Use it for applesauce on the turkey for a change. Drink it in cider and don't miss it in dessert.

Sugar is another ingredient that just isn't grown in Dundas County. However, sources assure that if it could be produced here ambitious and progressive farmers would give it a shot. It isn't a necessity though, so don't fret if you decide to follow the strict line of the "bounty of the county."

Although wine concentrate couldn't be found here, it is grown in southern Ontario, so if you feel like supporting the rest of the province this season, don't be a afraid to mull your own wine or pick up a bottle from LCBO.

Other than that, what you're about to taste is the finest Dundas County has to offer. A tip of the hat to all local growers and producers for bringing us the best, not only at Christmas, but year-round.

Traditional recipes to delight the palates of all

Herbed Brussels Sprouts & Carrots

1 cup water
1 lb. Brussels sprouts, trimmed or 2 (10 oz.) packages frozen Brussels sprouts
3 cups (6 medium) carrots, cut into 2x1/4" strips
1/3 cup butter or margarine
3 Tbsp slivered almonds
1/2 tsp chopped fresh rosemary leaves or 1/8 tsp dried rosemary leaves crushed
1/4 tsp salt

Method - In 2 quart saucepan bring 1 cup water to a full boil. Add Brussels sprouts. Cover; cook over medium heat 4 minutes. Add carrots. Cover; continue cooking until crisply tender (6 to 8 minutes). Drain; set aside. In same pan place butter and almonds. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until almonds are golden brown (3 to 4 minutes). Stir in vegetables and remaining ingredients. Cover; continue cooking, stirring occasionally, until heated through (4 to 5 minutes).

Whiskey Apples

1/4 cup lemon juice
4 large tart apples - peeled & quartered
1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 cup whiskey

Method - Place lemon juice in a bowl. Cut apple quarters lengthwise into 1/4 inch thick slices. Toss gently in lemon juice. In heavy skillet, melt butter over medium heat until foaming. Add apple quarters & cook for 5 minutes until tender. Stir in sugar. Pour whiskey over top. Warm. Serve with scoop of ice cream. Garnish with a few strips of lemon rind. Makes 6-8 servings.

Shortbread

1/2 lb. sweet butter, softened (do not substitute margarine)
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup sifted confectioners' (icing) sugar
2 cups all purpose flour
1/2 cup corn starch

In a mixing bowl, cream butter, salt and sugars. Sift together flour and cornstarch. Gradually blend into creamed butter. Roll dough (in jelly roll fashion) into a 15x2x1 cylinder. Chill. Slice into 1/4 inch thick cookies. Bake at 325 degrees F for 15 - 18 minutes. Cookies will not brown - do not over bake! Cool on rack. Yield 5 dozen.

Eggnog
(light recipe)

12 eggs
1 1/2 cups sugar
3/4 tsp salt
12 cups milk
3 Tbsp vanilla
2 cups brandy (optional)
1/2 cup rum (optional)

Beat eggs. Gradually add sugar and salt. Beat till sugar is dissolved. Add milk and vanilla. Add brandy and rum (if using). Stir. Garnish with nutmeg. Rum flavoring may be added instead of rum. If so, use 5-6 Tbsp of flavoring. Makes 28 - 5oz. servings.

Light Turkey
(suitable for calorie restricted diets)

1 turkey breast (4 - 4 1/2 lb.)
2 Tbsp sage
1 Tbsp pepper
2 tsp curry powder
2 tsp garlic powder
2 tsp parsley flakes
2 tsp celery seed
1 tsp paprika
1/2 tsp dry mustard
1/4 tsp all spice
3-4 bay leaves, crumbled
2 cups low sodium chicken broth

Method - In a small bowl, combine spices & mix well. Place turkey on a rack in a roasting pan. Rub with spice mixture. Add broth to pan. Bake at 350 degrees F for 2-3 hours or until thermometer reads 170 degrees F. Basting every 30 minutes.

Melissa! — by Melissa Batchilder

Earlier this year my dear friend and roommate Erica came across this story... insisting it must be printed here this week. We hope it moves you as much as it did so us in our home...

Once upon a Christmastime just 13 years ago.
Our little daughter taught her father something he didn't know.
It happened when she got into some seasonal wrapper;
Its golden glow had caught her eye - All heaven could not stop her from covering her precious gift with such a special find.
But when he saw what she had done, he nearly lost his mind.
He yelled at her and something more of which he was ashamed, he spanked and yanked that little girl, yet he was the one to blame.
For getting mad and making things more precious than they seem.
For what's more special than a child, more fragile than her dream?
Christmas Day dawned crisp and clear and gifts were all displayed,
With gleeful joy the golden gift into his hands was laid.
As he opened up the box, he could not help but stare.
In disbelief he snapped aloud, "why look, there's nothing there!"
Our little girl burst into tears saying, "Daddy that is not true! You see I filled it to the top with kisses just for you."
Now it was his turn to cry as he hugged his little sunbeam,
And he learned to trust the ones he loves cause things aren't always what they seem.
Now when he has a trying day and he's feeling kind of weak, he grabs a kiss out of her box and plants it on his cheek.
You see, a little girl loved her father and taught him something he didn't know Once Upon a Christmastime just 13 years ago...

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I think despite the lack of snow, the season has arrived. Everything is decorated and we're down to the last few days of madness. What a delight it was though to have my brother stop on his way home to d'oisland earlier this week. It's been a long time since I've been able to share any part of Christmas with my family, so I was really happy to have him at Lilac Grove.

After at least 10 years, he is going home for Christmas and he couldn't be more excited. It's something he's wished for a long time. As I was drifting off to sleep that night I heard him speaking out in the livingroom. He was telling of how proud he was to be our father's son. "We certainly weren't a well off family," he said. "We didn't have money or anything like that, but the lessons my father taught me were of far greater wealth than I could ever dream of."

It's so true, not only of my father, but my mother as well. Each year at Christmas, we receive gifts that are handmade by each of them. Fadder spends a month in his "barn" making up all sorts of things while mudder goes down to her room and sews like a mad-woman. Even still, these gifts are nothing in comparison to the ones they have already given us in terms of family, joy and a commitment to give to our fellow man.

Of course there are the stories I have shared with you about fadder's eccentricities and mudder's steady force in my life; but I often neglect to tell you of the warmth they have instilled in each of their children's hearts. They did this by opening up their home and their belongings to all who wished to enter. Their doing so taught us the gift of sharing not only at Christmas, but year- round.

Their commitment to inspiring our dreams as children allowed us to do so for others as adults. Whereas my mother was always there to drive us to whatever activity - whether it was my insistence that one day I would be an Olympic gymnast or my brother's belief he would one day play for an NHL hockey team - my father was always there for the games and the performances. Chances are when they weren't driving or watching, they were making costumes or out searching for a good deal on equipment. It taught us each to believe in our dreams, regardless of how unrealistic they may be. Um, I never did make it to the Olympics!

Mum and Dad's sense of family taught us that there are no boundaries in who we include. Families consist of those who love, care for and respect each other. Families are not bound by genetics. They can never be too big. There can never be too much laughter within one and there is always room at the table for one more.

Throughout the years since their children left d'oisland their "family" has come to include dozens of others. Over the years we've brought home friends, neighbors and the odd hitch-hiker to join the family. My parents welcomed them, Mum fed them and Dad tormented them. They have never turned someone away. It is with trust that they open their home and hearts to all who walk onto the deck.

Sentiment consumes me as I think of another Christmas away from home and how lucky Chris is to be going there. However, with the gifts my parents have already given me over the years, I can realize that this year will be a special one for me as come next week I will be sharing it with members of my family - Erica, Cheyanne, Darlene, Danny and many others who have come to be parts of my family here. In years past I have always spent Christmas volunteering at a shelter or something similar just to pass the time. This year I will be in my home with my family. And that's the lesson of joy.

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Although I'm often nostalgic too at this time of year, fear seems to be the controlling factor in my emotions right now. Erica has slated me for being responsible for desserts for Christmas Eve. Desserts!! Can y'imagine?! Why not just ask me to do a gymnastic demonstration for the entire village! It would equal the chance at humiliation!

