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Parents to grade new report cards

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

CORNWALL — This week brings the moment of truth as elementary students all over Ontario receive their — new — report cards.

The new report cards are part of a provincial initiative to standardize the expectations of students' achievement. Co-ordinator of regular programs at SD&G Board of Education in Cornwall Dona Cruickshank said that a different process is now used to arrive at the student's final grade.

"If a student was getting all A's or marks of 100 per cent this term's report card might not look as good," Cruickshank said. "Most parents expect 100 per cent. But with the new report card, teachers set the marks according to what is expected from the province."

Those standards include how to judge what the student's success rate looks like and the complexity of the level achieved.

Instead of A's and 100's the students will be graded according to the level they have achieved. Levels one through four list the expectations and what the student must be able to do to reach that level.

"Level four is the highest. It's for a student who meets all expectations consistently with no errors," Cruickshank said. "Few students reach that level, and it's not easy. How many adults can get through a day of work without doing anything wrong?"

Until now, there were provincial standards, but individual school boards were allowed to have their own report cards. The good thing about the new report cards, Cruickshank said, is if a student moves to another school, the report cards remain the same.

"The expectations from the ministry still concentrate on the traditional academics: reading, writing and arithmetic," Cruickshank said. "But it also includes how the student is working with others, and the level of the student's learning skills."

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Inkerman bridge finally open

INKERMAN — No more re-routing or detours. The long-awaited re-opening of the Inkerman bridge took place on Friday. The bridge had been under construction since late August, and had originally been scheduled to re-open around Oct. 1.

However, Mountain Township reeve Estella Rose said, the completion of the bridge was reliant upon an infrastructure grant. "They couldn't do the construction until the project was accepted," she explained. "Counties (SD&G) had to wait to receive a letter advising that they had received the grant. That came in late September."

Last Tuesday, Rose said, the final bit of asphalt was put on the bridge, and the bridge was open by Friday. The bridge had been separating in the middle, with both sides pulling outwards, Rose said.

Strike straps snowsuit fund

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

WINCHESTER — A strike by Canadian Postal Workers has disrupted many organizations that rely on mail delivery for their services. One of those organizations is the North Dundas Snowsuit Fund.

In keeping with the Christmas spirit, and in response to the cold weather, the North Dundas Snowsuit fund is working to provide snowsuits to children whose parents could not otherwise afford one.

Bob Weagant, chair of the North Dundas Snowsuit Fund, said the local post offices are still working, so local mail can get through. However, mail won't be delivered from outside of town and it is causing a problem for the snow suit fund committee.

The Bank of Nova Scotia in Chesterville and South Mountain, along with the Royal Bank and Bank of Montreal in Winchester, have agreed to accept donations on behalf of the committee, Weagant informed the *Press*.

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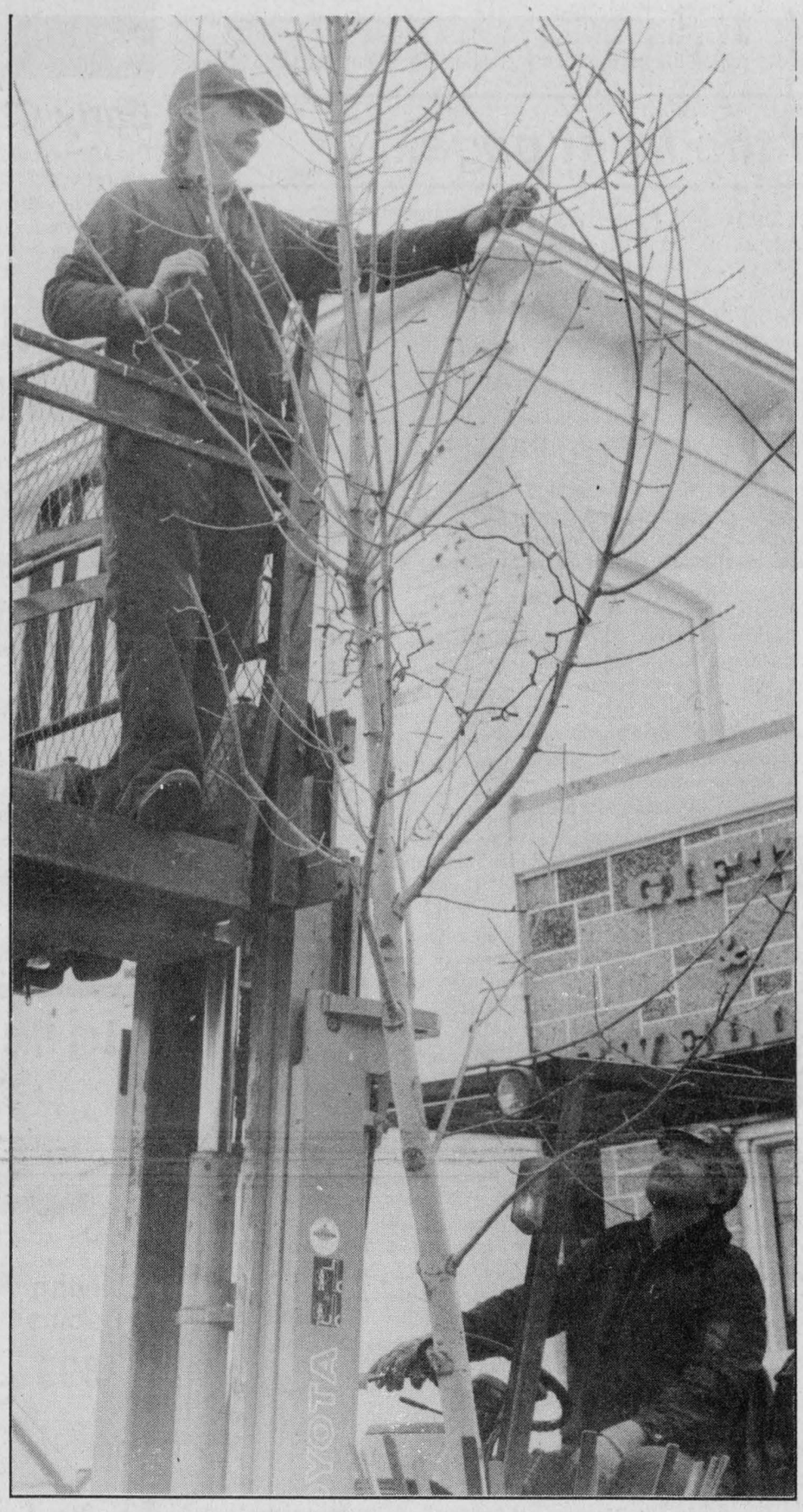

Co-operation between the Winchester BIA, village and Parmalat has enabled the businesses along Main and St. Lawrence streets to take on a Christmas twinkle. Municipal employee John Larmour hung the miniature lights with the assistance of Parmalat lift operator Don Swerdfeger last week.

Press Photo - Van Bridger

Light up the town

WINCHESTER — Not only will the floats in the Winchester Parade of Lights be brightly lit as they move down street on Nov. 5, but your children can be, too.

As events planned around the valley's first-ever Country Christmas Parade of Lights balloon and expand, Winchester is getting ready for a swell in the village's population as visitors descend upon Winchester on Fri., Dec. 5.

Flashing bears are now on sale at businesses throughout Winchester. For $2 the two-inch bears light up at the flick of a switch and come with strings so that they can be worn around the neck.

"The income from the bears should pay a good portion of the parade expenses," parade chairperson John Adams said. "Our costs have been surprisingly low this year, except for the parade banners. That was our big cost this year, at $1,200, but that's a one-time only cost because in future years all we need to do is change the date on the banners."

Adams added, "Hydro offered to turn the street lights off for free, and that has been a big help with our costs."

The entry count for the parade is now up to 65, with little more than a week to go before the big day. The parade begins at 7 pm on Dec. 5, but much of the festivities will get under way by about 5 pm. Adams sent out a flyer last week requesting that residents turn on their Christmas lights by 5 pm on Dec. 5 to help light up the village as visitors arrive.

Two dinners will be held the evening of the parade. A chili dinner will be available at the United Church Hall, sponsored by the United Church Women - Unit 1, and a spaghetti dinner will be held Nov. 5 beginning at 4 pm, hosted by the Winchester Hawks, at Henderson Hall. Dinner prices for adults is $5, and children eat for $3.

After the parade, the Winchester Curling Club has invited parade-goers to visit the club for a fun time. People are welcome to bring along musical instruments.

Mayor-elect unveils plan for township

Editor's note: The *Winchester Press* asked mayor-elect Claude Cousineau of the new municipality of North Dundas to provide answers to a number of questions dealing with the future of the municipality.

As the new township of North Dundas starts to take shape, what kind of difficulties in the delivery of services can residents expect in the early going? Will there be any benefits in the short term?

I don't anticipate any difficulty or reduction in delivery of service for any of our ratepayers. There will be minimal short-term cost benefits as it pertains to staffing in the new municipality.

Will the political debates by the eight councillors come down to a turf war? How do you propose to balance and unify the interests of each area of the township?

There have been a few of the so-called turf wars already during initial meetings this past year. But I found that throughout the amalgamation and transition process, especially once people got focused on the issues confronting us, we worked very well together.

Our achievements far outweighed our disagreements. Actually, our interests are very similar in nature and I propose to apply my leadership skills by trying to instill the importance of a new global approach in our new council so as to better serve our ratepayers.

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Hospital lobbies for breast screening centre



A new mammography unit was purchased for the WDMH by the hospital auxiliary. Participating in the unveiling of the machine were, from left: Graham Barkley (auxiliary treasurer), Joan Farlinger (auxiliary president), Billie Donaldson (mammography technician), Joseline Sikorski (hospital administrator), Rita Bray (in memoriam fund) and Edith Baker (purchasing committee).

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

WINCHESTER — A brand new mammography unit will hopefully help Winchester District Memorial Hospital become a satellite centre for the Ontario Breast Screening Program.

The new unit was recently installed in the Diagnostic Services Department at the hospital. It was purchased by the WDMH Auxiliary at a cost of $78,000.

Part of the money was raised through in memoriam funds, to the tune of $40,000. The auxiliary raised the other $38,000 through bazaars and the gift shop. Most of the money was raised in the past year.

"When it comes to the hospital, most of the people in this community are very generous," said hospital administrator Joseline Sikorski.

WDMH officially opened its breast screening unit in 1994 with a second-hand unit that had been purchased by the Marcellus family of Chesterville.

Patients will not notice a difference with the new machine, mammography technician Billie Donaldson said.

"It's the same as the old machine, but it's updated," she explained. "It has a new imaging system and it is more user-friendly."

The in memoriam fund has provided a way for people in the community to put money back into the hospital and the community through the auxiliary, auxiliary president Joan Farlinger said.

"When giving money in memory of a loved one at the funeral home, most people give to the hospital," she said.

Statistics show there were 1,449 patients for mammography at WDMH in 1996/97. That statistic is expected to increase to 2,000 patients in the coming year. An application has been submitted to the Ontario Breast Screening Program (OBSP) to become a satellite centre.

"It's nice for people to be able to come here instead of having to travel to Ottawa," Farlinger said.

The new machine can pick up lesions faster, Davidson added, and the key to fighting breast cancer is early detection.

In order to meet Ontario standards for the breast cancer program, the original mammography machine was insufficient. That machine is now for sale and, said Farlinger, it's still good.

"It would be good for a Third World country that doesn't have anything now," she said.

Teen faces weapon charge

MANOTICK — Police at the Manotick detachment of the OPP were called to investigate a break and enter at an Eighth Line Road home near Metcalfe Nov. 17.

Electronic equipment was taken from the residence in addition to a large number of tools.

A Greely business was the victim of a Nov. 18 theft that saw two vehicles and a number of tools lifted from the Cedar Drive site.

A black 1993 Nissan Pathfinder and a 1986 GMC van were stolen, but later recovered by police. Evidence at the scene indicates that at least two people were involved. Police believe that the culprits wore a size 10 shoe.

Thieves targeted another Greely business the same day. This time vandals broke into a camper.

A 1992 Dodge pickup truck was stolen from the parking lot behind the Market Square Mall in Osgoode between 5:30 - 7:30 pm on Nov. 18.

Parts of the stolen vehicle were recovered four days later in a ditch in Rideau Township.

Jewelry was stolen from a Fourth Line Road residence Nov. 20. Entry was gained by forcing open the front door.

A 15-year-old Metcalfe student was charged with assault with a weapon after a Nov. 21 incident at Osgoode Township High School.

The accused will appear in court Dec. 18.

Police are also investigating the theft of a 1987 Chevy half-ton truck from a Parkway Road home Nov. 23. The vehicle had an Ontario licence plate, 507 5AJ and also had a plow attached.

Const. Rudy Schaefers wants to remind community policing volunteers of two social events this week. Members of the Greely Watch program are invited to a gathering at the Greely Community Centre Nov. 26 from 7-9 pm. Sat., Nov. 29, members of the Osgoode Extended Service Office and the Osgoode Search and Rescue team are invited to a potluck dinner at the Osgoode Legion. The event starts at 6:30 pm.



Early Christmas gifts

The Masonic Association donated a total of $2,100 to three local non-profit organizations Nov. 21. The proceeds were raised from the Masonic Association's annual duck race. Pictured above, from left to right are: Patti Carson from Naomi's Family Resource Centre, Mason Ross Whyte, Dundas County Foodbank co-ordinator Judy Hilson and Mason Jim Styles, Shirley Nichol-Scott from the House of Lazarus in South Mountain and Mason Leonard Fourney. Press Photo — Brownlee

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Report cards

The report cards go home with students beginning at the end of this week, and parent-teacher interviews will be held during the first week of December. The report cards were due out earlier this month but were delayed due to the province-wide teachers strike.

Level 4 is equivalent to 80-100 per cent, above the provincial standard. The student is able to work independently and meets all expectations and independently goes beyond these expectations to create new solutions or applications of ideas. The student also gives answers that are complex, and always complete, precise and confident with practically no minor errors.

Under Level 3's description, the student works independently and meets most of the identified expectations. The student may have a few minor errors, but he/she gives answers that are complete, clear and precise. Achievement meets the provincial standard. Level B equals 70 to 79 per cent.

Level 2 approaches the provincial standard, at 60 to 69 per cent. This student needs some assistance but meets more than half of the set expectations. He/she has several minor errors and gives answers that are sometimes clear and appropriate but often incomplete.

The description of Level 1 is that the student has demonstrated some of the required knowledge and skills in limited ways. This student can only work with assistance and meets few of the identified expectations. He/she has major errors and gives answers that are unclear and incomplete. Achievement falls much below the provincial standard, the equivalent to 50 to 59 per cent.

One of the levels mentioned is given to each piece of work produced by each student. At reporting time, the teacher looks at all levels given to the student and judges which level the student most consistently demonstrates and that is the level of achievement given on the report card.

An 'R' is given where a student is achieving below Level 1 of his/her assigned grade.

Snowsuit fund

There is a tax deductible receipt available.

Last year, Weagant said, 115 snow suits were needed in North Dundas (Winchester, Chesterville, and Winchester and Mountain Townships), and the same number is anticipated for this year. In Winchester, 50 families benefitted from the snowsuit fund.

The snow suits are purchased new by the SD&G Snowsuit Fund and are then bought by the smaller organizations, including North Dundas.

It only costs $35 to supply a child up to the age of 13 with a snow suit, Weagant said. Donations can be made in whatever portion of money one can afford — $10 or $100.

The snow suit fund has been in operation for approximately 13 years and has benefitted many needy families in that time. If your child is in need of a snowsuit, or you know someone who is, an application can be made to the snow suit fund. A screening process takes place to ensure need.

The address is Box 835, Winchester, Ontario, K0C 2K0 in Winchester. You may also phone 774-2691.

