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Police board looks at selling services to others

By Lynn McCuaig
***News* reporter**

Selling police services to surrounding municipalities could be Alexandria's ticket to higher revenues if the town keeps its own force.

With the provincial government cutting back costs, municipalities are anticipating that a price tag will be attached to OPP policing.

The idea of selling policing surfaced in a report given by the police services board to council at a sparsely attended meeting Dec. 21.

Mayor Grant Crack told council he had heard figures estimated at $100 per person for municipalities retaining OPP services.

In a township the size of Lochiel, Crack said, policing could cost them $350,000 a year.

"Could we not sell them the services for a cheaper price?"

The mayor pointed out that in going to OPP, the town may lose some control, but selling services would make policing more affordable and it would retain some control.

"We already sell them the fire service, there's no reason we can't sell them the police services as well," he said.

But some members of council disagreed that the town would see any real savings.

"I'm telling you, you should take what you can and get out," said Councillor Roger Lemieux.

Lemieux said in his 15 years on council, he's seen the same animosity between council and the town's police chief come up time and again.

"I would much rather bite the bullet now, if it is a bullet," Lemieux said.

Lemieux's comments came after suggestions by Police Chief Paul Deveau and the police board were made on ways to improve the police service if it's retained.

Suggestions included moving to a five-member board instead of the present three member one, conducting an audit on the service to look at improvements and setting out goals, policy and procedures.

In addition, Deveau suggested more training for police officers, purchasing equipment like a scrambling system for the radio-telephone system, a radar unit, a breathalyzer unit and a computer system.

Councillor Gail Abrames said that most of the expenditures would be

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Police search for lone male in Bank of Montreal robbery

By Lynn McCuaig
***News* reporter**

Lancaster OPP are searching for the lone male who robbed the Bank of Montreal in Lancaster on Dec. 18.

Police had no suspects as of Dec. 22, but they have been pounding the pavement in Lancaster speaking to store owners who may have seen the culprit running away.

"We don't have a lot to go on at this time," investigating officer Joe Dupuis said last week.

Police released only sketchy details about the robbery since the investigation is on going.

Witnesses said the thief entered the bank at 1:50 p.m. wearing a disguise.

Once inside, he hurried toward the front desk and demanded money from the tellers.

The man then jumped over the counter and grabbed money from the cash drawer and ran out of the bank, dashing up the street on foot.

Police would not say how much money was taken, only that it was no more than what was in the tellers' drawers.

Dupuis estimated the whole ordeal lasted 30 to 60 seconds.

Because of the speed of the crime, bank tellers were not able to give a good description of the thief and neither were the few people inside the bank at the time.

Police still don't know if the man was armed.

Anyone with information about the robbery are asked to contact the Lancaster OPP or Crime Stoppers.

"We need all the help we can get," Dupuis said.

The crime is the only bank robbery in the village since 1904.

In the 1904 robbery, local legend says a man was shot and killed for the crime, but no one had ever identified the man as the bank robber.

"(This investigation is) a first because we don't have many bank robberies here," Dupuis said.

Board debates whether RRCA should continue

By Ron Holla
***News* correspondent**

Staff at the Raisin River Conservation Authority will begin working on a proposed budget with a target of a 20 per cent reduction in municipal levies.

But that won't happen until the authority board discusses whether to hold up the budget process until it decides whether the authority should even continue to exist.

Charlie Sangster of Lancaster township said he didn't want the authority to do anything until all 10 municipalities decide what to do and he proposed a meeting early in 1996 to decide this question.

"You've got nothing to put on the table until the municipalities decide," he said.

He was responding to a request by authority general manager Michel Lalonde for direction on budget preparations which proposed a line by line review of program costs, services and possible reductions of staff, salary rollbacks, temporary layoffs and reduction of staff benefits.

Alderman Claude Poirier of Cornwall, said the City of Cornwall could live with a reduction in the authority's budget of 20 per cent, but Don Kannon of Charlottenburgh Township said a more realistic figure would be 33 per cent.