And the word was given last week that they are to be home-made! Here let me show you that cartwheel. Home-made desserts created specially by the woman who can't conquer a peanut butter sandwich fit for human consumption. Of course too, it's Christmas Melissa, she says, so those desserts (that's plural here) better have a Christmas theme! Have ya ever had a piece of toast with red and green sprinkles on it?

Better yet, let me offer you one of my home-made cookies. Wait now, they got burned so badly three years ago that I had to rush them outta the kitchen and throw them in the show. They were so black they were blue! I swear, I keep a picture ofthem on the fridge just as a reminder. Guests always ask what the picture is of thinking it is something really deep and artistic. Nope, thems just m'cookies.

Sooooo....come Christmas Eve I'll be freakin' out in the kitchen. Probably have my annual Christmas cry over an attempt at makin' an angel food cake look like a wreath. Chances are it will come closer to resembling something you might have seen in the movie *The Blob.* But hey, I can fall back on the recipe that Trisha Hyndman gave me. You don't even have to use the stove thingy for it. When she makes it, it's wonderful... pistachio with chocolate stuff. When I make it... well, drop by Christmas Eve and see for yourself.

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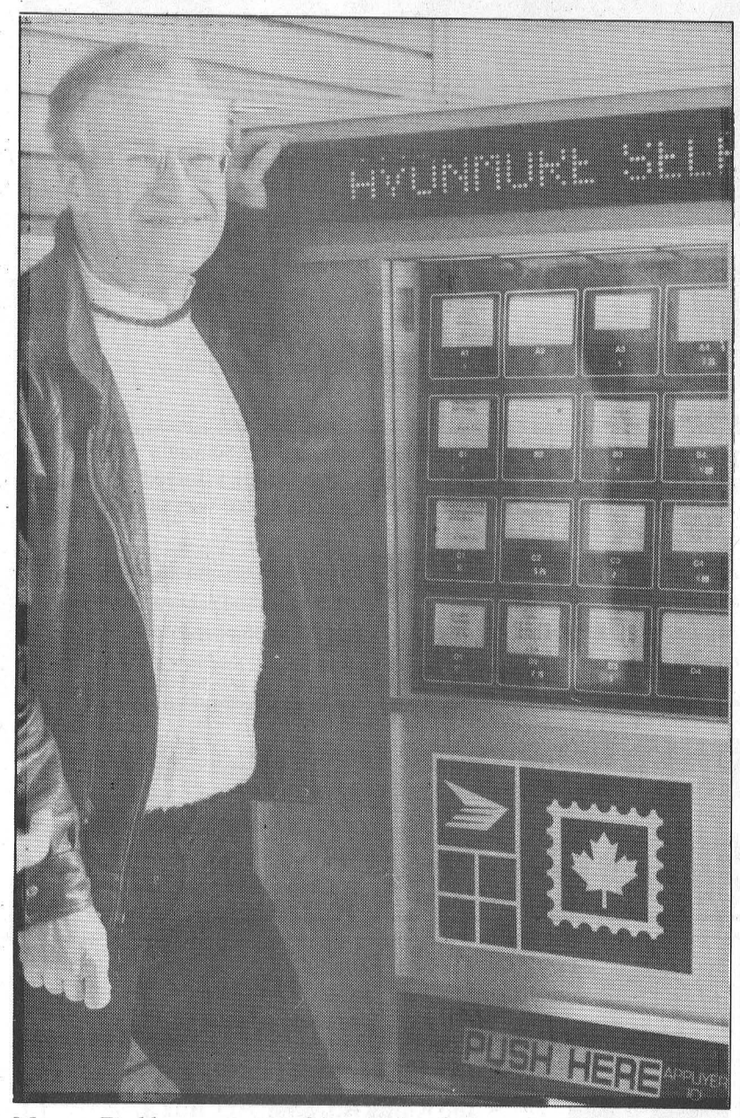
To all of my readers, thank-you for keeping me employed this year! More sincerely, I wish each of you a joyous and happy holiday. May peace be in your hearts, happiness in your souls and may the season's spirit keep you safe, warm and surrounded by those you love.

Year in review:

A look back at the people and events who shaped the first six months of 1996



Murray Barkley was one of hundreds of Avonmore residents who celebrated the return of full postal services in April. Canada Post installed a state-of-the-art vending machine, the first of its kind in Canada.

January

Two families are homeless after separate fires destroyed homes in Winchester Springs and Finch Township over the holidays. But in each case, co- workers and friends have been quick to rally behind the families to help them cope with their loss.

Employees of Winchester Cheese are still sitting tight after learning just before the holidays, that 30 workers will lose their jobs. Shortly before Christmas, employees were told the factory's cheese slice processing division is moving to Black Diamond plant in Belleville.

The South Nation River Conservation Authority will look at other ways of improving the environment after funding for a crucial program was terminated.

A 20-member contingent of firefighters battled blazes that torched two Williamsburg Township residences around the same time Jan. 4. The Williamsburg Township Volunteer Fire Department responded to calls in Elma and Hwy. 31 south of Williamsburg during the day which ended in the loss of two family homes. No one was injured in either fire.

The ballots have been counted and callers from the 448 dialing exchange will be able to reach the Ottawa-Hull dialing exchange toll-free by April or May.

They've been expecting the news, but that didn't make it any easier to accept. Most municipalities have now learned just how much less they'll receive in transfer payments from the provincial government in 1996.

February

Substantial funding cuts will result in changes for the St. Lawrence Parks Commission. But it won't be until later this month before it is known exactly how reduced funding will affect the commission's operation in 1996.

The operations at Winchester Cheese will be shut down completely within the next three to four months putting 145 out of work.

James Henry Wise won't face a third trial in connection with the August, 1987 toppling of a Bell Canada microwave tower near Williamsburg.

The village of Chesterville will ask its solicitor to include a request for the recovery of consultant and legal costs as part of the village's presentation to the Ontario Municipal Board in the Van Kessel zoning dispute.

The friendly smile of the postmaster may be gone forever. But full postal services will soon return to Avonmore, after Canada Post accepted a pitch from the community to institute an unstaffed, do- it-yourself postal centre with fully-automated postal services.

About 9,000 Ontario Public Service Employees Union members in eastern Ontario are joining their provincial colleagues and digging in for what could be a long strike, affecting a variety of provincial agencies and services.

March

The first-degree murder trial of Alistair E. Deighton, 50, RR2 Chesterville charged in the Jan. 30, 1995 shooting death of his son, will get under way in General Division Court in Cornwall March 8.

Striking OPSEU members picketed in Avonmore and Moose Creek Friday, to confront members who tried to cross the picket lines and to show MPP Noble Villeneuve that they mean business. Cabinet Minister Noble Villeneuve said the government is prepared to meet with OPSEU negotiators.

The Ontario Municipal Board will convene April 13 in Chesterville for the much-anticipated hearing into appeals against the village's proposed zoning by-law and Official Plan.

Alistair Deighton, will be kept in psychiatric detention for the "foreseeable future" after being found not criminally responsible due to mental disorder in the Jan. 30, 1995 shooting death of his 18-year-old son Alistair Deighton Jr.

A consultant's study recommends either a municipal or communal form of sewage system with a gravity collector as the solution to Finch Village's sewage problems.

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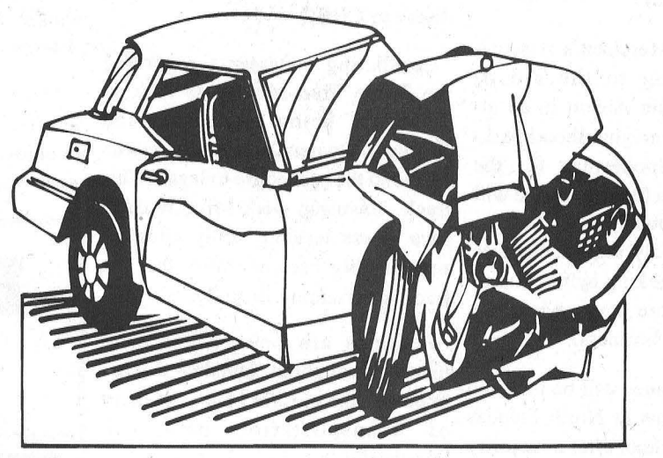

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April

A 16-year-old army cadet from Chesterville has been living the forces way for more then three years and if the future pans as he hopes, the vein of discipline in his life will continue. Sgt. Tom Langlois outlined his life with the military after having been awarded for his efforts.