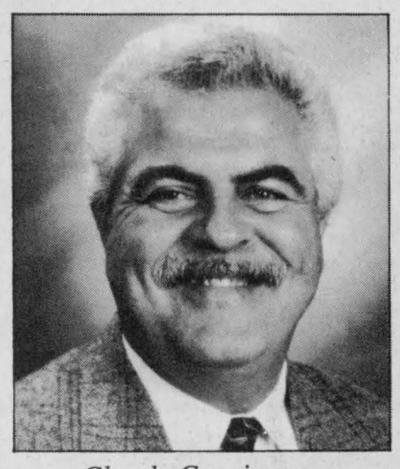
The cut-off for applications was Nov. 22 but nobody will be turned away if they are in need, Snowsuit Fund secretary Nadene Harper said.

Harper indicated that an angel tree will also be set up in the Bank of Montreal in Winchester for the Christmas season. One hundred toys are needed this year. To participate, visit the bank and take an angel from the tree. On the back of the angel is written the age and gender of the child. One can purchase a suitable gift, either a toy or a knitted hat and mittens for example, and return it to the tree to be given to a little girl or boy who might not be getting many presents this year, Harper said.

In addition, a wishing well will be available at the Royal Bank in Winchester. Donations can be made to the North Dundas Christmas Wish Fund and dropped off at the bank.

Food baskets are being prepared for Christmas dinners for those who need help this Christmas. To donate money to the food baskets, with which canned food and hams will be purchased, mark on your cheque that it is intended for the food baskets and donate it to the North Dundas Christmas Wish Fund at the Royal Bank, Harper advised.

The food baskets will be prepared on Dec. 16 and distributed on Dec. 17. Clients of the food bank can pick up their baskets at the Lions Hall in Winchester.



Claude Cousineau

Cousineau

Outline your vision for the new municipality heading into a new millennium.

My vision of North Dundas is quite simple — make this municipality the agricultural stronghold it deserves to be.

In terms of economic development, what are the municipality's strengths, its weaknesses and how can they be improved? On election night, you mentioned attracting "agri-businesses" to the area. Please explain.

In terms of economic development it's obvious to most that our largest industry is agriculture and we must continue to build out of that by creating a positive climate for agri-related businesses to locate here.

I truly don't believe we have any weaknesses to speak of. Some people's attitudes need to be changed from negative to positive.

I can't divulge any specifics on the agri-businesses right now, but I can assure you that as mayor and chair of the Community Development Corporation through the SD&G economic development office, we are all working hard to make this area a hub of activity in the very near future.

As things look now, I'm very confident that there will be many job openings in these proposed agri-related businesses.

With many uncertainties as a result of looming downloading of services from the province, how do you estimate it will affect every residential tax bill in North Dundas?

It is somewhat premature to evaluate the effects on every residential tax bill at this time. But I would like to assure all of our ratepayers that any increase in taxes will not be a result of our budget, but rather a result of downloading.

The premier himself has promised us that downloading will be revenue neutral. At this time, we have to take him on his word.

What is the main goal, out of any, you would like to accomplish this term?

My main goal is to provide the leadership needed to give the residents of North Dundas the best possible service at the lowest possible price. I want to provide, with the help of colleagues, an open and effective local government that all ratepayers can be proud of.

Local charities benefit from Masons' generosity

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — Thanks to the Masonic Association's Eastern District, Christmas may be a little brighter for area families.

The Masons donated $700 cheques to the House of Lazarus and the Dundas County Food Cupboard — two local organizations that offer the bulk of goodwill services this holiday season — and Naomi's Family Resource Centre Nov. 21 at Byers Funeral Home in South Mountain.

The Masons raised the funds in conjunction with the Dundas Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation during the annual duck race in Iroquois.

This year, the Masons have also donated over $7,200 in 36 bursaries to local students.

With less than a month until Christmas, both Shirley Nichol-Scott from the House of Lazarus and Judy Hilson from Dundas County Food Board Cupboard, said that the monetary donations couldn't have come at a better time.

The South Mountain-based House of Lazarus has a few empty shelves already, but Nichol-Scott expects the community to fill the void in time for food basket distribution to needy families in mid-December.

Both non-profit organizations saw a dramatic 40 per cent increase in demand over the 1995-96 season. This year, it has stabilized.

Everyone is encouraged to do their part to make Christmas a little merrier for needy families. Donations of non-perishable canned goods are greatly appreciated.

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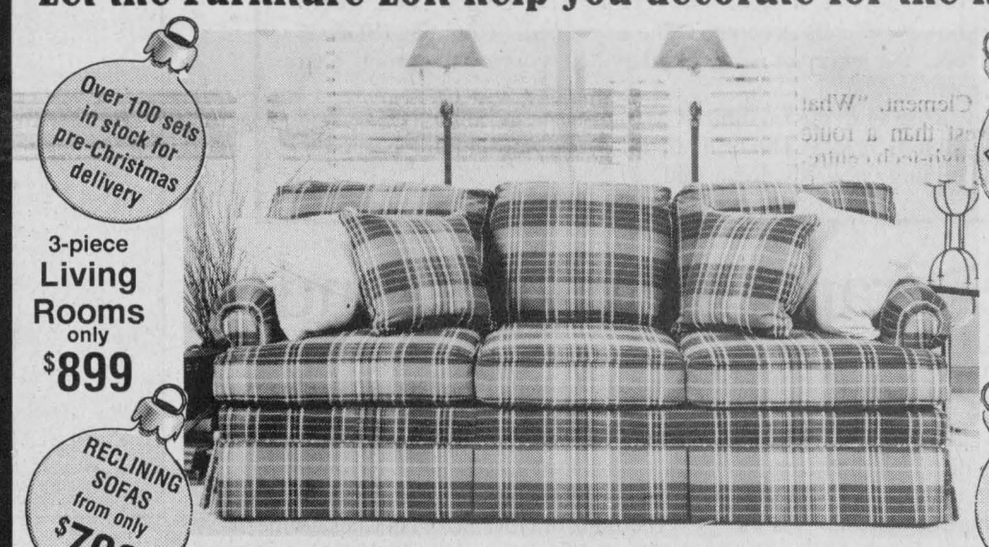

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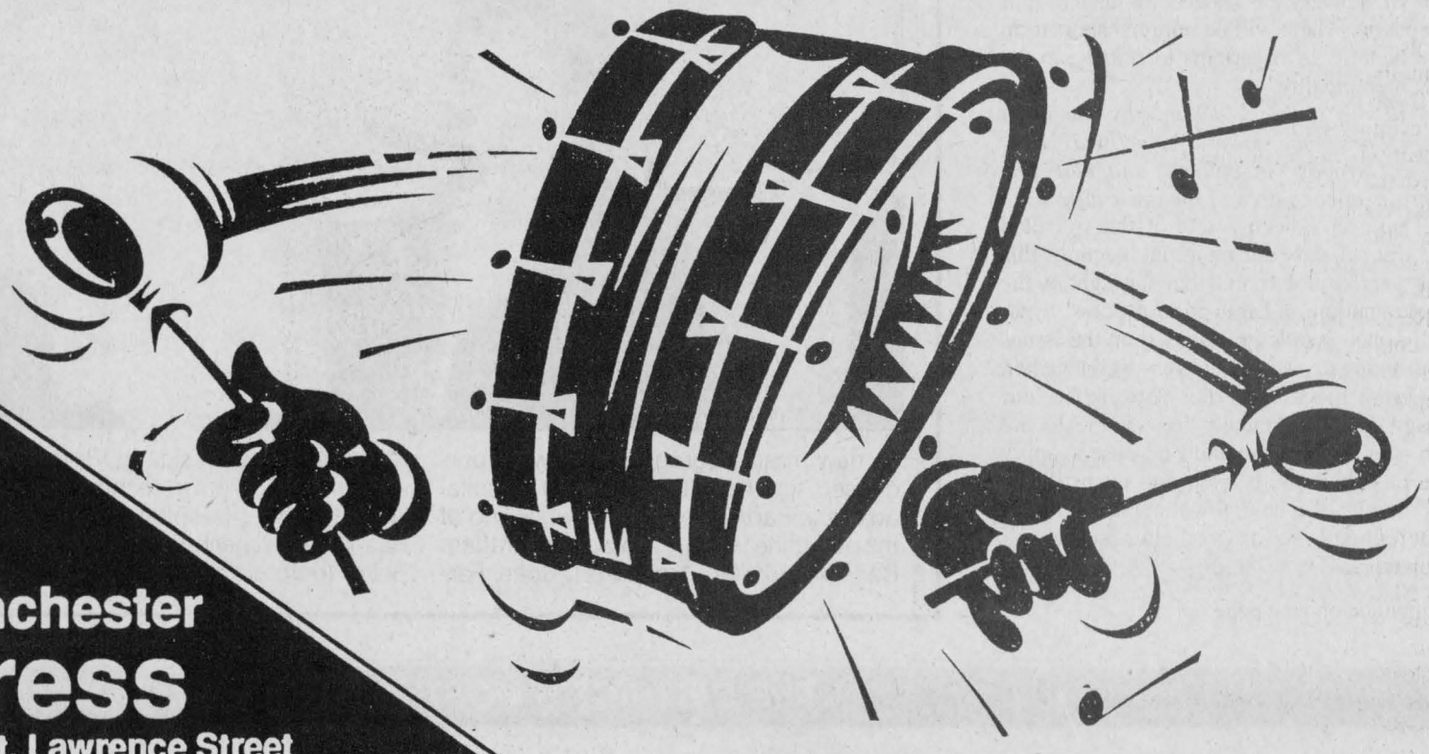

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Teacher gets passing grade on stand-up comedy circuit



Andrea Jensen

by Jeff Brownlee
Press Staff

METCALFE — As she reflects upon the past seven months, she never dreamed that her quick wit, gregarious personality and unrelentless zest for life would vault her from class clown to comedic diva.

Then again, anyone who's ever met Osgoode Township High School teacher Andrea Jensen, knows to expect the unexpected.

She's not only the queen of jocularity, but thrives on impulse.

And acting on a whim was how the 27-year-old was first introduced to the stage of Yuk Yuk's Comedy Cabaret for an impromptu appearance.

"I'm what you call a class clown, always making people laugh," says the spunky blonde. "All my friends were encouraging me to try stand-up, so I finally gave in at an amateur night.

"It was such a rush. I killed on stage."

The rest, as the adage goes, is history. She was hooked on comedy right from the first laugh from the audience.

The St. Thomas native has been feeding her entertainment addiction every opportunity since, taking the local comedy circuit by storm, cracking up audiences from Ottawa to London. She's even landed a few television appearances.

She can't pinpoint the reason behind her overnight success in what she dubs a "male-dominated industry," but as her comedy career starts to unfold, she's gained a new sense of both amazement and accomplishment.

Still, she admits she has an innate ability to be funny, because she relishes what she's doing.

"I'm never at a loss for words," says Jensen, who's also an art and computer teacher. "Sometimes my brain thinks faster than my mouth."

Perhaps her routine is so alluring because she takes a unique, quirky look at life's ups and downs, she adds.

Ironically, but not surprisingly, she invents most of her ammunition without much thought. She says her best creative period occurs when she's driving her car.

"It's amazing," adds Jensen. "I do a lot of my writing in the car — in my head. That seems to be where material comes to me."

Like many successful entertainers, most of her comic fodder is drawn from experience. The remainder is generated from adding a few twists to an every-day situation. Take for example, her answer to the burning issue of one possible use for the yellow, plastic cigarette wrapper.

"Barbie police tape," she says.

She's also inspired by school life and her students, but never pokes fun at any of her kids. Instead, she opts for student stereotypes like the bubbly, fast-talking, valley girl Jennifer Prescott, who comes to her teacher for help.

"She's just keeps on talking and talking and no one can understand her," says the Vanier resident.

Her students and colleagues at OTHS are some of her biggest fans. She says it's not uncommon to see familiar faces in the audience at many of her performances. Still, it's important her students know that Andrea Jensen comedian is different from Ms. Jensen art teacher, she adds.

When she steps on stage, she doesn't have a rehearsed performance — the epitome of an evening at the improv.

Instead she baits the audience with a few jokes and waits to see if they bite. If they become hooked, she runs with jokes on a similar theme.

"Whatever works," says Jensen. "I try many things including a lot of improvisation."

She has come a long way in a short time, but Jensen doesn't hold any false hopes. In the future, she admits she would like to make a full-time career out of comedy. For now however, she's quite content to continue the adrenaline-packed ride that started in April.

"It would be nice to do this full time," she says. "I wouldn't have to worry about budget cuts and 14-year-old attitudes, but I'm not ready to quit my job just yet."

Jensen's next stage appearance is in the Holiday Girly Show, Dec. 12 at the National Archives.

Final contract for Hwy. 416 due next spring

TORONTO — Construction on Highway 416 between Spencerville and Kemptville will be completed in 1999.

Minister of Transportation Tony Clement announced the award of a contract for the construction of 13.2 km of highway, five new structures and one commuter parking lot on Highway 416.

"We have made Highway 416 a priority because we understand the importance of Ontario's infrastructure to economic development and job creation," said Clement. "What better place to invest than a route that links Ottawa, a high-tech centre, with Highway 401, the major east-west transportation corridor in the province."

The $12.5 million contract was awarded to Bot Construction Ltd. of Oakville, Ontario. The project spans the area from 0.3 km north of Goodin Road northerly for 13.2 km to 2.0 km north of County Road 20. It is the fourth of five major contracts required to twin Highway 416 from Century Road south to Highway 401.

Construction of Highway 416 began in 1990. Work on the southern portion of the highway began last year.

Noble Villeneuve, Minister of Agriculture, Food, Rural and Francophone Affairs, and MPP for SD&G said, "I am pleased to see construction moving south so quickly. A final contract will be tendered next spring and if the weather cooperates, we can look forward to completion of Highway 416 in 1999."

Clement added, "That's one year ahead of the already accelerated schedule we set for the 80-kilometre highway that will link the nation's capital with Highway 401."

Celebrate Advent

CHESTERVILLE — A traditional Advent service of lessons and carols will be hosted by the Anglican Churches of Holy Trinity (Chesterville), St. Matthias (Winchester), and St. Peter's (South Mountain).

The service will be held at Holy Trinity Church on Queen Street in Chesterville on Sun., Nov. 30 at 7:30 pm. Everyone is invited to join in the carols, listen to the choir and be mentally refreshed by the evening.

There is no admission charge for the evening and there will not be a collection, but a donation of non-perishable food or cash for the food bank would be greatly appreciated. The church will arrange for the donations to be delivered to the food bank.

Refreshments will be served in the church hall following the service. For more information please telephone Rev. Robert Assaly at 774-2236.

Pet photos taken

IROQUOIS -- Pet owners can have a portrait taken of their favorite pet this Saturday (Nov. 29) at Rooney Feeds in Iroquois from 8 am until noon.