When questioned by the authority members, Lalonde said he proposed coming up with an initial budget factoring in a 20 per cent cut and then the authority members could make up their minds on any further cuts.

The issue on how quickly changes should be implemented came up in the budget discussions with Sangster saying that the authority should make the hard decisions now.

But other members, including Fern Seguin of Alexandria, said that they should treat 1996 as a transition year and take the time to review their options.

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Toy time

Alanna Shepherd and Jesse Steiche of Laggan Public School, along with Bob Gordon, Lions club vice-president, pose with a mound of toys, part of a huge line of toys arranged in a train circling most of the school. The school collected 221 items, creating a train of toys 4,136 centimetres long. For more information about the food and toy drive see the story on page 2.

Forum on national unity planned for this March

By Joe Banks,
***News* publisher**

A group that wants to help bring the nation together and "forge a new foundation for our country" is moving ahead with plans to hold a citizen's assembly in Alexandria in March.

Dubbing its cause "Focus on Glengarry" the group of 13 local citizens met in Alexandria on Dec. 20, and resolved to organize a day-long grass-roots assembly in Glengarry, that would seek answers from citizens to the unity crisis that has gripped the country.

Its purpose, according to its defining statement agreed on by the group, is to "bring citizens together to strengthen the family of Canadian peoples and to work to forge a new foundation for our country."

The statement fused together various concerns the group raised during the meeting, most relating to national unity and the future of Canada, including what would happen should the new Quebec premier call a snap election with his campaign tied to a mandate of separation.

Once the March assembly is held, the group plans to take its findings to a second, broader assembly that would bring citizens from across the country together here to raise the issue to a national level.

The ambitious plans of the group, which is chaired by Kenyon town-

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News is out on Thursday next issue

The Glengarry News will remain closed until Tuesday, Jan. 2.

This means the next issue will be published a day later than usual, this Thursday, Jan. 4. The advertising deadline for the issue is this Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 3 p.m.

All correspondents are asked to submit copy as soon as possible up to the morning of Wednesday, Jan. 3.

The newspaper returns to its usual deadline of Mondays at 3 p.m. beginning the following week.

Newsprint hikes cause single copy price increase

Newsprint price hikes effective the first of the year has prompted a 10-cent price increase in the single copy price of *The Glengarry News*, effective with next week's issue.

The new price of the paper purchased in stores will be 80 cents including five cents GST.

The cost of a subscription to *The Glengarry News*, however, will not be rising until 1996 postage rates are confirmed, expected by March 1. That means readers can save more than $13 a year by taking out a subscription to the *News* now before any postal rate increases are necessary.

As well, advertising rates including the price of classified ads, will remain the same.

News Publisher Joe Banks said the single copy price increase was necessary to offset the price hikes by the weekly newspaper's printer, the Standard-Freeholder, effective Jan. 1.

At the same time Banks said "the newspaper recognizes the stress on business these days and so has protected the existing low rates advertisers now enjoy."

Town winter carnival plans skate ahead

By Greg Kielec
***News* editor**

Plans are rolling for the first winter carnival in Alexandria in more than a decade, set for the beginning of February.

The carnival is being organized by the French cultural centre and will feature a number of activities sponsored by different town groups stretching from Feb. 1 to 5.

"Things are going well. It's looking good for us right now," said Aline Gareau-Hebert of Centre Culturel Les Trois P'tits Points.

Gareau is expecting carnival buttons to be on sale at town stores this week — they will sell for $2 each — and a meeting to finalize carnival plans will be held tomorrow night.

Gareau is hoping Alexandria council will spring for $1,900 in buttons for a February carnival.

Much of the carnival will revolve around the buttons. The buttons will be a major fund raiser to give the centre a jump on next year's carnival.



Organizers of a February carnival for the town go through 5,000 buttons that will be sold to raise funds for the winter event. Pictured l-r are Jeanine Legault, Maryse Lachance, Ivan Viau, Aline Gareau-Hebert, Herb Simons, Dean Picher, Sophie Boisvenue and Joseé Legault. People with buttons will be eligible for discounts at carnival events and can win one of 30 prizes drawn at the end of the carnival.