Luke and Cindy Carroll were faced with an unexpected tragedy Feb. 24 when their Avonmore home and its contents were demolished by fire.

Developer Peter Van Kessel will be able to build his two-storey, 24-unit apartment for seniors on his vacant parcel of land in the village. But a site control bylaw must be drafted first, one that contains input from the neighboring residents who have so tenuously opposed the project, the OMB has ruled.

Chesterville's liquor store was robbed at gunpoint Thursday, the second armed robbery at the store in the last 11 months.

Chesterville's Merchant's Association is rallying to the aid of businessman Colin Abbott in an attempt to solve a neighborhood parking problem. Spokesman for the association Robin Morris says he will appear before council to discuss the matter and possibly request changes to the village's parking bylaw and to allow Abbott more parking in front of his Queen St. business.

Condom machines will be installed in the washrooms at North Dundas District High School after a majority of both parents and students, when surveyed, agreed they should be made available at the school.

May

A 37-year-old Winchester-area man died last Tuesday after he fell into a corn silo at a farm north of Winchester. The victim has been identified as Danny Barbe of RR4 Winchester.

The crown has filed an appeal of the sentence handed to local businessman Edsel Byers. Byers pleaded guilty March 26 to more than 50 violations of the Retail Sales Tax Act and was sentenced in April to a fine of $4,000.

Chesterville council might reinstate parking along part of the south side of Queen Street East on a trial basis in an attempt to alleviate ongoing concerns about parking in the area.

Both of SD&G's school boards have spared kindergarten classes for the 1996-97 school year. But they will operate on a full-day, alternate-day basis.

Despite a push for a little more by Winchester Township Reeve Claude Cousineau, council recently approved a one per cent increase in municipal taxes this year.

Chesterville council is studying the bylaw that will give it the authority to enter into site plan agreements with developers. It's the first step in drafting a site plan agreement with developer Peter Van Kessel and complying with an April 3 Ontario Municipal Board ruling.

June

The Winchester OMAFRA office has yet again escaped the provincial government's closure axe. Although the Winchester office has missed a second sweep of cuts and will remain open, its services have been scaled down.

Dundas County residents opened their hearts and their wallets this weekend, and once again showed the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario they care. From pledge tables and phone calls to t- shirts and Loonie-Toons and other special events, Dundas residents, have sent close to $30,000 in much-needed funds to CHEO.

Conflicting statements regarding the Triple Tree Motocross Park in Elma are being made fast and furiously. Owner Dale Adams says he followed the procedure to legalize his track. Township clerk Mike Waddell says it was legalized only after the municipality became aware that the track was running illegally.

Petitions are being filled with names throughout Dundas County opposing the closure of the Ministry of Transportation office in Winchester.

About 170 people dabbed away Saturday at a giant bingo at the Chesterville Arena to raise funds for Dean Elliott and Daren Nurse. The event raised about $1,300 for each of the two men, who are both recovering from recent organ transplants.

It's been years of anticipation spiced with a bit of controversy, but by February 1997 Ingleside will go online with its new $12-million water and sewage treatment system.

Chesterville council is waiting to talk to its planning consultant before considering implementing its proposed site control bylaw. The establishment of a site control bylaw is the first step in tackling the Van Kessel zoning issue in the wake of a favorable ruling by the Ontario Municipal Board in April.

For the second consecutive year, the Chesterville *Record* has received a Blue Ribbon Award in the Canadian Community Newspaper Association's Better Newspapers Competitions. The aware is presented to those newspapers finishing in the top third of their circulation class in national judging. Two issues are chosen at random for the judging.

A recently-drafted scenario for an amalgamated SD&G splits each of the three counties in half, resulting in six municipalities instead of the current 20.

The Ontario Municipal Board's written decision in the Van Kessel zoning matter does not specifically refer to any means of receiving the input of opposed neighbors. But Harold Edwards, who along with other neighbors oppose Peter Van Kessel's proposed development will likely have a chance to have input into a site plan before it is shown to the OMB.

With the announcement recently that the United Counties will join two other municipalities in eastern Ontario to implement a pilot "workfare" program, plans are hastily being made to submit ideas in the form of a business plan to the Ministry of Social Services.

Chesterville residents will pay more in property taxes this year, because of increases in school board levies and in the village's own budget. Public school supporters will pay 3.66 per cent more than last year.

About 275 people clawed their way into the Chesterville Arena June 21 to enjoy all-you-can- eat lobster and roast beef, five casino tables, the sounds of music and more for the Chesterville Fair Board's Lobster Madness.

A full weekend of fun is planned in Avonmore to celebrate Canada Day as well as the 30th anniversary for the Avonmore Community Athletic Association.

Lyle Ezard was honored June 20 as Osnabruck Township's Senior of the Year at a luncheon to wrap up the municipality's senior program.



Picketers were a common sight at provincial offices in March, when local public servants joined their counterparts across the province in a bitter strike. In eastern Ontario, the strike affected OMAFRA operations, especially at Kemptville Coillege and at local slaughterhouses. The strike was settled in early April.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Junior Farmers thank project helpers

To the editor:

The Stormont Junior Farmers would sincerely like to thank the following people and businesses for their generous donations towards our 1996 agricultural project - growing corn for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank:

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Stormont Junior Farmers

Obituaries

Lloyd E. Smith

Lloyd E. Smith, of RR 1 Delta, died December 16, 1996 at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. He was 76.

Mr. Smith, a retired auto mechanic, was born Aptil 17, 1920 in Chesterville, son of Florence (Dillabough) and the late Harry Smith.

He is survived by his wife, Helen (Jennings), and was father of Robert (Della) Smith of Pickering and Brenda (Bob) Bugden of Mississauga. He was grandfather of Jill, Kathy, Jonathan, Mandy, Heather, and Steven.

Mr. Smith is predeceased by two brothers.

Funeral services were held December 18 at Daniels Funeral Home in Chesterville and were officiated by Rev. Roy Harwood. Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

Pallbearers were David Johnstone, Harold Merkley, Bob Gilroy, Bob Smith, Bob Bugden and Jonathan Smith.

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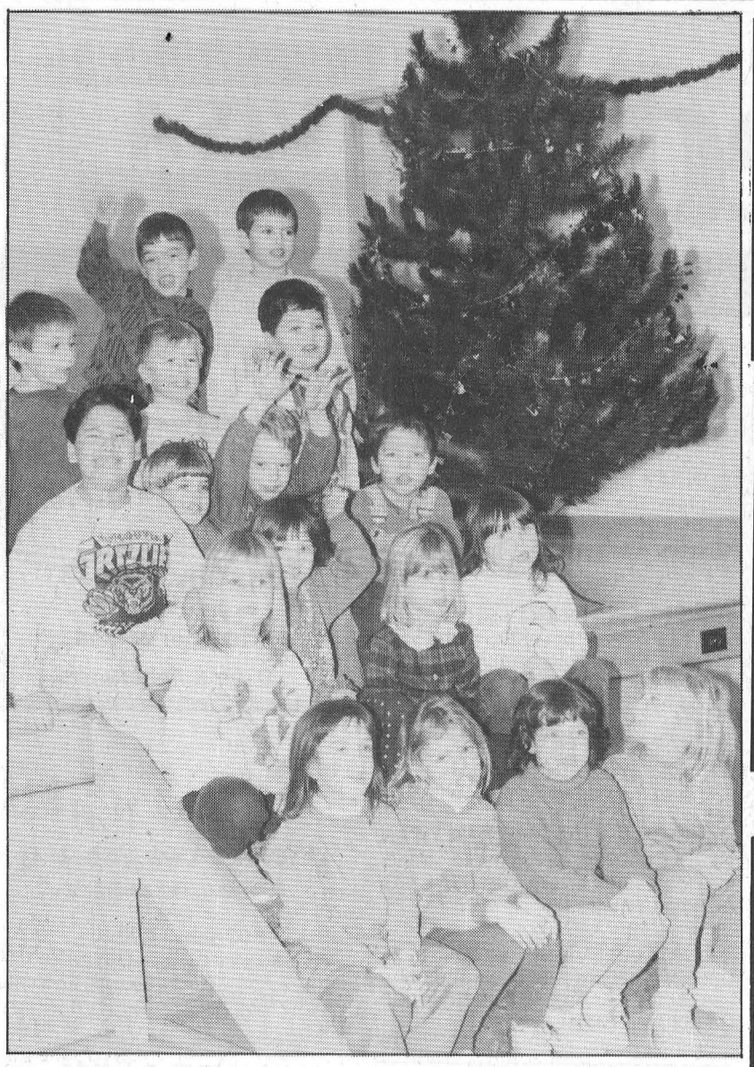