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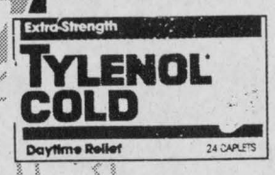

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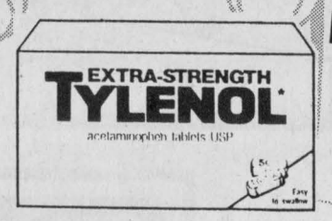

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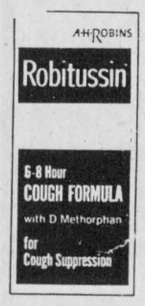

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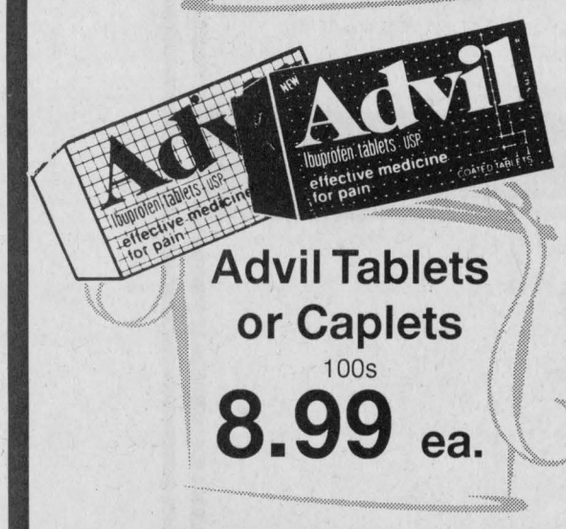

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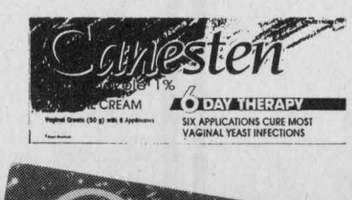

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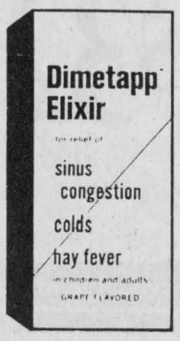

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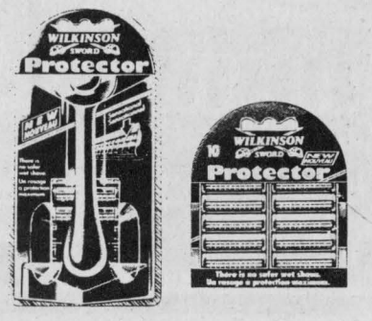

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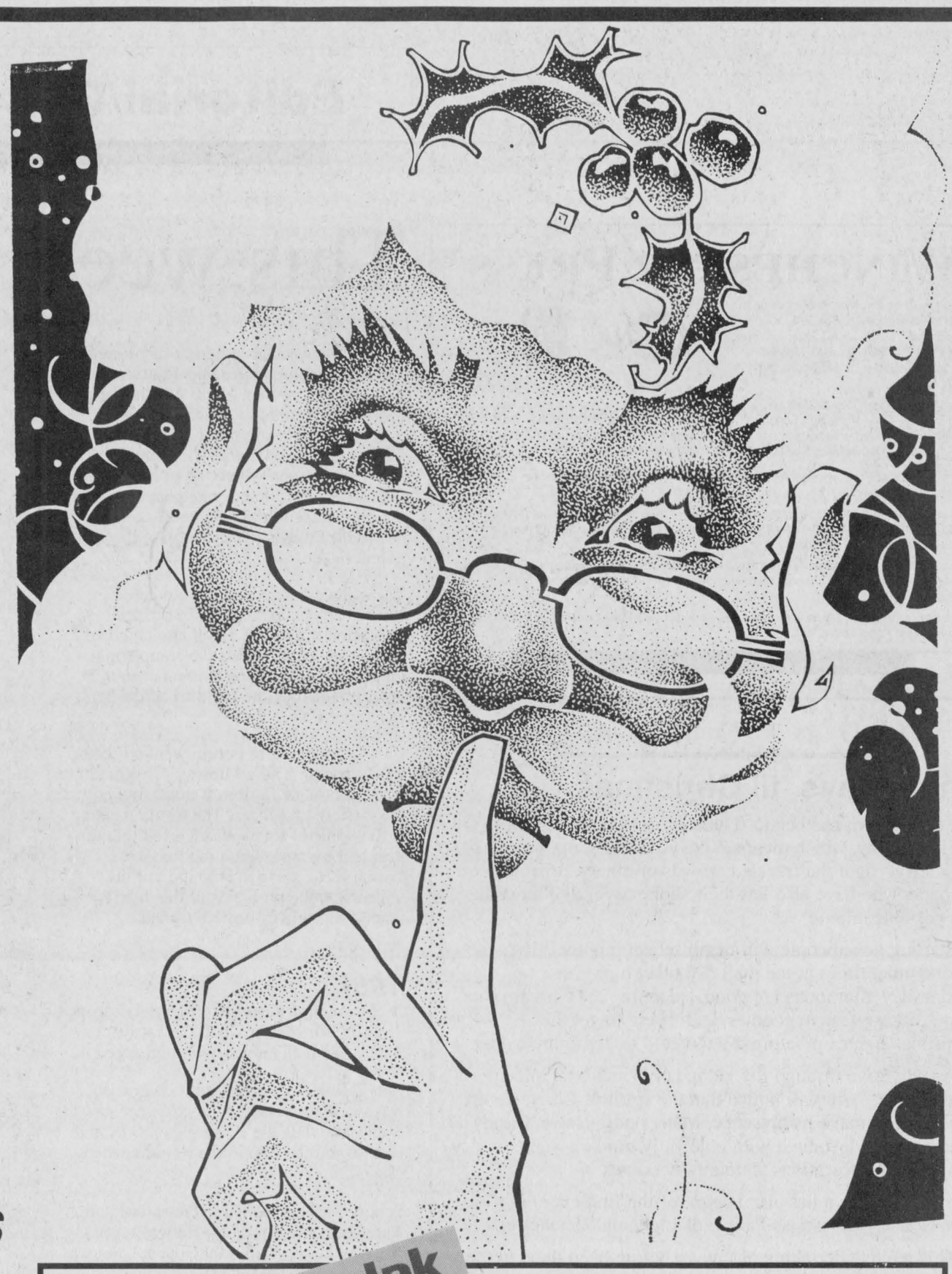

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EDITORIAL

Thirty days 'til Christmas

The countdown has begun. There is one month left until Christmas day, which means 30 days left to shop. Thirty days left to fight the frazzled crowds of other Christmas shoppers who have also left their shopping until almost the last possible minute.

Starting now, people will begin scheduling their lives around quiet times at the mall (Monday nights or Wednesday afternoons are good), planning the Christmas menu, baking festive goodies, and trying to get the Christmas lights up before it's too cold to climb the ladder.

As you drive through the village of Winchester and area communities, you will notice that the spirit of Christmas is beginning to make its presence. Many houses have already been brightly decorated with colorfully blinking lights, Santa Claus decorations and nativity scenes.

The countdown has also begun for the first-ever night-time Country Christmas Parade of Lights in Winchester.

This huge undertaking has never before been done in the valley. But the parade committee has taken the great challenge of putting together a magnificent, glowing parade of lights with the float count now at 65 entries.

And the spin-offs of the parade have been snowballing.

Initially, the parade was intended to be just that — a parade. But pre-parade activities began to take off, and there is now plenty to see and do from about 5 pm on Fri., Dec. 5 until well after the parade has ended.

From very economical dinners before the parade, to visits with Santa, to sipping hot chocolate and carolling, there will be plenty for everyone to do.

The village population is expected to greatly increase for this year's parade, with the possibility of two tour buses arriving full of people to take in the sights of the parade.

Nobody in Winchester loses with this parade. Store owners can keep their businesses open late and enjoy the number of people suddenly in the mood for Christmas shopping. Restaurant owners can rest assured they will be busy feeding hungry, excited parade-goers.

On top of all this, Winchester itself will benefit from the recognition the village will receive from communities wide and far as new ground is broken as the first-ever parade of its kind in this area. There are many people from far away who are planning to visit Winchester on Dec. 5. And be sure they will take the memories of this parade home with them and spread the word, so that next year's Parade of Lights will draw even more people to watch.

Spread the word yourselves, invite friends and relatives from out of town to visit and watch the parade; let people know about the beautiful night parade that is to take place in Winchester in one week.

Help this all-new parade to become a tradition.

L.C.

This week in...

1957

Spring-like weather featuring day-long rain and rising temperatures apparently were not noticed as more than 1,400 Winchester and district youngsters gave Santa Claus an overwhelming ovation in his annual pre-Christmas visit to this town. A heavy downpour of rain which lasted most of the afternoon forced Santa's helpers to re-route the big parade to the community centre where the crowds gathered to see the popular gent from the far north.

The official opening of the modern Morrisburg Shopping Centre and the relocation of the last 525 houses marked a significant step towards the completion of Ontario Hydro Rehabilitation program in areas affected by the building of the St. Lawrence Power Project.

East Osgoode Farm Forum went on record in advocating a new Minister of Agriculture from Central or Eastern Canada, rather than the western provinces. The forum meeting at the home of Cecil Waddell felt that this post had been occupied too long by Western Canada men who did not fully understand the problems of the different type of farming in Eastern Canada.

1967

A construction supervisor narrowly escaped death in Winchester when the excavation trench in which he was working, caved in.

Ken Felker of Cruickshank Construction, was working on the Clarence Street sewer extension when the shoring gave way and partially buried him in the rain-drenched ground.

Fellow workers rushed to the rescue and were able to dig him out. He was taken to the Winchester Memorial Hospital, but was later moved to the Ottawa Civic suffering from a broken jaw and undetermined internal injuries.

An accident on Hwy. 31 just north of the Hwy. 43 junction, sent two people to hospital with serious injuries.

Blowing snow and freezing conditions were being blamed for the crash which involved a southbound 1947 Chevrolet pick-up truck driven by James Gordon Fetterly. The other vehicle, a 1966 Chrysler sustained $2,000 damage.

The name Brian MacFarlane has a familiar ring in the Winchester district and sports fans particularly will remember when he was one of the stars with Lloyd LaPorte's Inkerman Rockets when they skated their way to fame in Canadian Amateur hockey ranks.In recent years MacFarlane has come back into the limelight, this time as a television sports personality. He is viewed across Canada every Saturday night when he takes an active part in "Hockey Night in Canada". In 1967 his most recent effort was the release of a new book entitled "Fifty Years of Hockey in Canada".

1977

SD&G's 375 elementary school teachers were to get a collective look at the school board's latest contract offer at a meeting later in the month. Pat Fitzharris, president of the teacher's negotiating team said the teachers would be presented with a board offer which did not include an increase in the staff allocation for each of the 40 schools for "administrative time" on Nov. 29. Besides the initial board offer the teachers would be polled about a separate board suggestion to strike a joint committee of trustees, administrators and teachers to study the teachers' request for increased staffing allocations.

Board objections to a fact-finder's report about elementary school teachers' contract negotiations in SD&G will probably be registered at the ministerial level, a board official indicated. Chief board negotiator Bob Whittaker said sections of the 14-page report dealing with pupil-teacher ratio in the schools wandered from the line of discussion between the two parties and fell into the realm of "editorial comment".

Despite previous objections by neighboring residents Winchester council decided to uphold their approval of a building permit for a restaurant located in the former Duncan building. A delegation of objectors based their argument on the village's zoning by-law. Located at the corner of St. Lawrence and Caleb Streets, the property had previously been rented as a craft shop.

Bruce Jones blocked 21 third period drives as Winchester Hawks rolled up their fifth consecutive victory defeating Prescott Saints 4-0. Ironically, Winchester's only loss came the day Jones made his first start as a junior hockey player on Oct. 30, 1977 when Morrisburg Lions opened their season by hammering Hawks 10-4. After struggling through that game Jones was diagnosed with having mononucleosis and hadn't been able to play a game since then.

1987

Forces were gathering momentum in Russell Township against a proposed landfill-incinerator site in the Edwards area. Approximately 300 neighboring residents wrote to Russell Reeve Gaston Patenaude, voicing their concerns.

The Winchester Cheese Plant would soon be getting a $1.75 million facelift. The construction, which would add 3,750 square feet to the plant, will include a new



addition and equipment, as well as expansion for the cold pack department, which manufactured specialty cheeses. The plant first opened in 1977, a joint venture of Lovell and Christmas (Canada) Inc. and National Consolidated Food Brands Inc. Half the company was purchased by JM Schneider in 1980 and the cheese processing division was added in 1983. JM Schneider bought out Lovell and Christmas after the addition of the cheese processing division.

Corey MacIntyre scored two powerplay goals in a nine-second span. In the final 20 seconds of the game as the Winchester Hawks battled the Char-Lan Rebels to a 9-9 overtime tie. MacIntyre, a rookie with Winchester who hails from Shawville and now lives in Winchester, scored those two big goals at 20 and 11 seconds to bring the Hawks back from a 9-7 deficit. He had already scored twice and finished up with four goals on the game. The 9-9 overtime sawoff improved Winchester's Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League record to four wins, four losses and a tie.



Schedulers

We are approaching the time of year when we have to re-order our appointment calendars.

Isn't that wonderful? Don't you just feel like a child contemplating Christmas? Don't you secretly hope that this year Santa will bring you a great, big, shiny new, full-grain leather appointment book?

Well, of course you do, because the fact is that we need appointment books to keep us organized. If we don't have them, we are late for everything. In fact, without appointment calendars, most of us wouldn't even know where we are half the time.

But selecting a scheduling system that works is hard. Not only do we need to know where we are supposed to be first thing in the morning, we need to be reminded of who we are meeting. And we need to know how much past our most recent deadline we are. We also need to be reminded of our spouse's birthdays. At the end of a really busy week, some of us need to be reminded of our children's names.

If there are as many stars in heaven as there are grains of sand on the beach, then there are as many companies making some version of the portable appointment calendar as there are pages in Shakespeare's plays. From the very small month-at-a-glance pamphlet-sized calendars that cost about a buck-and-a-half, to the full-grain leather-bound, every-single-second-of-the-day-at-a-glance zippered tomes with loose-leaf, gold-embossed pull-outs that some of us lug around, the only thing that stands between us and a really good appointment book is our bank account.

Finding the perfect appointment book is not unlike finding the perfect spouse: it takes patience, determination, tolerance and ultimately, a large degree of selfishness because the relationship has to work well and last a long time.



Home Free

by Otte Rosenkrantz

And like any courtship, there is no time to worry about money when you are contemplating purchasing a new "timeline system". An appointment calendar that will remind you of your meetings, get you to the dentist and baseball game on time, prompt you that little Jennifer's birthday is coming up in a few days and flag your anniversary, is worth its weight in gold — it must be, because that is how much the system will cost.

Which is why once people find a system that works, they hang on to it like grim death. All summer long, people have been dragging their appointment calendars with them to the beach and the golf course. A friend of mine who is a management consultant was spotted at his cottage this past summer, heading down to the deck chair on the beach, a science fiction novel in one hand, a mug of iced tea in the other, and his appointment book tucked snugly under his arm. I suspect he may be sleeping with it, but I don't want to know about it.

Obsessions are not to be taken lightly.

And as the time comes for us to renew our calendars — or find new systems — the catalogues drift into the mailbox like seed catalogues in spring, the glossy pages promising us organization and punctuality beyond our wildest dreams. They even make schedulers for children now, presumably to help them remember which playground they are supposed to be in.

So in this festive season of New Appointment Books, I want to wish you all merry scheduling, and may all your appointments be on time. And remember, the one who dies with the biggest appointment book, wins.

(Otte Rosenkrantz of London, Ontario, is a columnist journalist, author, corporate communications consultant, bonsai grower, vegetable gardener, stay-at-home father to his young son and daughter and a sympathetic observer of the human condition.)

Educational crusade

Home support producing video to spotlight issue of elder abuse

by Jeff Brownlee
Press Staff

METCALFE — Mathilde is lonely.

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Soon, Mathilde becomes nothing more than a glorified, full-time baby-sitter of her two young grandchildren. Her plans constantly take a back seat. She's lost her freedom.

Elder abuse.

It's a serious topic with sobering realities. It occurs everywhere and embraces many forms, but all too often goes unreported. Consequently, not much is known about the indignity that touches the lives of thousands of aging Canadians.

Osgoode Township's Home Support Program is setting out to reduce the public's ignorance on the topic — in a big way.