Staff photo - Greg Kielec

The buttons will also be a bonus for those who are wearing them. People wearing buttons will get discounts at various carnival events and will be eligible to win prizes drawn throughout the event.

The centre is also hoping that a no-tax week for people wearing carnival buttons will be offered by town business people in conjunction with the carnival.

The town is also contributing to the carnival with the construction of a snow slide at Island Park for area residents to use during the carnival.

And Gareau is hoping that a "mini-canal" will be cleared by the town on Mill Pond from the east end, west to the fire hall for people to skate on.

"We're trying to touch everybody — all the age groups," Gareau said.

The carnival will have a number of events, including a kids day, a talent contest for the youth, a teen dance, snow golf tournament, indoor-outdoor soccer tournament and a party sponsored by the Fraternite group.

There also will be a sculpting contest sponsored by the chamber of commerce and BIA, and another one for town schools sponsored by the Optimist club.

Also in the works is a possible fishing derby and motocross race, Gareau said.

"It's like everybody's participating," Gareau said. "It's like a dream come true."

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When the community learned the Lions Christmas assistance program was going slowly, it rallied in the week before the holidays and donated thousands of dollars in cash and hundreds of toys. Pictured above, Daniel Brunet of Scotiabank, toy drive co-sponsor, Pierre Aubry, Lions drive co-chair, Kibby Lutz, Lions president, Richard Quesnel, co-chair of the drive and Joe Banks of The Glengarry News, toy drive co-sponsor, look over just some of the wrapped toys that were distributed to needy children last Friday.

Community comes through for needy

The community pulled together the last week prior to Christmas in a huge outpouring of concern for local families in need.

The Alexandria Lions Club reported Friday that it met its cash goal of $7,500 from the community, coupled with another $4,000 from the club itself. On top of that, citizens donated hundreds of toys to the drive cosponsored by Alexandria Ford, Scotiabank, Marcel TV and *The Glengarry News*.

Other toy drives emerged throughout the community. Glengarry Memorial Hospital employees donated toys and cash toward the cause. Laggan school students and staff donated clothing and toys, and the staff and students of T.R. Leger Alternative School in Alexandria sponsored food and toys for an Alexandria-area family.

Richard Quesnel, co-chair of the drive, said he had a moving experience Friday delivering those toys and food to the family.

"When we delivered the food and toys, the mother was speechless. Tears of joy were running down her face.

"Seeing this gratitude is what makes the effort worthwhile," he said.

Quesnel said close to 400 people including children benefitted from the good work of the community and the Lions.

"That works out to about 10 per cent of the population of Alexandria," he said.

Every needy child up to age 12 on the list received at least one toy, Quesnel said.

Any toys or cloths left over will be kept in storage for future use, he said.

Winter carnival plans

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The coup d'etat will be a $10,000 musical act sponsored by the cultural centre which will play on the Saturday night, Gareau said.

And the carnival will wrap up with a spaghetti supper, when the awards for the various contests will be presented.

Gareau made a presentation to council detailing the carnival at a meeting Dec. 12, where she also sought funding for the buttons and support to build the snow slide.

Councillor Fern Seguin was impressed with the presentation. "I certainly like the idea," he said at the council meeting.

Gareau said any money left over from the carnival would go into a fund for the next year's event.

Reeve Francine Richer had asked if the cultural centre would repay the $1,900 from the town if it raised enough money.

The question led Gareau to joke: "You just want to lend us the money."

She said individual groups are responsible for many of the events, which leaves the cultural centre with its own events and advertising and promotion to take care of.

"So it's really advertising the town and the carnival."

Jean Guy Levert, the town's head of public works, said it is possible to construct a snow slide.

"I'm sure it can be done but there will be a cost."

Forum on unity planned

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ship Councillor Blair Williams, came from lengthy discussions about what its purpose should be.

St. Raphael's resident Anna Margaret MacDonald compared the country to a family in which one member feels as if they are treated differently that the others.