Joyful sounds
Grade One students at St. Mary's School joined in rhymes and song during their annual Christmas concert earlier this week. Two concerts were held for parents and friends.

Seasonal fire safety

Melissa Batchilder
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE - With the Christmas season in full-swing, Chesterville Fire Chief Ross Casselman has several tips to ensure a safe and happy holiday.

Every year in Ontario, the joy of the holiday season is marred by tragic fire deaths. Casselman urges everyone to take a few life-saving minutes to protect oneself and one's family.

Before the festivities begin, test smoke alarms and review fire escape plans. "Don't invite disaster to your holiday celebrations."

There is nothing more appealing on a cold winter's night than a blazing fireplace and the warm glow of candles. But an open flame can be an invitation to disaster. "Treat fire with respect. Never leave fire unattended."

Don't burn wrapping paper or ribbons and always us a fireplace screen. Make sure candles are in a secure holder and place them out of reach of children.

Ensure all electric lights and connections are in good working order, turn off lights when leaving home and retiring for the night.

Never use lighted candles on or near a Christmas tree. The best protection for a tree is moisture. Because of its high moisture content, a fresh tree is naturally fire retardant and will remain so with a continuous supply of water.

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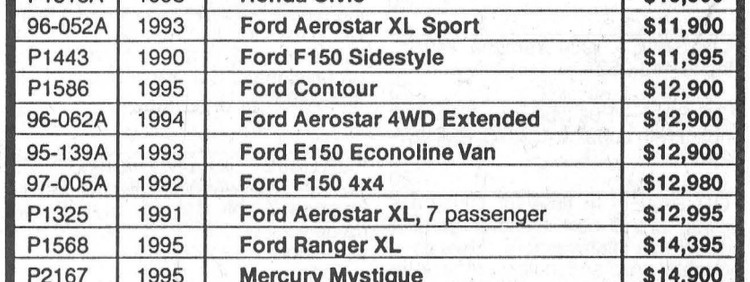

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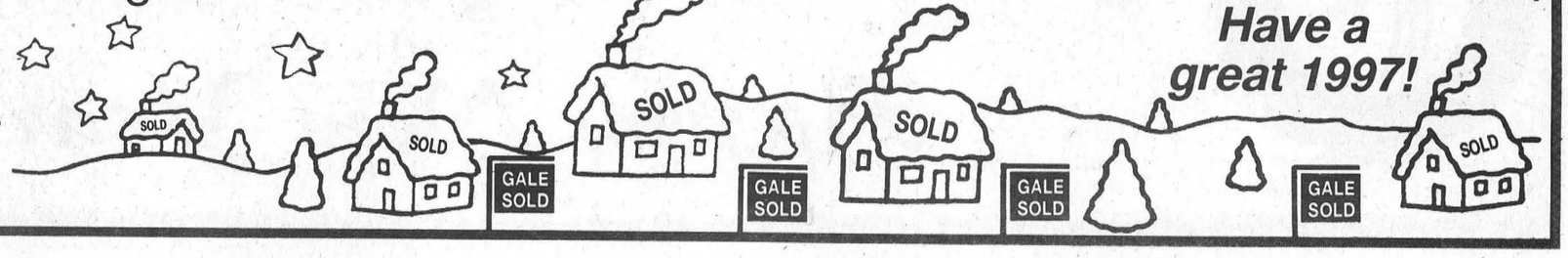

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CHESTERVILLE LEGION LADIES BINGO - 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month. Chesterville Legion Hall, 1pm.
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ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE - Crysler Community Centre, Tues., Dec. 31, 9pm - 1am. $10/person. D.J. and light lunch.

BIRTH

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Dear Santa,

Dear Santa Claus:
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Love
Joshua Triemstra
Junior Kindergarten

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Kaitlin Kelly

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Thank-you
Nicholas Batten

Dear Santa,
We hope you are not too busy to read our letter and that you haven't had the flu. Everyone keeps telling us we have to be good or you won't come to our house on Christmas Eve. We have been giving Mom and Dad a hard time in the mornings but we are going to try to behave better. If you come to our house Kenzie would really like Bananas in Pajamas and I would like a walkie talkie and a visit from my cousin Christie.

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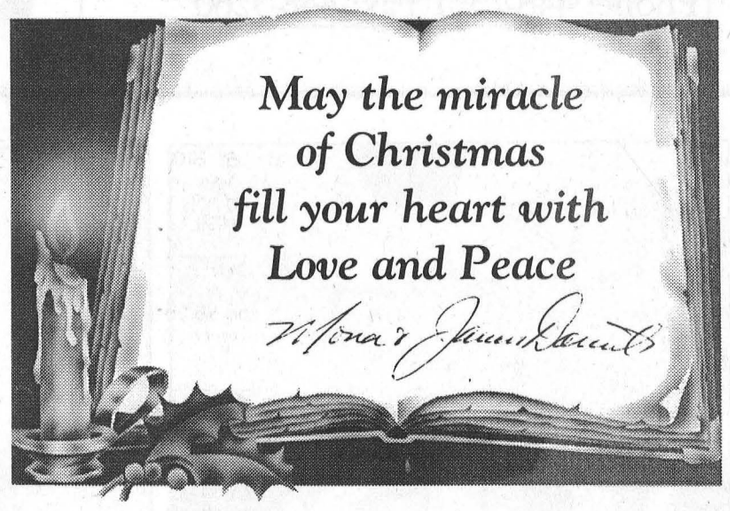

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MESSAGE: "WHEN THE ANGELS ARE GONE"
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SUNDAY, December 29, 1996
MOREWOOD
11:00 A.M. Sunday Worship
Nursery & Sunday School
CHESTERVILLE
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Christmas
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
11:30 P.M. Chesterville incl. SS
9:30 P.M. Winchester
7:30 P.M. South Mountain
Dec. 25 Christmas Day
10:00 A.M. - South Mountain
SUNDAY, December 29, 1996
8:00 A.M. - Chesterville
9:30 A.M. - Winchester
11:15 A.M. - South Mountain
July 1996

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Dec. 24 7:30 P.M. Family Christmas Eve Communion in Morewood
SUNDAY, December 29, 1996
MOREWOOD - 9:30 A.M.
CHESTERVILLE - 11:00 A.M.
Everyone Welcome
July 1996

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984-2210
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SUNDAY, December 29, 1996
10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship & Sunday School Classes
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Dec. 1996

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Dec. 25 Christmas Day 10:00 A.M.
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HOLY MASS
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Dec. 31 New Year's Eve 5:30 P.M.
New Year's Day 9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
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Dec. 25 10:00 A.M. Christmas Day
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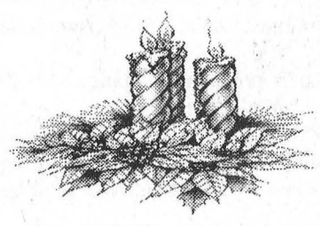

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Black ties Red, White dumps Green.