What started out as the vision of 81-year-old Pearl Baird and soon turned into a community-based educational crusade, has quickly snowballed into a nation-wide campaign aimed at raising awareness and reducing the incidents of elder abuse.

Aside from driving home the stark realities of the issue in live, community, theatre-style performances across the municipality, the home support program is earmarking a large portion of a $17,000 grant from the Trillium Foundation to the production of a video to be distributed across the country. Like the live performances, it will showcase eight real-life vignettes of different types of mistreatment of the aged. When completed, it will be the only educational tool of its kind in the country.

"We had no idea the project would take off like this," said Carol Halstead, the township's home support program administrator. "It's definitely bridging a huge gap. It's one thing to educate people in Osgoode, but a video will allow us to reach such a larger audience including children and especially elderly people who don't get out of their homes very often."

Written by Connie McDiarmid and based on real-life experiences, the short skits, cast with actors from local theatre groups, give a portrait of eight of the most common types of elder abuse.

In the words of producer and well-known actress, Abby Hagyard: "They're fabulous scripts about real-life scenarios that really touch your heart."

Halstead said the home support program opted for the theatre-style performance instead of a lecture with the hope that the issues could be put into perspective.

"This way I think everyone comes away with something different," she said.

While elder abuse is not new, it is only recently being brought into the limelight. It takes on many forms, from financial mismanagement to open physical attack. Others cases are more subtle and even unintentional like taking the feelings of the person for granted.

Signs of abuse include low self-esteem and guilt. Abuse and neglect of older adults can be a pattern of family violence that continues into old age.

"There are many, many types of abuse," said Halstead. "What we're doing is only a start. We've only scratched the surface."

Const. Nancy Onlock, community services officer with the Manotick OPP, says she's dealt with two local cases of elder abuse in her career. She doesn't know how prevalent it is in the province because the OPP doesn't keep stats on the subject. They're lumped with common spousal domestic assault. Other, more subtle types of elderly abuse aren't recognized by provincial or federal laws.

That's why she feels the program is a giant step in the right direction.

"It's great," she added. "It's good to raise awareness on the subject. Often it (abuse) is so subtle."

But the aim of the home support's video is far from subtle, added Halstead. That's why the producer has set its sights on a top-notch production, which requires another $7,000 of fundraising by the end of the year.

For a financial contribution a group, individual or business will get their name mentioned in the credit portion of the tape.

"It's good value for the dollar," Halstead said.

And she hopes that businesses will come forward to help spread the underlying message in the video.

"Knowledge is the key," she added. "Elder abuse can be prevented. It can be stopped."





Osgoode Township's Home Support program produced a four-performance travelling road show across the municipality last week aimed at educating and informing residents on the mistreatment that touches thousands of aging Canadians. Actors from local theatre groups helped in this endeavor, producing eight vignettes showcasing different types of abuse. The home support is also making a video to be distributed utilized as an educational tool across the nation. Press Photos — Brownlee

Mountain Musings

by Shirley Mills

As part of the special musical evening at Nationview School on Dec. 14, there will be a joint choir from the four churches in the United Church pastoral charge. If anyone in the area is interested in being part of this (about 50-voice) choir, the practices will be held at the school on Wed., Dec. 3 and Thurs., Dec. 11, both at 7:30 pm. For more information contact Helen Hyndman at 989-2800 or 989-2600.

At this time of year we often wish we could do something for others in this area. There are always the ongoing needs of Naomi House, the Food Bank or Lazarus House but in addition, there are a couple of others you might think about. The North Dundas Snow Suit Fund is seeking financial support. There is apparently a real and urgent need. Cheques could be made out to The North Dundas Children's Christmas Fund, Box 835, Winchester or contact Bob Weagant at 989-2823.

This year, any donations to the Winchester Hospital will be recognized by a light on the Christmas Wish Tree. This can be in honor or memory of someone special and with each donation, the tree will shine a little brighter. Any contributions can be mailed to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, 566 Louise Street, Winchester, K0C 2K0, or brought to the Admitting desk at the hospital.

I think those puns mentioned in last week's column must be contagious. I was telling a friend that I had a potluck lunch and potluck supper scheduled for the same day. "What a waste," I complained. "What a waist," she replied.

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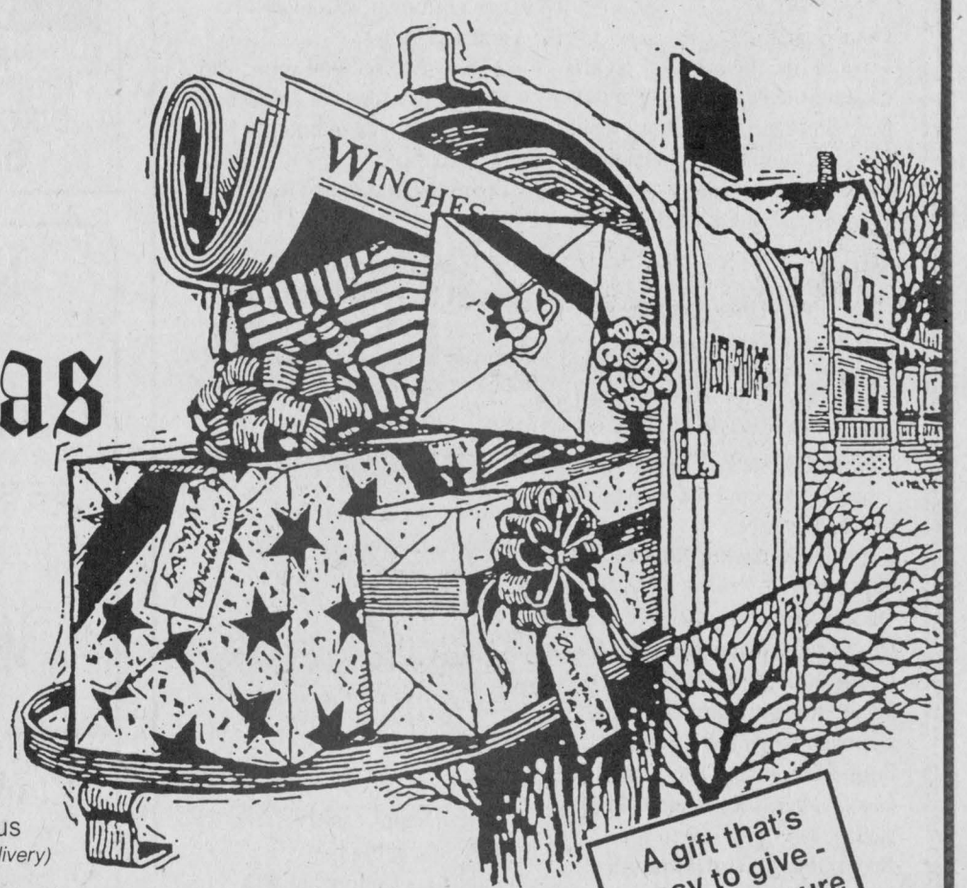

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New recruits

The first Winchester Brownies added seven new recruits to their ranks Nov. 17. Pictured above from left to right are: Samantha Marchand, Jill Kirkwood, Keeley Lang, Kayla Garey, Vanessa Valstar, Megan Loverin. Missing was Chelsey Fawcett.
Press Photo - Brownlee

Hilda Holmes celebrates 90 years

In 1907 on a cold November day,
A little girl was born
And they called her Hilda Mae.



WINCHESTER -- So began a poetic, dramatic tribute to Hilda Holmes as her family gathered on July 19 to celebrate her 90th year.

Hilda Mae Jackson was born on November 23, 1907 in a little house at Winchester Station. She spent her childhood and youth on farms south of Winchester.

After marrying Ernest Holmes, Hilda and her husband bought a farm on Holmes Road where they spent the next 60-plus years. Here, as partners, they became successful dairy farmers, gardeners, honey suppliers, bookkeepers for Ault's Creamery, enumerators and census takers. They also raised nine children and were active participants in the community.

Mrs. Holmes now lives in an apartment in Winchester where she continues to be involved in Women's Institute, the United Church and the Seniors' Group.

As Mrs. Holmes's 90th birthday approached, the family decided that summer was a better time to celebrate. So on July 19, 128 family members gathered at the home of her daughter, Winnifred Patterson at Mountain.

All nine children were there from Kanata, Osgoode, Mountain, Winchester, Napanee, Perth, Pembroke and Arnprior. Grandchildren arrived from Port Coquitlam, Fort McMurray, Calgary, Penetanguishene, Kingston, Kanata, Ottawa, Nepean and many small towns in the Ottawa Valley.

Of her 38 grandchildren, 28 managed to spend some time at the party. Great-grandchildren abounded! Ranging in age from 30 years to just six days, there were 52 of 66 in attendance. All six of her great-great-grandchildren attended!

Visiting and picture taking kept everyone busy as family members tried to catch up with the happenings in other families. Many of the boys, young men and some "not so young" men spent the afternoon in an exciting game of touch football. The smaller ones enjoyed pony rides, visiting the barns and animal pens and participating in a scavenger hunt.

Mrs. Holmes was at the centre of it all. Exchanging innumerable hugs, she was the only one present who could not only name everyone, but also knew everyone's family connection.

The party broke up early because of the cold, windy weather, but the memories will last for a long time. On her actual birthday, Nov. 23, several of her immediate family met at Stage West in Mountain for another surprise get-together.

Holmes receives Golden Years plaque

by Muriel Reoch

WINCHESTER — The regular meeting of the Golden Years Society was held in the Lions Hall with 55 members and nine visitors present.

Gladys Clarke welcomed everyone and introduced some visitors.

A minute of silence was observed in memory of Paul Snodgrass.

The program was opened by singing O'Canada and repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Gladys Clarke read a poem, entitled "First Christmas Eve". Happy Birthday was sung to six members and happy anniversary to two couples.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The euchre party will be held on Nov. 27 at the Lions Hall and the bridge party on Nov. 25 at Nor Dun Centre.

Gladys Clarke had the honor of presenting Hilda Holmes with her 90th year plaque. After our usual good potluck dinner, Vera Moorhouse introduced her niece, Janet Pelton who rendered several beautiful gospel songs.

A farmer by the name of Pearl Carkner entertained the group with a humorous reading, leaving the group with a chuckle for the day.

The meeting then adjourned.

North Dundas presents side-splitting comedy

MAPLE RIDGE — Next week, North Dundas District Secondary School hits broadway with a hit musical that is sure to leave the entire audience in hysterics.

"Something Happened On the Way to the Forum", written by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart (music and lyrics were written by Stephen Sondheim) appeared on Broadway for 10 years and won several Tony awards in that time. And after the successful presentation of "Little Shop of Horrors" by NDDHS two years ago, this new one promises to be a must-see.

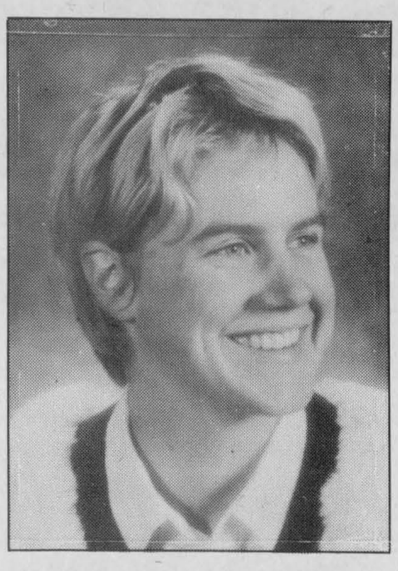
With a cast of 27 and a total of about 110 students involved from painting to set building to band members, teacher/producer Gerry Jean said that *Forum* was a huge undertaking by both teachers and students.

"The cast has been practicing since the beginning of September," he said. "And the band, which is called the 'Caesarian Section' started to learn the music in the summer. It's very complicated music."

Jean added, "It's a very funny play. It's racier than most but it's a comedy and it takes place in Roman times. There are a lot of really good lines in it."

The costumes are complete, the lines rehearsed and the sets are designed. Practices continue through this week, and dress rehearsals will be held this weekend. The play runs from Dec. 2 to 6.

The story description reads as follows: "Pseudolos, a roguish slave to a Roman family, schemes to become free. His young master, Hero, promises freedom if Pseudolus can obtain a beautiful girl, Philia, whom Hero has seen from his bedroom window. Deliciously unsavory characters, a befuddled father with a shrewish wife, neighbors, strangers and the Roman army are all drawn into the mounting confusion as this side-splitting comedy unwinds."



U. of Toronto graduate

Vicki Gryspeerdt-Bradshaw graduated on Nov. 17, 1997 from the University of Toronto, Trinity College with an Honors Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with Distinction.

Vicki is currently working as a freelance production co-ordinator in the Toronto film industry.

Who knows what she will do next? Way to to go Vickitje.



"All I Want For Christmas Is..."

In the spirit of the season, we're pleased to present letters from our young readers to Santa.

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you had a good summer. This is what I want for Christmas: A Winnie the Pooh doll, a Mickey Mouse Gigapet, Backstreet Boys tape, tickets for the Backstreet Boys concert, Spice Girls tape and that's all.
Love, Alison Stanley

Dear Santa,
I would like the new Spice Girls CD and the Aqua tape. I hope I'm not asking too much, but I would like one more thing – a hamster. That's all.
Love Kira McClenaghan

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I hope you are fine. I guess you are really busy getting ready for Christmas Eve. For Christmas I would like Angel Princess Barbie, GT racer, Fairy Tale video, and a sail boat with keel and accessories.
From your friend, Leah B.

Dear Santa,
My name is Hannah. I am 2. For Christmas I would like:
Wishbone with two costumes, Cabbage Patch Bubble Baby, Pooh Bear video (The Search for Christopher Robin), and a kick sled.
From your friend, Hannah B.

Dear Santa,
Have I been good enough this year? I would like a Blow Fish, Barbie clothes, a tent, and a Barbie.
Love Emma Fraser

Dear Santa,
My name is Ryan. I am 2 years old. I would like a tractor, a truck and a choo-choo train. Can you bring some new books on Big Bird, also?

I have been good. I love to help Mommy and Daddy with cooking because I get to lick the bowl afterwards. I love marshmallows.

I hope to see you soon. Can you bring a treat for Sarah too?

I hope you can find our house in the dark.
Love, Ryan Allan, Finch

Dear Santa,
My name is Amanda. I am 3 years old. I would like a doll house, a baby doll, a necklace, Arthur and a new purse. Also I would like my own art easel - I use Mommy's now.

I have been a good girl this year. I help Mommy and Daddy with cooking and cleaning (also messing). I help look after my new brother. Can you bring Shawn a toy, too?

I'll leave you some cookies to eat. Hope to see you soon.

My wish for the world is for everyone to sing the Barney song:
I love you
You love me
We're a happy family
With a great big hug
And a kiss from me to you
Won't you say you love me too?

Merry Christmas everyone.
From Amanda Allan, Finch

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nano.
Love, Rebecca Wichers-Schreur

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

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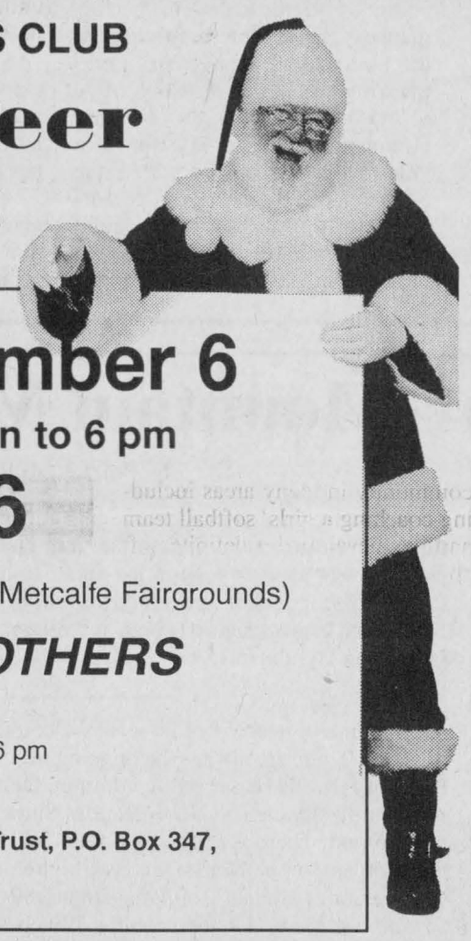

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Babies of 1997



We will feature the babies born this year.