"I think their attitude would be, 'I don't feel like a member of the family.' Maybe we have to change that."

Kenyon resident Jack Fraser said he'd like to see the country's citizens brought "closer together" through student exchanges and the like, and "positive" solutions.

But Jean Williams went so far as to say the entire federation and structure of how Canada works should be looked at, citing a Peter Newman column in Maclean's magazine advocating the abolition of the monarchy.

"Maybe we should throw it out (the current political system) and start all over," she said.

Others advocated less radical solutions, including forging more direct ties with people in Quebec.

"People there are as distrustful of politicians as everybody else," said Richard Kerr. "Establishing linkages and relationships with them are essential."

And Blair Williams suggested the group "may want to make a statement about the state of democracy in Canada, which at the moment is pretty abysmal."

Despite the wide variation in views, however, the group agreed that a day-long forum possibly centered at the high school in Alexandria would be ideal. It would be held in March, and followed by a national forum which could incorporate the Glengarry findings.

The group agreed to meet again on Jan. 18 to begin work on the project. Anyone interested in helping with it is invited.

RRCA's future existence discussed

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"Let's take our time and let's not get excited or nervous," he said.

There was general consensus around the table that everything was on the table, but Second Vice-Chair Bob Blair asked that arrangements be made for professional counselling for authority staff affected by proposed cutbacks.

"This can be a very stressful time for the employees," he said.

The authority board also passed a motion seeking legal counsel on proposed severance and termination benefits for staff who may be laid off.

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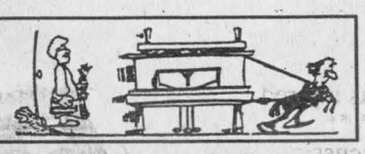

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Conflict, controversy, change, charity were the watchwords in Glengarry throughout the year that was

It was an eventful year in Glengarry. The Glengarry News this week devotes page three to some of the happenings of the first half of 1995. The last six months of the year will be featured in the next week's issue.

Local reeves were assured that Maxville's detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police would not close "in the near future".

Maxville Reeve George Currier and Lochiel township Reeve Ron MacDonell were given the assurances in a meeting with police officials.

"I'm very pleased the station is staying and residents are relieved that our police protection continues," Cuerrier to the *News*.

The meeting was called to dispel rumors that a provincial restructuring of OPP service would mean the station will close.

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A former Lancaster village reeve was sentenced to 20 months in jail for sexual assaults on a number of boys over a 30-year period.

Milton MacDonald was handed the sentence after pleading guilty to nine sexual assault charges in November, 1994.

> "The sexual acts he engaged in with these young boys robbed from them their sexual innocence and caused them no doubt to have negative memories of a sexual encounter at a young age."
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> **MacDonald sentencing**
> **-Judge Hunter**

Judge Hunter said the sentence was meted out to reflect society's "extreme abhorrence" of the sexual abuse of youths.

"The sexual acts he engaged in with these young boys robbed from them their sexual innocence and cause them no doubt to have negative memories of a sexual encounter at a young age," he said in handing down his verdict.

MacDonald, in a brief statement before the sentencing, said he had remorse for all his victims and also for his family, for what he put them through.

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United Counties Council reaffirmed its support for a waste management study aimed at finding a single landfill site in the three counties.

Counties council members voted unanimously to continue the plodding plan to find a dump to take care of local garbage woes over the next 40 years.

The vote reaffirming support for the plan came as a disappointment to representatives of groups fighting to have the study abolished.

The groups had been lobbying the counties to drop the plan identifying potential sites, the bulk of them in Glengarry, because they contended, the process was flawed.

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United Counties Council members voted themselves a 10 to 13 per cent raise, despite the fact they were undergoing budget constraints.

The members endorsed the raised in a 31 to 24 vote to hike pay for attending bi-monthly council meetings by $15 to $125 per day and upped the committee meeting stipends to $90 from $80.

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A Lancaster man was killed when his car was struck head-on by a pick-up truck travelling the wrong way on Highway 401.