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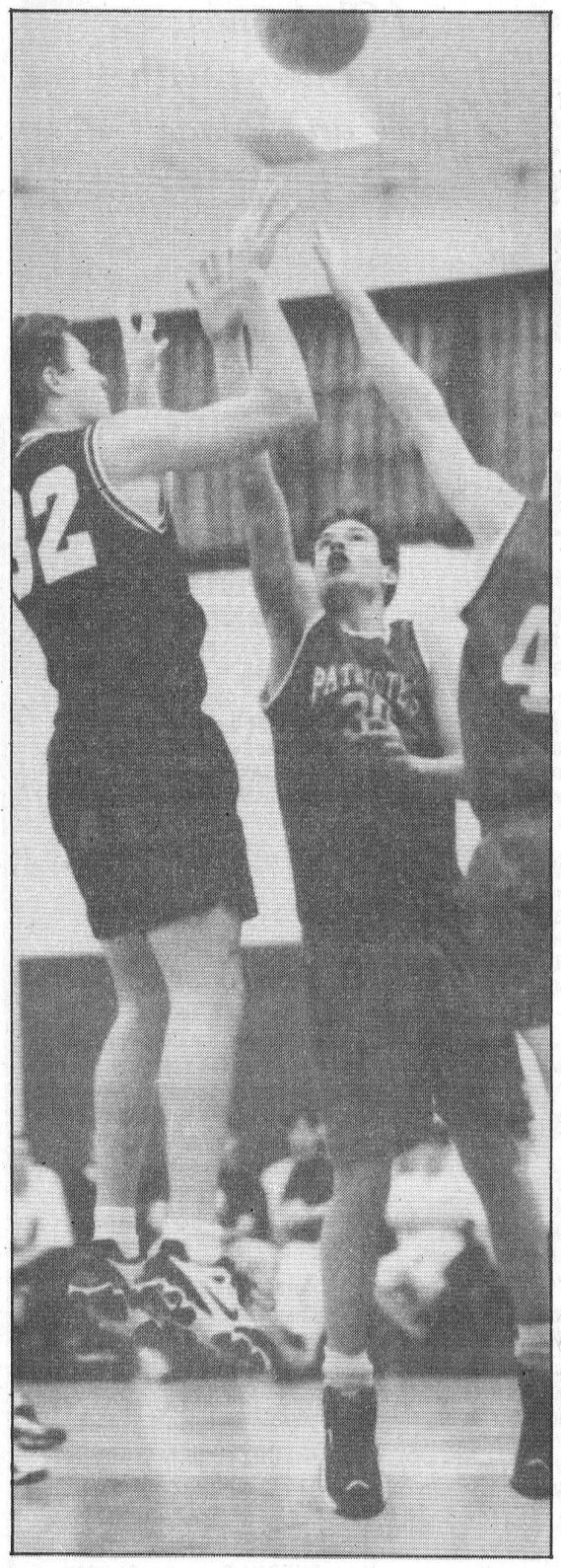

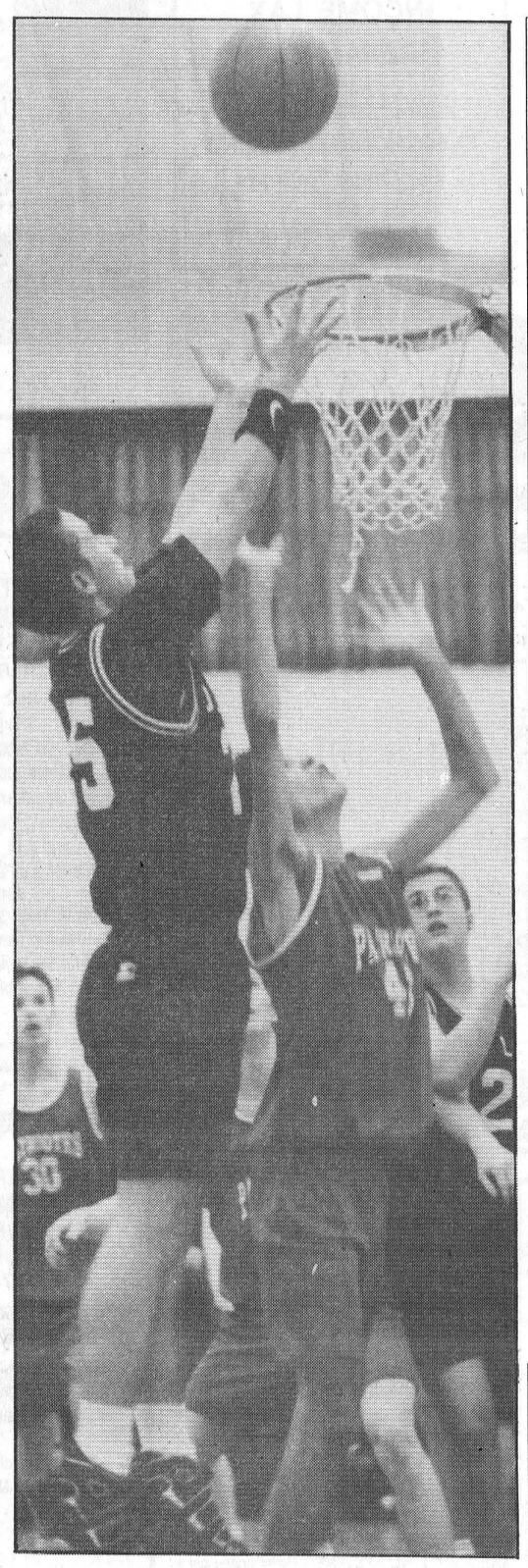

Matt Carkner, left photo, came back strong in the second half with eight points, including the go-ahead bucket and Adam Larose (right) played a strong game in front of the boards for the Devils as they overcame a 17-point first half deficit to defeat la Citadelle Patriotes 42-39.

Junior Devils go 4-0 with stunning comeback

MAPLE RIDGE – Those who stuck around long enough on Thursday to watch the finish of the junor basketball game here between the junior Devisl and Cornwall's la Citadelle got two games for the price of one.

The Devils managed a stunning comeback after trailing 25-8 at one point in the second quarter to keep their undefeated record intact and guarantee themselves a playoff spot as they rallied in the second half to edge the Patriotes 42-39.

The Devils started the comeback in the second quarter to trail by nine at the half but didn't take the lead until past the half-way mark of the third period when Matt Carkner created a turnover in the ND end, went coast to coast and slam dunked it put the Devils up 31-30.

The two-handed slamma-jamma put an emphatic end to Carkner's frustration after his miserable performance from the floor in the first half. He ended the game with eight points.

The Pats, led by forward P. Leger, who buried 12 points in the first half but was held to six in the second, kept the Devils off balance throughout the first.

North Dundas couldn't find the range in the first half. They got the shots, most from the outside, but la Citadelle owned the boards at both

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Rosters set for Dec. 28 EOJCHL All Star Game

LONG SAULT – Rosters for the 1996 Eastern Ontario Junior C All Star game have been finalized and all that's left now is for the puck to be dropped here Sat., Dec. 28 as the top players in the Blaine-Leroux and Dube-Rozon Divisions play for league bragging rights.

The Blaine-Leroux Division, which comprises the host Long Sault Vipers, North Stormont Express, Embrun 72s and Casselman Stars, will be anchored by Embrun's Stephane Levere, making his fourth appearance in net, and 72s defenceman David Ryan, also makinga fourth appearance on the division's blue line.

Joining them from the 72s will be the Carpentier boys, right wing Paul and defenceman Jason, centre and left winger Martin Leroux and centre Tommy Tremblay.

The host Vipers will be supplying centre Chris Proulx, the division's scoring leader with 14 goals and 18 assists, defencemen Terry Lauzon and Alain Lapierre, centre Jason Prieur and right wing Tim Waldroff.

Nominated by their coaches for the North Stormont Express are defenceman Brad Quaille, centre Julien Benoit – his third all star appearance – defenceman Mike Kilroy, and rookie left wing Andrew Taillfer and first-year right wing Jason McDonald, both of Winchester.