Photos will appear in our New Year's edition, Wed., Dec. 31, 1997.

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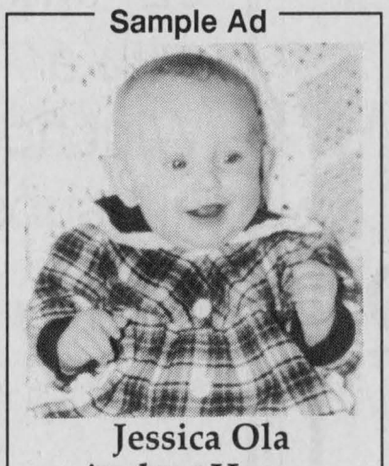
(Babies born in December 1996 also welcomed.)

Sample Ad



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Rev. Heather Jones continues doing God's work in Malawi

by Jeff Brownlee
Press Staff

WINCHESTER — Winchester and southern Africa may be oceans apart, but St. Paul's Presbyterian Rev. Heather Jones will take with her at least one similarity — God's work.

Jones, 36, is heading to Malawi at the beginning of the new year for an 18-month campaign to tutor a Canadian relief doctor's three children in the tiny, Third World country. She won't be paid for her efforts, but she won't have any expenses either. Jones will also volunteer her services to the community to help with ongoing efforts to close the poverty gap.

For Jones, it's a much needed new beginning.

She doesn't deny the personal turmoil she's endured since August, toiling with the idea of leaving the community, her first ministerial charge, since moving here in 1992. But personal hardships during her stay have led her down the path to a fresh start — one that she believes was a result of divine intervention.

"I saw an ad for the position in a church magazine," says Jones. "It feels very much like God is calling me."

An eight-page application and a couple of interviews later, she was Africa bound. She's heading into a country some Canadians may label the closest thing to hell on earth — equatorial climate, severe poverty and harsh customs, discriminatory against women.

Lying between 10-15 degrees south of the equator, the country with an area of 119,000 square kilometres boasts an extremely warm climate. The average annual income is $200 while one unusual ritual dictates that no woman's head can be above a man's.

But this doesn't phase Rev. Jones.

"I know it will probably be one of the greatest challenges of my life," she says. "Still, I'm excited."

She admits her final day at the pulpit, this Sunday, will be a tear-filled affair. She's made a lot of friends, been a visible part of the community in many areas including coaching a girls' softball team and has developed a definite soft spot in her heart for the village.

"It's difficult to leave," she adds. "I love community life, I've made many friends here. The outpour of love the community has shown me is astounding."

She will spend the month of December with family and friends in Kitchener before heading into Africa.

Growing up in southern Ontario, God always played an important role in her life. The church didn't.

But that changed when she graduated from teachers' college and decided to study theology. When she was "church shopping," she was drawn to the Presbyterian ministry.

And it was through the church that she first worked with children. She dedicated a large part of two years of her life to helping street kids.

"A part of me needs to work with children," she adds.

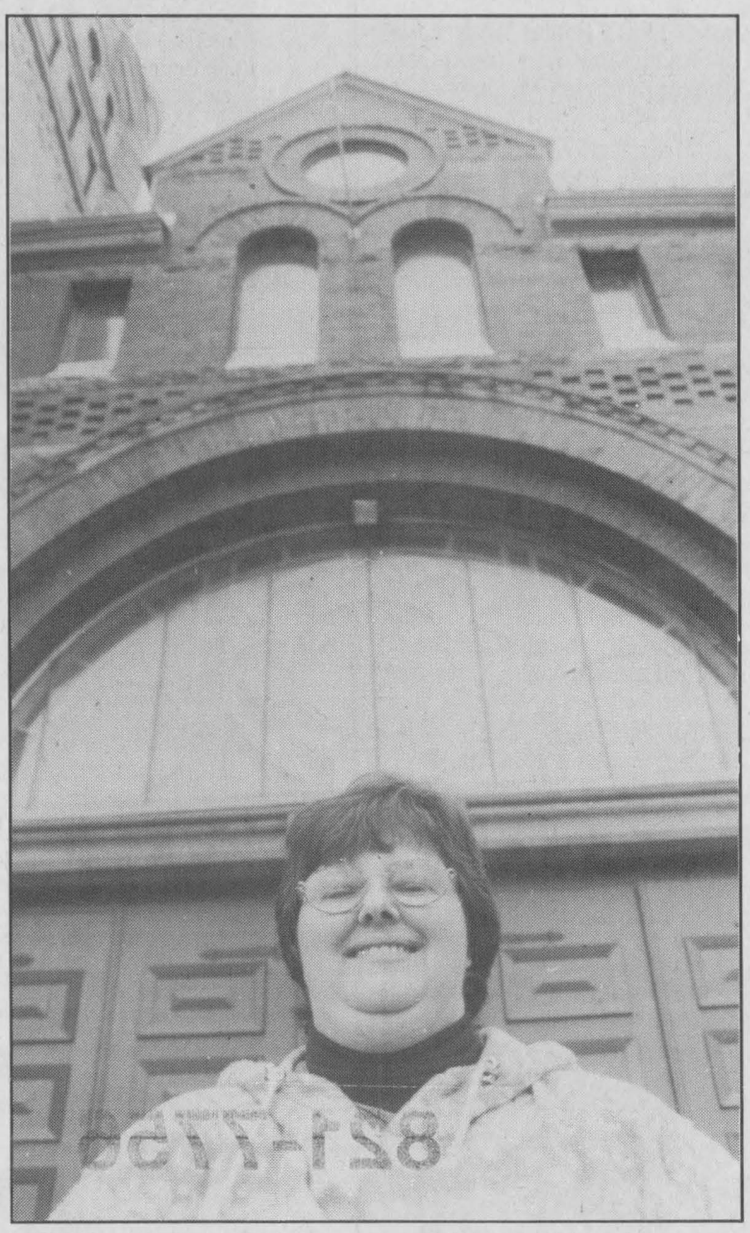
Jones will be helping kids in Malawi, but she knows the circumstances will be completely different. That's why she will put her faith in God.

"My understanding of how God and life works is that he will be with you always," says Jones.

Jones' interim replacement will be Mary-Ann Johnstone, the minister from the Iroquois-Cardinal congregation.

She vows to stay in touch with the community and hasn't ruled out returning to the area some day.

"My ministry has been wonderful, it's my personal life that has been challenging," she adds. "Human sins of the world close doors, but open windows."



Presbyterian Minister Heather Jones will turn the page of another chapter of her life at the end of the week. Jones, 36, is leaving Winchester for Malawi, Africa. She will tutor children of a Canadian relief doctor in the impoverished country.
Press Photo – Brownlee



Trip winners

Bill Chedore of the Winchester Community Heart project presents tickets to the November trip winners Ada Hume (centre) and Laurie Hume. This month's draw is for Cancun, Mexico.

Fire hall B&E

HALLVILLE — Crime Stoppers is asking for your help in solving a break and enter and theft at the Mountain Township fire hall in Hallville earlier this month.

Sometime between 5 pm Nov. 8 and 8:15 am Nov. 9, thieves broke into the building and grabbed a chainsaw, four halogen lights, a portable radio and a five-gallon gas can.

We do not have call display and we don't record conversations. You are always anonymous.

If you have any information on this or any other crime, call Crime Stoppers. If your tip leads to an arrest, you are entitled to a cash reward.

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Prices in effect Wed., Nov. 26-Tues., Dec. 2. We reserve the right to limit quantities.

Grits meet in Cornwall

MONKLAND — A founding meeting for the new Stormont-Dundas Provincial Liberal Association will be held in Cornwall this week.

The SD&G and East Grenville Provincial Liberal Association, in conjunction with the Cornwall, Cornwall Township, Charlottenburgh Provincial Liberal Association will hold the meeting on Thurs., Nov. 27 at 7 pm at the Cornwall Royal Academy of Hockey, Fourth Street and McConnell Ave., Cornwall.

"As a result of Ontario provincial legislation, riding boundaries have been redesigned to take effect next election along federal lines," said Denis Sabourin, president of the SD&G and East Grenville PLA. "The new boundaries will result in the elimination of the SD&G and East Grenville riding as we know it."

Sabourin added, "The new riding will be made up of the counties of Stormont, Dundas, the city of Cornwall, Charlottenburgh Township and Akwesasne."

He went on to say, "Present members in good standing with either provincial liberal association will be eligible to vote for the new executive of Stormont-Dundas. Immediate past members of either riding will be able to renew their memberships and new members are welcome."



Board of directors

The new Literacy Board of Directors held a regular meeting on Monday night. The new board of directors are, back row, left: Shirley Fawcett, Shirley Levere, Brenda McDonald. Front, left: Nancy Payne, Sharon Stewart, Linda Foster and Muriel Milne. Absent from photo: Helen Keyes, Irene Casselman, Margaret Johnson and Neil McLaren.

Press Photo — Culliton

Institute browses through local history

by Joyce D. Patterson

WILLIAMSBURG — The November meeting of the Williamsburg Women's Institute was held at the municipal offices on Nov. 11.

President Isobel Williams opened the meeting with a welcome to all. Following the Institute Ode and the Mary Stewart Collect, 11 members and two visitors answered the roll call, "one thing I remember about how World War II affected us in Canada". Of course, there was discussion about the serious and sad parts of the war, but on the lighter side the group reminisced about the problems with rationing and the difficulty in trying to buy a pair of nylon stockings.

Relief for a donation, and one from the Seaway District High School for a contribution to their bursary for graduates.

Jean Casselman informed the group that three members had attended the 82nd Annual Area Convention in Carp. Their theme was "Celebrating 100 Years of the Women's Institute". Points from the convention were: 169 new members in Ontario; we should continue inviting guests to our meetings and use workshops to attract new members; there are 107 WI branches in the area; the bazaar table made over $500; the WI stands for Women

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Correspondence included a thank you letter from the Manitoba Flood Interested, Women Informed, and Women Involved.

Also, Jean Casselman showed the WI the plaque she received when she was chosen as one of the 100 outstanding WI members in Ontario.

The program for the evening consisted of browsing through Tweedsmuir history relics and pictures, and Diane Casselman read an interesting account of the history of Boucks Hill, explaining that the name came from an early family called "Bouck" and different businesses and stores that have come and gone over the years.

A delicious lunch was served by Isobel Williams and Ruth Algire.

Osgoode Twp. library beat
by Shirley Mills

Adopt a book at your library

METCALFE — The month of October was a busy and exciting time for the four libraries in the township. We were often helped by members of the community and we appreciate the assistance which allowed the exciting events to take place.

The biggest boost came when the Friends of the Library, through a great deal of hard work on their part, gave a very generous donation to each of the branches to buy books. In delight, we spent this money on books we thought appropriate for each branch at locations where we could get a considerable discount.

Then, officially starting Nov. 1, the branches in Vernon and Metcalfe began an adopt-a-book program. We displayed the books we had bought and those who use the libraries could adopt a book. These are adopted at the discount prices and the patron has the opportunity to read it first. When returned, a book plate is inserted with the name of the donor and it is then processed and put on the shelves for everyone to read. Under this program, we can also purchase wanted books we don't already have, again at a discount. (Note, for donations over $10, we issue tax receipts.)

Of special interest at the Metcalfe branch was the arrival of a photocopier. Thanks to the considerable efforts of two local residents, the machine was installed and when thoroughly cleaned will be operational. After two years without a copier, we think it is wonderful.

The story-time programs for the little ones, ages three to five, are very successful and in Greely it is difficult to keep up with the demand. There are two sessions every Tuesday morning with about 24 children registered. When it was decided to hold a Halloween party for this group, many wanted to come. The community centre had to be used and this was given free of charge.

Also in connection with Halloween, Canada Post offered "Spooktacular" kits to the libraries. Each of the branches took advantage of the offer and received "treat book" bags, bookmarks, balloons and temporary tattoos. The children who use the libraries were delighted and seldom left without some of these goodies.

There was a special open house Oct. 25 in Vernon to celebrate its 25 years of operation. That represents many satisfied customers.

A busy month.

Calling all shutterbugs

WINCHESTER — When you head to Winchester's Country Christmas Parade of Lights on Fri., Dec. 5 don't forget your camera.

A parade photography contest is being presented by *Winchester Press*, sponsored by BDO Dunwoody and Chas Abel Photo.

All amateurs are eligible to enter the parade photo contest, but organizers request that only one photo be entered by each person. Drop off your photo at the *Press* office and all entries will be judged and two winners will be chosen. The winners will be published in the *Press* once judging is complete.

First prize is $100 and second prize will net you $50.



WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Birtch–Sellner

Ron and Dora Birtch are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, Susan Birtch to George Sellner, son of Mary and the late Felician Sellner. Their marriage took place on the beautiful afternoon of October 25, 1997 at St. Matthew's Church in Etobicoke, Ontario.

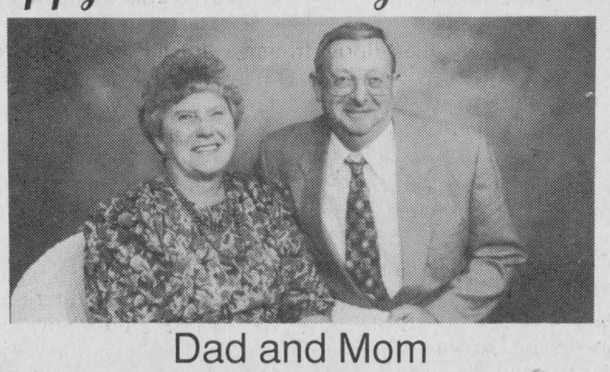
Happy 10th Anniversary

(Dad and Mom)
Trevor and Kelly Stewart
November 28

Love, Ashley, Shawn and Stephanie



Happy 40th Wedding Anniversary



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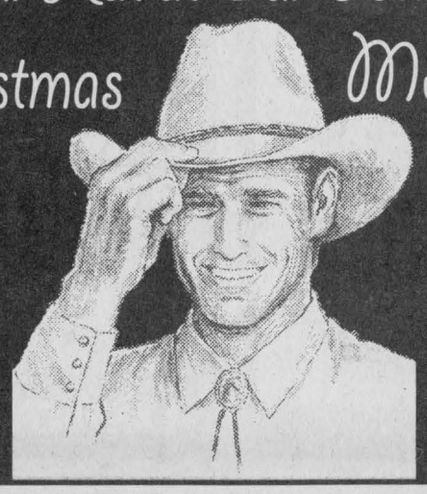


- *Denzil Duke's horses will be providing wagon rides throughout the Village.*
- *Christmas Carols will be heard throughout the downtown area from the public address system at Trinity United Church.*
- *The Chesterville Record is holding a customer appreciation day on Friday from 1pm to 7pm. Refreshments and goodies will be available and the public will have a chance to meet with friendly Record staff and will have the opportunity to pick up old photographs as well.*

Police blotter

Liquor, smokes taken in heist

WILLIAMSBURG — Sidewinders was the victim of a break and enter Nov. 22 that netted culprit(s) liquor, cigarettes and coins from a pool table.