Darrin Pruner, 24, died at the scene after his car was struck head on in the westbound lane of the highway by an eastbound pick-up truck.

The driver of the second vehicle, David MacDiarmid, 28, of Cornwall, received minor injuries.

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No one showed for an open house held at the Alexandria town hall to inform residents of town plans to upgrade its sewage system.

The open house was held to inform the public of an environmental assessment study being conducted on the town sewage system.

The public should have attended because "they might be interested in what affect the waste has on the environment and there will be some cost involved," said Jake Dick of J.L. Richards and Associates Ltd.

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The tiny northern Glengarry hamlet of Dunvegan was able to lay claim to being the home of a national champion.

Dunvegan resident Thom Pritchard and his three Team Ontario rinkmates became Canadian champions by defeating Saskatchewan 7-4 in the men's senior curling championship final in Saint John, N.B.

Pritchard was instrumental in the Team Ontario's win. He curled at 74 per cent efficiency during the round-robin, despite a battle with bursitis which forced him to sit out two games.

Pritchard and his teammates were honored by area citizens and VIPs in a celebration at the Alexandria Curling Club a week after the victory.

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A Kenyon township man was sentenced to three years in jail for an accident in May, 1993 which took the life of his common-law wife.

Andre Gareau, 29, who had pleaded guilty to causing the death of Manon Poirier and bodily harm to her two young sons, was handed the sentence in Cornwall court.

Gareau was driving south on Highway 34, just south of Alexandria, on May 2, 1993, when his Pontiac Trans Am collided with a tractor trailer which had stopped to make a turn.

Tests two and a half hours after the crash revealed Gareau had a blood-alcohol level of 83 mg per 100 ml of blood. The maximum level allowable in order to drive is 80 mg.

"I think he did (learn) now, but it's too late," said Crown Attorney Guy Simard.

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A massive blaze levelled a town building containing a restaurant and other businesses, causing $500,000 in damage.

Destroyed in the fire was Maggie's BBQ Restaurant, Salon Unisex and Jean's Bargain Store, along with three upstairs apartments, two of which were occupied.

Alexandria Fire Chief Gerald Charlebois told an area newspaper at the time he believed the cause of the fire was electrial.

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A St. Bernadin woman was killed when her car struck another vehicle head-on on an an icy stretch of road near Green Valley.

Mosunmola Akinsanya, a 34-year-old St. Lawrence College nursing student was killed in the accident on a wind-swept portion of Highway 34, just south of Green Valley.

Her small, cream-colored Honda was nearly severed in half when it was hit broadside by a Chevy Caprice.

Two other vehicles were also involved in the crash while trying to avoid the original collision. They both received minor damage, but no one was injured.

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After years of discussions and delays, the Public Utilities Commission decided it would proceed with the relocation of hydro poles on Main Street.

The PUC announced it would spend $5,000 on a firm to make recommendations on how the pole-moving/line upgrade project should proceed.

General Manager Laurent Poirier said the PUC had for three years wanted to move the poles but never had the time.

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Two members of Alexandria's Public Utilities Commission were asked by Mayor Grant Crack to resign from the utility's operating board.

Crack called for the resignation of Claude Ouellette after he applied for the soon-to-be-available general manager job.

He also called for the resignation of board Chairman Aurele Chenier for allowing Ouellette to apply for the position while he remained on the board.

"As elected public officials, it is important that we are not perceived as having conflicts by the people who elected us into power," he said.

"We must conduct ourselves with the highest integrity and with public interest and the interest of the PUC as our sole priority."

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> "I'm starting to see things more positively and I think I can help. The day I can't help, I'm gone"
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> **-SDG Waste Study Co-ordinator**
> **Jim Campbell**

Alexandria council members received the bad news that the town finished its 1994-95 fiscal year $259,000 in the red

A $148,000 overrun in spending by the Ontario Mnistry of Environment and Energy, which operates the town sewage treatment system, was blamed for much of the deficit.

United Counties Council trimmed $195,000 from its budget from its draft $26.2 million to hold the amount it levies from area municipalities to 1994's level.