Representing the Casselman Stars will be goalender Marc Fredette, defencemen Luc Chartrand, at 17 the youngest player on either bench, defenceman Jean-Francois Lalonde, right wing Stephane Perth, left wing Patrick Roy and centre Marc Aubin.

The Vipers' Ron Thompson, the league's 1995-96 coach of the year, and Embrun's Harold Parsons will be behind the bench.

Dube-Rozon roster

Divison leading Vankleek Hill Cougars will supply the starting goaltender, Fabiene Clermont, and second-place Rockland Nationals will provide back-up netminder Michel Laurin.

Joining Clermont from the Cougars will be defencemen Frank Landry and Steve Chaput, right wing Luc Chaumont, centre-left wing Ian Lalonde and centre Nicolas Leroux.

The Russell Lions will be providing defencemen Yves Dupuis and Matt Annis, right wing Corry Easton, left wing Jorin Eastman and centre Jason Lance.

Rockland Nationals coaching staff has nominated defencemen Christian Bessette and Martin Yelle, centre Mike Lavergne, right wing Luc Bessette, and left wing Frank Cyr.

From the St. Isidore Eagles will be defencemen Sebastien Lamarche and Dan Theoret, right wing Etienne Longtin, and centres Michel Walker and Daniel Desforges, the league's only 20-goal scorer.

The Lions' Brian Robinson and the Cougars' Eric Poulin will coach the Dube-Rozon division.

Size advantage

Vankleek Hill's defenceman Frank Landry will be the biggest player on the ice at 6'2" and 205 lbs., but is the Dube-Rozon Division's only player to tip the scales at the more than 200.

North Stormont's Mike Kilroy gives up two inches in height to Landry but equals him on the scales and is one of five Blaine-Leroux Division players to weigh in at at least 200 lbs.

What the Dube-Rozon gives up in size, though, they will make up for in experience as the division will ice five 21-year-olds. Embrun's Ryan is the only over-age Blaine-Leroux player.

An Avalanche

Teams from the two divisions will be dressed in the home and away uniforms of the Stanley Cup-winning Colorado Avalanche.

Country Boy - Record essays

What Hockey Means To Me

Pat Foley, RR3 Williamsburg, a grade eight student at Maple Ridge Senior Public School, and James Kirkwood, Morewood, a grade three student at Morewood Public School, attended Thursday night's game at the Corel Centre between the Senators and Winchester's Terry carkner and the rest of the Florida Panthers along with eight relatives and friends after their entries were judged the tops in the "What Hockey Means To Me" essay contests sponsored by the Country Boy and Country Girl of Winchester and The Chesterville *Record*.

Over 100 entries were received from area students. The following are the winning entries:

Hockey

By Pat Foley

I play hockey for the Morrisburg Pee Wee B team. I started when I was five and I've played ever since.

I think hockey gives you something to look forward to. My games are on Thursdays so that keeps me going throughout the week.

It is something you can set goals on and work for. It means going to bed early on a Friday to go to an early practice on Saturday. It means not having that double bacon cheeseburger at a tournament when you play in an hour.

It means dedication and commitment to something worth waiting for.

What Hockey Means To Me

By James Kirkwood

Passing, shooting, skating, scoring, winning,. Losing, a bit of contact, offside, two-line pass, icing, equipment, watching hockey on TV, Terry Carkner, Bryan Helmer, fun, initiation, novice, atom, pee wee, bantam, midget, Winchester Hawks, OHL, AHL, Montreal Canadiens, jock belt, shin pads, socks, pants, shoulder pads, neck guard, helmet, play hard, net, blue line, red lin, rink, skates, ice, overtime, shootout, no goalie, first, second and third lines.

That's why I like hockey.

I play hockey (North Dundas Novice Demons). My favorite teams is the Montreal Canadiens (the Habs).

Bentleys in second place, take Ottawa tourney title

CORNWALL – Bentley Leather Goods finished out the first half of their inaugural season in the Senior II Division of the Ottawa Women's Hockey Association in second place after going winless in their last three games before the Christmas break.

Although the Bentleys are tied in points with the Bel-Air Bears at 14, the Ottawa team gets the nod as they hold a game in hand over the Bentleys, who have played 10 games to the Bears' nine. The Bears defeated the Bentleys 3-1 in Ottawa Dec. 6.

On Dec. 9 the Bentleys got a measure of revenge on Outaouais Huskies, the only other team in the divison to beat them this season, when they tied 3-3 at the Bob Turner Arena.

The Bentleys played to another draw, this time a 2-2 tie with the Ottaw Grypohons at the Turner rink Mon., Dec. 16.

Their record now stands at 6-2-2. The Bears are 6-1-2.

The second-place standing means the Bentleys won't be able to move up to the association's first division until at least next season.

Ironically the Bentleys won the OWHA's senior tournament in Ottawa on the weekend of Dec. 14-15, defeating first division teams en route to the title.

They blanked More Valkyries of the first division 3-0 in the champioship game.

If they can clinch their division, they will automatically advance to the premier division next season.

Bentley 2 - Gryphons 2

The Bentleys were within 2:15 of recording their seventh win of the season Monday night at Bob Turner when Ottawa's Anne Gauthier scored from Sharron Malott and Janet Clermont to earn the tie.

The Gryphons had gone ahead at 6:54 of the first with Lori Mahoney finding the range but Trish Brown scored on the powerplay 1:56 later to even it. Krista Casselman and Sandy Roy got the assists.

Maggie Stewart put the Bentleys ahead, from Kelly Conroy and Cheryl Tessier, at 1:35 of the second.

Bel Air Bears 3 - Bentleys 1

The Bears built a 2-1 lead in the first period and scored once in the third to defeat the Bentleys.

Kelly Potelle led the Bears, who never trailed, with two goals, including the winner and insurance marker.

Audrey Boucher opened the scoring giving the Bears a 1-0 lead at 8:54 of the first and Cheryl Tessier, from Shawna Spowart and Kelly Conroy, tied it at 2:49.

Potelle got what stood up as the winner with 24 seconds left in the opening period and got her second of the game with 6:26 to go.

Bentleys 3 - Huskies 3

The Huskies, who handed the Bentleys their first loss of the season, showed they are in the game until the binal buzzer as they scored twice late in the third period to erase a 3-1 deficit and earn the tie.

The Huskies opened the scoring at 6:13 of the first with Claudia Beauchesne scoring from Pascal Gauthier and Julie Paul but Krista Casselman got the first of her two on the night with eight seconds left in the period to tie up. Trish Brown got the assist.

Casselman put the Bentleys up by one at 3:24 of the second from Michele D'Amours and Maggie Stewart and Conroy increased the Bentleys' lead to two when she scored with only 38 seconds remaining on the second-period clock. Carole Duschene and Cheryl Tessier earned the assists.

Down but not out, the Huskies started their comeback with 3:08 left in the game when Paul found the range and they tied it with only 1:41 left with Johanne Henley scoring.

Ottawa Tournament

The Bentleys showed they will be a force to be reckoned with if and when they earn advancement to the first division as they outscored the opposition 8-2 over four games to take the Dec. 14-15 tournament title.

They won three games and tied one on their way to the championship.

They opened the tournament with a 2-1 come-from-behind win over the fist division Valkyries. Krista Casselman and Carole Duchesne scored in the third after Marie-France Ethier had give the Valkyries a 1-0 lead with 3:35 to go in the first.

The Bentleys had to come from behind in their second game to pull out a tie against the Ottawa More Valkyries.

Casselman scored from Brown with 50 seconds gone in the third to earn them the tie.

Brown earned MVP honors in the semifinal game against second-division rival Kanata Klassics as she scored both Cornwall goals in the 2-0 victory.

Lisa Cook earned the shutout.