Sears snowblower stolen

MATILDA TWP. — A 10 hp Craftsman snowblower was stolen from a Waddell Road home Nov. 17. The missing article was grey in color and has not been recovered.

With the onset of winter weather, property of this nature becomes more of a target for thieves. When not in use, be sure to secure your snowblowers, small tractors and snowmobiles.

Cops apprehend car thief

WILLIAMSBURG — A car thief is behind bars after he failed to stop for a RIDE spot check on Hwy. 31 Nov. 22.

Police apprehended the culprit, driving a stolen Pontiac Sunfire and took him into custody.

Sean Gregory, 21, of Montreal was charged with possession of stolen property over $5,000, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle in addition to failing to stop for police and driving without a driver's licence.

Drug charges laid

WILLIAMSBURG — Terry Weegar, 18, has been charged for the purposes of trafficking and obstructing a peace officer after a Nov. 21 incident.

The Williamsburg resident is slated to appear in provincial court in Morrisburg on Dec. 9.

CORNWALL — Police charged Michael Allen Thompson for possession of a narcotic Nov. 22 after an undisclosed amount of marijuana and hashish was seized as a result of a vehicle check. He is scheduled to appear in Cornwall provincial court Dec. 22.

Stolen vehicles recovered

OSNABRUCK and FINCH — OPP recovered two vehicles Nov. 23 which had been stolen from Cornwall in October.

A 1988 Dodge Shadow was discovered along Lalonde Road. The vehicle had all four wheels removed and was written off as a result of a fire. A second vehicle was also recovered the same day in Finch Twp. It, too, was also completely damaged by fire.

Ride update

RIDE spot checks in Dundas County the past weekend resulted in two charges for drinking and driving offenses in addition to one 90-day driver's licence suspension and two 12-hour driver's licence suspensions.

With the number of house and office parties associated with the Christmas season, OPP want to remind everyone of the danger presented by drinking and driving — do your part to help reduce the risk of accidents, injuries and deaths.

When you drink, please don't drive!

Deer collisions

DUNDAS COUNTY — Over the past week, there have been six motor vehicle collisions involving deer here. The majority of these have taken place in Williamsburg Township.

While drivers should be aware of this potential hazard at this time of year, the incidents of car-deer collisions were a continual concern during the entire year.

Morrisburg meeting centre opens

MORRISBURG — Situated on the beautiful St. Lawrence River, just 20 minutes from Cornwall and minutes from the village of Morrisburg and Upper Canada Village, the Morrisburg Meeting Centre is now officially open for business.

On Fri., Nov. 28 the centre will be hosting an open house for the general public between 6 pm and 8 pm. Everyone is invited to drop in, enjoy refreshments and take a tour of this unique facility.

Over the past several years, only a few lucky individuals and organizations in the area have had the opportunity to see and use the Morrisburg Meeting Centre. Past guests have included organizers and guests of memorable wedding receptions and delegates to the Llama Convention.

Owned by the International Union of Operating Engineers of Ontario, this facility has been known in the area as the Operating Engineers Training Institute. The Operating Engineers' Union purchased the facility a number of years ago to ensure that training was available for its members, but it is now also gaining a reputation in the United States as a first class training centre... you might have noticed those large earth moving machines and cranes next to the centre, moving aimlessly back and forth.

It is now possible to not only book other types of training programs at the facility, but also meetings, banquets, wedding receptions, conferences and even sports events or tournaments.

Porto Bello Catering, with close to 15 successful years in the restaurant and banquet business is the centre's new full service caterer. Another definite asset to some groups will be the accessibility to the centre's partner tenant, the TR Leger Alternative School.

If you've been wondering what that building on the waterfront near Morrisburg is all about, Nov. 28 is your chance to find out. Plan to drop in to the Morrisburg Meeting Centre and take a tour.

Calendar lottery

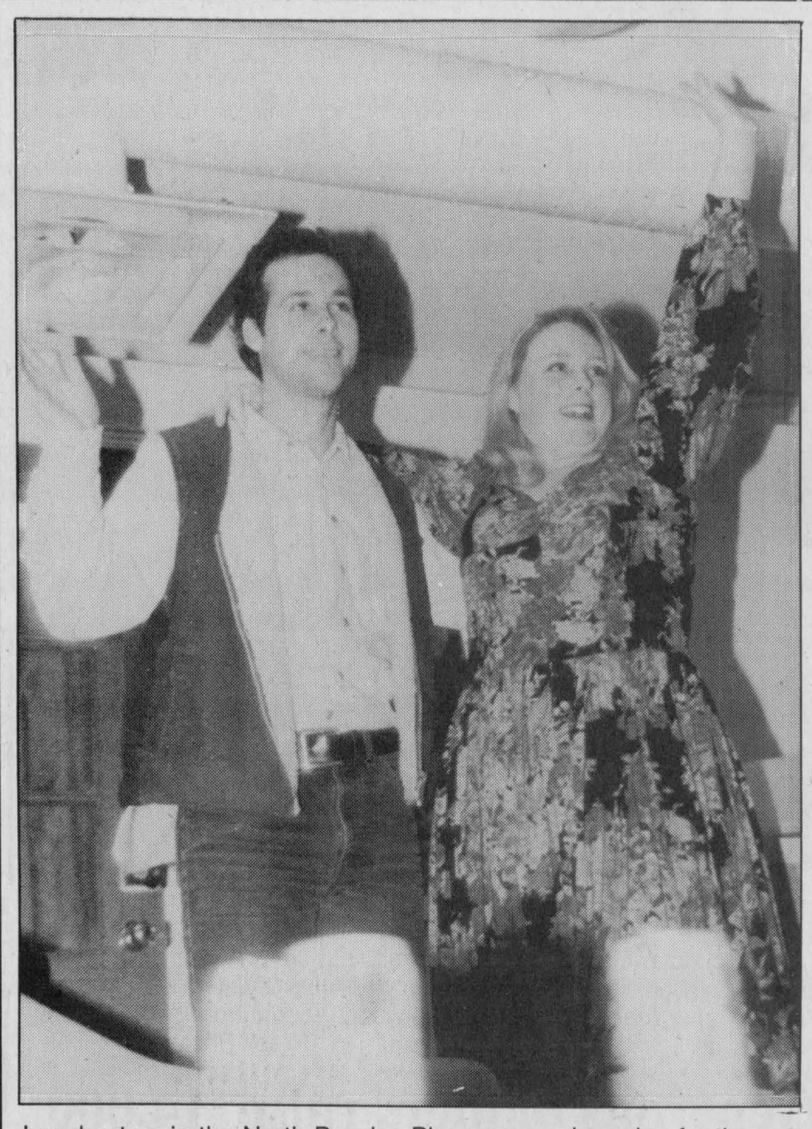
OTTAWA — Big Sisters Association of Ontario are launching their best-ever calendar, with beautiful artwork donated by Canadian artists such as Fiona Collins, Susan Woodhouse, Kathie Bird and Maxine Noel. The images of sistering, friendship and support will warm your heart and brighten up your days.

The calendar is also a lottery. Every day of 1998, Big Sisters will hold a draw, with prizes ranging from $25 to $1,000. So you win three ways: a great calendar, daily chances to win the lotto, and you help the Big Sisters Association in the bargain.

The launching of the calendar will take place on Sat., Nov. 22 from 12 noon to 1 pm at Vera's Gift Gallery and Boutique on Elgin Street in Ottawa.

Ottawa's new mayor, Jim Watson, along with Regional Councillor Diane Holmes and City Councillor Elisabeth Arnold will be on hand for the launching. A Big Sisters representative will be available to talk about this vital service for girls.

The calendars sell for $10 and if you buy two or more you become eligible for a $10 gift certificate at Vera's Gift Gallery.



Local actors in the North Dundas Players are rehearsing for the production of the "Melville Boys" which will hit the stage of the community centre Nov. 27-30. The curtain rises at 8 pm for the Friday and Saturday performances and a 2 pm matinee on Sunday.

Press Photo — Brownlee

Melville Boys to hit the stage, raise funds for Heart project

WINCHESTER — The Dundas County Players' production of Norm Foster's heartwarming Melville Boys will hit the stage of the community centre Nov. 27-30.

Under the direction of Gail Bailey, cast members Ray Besharah as Owen, Lauree Laing as Mary, Matthew DeFalco as Lee and Tammy Walkden as Loretta are promising top-notch performances in the production about two brothers who go fishing up at a cottage and meet two sisters.

Tickets are $8 and can be purchased at the door, Stedmans or Winchester Video. A bar and snacks will be offered during the Friday and Saturday performances, with the curtain rising at 8 pm. Sunday features a matinee performance at 2 pm.

The production is also doubling as a fundraiser for the Community Heart Program.

Delegates report on HAAO convention held in Toronto

TORONTO — Joan Farlinger and Elinor Jordan of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary were among the delegates from hospital auxiliaries across Ontario who attended the annual convention of the Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario (HAAO) at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto Nov. 1-5.

The speaker of the opening plenary session was Maggie Milne of Thunder Bay, who spoke on, "Partnership Power Potential."

Monday evening featured a social gathering as well as a display of fundraising projects.

Tuesday, delegates attended concurrent sessions which featured topics on a variety of subjects, including "Nothing is free in health care; shooting monkeys (getting time wasters off your back) tools for innovation, put your legal life in order and from mourning to dawn."

There was also a one-day session on hospital gift shops.

Tuesday evening, a gala banquet was held to honor HAAO provincial life members. Wednesday, the closing plenary presentation by Eleanor Wood was entitled, "Bloom Where You Are Planted."

Noreen Robertson of Fort Francis, Region 12W was installed as HAAO president for the upcoming year.

Metcalfe WI: Enlightened consumers

by Cheryl Bunda

METCALFE — The Metcalfe branch of the Women's Institute met for its monthly meeting on Tues., Nov. 11.

The topic for the evening was consumer affairs. Jane Cooper presented a program entitled "Knowledge is the Best Medicine". This program is a joint effort of the Women's Institutes of Ontario and the Canadian Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association. Its aim is to improve your own health care.

Research has shown that approximately 50 per cent of prescription drug users do not take their medicines properly — either patients don't take their medicines at all, or they don't take them according to directions. The result is unnecessary illness and sometimes death.

After viewing the video and discussing the program the WI felt it would be of benefit to present this at the Stanley Apartments early in the new year. They will also be offering short courses on quilting and ragging and an introduction to the Internet in the new year.

All of these programs will be open to the public so watch for times and dates.

The secretary reported that the WI award presented at the OTHS Double Blue Exercises was won by Tiina Johns. It was decided to also make a donation to the OTHS graduation program, and a committee was appointed to decide what the WI will sponsor. A decision must be made by May 1.

The meeting was adjourned and a social hour followed.

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OBITUARIES

B. Joyce Berry

B. Joyce Berry of Brockville died on Sat., Nov. 22 at Brockville General Hospital. She was 66.

A homemaker, Mrs. Berry was born in Hainsville on May 15, 1931 to the late Hudson and Lera (Whitteker) Steinberg.

Dear wife of Stanley Berry and loving mother of Marilou (William) Hayes of Orangeville, Susan (Stephen) Lucas of Manotick, Patricia Berry-Quade of Brockville and Pamela (Stuart) Spurrell of Brockville.

She is also survived by her brother Paul Van Steinburgh of Mississauga. She will be sadly missed by six grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Berry enjoyed reading and travelling. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She lived in many areas including Toronto, Ottawa, Johnstown and Germany because her husband's work in the various aspects of education caused him to relocate fairly often.

Donations to Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family.

Funeral services were held at Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Tues., Nov. 25. Rev. F.E.A. Macpherson officiated.

Interment was at New Union Cemetery in Williamsburg.

Pallbearers were William Hayes, Stephen Lucas, Stuart Spurrell, Dwaine Berry, John Mellan and Christopher Berry.

Harold Oliver Merkley

Harold Oliver Merkley of Morrisburg died on Tues., Nov. 18 at Hartford Home in Morrisburg. He was 83.

Mr. Merkley was born in Dundela on July 21, 1914 to William and Nettie (Dillabough) Merkley. He lived most of his life in Iroquois.

He retired in 1979 after having labored with Caldwell Linen Mills for many years. Before working at Caldwell's, Mr. Merkley worked for the Village of Iroquois town crew, and he also served as the Town Constable for a number of years.

Mr. Merkley was predeceased by his wife Leona (Casselman) Merkley, a son, James and a brother, Orlin.

He will be sadly missed by his children, Robert (Cindy) Merkley of Surrey, BC, Alan (Dianne) Merkley of Brockville, Donald (Karen) Merkley of Iroquois, Lawrence (Sherry) Merkley of RR #1 Iroquois, Jay (Jennifer) Merkley of Iroquois, Darlene Riddell (Dick McEwen) of RR #2 Brinston, Kathleen Barkley (Jim Dinsmore) of Prescott, Christine Curry of Vancouver, BC, Marlene (Bill) Stearry of Delta and Jean (Bryce) St. Pierre of RR #2 Iroquois.

He will be fondly remembered by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Mr. Merkley is also survived by a sister, Isabell Antoine of Cornwall.

Mr. Merkley was a life member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #370, having held various offices within the legion, including a term as president. He was a former member of Big Brothers of Cornwall and area, and a member of Iroquois United Church.

He was renowned for his "handle bar" mustache, which he was very proud of, and he enjoyed watching wrestling on television, and hunting. In their younger years, Mr. Merkley and his wife enjoyed working together making quilts.

Donations to Winchester District Memorial Hospital or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

Funeral services were held at Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois on Sat., Nov. 22. Rev. Doug Carnegie officiated.

Interment was at Iroquois Point Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jay Merkley, Robert Merkley, Lawrence Merkley, Alan Merkley, Donald Merkley and Paul Saddlemire. Honorary pallbearers were Angela Saddlemire, Chris Merkley, Michael Barkley, Jacinda Stearry and Tracey Merkley.

Janice Morrow

Janice Morrow of Williamsburg died on Nov. 21 at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. She was 61.

Mrs. Morrow was born in Dunbar on June 19, 1936 to Bismark Barkley and Lillian McMillan. She was a health aide at Lynnwood Lodge in Nepean.

Mrs. Morrow was the loving wife of Donald Morrow and dear mother of Paul (Carol) Morrow of Iroquois, Patricia (Don) Middleton of Sharbot Lake, Shelley (Jeffrey) Pashak of Morewood, Carol Lee (Chris) Pemberton of Elma and Almon (Angela) Morrow of Williamsburg.

She will also be missed by her siblings Edward Barkley of Kingston, Emerson Barkley of Scarborough, Garnet Barkley of Kingston, Clifton Barkley of Elma and Cheryl Short of Cornwall.

She will be fondly remembered by her grandchildren, Nicholas, Amanda, Annette, Chad, Jocelyn, Mark, Kim, Daniell and Ashley.

Funeral services were held at Daniels Funeral Home in Chesterville on Nov. 24. Rev. Diane Raddatz officiated.

Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Roy Steele, Gord Short, Robert Short, Rick Barkley, Lloyd Whan and Ken Beattie.

Lawrence E. Runions

Lawrence E. Runions, 93, of Niagara Falls, New York died on Nov. 22 in Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Centre after being stricken ill at his home.

He was born in Cornwall on Sept. 20, 1904 to Colborne and Ora (Raymond) Runions.

Mr. Runions moved to Niagara Falls, NY in 1925.

He was employed at the Union Carbide Company for 36 years where he retired in 1967 as a floor foreman.

He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church on Grand Island, NY. He enjoyed gardening and bowling.

Mr. Runions is survived by his wife, Vivian P. (Alguire) Runions of Niagara Falls, NY and was the husband of the late Effie (Harper) Runions, who died in 1969.