Warden Floyd Dingwall said it was necessary to hold the line on taxes to give a break to the tax-weary public.

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A new coordinator was hired to take over the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry waste management master plan process.

Dalkeith resident Jim Campbell was hired temporarily to replace Anne McGillivray, who left the job due to illness in November, 1994.

"I'm starting to see things more positively and I think I can help. The day I can't help, I'm gone," Campbell said.

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The provincial government was accused of shoving wetlands policy down the throats of taxpayers at a meeting in Apple Hill.

Sante Delduca of Maroux Road, said wetland conservation had previously been a voluntary thing, and questioned why the government had abandoned that policy.

"Why are you shoving it down peoples' throats," he said.

Officials said voluntary conservation was not working so the government was forced to mandate conservation of wetlands.

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> **Alexandria Mayor**
> **- Grant Crack**

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Alexandria police came to town council with a $540,000 budget to be approved by the town.

The budget was $55,000 than the previous year, mainly due to increased manpower costs.

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A proposal for Ontario Provincial Police service costing $462,000 was presented at a joint meeting of police services board and Alexandria council.

The costing proposed an integrated police detachment in which the town, as part of the Lancaster detachment of OPP, pays a portion of the detachment's cost with personnel exclusively dedicated to Alexandria.

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The community spirit of Maxville was praised as the redeveloped Maxville Manor was officially opened in a lavish ceremony.

Residents and staff packed the town square, the focal point of the redesigned Manor to partake in a long-awaited ceremony involving a number of dignitaries including CJOH's Max Keeping.

Keeping, acting as master of ceremonies for the event, said the rest of the province could learn a lesson from the $8.2 million project.

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An accident at McCuaig's Corners took the life of a Cornwall nun.

Sister Jeanette Loiselle, 65, was killed when her car was struck by another vehicle after failing to stop at the intersection.

"She was a very joyful person, very generous with her time and energy and always in good humor," said Sister Jeanine Bissonette of Shalom House, where Loiselle had worked.

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The Sir John Johnson House was formally declared a historic site by Michel Deputy, minister of Canadian Heritage in a ceremony in Williamstown.

The historic home, also known as the Manor House, was given the recognition after a drive by local residents to preserve the government-owned building.

Dupuy, thanking community residents "from the bottom of my heart", said their work had set "a shining example" for others in Canada.

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Alexandria Mayor Grant Crack attacked the Public Utilities Commission's hiring of its own commissioners to do work for the utility.

And he called on two of the members – Chairman Aurel Chenier and Commissioner Raymond Theoret – to resign to avoid further public scrutiny or legal action.

Crack called for the resignations after revealing Theoret had been paid $70,000 for untendered backhoe work from the PUC since 1990, without declaring his interest.

Chenier was also paid for untendered work he had done for the PUC on a number of occasions, without declaring his interest, Crack said.

The two later said they would no longer do private work for the utility while sitting as PUC commissioners.

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Noble Villeneuve rode the tide of Tory support into his fourth term in the provincial legislature representing voters in Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry and East Grenville.

The popular MPP trounced his opponents, garnering 18,918 votes to 7,566 netted by Liberal Denis Sabourin, 2,285 by New Democrat Michael Cowley-Owen and 428 for Andrew Featherstone of the Natural Law Party.

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About 600 people turned out to learn about and celebrate the Gaelic music and language at Feis Glengarry on Saturday.

The celebration at Laggan Public School was initiated last year as a way for people to celebrate the Scottish Gaelic culture in a way other than competition.

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Noble Villeneuve was named agriculture minister and minister of francophone affairs in the Mike Harris provincial government's new cabinet.

The MPP for Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry and East Grenville was one of 18 cabinet ministers sworn in by the government, making one of the smallest provincial cabinets in 30 years.