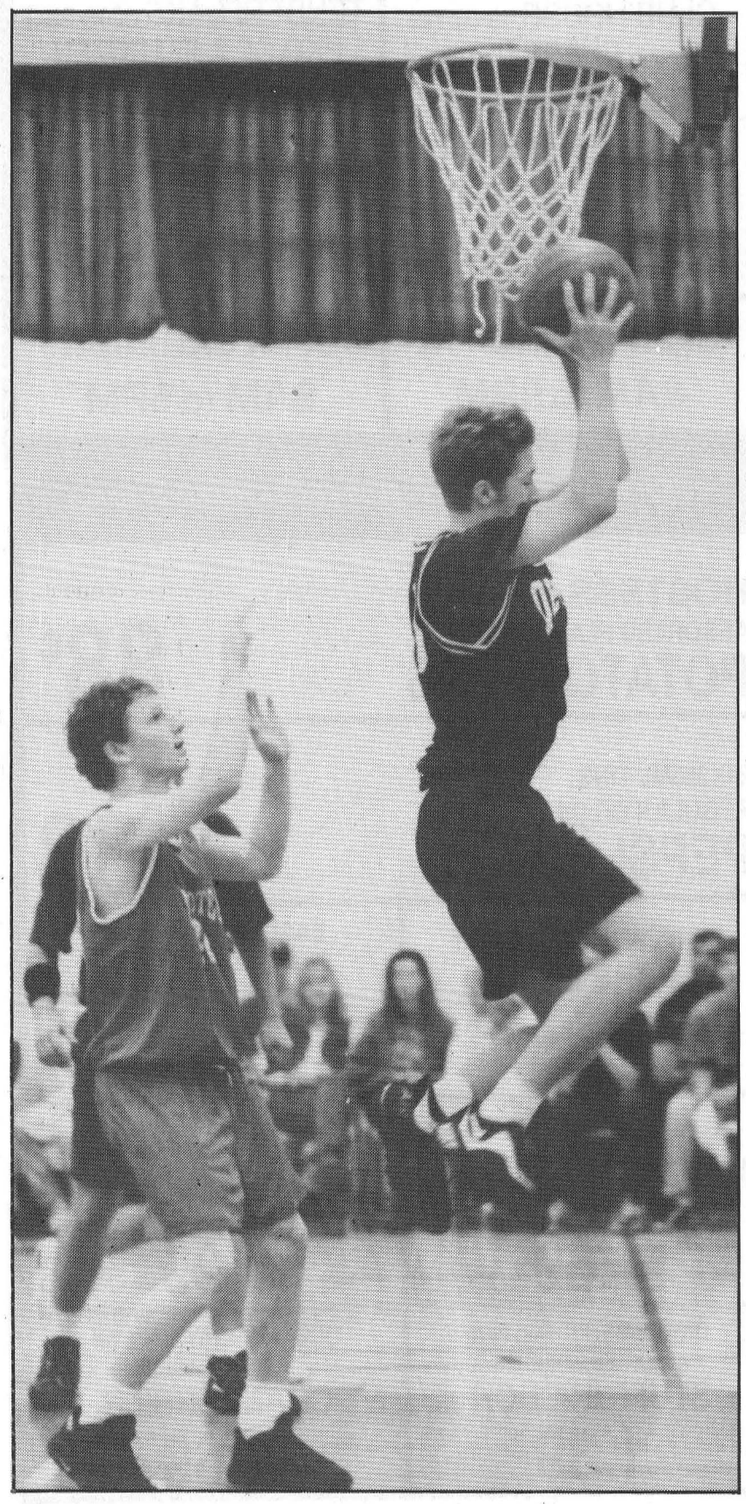
Cook was equally stingy in the final and Kelly Conroy was named the game MVP as she figured in all three of the Bentleys' goals against the More Valkyries.

Conroy had a goal and two assists – as did Brown – in the 3-0 win.

Brown opened the scoring at 2:51 of the first from Stewart and Conroy and Casselman made it 2-0 at 2:52 of the second from Brown and Conroy.

Conroy scored the third Cornwall goal at 6:22 of the third from Brown and Casselman.

Cook had a goals-against average of .5 in four games.



ND's Sean Campbell played a strong second half at both ends of the court and here comes down with a rebound after a failed la Citadelle shot. He was Nd's high scorer with 17 points.

ND comes back

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ends and Leger had an express lane to the hoop.

The Devils didn't hit double figures until well into second quarter and by then it looked as if the Pats woud end their unbeaten string but Fossitt buried a three-pointer to give them some confidence and the Pats's red tide gradually subsided.

Sean Campbell was the architect of the Pats' demise as he buried 12 points in the second half after scoring five in the first.

Number 10 took control of the board and key in the ND end and owned a lane to the ESLC hoop, getting six in each of the third and fourth quarters.

It was a nail biter to the end with the lead changing hands twice within the last three minutes.

Godard put the Pats up 39-37 with 2:55 to go as he went one and one from the line after ND's Grey drew a technical for complaining that he had been fouled while taking a shot.Larose brought the Devils to within a point when he hit from the line but Campbell missed a chance to to even it when he failed on his first shot from line after Gordard had fouled out.

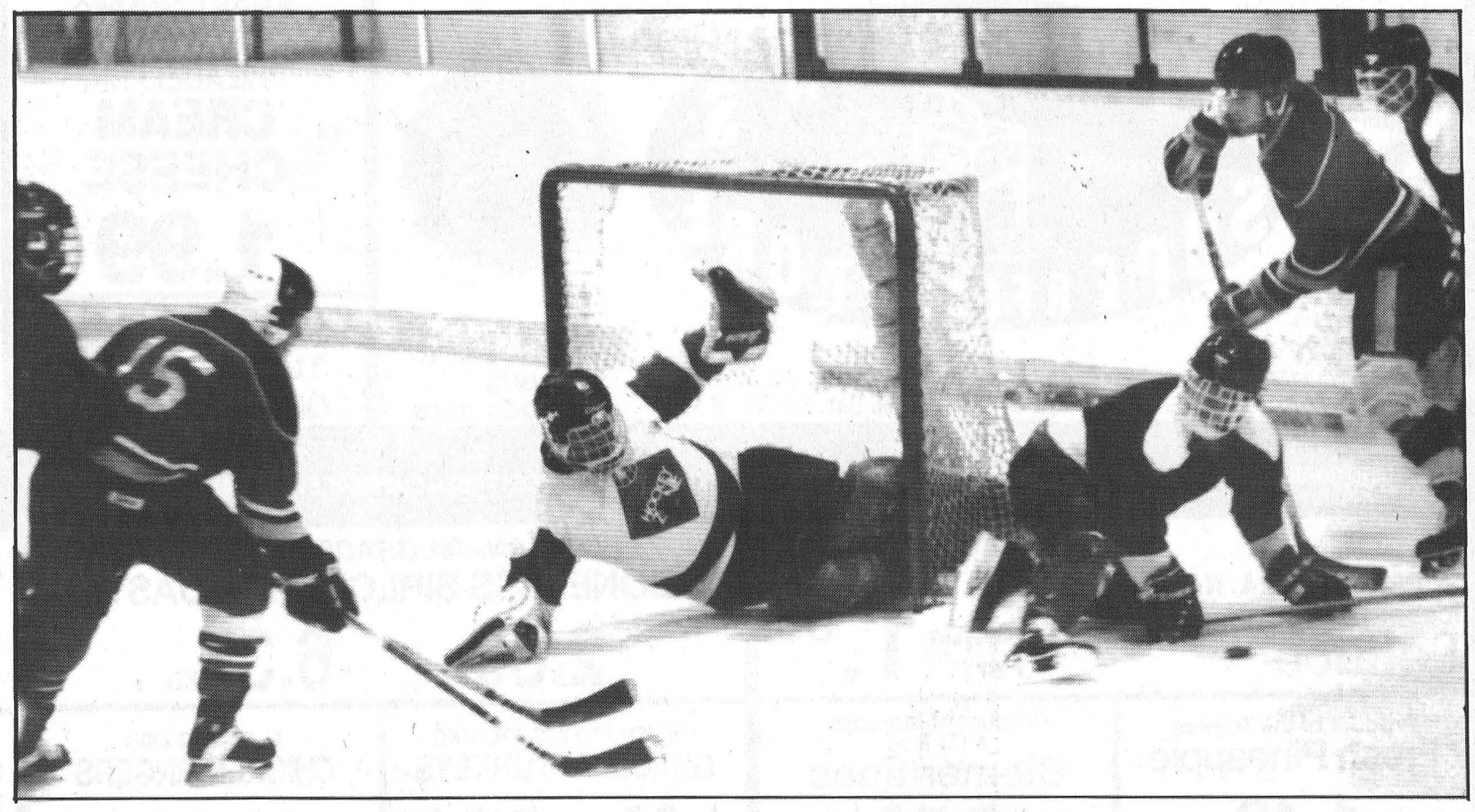
Campbell made up for it at the 58-second mark when he buried a jumper from just inside the three-point line to put the Devils back in front to stay.