He is survived by one sister, Spraey Campbell of Hamilton, seven grandchildren, six great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held Nov. 25 in the Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville. Rev. Carol Poley-Delisle officiated.



Guide enrollment

The Winchester Girl Guides held enrollment on Mon., Nov. 17. Newly enrolled girl guides are, left: Christalyn Nicol, Christine Hutchinson, Kresta Garey (back), and Tanya Kirkwood. Absent from photo: Shannon LeClair.

Press Photo — Culliton

Generous bidders raise $14,000 at UCP Christmas gift auction

MORRISBURG -- Christmas arrived at Upper Canada Playhouse on Nov. 22 when an enthusiastic David Smith took the floor to auction more than 70 Christmas gift packages.

The audience was entertained by Fran Laflamme of Ingleside who ably assisted David Smith.

Fourteen thousand dollars was raised from ticket sales, the live and silent auctions, Christmas tree gift packages and private donations. Co-chair Teri Martel, representing Upper Canada Playhouse, and AnneMarie Dawley, representing the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce, were thrilled with the generosity of patrons.

The holiday mood was set from the moment patrons entered the theatre. The stage was beautifully decorated in a toy shop theme and the gallery walls were draped in pine bow garlands.

Two hundred guests and volunteers experienced the Christmas spirit, enjoyed the food and good fun. Upper Canada Playhouse proceeds will go to theatre operating expenses.



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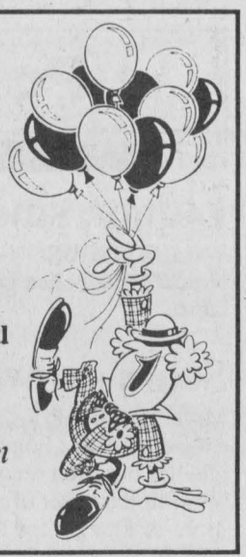

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- **Dec. 3 - Oz Muma** will be entertaining on piano.
- **Dec. 4 - Foot Care Clinic.** Call to reserve.
- **Dec. 9 - Osgoode Men's Choir** at the Nor-Dun at 2 pm to entertain.
- **Dec. 5 and 19 - "Supper & Games Club",** afternoons.
- **Dec. 10 - Diners' and Christmas Movie,** "It's a Wonderful Life".
- **Dec. 17 - Christmas Dinner/Entertainment.** Call ahead early to reserve your spot. Cost for special dinners is $5.50
- **Dec. 18 - Blood Pressure Clinic.**
- **Dec. 24 - Diners' and Christmas Carolling.**

Nor-Dun Centre is CLOSED on December 25 and 26 and January 1
Millview Diners will be on December 30**

South Mountain IOOF Hall Seniors' Programs
Luncheon days: Dec. 4 - Roast Chicken, Christmas movie "It's a Wonderful Life". **Dec. 11:** Tortiere, Christmas Carols. **Dec. 18:** Christmas Turkey Dinner with Eio George entertaining, cost $5.00. **Dec. 25:** Closed for Christmas. **Cost for Diners': $4.50. Non-Senior Guests welcome : $7.00.** To reserve call Nor-Dun at 774-6109 or Hilda Kirkby at 989-5612.

Chesterville Nelson LaPrade Seniors' Centre Seniors' Programs
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Long-time Ayrshire breeders saluted

Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

WINCHESTER — Three long-time Ayrshire breeders were recognized for their contribution to the industry during the Grenville-Dundas Ayrshire Club's annual banquet held last Thursday evening (Nov. 20) at the Weslyan Church Hall in Winchester.

Herman Jansen, Lester Robinson and Bruce and Gordon Garlough were presented with plaques featuring a painting of an Ayrshire cow. The three dairy producers have recently sold their herds.

Production awards for 1995 and 1996 as well as special awards were also presented during the evening.

The Bank of Montreal Award for high deviation cow in 1996 was presented to Ian Porteous of Ayrporte Farms for Twinventure Melody (+76)

The Bank of Nova Scotia Award for greatest BCA increase for 1995-96 was presented to Cynthia Whetter of Trenant Acres (26.4).

The C & L Feeds Trophy presented for highest protein cows for 1996 was given to Alan and Blair Hutchinson for Derbydale Welcome (BCA 270). Cynlorr Telsie (BCA 268) owned by Cynthia Whetter and Sunny Country Burnette (BCA 268) owned by Henri and Lawrence Hofer tied for second.

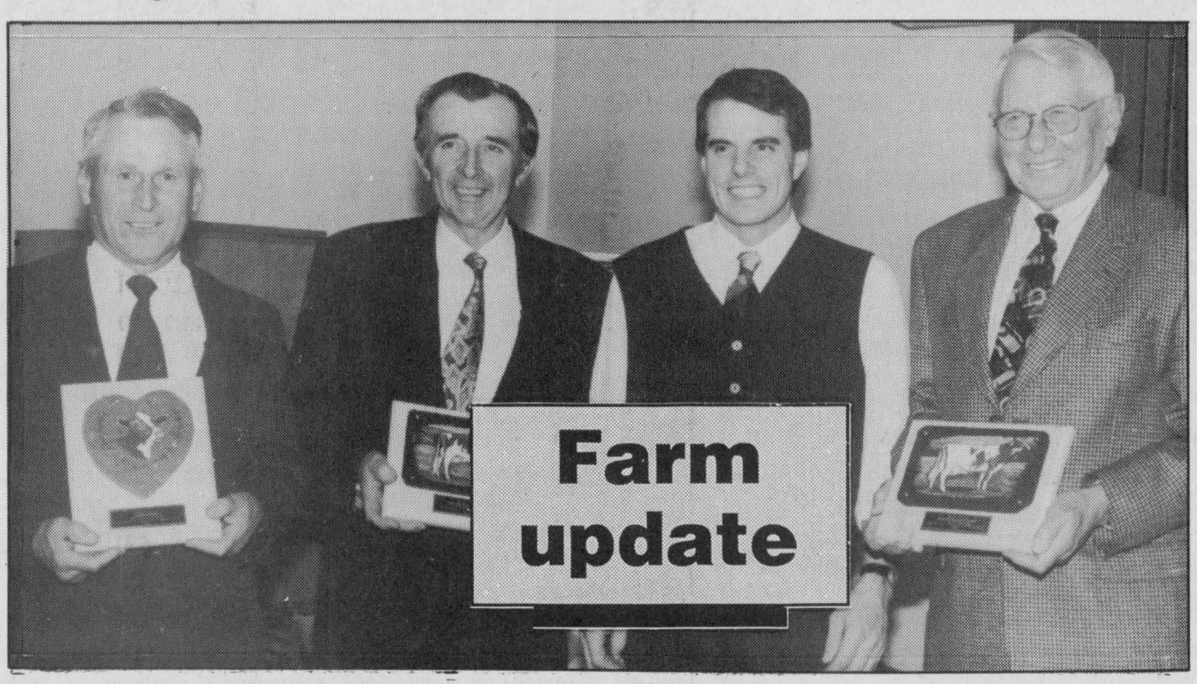
The Beautiful Bovine Award for highest kg. protein was presented to Bruce and Gordon Garlough for Greencrest Robin (321 kg) and Greencrest Cora (303 kg).

Jodi Gannon captured the Hilton Buckingham Trophy presented annually to the top 4-H member showing an Ayrshire calf.

The Imrie Fuels Trophy is presented to the exhibitor of the grand champion Ayrshire at the South Mountain Fair. The 1997 award was given to Ken and Shirley Rose who exhibited grand champion, Rosayre MacKenzie.

The Royal Bank Award presented for best uddered cow at the 1997 South Mountain Fair was also won by Ken and Shirley Rose for Dejeano B Kellogg Bella.

Jodi Gannon and Meagan Kittle received comlimentary banquet tickets from the Ayrshire Club for exhibiting an Ayrshire calf as their 4-H project.



Pictured receiving an award for long-time contribution to the Ayrshire club from President Ian Porteous (second from right) are left to right: Lester Robinson, Bruce Garlough and Herman Jansen.

Press Photos — Fetterly



Award winners

Receiving production awards are back, left to right: Bruce Garlough, Blair Hutchinson, Cynthia Whetter, Herman Jansen, Henri Hofer; and front: Barbara Merkley and Ian Porteous.

1996 PRODUCTION AWARDS

Production awards for 1996 were presented as follows:

Yearlings: Henri and Lawrence Hofer, Sunny Country Lori, 219.3; Henri and Lawrence Hofer, Sunny Country Collie, 186.7;

Junior two-year-olds: Cynthia Whetter, Cynlorr Telsie, 260.3; Cynlorr Elsa, 257.7;

Senior two-year-olds: Allan and Blair Hutchinson, Derbydale Dixie, 233.3; Ayrporte Farms, Ayrporte Sandi, 224;

Junior three-year-olds: Bruce and Gordon Garlough, Greencrest Vanna, 243.7; Henri and Lawrence Hofer, Sunny Country Tara, 228.3;

Senior three-year-olds: Henri and Lawrence Hofer, Sunny Country Burnett, 260.7; Bruce and Gordon Garlough, Greencrest Cora, 242.6;

Junior four-year-olds: Allan and Blair Hutchinson, Derbydale Trisha, 221.3; Henri and Lawrence Hofer, Sunny Country Skippy, 217;

Senior four-year-olds: Ayrport Farms, Twinventure Melody, 239.3; Allan and Blair Hutchinson, Overdale Annabelle, 230.7;

Five to nine-year-olds: Bruce and and Gordon Garlough, Greencrest Robin, 241; Allan and Blair Hutchinson, Derbydale Cathy, 230.3;

Over 10-year-olds: Bruce and Gordon Garlough, Greencrest Flower, 201.

1995 AWARD WINNERS

Bank of Montreal Award: Barbara Merkley and Sons, Shane Ridge Glory (+78);

C & L Feeds Trophy: Trenant Acres, Trenant Acres Suzzanna (BCA 262);

Beautiful Bovine Award: Herman Jansen, De Koppel PV Marble (363 kg);

Imrie Fuels Trophy (1996 South Mountain Fair): Ken and Shirley Rose;

Royal Bank Award (1996 South Mountain Fair): Herman Jansen.

1995 PRODUCTION AWARDS

Junior two-year-olds: Trenant Acres, Trenant Acres Suzzanna, 252.3; Herman Jansen, De Koppel Blue Jewel, 246.3;

Senior two-year-olds: Herman Jansen, De Koppel Festive Bella, 252; Cynthia Whetter, Shadylane Patricia, 237.7;

Junior three-year-olds: Cynthia Whetter, Trenant Acres Telsa, 244.7; Trenant Acres Trenant Acres Abigail, 230.7;

Senior three-year-olds: Bruce and Gordon Garlough, Greencrest Bunny, 214; Barbara Merkley and Sons, Bonnie Brae Suzzie, 200;

Junior four-year-olds: Cyn Lori Louisa, 223.3; Bruce and Gordon Garlough, Greencrest Tammy, 213.7;

Senior four-year-olds: Herman Jansen, De Koppel Mozart's Angel 2, 238.3; Cynthia Whetter, Woodland View Magic Polly 2 ET, 227.7;

Five to nine-year-olds: Herman Jansen, De Koppel Triumphs Kandy, 233.7; Herman Jansen, De Koppel CF Wilma;

Over 10 year-olds: Barbara Merkley and Sons, Bar J Triumph Dolly, 150.7.

Correction

The cutlines under two photos of Holstein cattle on page 12 of the Nov. 19 edition of the Winchester Press were inadvertently transposed. In fact, the top photo was that of intermediate yearling Lampada Tiger Cat Belle exhibited by Applecrest Holsteins and the bottom photo pictured five-year-old Mount Hope Jackie exhibited by Breezehill Holsteins.

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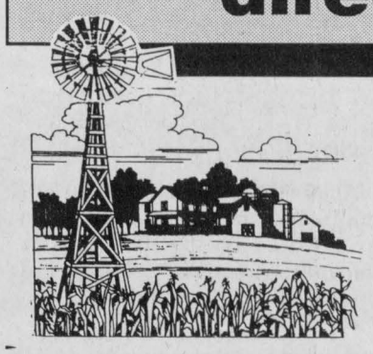

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Family donates building to fair

by John Chambers

SPENCERVILLE — A Spencerville man and his family are donating more than $500,000 to the Edwardsburgh Fair Board in the form of a new building at the fairgrounds.

The announcement was made Mon., Nov. 17 with the presentation of a $250,000 cheque from local resident George Drummond.

"This is really a tremendous donation on George's part," exclaimed Richard Bennett, clerk treasurer of Edwardsburg Township and a member of the Fair Board.

"We aren't in a position to come up with the kinds of funds this sort of a project would require, so we really hadn't given it any thought until George approached us about a month ago," he added.

The idea originally came to light five or six years ago when a building owned by the Drummond family in Ottawa was demolished. It was George's intention to use the structural steel from the building to erect a new building at the fairgrounds.

When Drummond began investigating the cost to erect a structure, the price was already topping $340,000, using his own steel. Upon further investigation, he decided it was more cost-efficient and practical to erect a brand new Butler building.

At an estimated cost of about half a million dollars, construction of the new 200 foot long by 100 foot wide structure is scheduled to begin this spring.

"This is something I have been thinking about for quite some time now," Drummond said. "I originally expected to use the steel from a building we had in Ottawa, but it worked out better for everyone this way."

To date, Drummond has presented the Fair Board with $350,000 towards the total cost of the project — money the group will invest until the spring.

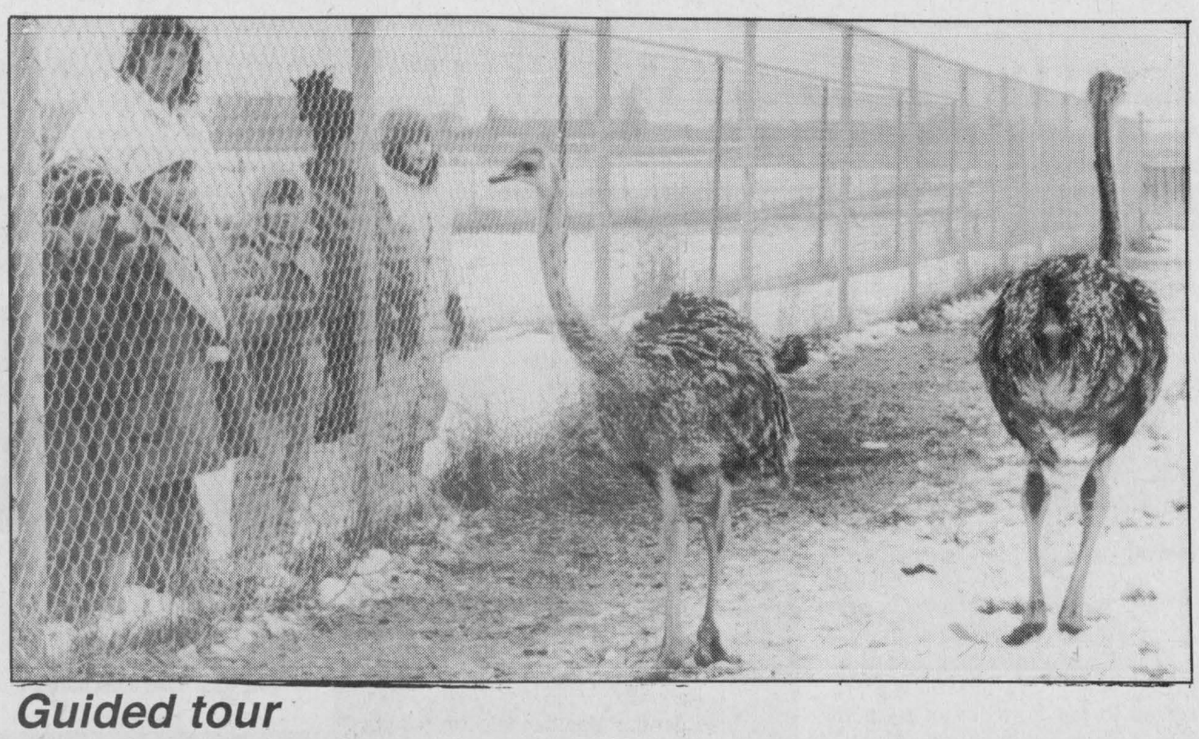
So far no decisions have been made on the use of the building, but the Fair Board members have been busy coming up with plenty of suggestions.