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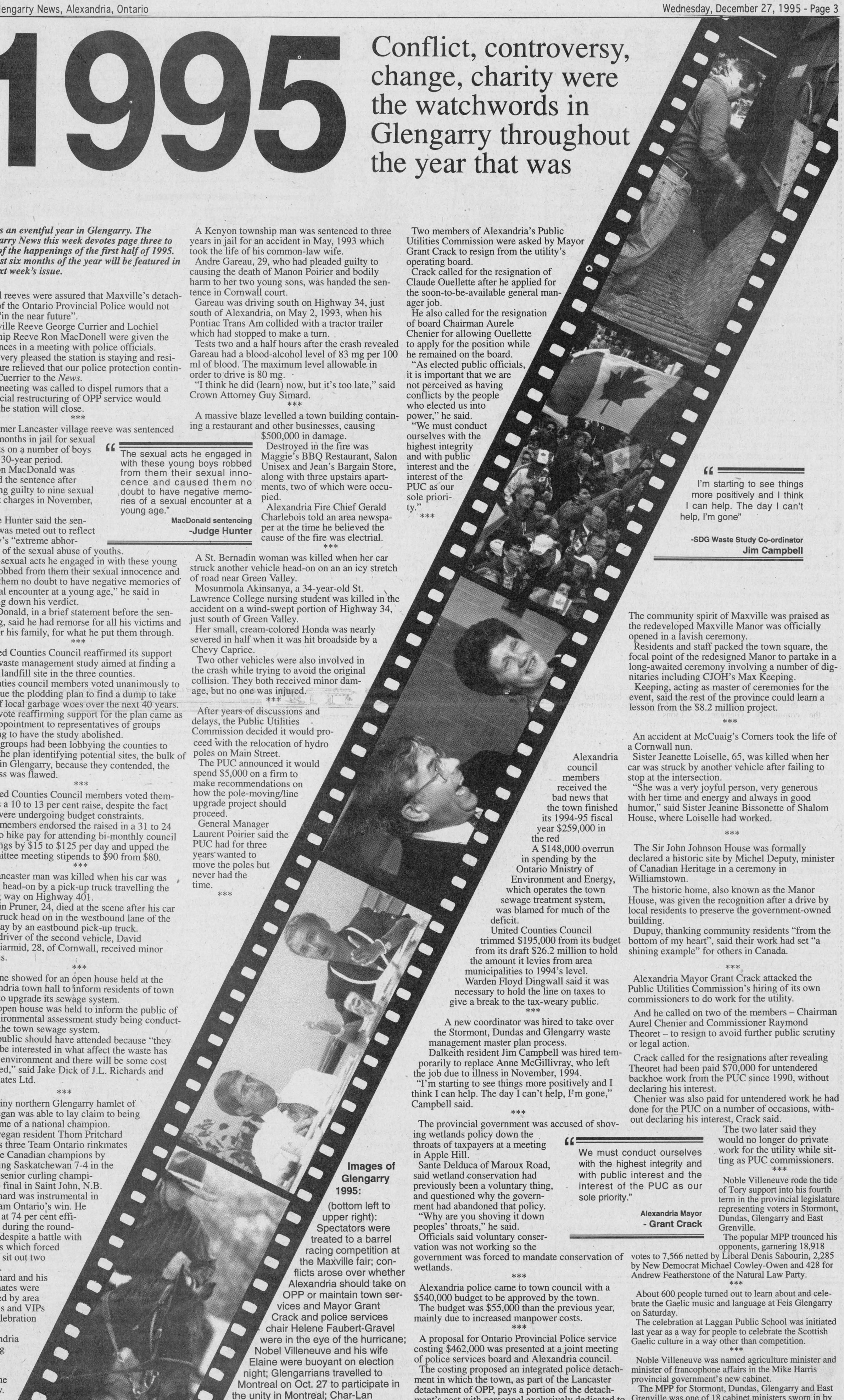

Images of Glengarry 1995: (bottom left to upper right): Spectators were treated to a barrel racing competition at the Maxville fair; conflicts arose over whether Alexandria should take on OPP or maintain town services and Mayor Grant Crack and police services chair Helene Faubert-Gravel were in the eye of the hurricane; Nobel Villeneuve and his wife Elaine were buoyant on election night; Glengarrians travelled to Montreal on Oct. 27 to participate in the unity in Montreal; Char-Lan Foodgrains Bank harvested 40 acres of corn to donate to Third World countries.