La Citadelle lost Bissonnette on fouls with 22 seconds to go and trailing by two the Pats took a time out with 15 seconds on the clock.

They couldn't make the adjustment and with nine seconds to go Leger drew his third foul, on Larose, who hit from the line to make it 42-39.

Midgets, Seniors lose

The junior Devils were the lone bright spot for NDDHS against ESLC Thursday. Both the senior and midget squads lost their games to the powerful Cornwall school.



Black goaltender Jim Hume lost his stick but still came up the save on this play in Wednesday night's game against Red. Red took an early lead in the their town league game but Black came back in the second to pull out a 4-4 tie. In the opening game of the night Kent Young figured in all five goals as White dumped Green 5-2.

CHESTERVILLE TOWN LEAGUE

Black ties Red, White dumps Green

CHESTERVILLE — Black fought its way back from a 2-1 first-half deficit to earn its third tie of the season, as it equaled Red at four goals apiece. And White moved ahead of Green into third place in the standings after beating the team 5-2 in Chesterville Men's Town Hockey League Action Wednesday evening.

White's attack included two goals and three assists from Kris Young, while Kent Young scored one goal and counted three assists. Red's Kevin Williams and Black's John Guy were each good for a pair in the tie.

White 5, Green 2

Green got the first goal in the game, and also the last. But it was the five scored by White in between that made the difference in this one.

Green broke the ice with a goal from Kirk Tallman with 19:58 left in the first, assisted by Scott Barkley and Jason Ouellette.

But White countered with two of its own in the first half, the first at the 10:34 mark, scored by Kris Young, assisted by Aaron Sherrer and Kent Young, and the second off the stick of Chris Williams, assisted by Kent Young and Kris Young for a 2-1 lead at the half.

White went up 3-1 with an early goal in the second, a power-play goal scored by Kent Young and assisted by Kris Young. White increased its lead moments later, when the two Youngs reciprocated, with Kris getting the goal and Kent the assist.

White secured its win with a goal at the 13:38 mark, scored by Chris Van Bridger and assisted by the Youngs.

Green netted its second and last goal less than a minute later, courtesy of Scott Barkley, assisted by Daryl Robinson.

With the win, White moves into a tie for second place in the standings, with 11 points from their 5-5-1 record. With the loss, Green has sole possession of the basement with 9 points and a 4-6-1 record.

Red 4, Black 4

Red mounted a consistent attack, with a pair in each half, and black got off to a slower start, with one in the first, but netted a trio in the second for the tie.

Red's Gary Beishem assisted on all four of his team's goals.

Black's John Guy scored the first goal of the game, with 14:29 left in the first, with the assistance of Kevin Henry. Red equaled the score less than a minute later, thanks to Kevin Williams assisted by Gary Beishem and Darrin Kelly.

Red surged ahead with a goal with 6:55 remaining in the first, Williams's second, assisted this time by Beishem and Archie Beckstead.

Red went up 3-1 with a goal in the opening seconds of the second, scored by Rod Casselman, with assists to Beishem and Gary Klein-Swormink.

Black came back with a goal five minutes later, from John Guy, on a feed from Kevin Henry. Red regained its two-goal lead two minutes later, on a goal from Archie Beckstead, assisted by Beishem and John Luimes, for a promising 4-2 lead in the second.

But Black rounded out the scoresheet with two goals, the first from Kevin Henry, assisted by Mark Smith, the next from Sandy Johnston, helped out by Don Imrie, for the tie.

With the point, Red stays atop the CTHL standings with 13 points from a 6-4-1 record, and Black, with a 4-4-3 record, is for the middle ground with White, both with 11 points.

Week 12

Green and Red will tangle in the opener. The teams will meet each other for the fourth time in regular season play. Red has won of the three previous meetings. White and Black will also meet for the fourth time this season. In their three previous meetings, each team has taken one game and the other game was tied.

John Grady scores four to lead Berwick

FINCH – It was a three dog night for John Grady as he scored the hat trick to lead the Berwick Bull Dogs to an 8-2 win over Grumpy's Sports Bar in North Stormont Intermediate Hockey League action Thursday.

Grady scored a natural hat trick in a span of just a little over six minutes in the second period to bury the Grumpsters.

The Dawgs led 3-1 after one and scored five straight in the second before Andrew Barrie finally got Grumpy's second goal with 5:50 to go in the contest.

Long Sault actually led for more than six minutes after Brian Sinott opened the scoring at 14:18 of the first.

Mike Grady got the first of his pair on the night at 8:13 from John Grady to tie it and the Dawgs got two more in the last 65 seconds of the period to take control.

Julien Benoit scored with 1:05 to go from Tim Ouderkirk and Ouderkirk scored with 23 seconds on the clock, from Mike Grady.

Mike Stewart made it 4-1 at 19:04 of the second from Steve Tait and Grady started his rampage 1:35 later. He made it 6-1 at 11:21 and completed the hat trick 11 seconds later. Earning assists on his triple were Mike Grady, Ouderkirk and Tait.

Mike Grady closed out Berwick's scoring with his second of the game at 7:24. Dale Murray had the helper.

The Bull Dogs take on the Avnmore Aces in Sunday night's NSIHL match-up. The Aces will be out for revenge after losing 11-9 to the Dawgs Fri., Dec. 13.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.

ND, Morrisburg Midget B squads split match-ups

North Dundas Midget II Demons split a pair of games with Morrisburg this week, losing 3-0 at home Monday night but reboundingfor a 3-1 win in the Lions den Weenesday.

In front of a raucous crowd Wednesday the Demons took a 3-0 lead going into the third and gave up a powerplay goal with 8:10 left in the game.

Rob Desormeaux figured in all of the North Dundas scoring, assisting on the first two and scoring the third ND goal, rubbing it into the partisan Morrisburg crowd, which stayed on his case throughout the game.

Jeff West scored what held up as the winner and assisted on Desormeaux's goal.

Justin Heuff opened the scoring at 13:08 of the first from Desormeaux to send the Demons to the dressing room leading 1-0 after one.

West made it 2-0 with 4:26 gone in the second from Desormeaux, who got the third ND goal with 1:37 left in the period.

The Demons seemed determined to give it away in the third as they led a steady parade to the penalty box. Wes Ross was tagged with three minors and was given a game misconduct as North Dundas picked up seven of the nine penalties called in the period.

Morrisburg's powerplay finally clicked with 8:10 left in the game when Brad Boivin connected from Jamie Barkley and Jeremy Adams 21 seconds after Demon captain Sean Williams was sent off for roughing.

The Demons had 10 of the game's 16 penalties.

First-string netminder Kevin McLeod was back on the bench for Wednesday night's game after his hand injury. McLeod didn't play but is expected to make his first start since the injury in Sunday's game against Alexandria.

Morrisburg 3 - North Dundas 0

Morrisburg did allthe damage in the second period Mon., Dec. 16.

Jamie Barkley scored what turned out to be the winner 13:53 unassisted and Dave Trude netted a power play goal form Dave Trude and John Derouche at 1:06, 21 seconds after ND's Robbie Graham got the grte for interference.

Rob Murphy beat Brandon Cassell with just 15 seconds left in the period for the Lions third goal. Picking up assists on the play were Jeremy Adams and Barkley.

Daryl Burns picked up the shut-out for Morrisburg.

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