"This will be a huge asset to the fairgrounds and the entire area," Bennett said. "A building of this size will have year-round capabilities. We can rent it out to horse clubs wanting to put on shows, 4-H groups for cattle or sheep shows — there is a lot of potential for different uses and it will make a fine addition to the grounds."

"I didn't want to have a building erected which was only going to be used three days of the year," Drummond explained. "A building like this can be used all year long and it should be well used by the residents of this community and beyond."

As part of the deal to erect the building, Drummond will be the general contractor for the job.

"It only makes sense, (Drummond) has the contacts, he knows where to get the materials at the best prices and he knows how to do the job right."



Guided tour

On Saturday (Nov. 22) members of the Morewood Sparks, Brownies and Guides toured Kevlyndale Farms in South Mountain as well as the Inkerman area ostrich farm operated by Brian McIntosh. The tour is hosted annually by the Dundas County Junior Farmers to help educate the public about agriculture. Pictured, children peek through a chain link fence at a pair of baby ostriches.

Area Ayrshires receive ribbons at Royal

TORONTO — The Mode Brothers of Vankleek Hill showed grand champion at the 75th annual Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Ayrshire Show held Wed., Nov. 12.

Judge Ken Rose of Mountain picked four-year-old Des Prairies Tou Tou as the show's champion. Reserve honors went to a Quebec City breeder.

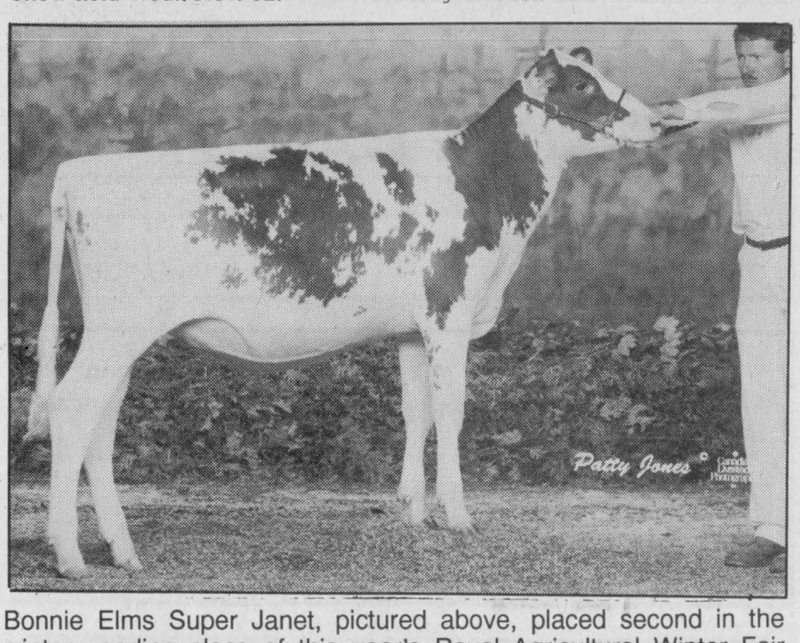
The Modes also received premier breeder and premier exhibitor honors.

Neil Kittle of Winchester was a big winner at this year's show, with eight animals all placing in the top eight.

Kittle exhibited the second place intermediate calf with Ash Avenue Kelly's Nomination as well as the second place winter yearling with Bonnie Elms Super Janet. Junior two-year-old Derbydale Flora, bred by Alan and Blair Hutchinson of Winchester and exhibited by Kittle, placed third in her class. Kittle also received a fourth place for four-year-old Bonnie Elms J Queen and had three animals placing sixth and one in the eighth spot.

Cameron MacGregor and Nancy Goupil of Winchester also placed well. They placed third in the senior calf class with Blackadder Darlene and received a seventh place in the senior yearling class with Bonnie Brae Navy.

Ayrstein Lovely Milkshake exhibited by Ian Dingwall of Finch placed third in the aged cow class.



Bonnie Elms Super Janet, pictured above, placed second in the winter yearling class of this year's Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Ayrshire Show. Courtesy Photo

Farmland taxes

TORONTO — Farmers who have not yet applied to receive the 1997 farm tax rebate still have time to submit their application so that their farm property can be properly assessed for the farmland tax rate in 1998.

More than 90 per cent of eligible farmers have met early filing dates and have already filed applications.

The remaining farmers who still need to submit applications are encouraged to do so promptly so that their taxes next year reflect the new rate.

Due to an unprecedented number of calls resulting from the changes to the tax system, OMAFRA has added additional operators to provide farmers who have not submitted applications more time to contact ministry staff.

Farmers who still need to make submissions should call 1-800-469-2285 or fax: 1-416-326-3507. Extended waiting periods are anticipated. If callers are unable to connect to an operator, they can contact their local OMAFRA field office.

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CFB deposits feed world's hungry

Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

WINCHESTER — Local contributors to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank learned how their donations are helping feed the hungry in Third World countries during a meeting held here last week.

Area project leaders outlined their projects to provincial co-ordinators as well as representatives from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank head office in Winnipeg. The group is currently visiting various project sites across Ontario.

"(Canadian Foodgrains Bank) projects are already well established in Western Ontario and in Western Canada, where the bank got its start... However it's just now taking off in eastern Ontario," said the executive director Jim Cornelius.

Canadian Foodgrains Bank is a Christian-based organization that oversees the collection and distribution of grain and other agricultural commodities to the world's hungry.

Its 13 church partners and members decide how the funds will be used.

Donations are deposited into the accounts of member groups and banking can be done in both money and the value of the grain. Most donations are matched by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) at a ratio of four to one. This means that for every four tonnes donated to the bank, CIDA chips in one more.

A typical project involves a group of people getting together to farm a common plot of land. Once harvested, the crop is donated to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank for use in food aid and development projects carried out by the church groups.

The type of crop grown is decided by the project workers. Locally, corn and soybeans are the most commonly grown commodities, however, wheat, canola, beans, barley, oats, sunflowers and sweet corn are also grown.

LOCAL PROJECTS

The largest local project is the 40-acre plot grown by the Char-Lan Foodgrains Bank in Bainsville. In its third year, the project involves 16 churches in the southern portion of Glengarry county. It produces about 130 tonnes of corn per year and operates on funds raised by the churches. As well much of the input is donated by area agri-businesses.

According to the project co-ordinator, each year following the harvest, the group forms a parade of wagons to deliver the corn to the elevator, three to four miles away.

This year the Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church received 81 dry tonnes of corn from their 28-acre plot. The land as well as the seed, fertilizer and tillage were donated to the cause.

Gordon Garlough reported that the Williamsburg United Church donated six tonnes of corn from its three-acre plot. It also shared in another seven-acre community project with the Williamsburg Lutheran Church which yielded 20 dry tonnes. Much of the inputs for those projects were donated by area agri-businesses.

Stormont and Dundas Junior Farmers have also organized their own projects in the past and made contributions to project costs.

Larry Dietrich reported receiving donations, earmarked for Korean relief from the Winchester Presbyterian Church Ladies Aid and the Winchester and Williamsburg United churches.

Murray Bennett of Kemptville made a personal donation of two tonnes of soybeans to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Bennett said he had a 'difficult' field and decided if he could get a crop planted he would donate it to the bank. He did his own work, paid for the inputs and after harvesting, delivered it to the elevator in Winchester.

The most surprising thing about the project was that Bennett was able to get it planted at all.

"It was a blessing I was even able to get the field in."



Local project co-ordinator Gordon Garlough (left) is pictured with Canadian Foodgrains Bank Executive Director Jim Cornelius (centre) and Ontario co-ordinators Kathryn and David Mayberry (right) during a meeting in Winchester last Friday. Press Photo — Fetterly



4-H member recognized

Jodi Gannon (right) is pictured receiving the Hilton Buckingham Trophy from Mrs. Buckingham during the Grenville Dundas Ayrshire Club's annual banquet held last Thursday evening (Nov. 20) in Winchester. The award is given annually to the top 4-H member in the county showing an Ayrshire calf. Press Photo — Fetterly

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Agri-Food trade policy on line

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The Agri-Food Trade Policy web site is located at http://www.agr.ca/itpd-dpci.

The site links to a variety of existing information on the world wide web, including brief overviews of major issues with relevant links to:

— texts of trade agreements of interest to Canada's agricultural industry; — the web sites of international organizations;

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Ontario: Start talking. We're listening.

Diabetes: Often silent disease goes undiagnosed in many adults

Kevin was in his mid-forties and felt age was finally beginning to catch up with him. His vision was a little blurry so he went to have his eyes checked. The optometrist surprised him with a question: "How long have you had diabetes?" she asked.

Sandra was starting to get embarrassed and afraid to go out with friends. She had to run to the bathroom all the time. She talked to her family doctor about it. He did a simple test and told her: "You have diabetes."

Kevin and Sandra were shocked. Neither of them even knew what diabetes was.

You've possibly been seeing or hearing quite a bit about diabetes recently. November is Diabetes Month and the Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA) has been running its largest and most visible public service awareness campaign. The theme is "You need to know" and the main target is adult Canadians over age 45. The campaign is designed to let people know about the risks and symptoms of diabetes. CDA has characterized diabetes as "a public health issue of epidemic proportions." Currently 129 million people in the world have diabetes and the World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that by the year 2025 that number will more than double to 300 million.

During November volunteers for the CDA will be knocking on doors in your community. The residential fundraising campaign helps raise money to provide research, education, service and advocacy for the millions of Canadians affected by diabetes. If no one knocks at your door you can still support people with diabetes by calling the toll-free number, 1-800-BANTING, to make your donation or to get more information about diabetes.

Diabetes is an often silent disease that is one of the leading causes of death from disease in Canada. Often silent because although 1.5 million Canadians (about five per cent of the population) have been diagnosed with diabetes it is estimated that there are at least another 750,000 people who have the disease but don't know it.

Type 1 diabetes, which affects 10 per cent of the people with the disease, usually occurs in children and young adults, and they are generally diagnosed very quickly. Type 2 diabetes, also sometimes known as adult-onset diabetes, affects 90 per cent of the people who have the disease.

Because the risk factors are so broad for Type 2 diabetes and the symptoms occasionally not obvious, some people don't know they have it until serious complications set in. And complications can be devastating. For instance diabetes is the leading cause of adult blindness and a major cause of heart attacks and strokes. Early diagnoses can prevent, or significantly reduce, complications.

Risk factors include: are age 45 or more; are more than 20 per cent over your normal healthy weight; have an immediate family member with diabetes; are of Aboriginal, Asian, African or Latin American descent; have given birth to a baby weighing more than 4 kg or 9 lbs.; or have known heart disease.

Having one or more of these risk factors does not necessarily mean you will develop diabetes. It does mean, however, that you should talk to your family doctor soon.

There are a number of common symptoms which could indicate diabetes — and prompt a quick trip to your doctor. The most common warning signs include blurred vision, unusual thirst, frequent urination, unusual weight loss and extreme fatigue.

Your family physician will probably soon be using the new Canadian Diabetes Association's guidelines for the management of diabetes. He or she will be screening people over age 45 and those at high risk with a simplified blood glucose test and then follow up with the test every three years.

For further information please call your local branch of the CDA or 1-800-BANTING.



Eyeing up the crafts

Stanley's Olde Maple Lane Farm on York's Corners Road was the setting for a Christmas Craft Sale last Saturday. Many exhibitors showcased a wide variety of seasonal goodies. The farm will soon be offering its annual Santa horse-drawn sleigh rides.

Advertising Pays

Pharmacist gives Institute insight

by Norma Duncan

WINCHESTER -- The Winchester Women's Institute held its regular meeting recently. President Vivian Fawcett and secretary Irene Broad conducted the meeting.

Members approved bringing a donation for the food bank and an exchange gift to the potluck Christmas meeting.

Jean Porteous introduced guest speaker Wayne Burns, a pharmacist, and owner of the pharmacy in Winchester.

Burns spoke about osteoporosis, hypothyroidism, and proper administration of medicines. Each member received a booklet for seniors about drugs. Jessie Ball thanked the guest speaker.

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NDDHS NOTES

by Sam Cullen

It's the water

After yet another fast-paced week at North Dundas, a weird mood is starting to fill the hallways of our school.

In what has become an annual occurrence over the years, most of the OAC class has come down with classic cases of "I've-only-got-one-week-left-to-decide-what-to-do-with-the-rest-of-my-life" syndrome as a result of the impending deadline for university applications.

So, they find ways to relieve this stress.

Although each student develops his own method of releasing some of the tension of this stress-related disorder, unusual group activities seem to form during spare and at lunch hour (games of hopscotch, making snow angels, and a dozen people playing with play-doh — need I say more?).

For our more junior students (especially Grade 9s), their unfamiliarity with the somewhat odd rituals of stressed-out seniors leaves them in confusion as to what exactly is wrong with these older students.

When I was in Grade 9 the prospect of playing with play-doh was certainly not a cool one.

And to the questions of "What's wrong with them?" and "Is there something in the water that turns them this way after a few years?" I respond, "You'll understand when you get here!"

To conclude, I'd like to congratulate our senior and junior girls' basketball teams for making it to the semi-finals. For this week's useless information, in 1879 cats were used in Belgium to deliver the mail.


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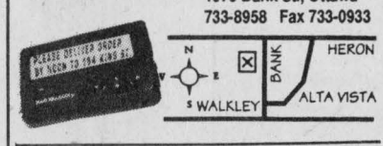

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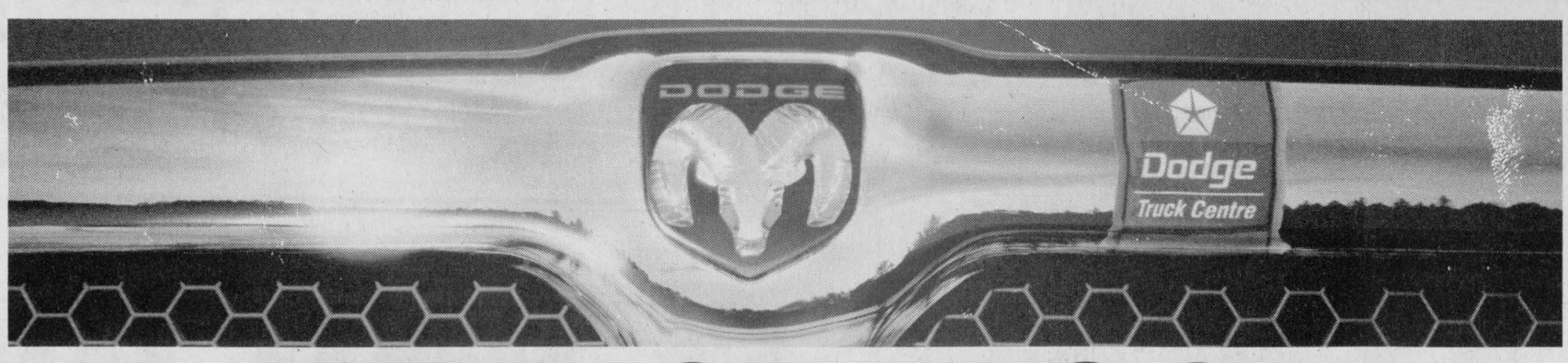

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