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Kudos to those who made a difference

More than a few people and events made a positive mark on the county this past year, and we believe they deserve an extra mention of recognition here before the year is out. Here are our picks of just some of the outstanding contributions made by Glengarry groups and individuals over the past year.

Most inspiring cause: The Char-Lan Foodgrains Bank, one of 65 in Ontario, grew 40 acres of corn in Lancaster township this summer after raising $8,000 in 16 churches in South Glengarry. Combined with 4:1 contributions from the Canadian International Development Agency, the cause raised $103,790 in total aid for Third World countries.

Best contributor to understanding: Seven families in Glengarry hosted 14 youths last summer from across Canada and Thailand, part of the Canada World Youth program that pairs up young people to teach them about other cultures.

Moving in the right direction award: The Alexandria Public Utilities Commission, after a controversial and rocky first half, got serious about much-needed water conservation in Alexandria. It started by shutting down the Island Park water fountain, which would have cost thousands to repair. It had been wasting 300 gallons a minute through evaporation or 21,000 gallons a day. The utility also repaired leaks later in the year, resulting in town water use dropping 15 to 20 per cent of last summer's levels thanks to new monitoring equipment and the cooperation of town residents in watering lawns.

Biggest project: The auspicious opening of the new Maxville Manor took place in April. Some three years in the works, the project added 40,000 square feet to the existing facility at a total cost of $8.2 million.

Best talent prospect: Williamstown native Graham Greer, the lead singer of the Barstool Prophets, an up-and-coming Cornwall-based rock band which released a CD under the Mercury/Polydor label in May.

Most innovative educational idea: A new children's supplies store opened on Alexandria's Main Street operated by the French panel of the SD&G separate school board. The first of its kind for the board, it is part of a project aimed at helping students cope who are not responding to traditional education. The students work in the store and in a special classroom set up behind the operation.

Unpopular cause prize: Goes to the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, which marked its 60th year of service to the area, amidst its escalating battle on smoking: It reported that adolescent smoking in Glengarry county jumped 25 per cent from 1988 to 1994 and a corresponding lack of increase in teens who want to quit. The unit also became entangled in a battle with Alexandria restaurant owners over a proposed bylaw to mandate non-smoking areas in restaurants.

Most notable accomplishment: Thom Pritchard of Dalkeith, curled his way to fame last winter when, playing third, he helped Bill Dickie's Cornwall rink capture the Canadian senior men's curling championship.

Neatest solution to a problem: Kurt Pristanski, CEO at Glengarry Memorial Hospital, offered $1,000 reward to anyone who encouraged a physician to move to Alexandria. It worked.

Long overdue award: The Sir John Johnson House in Williamstown, long ignored by the government despite its stature as the oldest residence in the province, was designated a structure of historical and architectural significance by the federal government last May.

Classiest donation award: The Lancaster Optimist Club gave $6,000 in March to six schools at the south end of the county "with no conditions other than the money benefits as many students as possible."

Most significant involvement award: Goes to the 400 or more Glengarry people who travelled to Montreal on Oct. 27 for the pro-federalist rally. Politicians and commentators continue to agree that it was this rally more than anything during the referendum campaign that saved the country.

Hope, Faith and Charity Award: Twenty-five years after the church burned down, a group of local citizens known as "Friends of the Ruins" launched a fund raising campaign to open the gates that now keep visitors out due to safety reasons. The goal is to raise money to stabilize the ruins.

Best new effort: Goes to the Alexandria and District Chamber of Commerce, the BIA and the town council for getting behind the hiring of an economic coordinator to promote the town to Montreal business.

Promising new effort: The Glengarry Youth Centre, whose board consists of six adults and six teenagers, for working hard to get a facility for local youth off the ground.

Community spirit prize: Jointly awarded to the citizens of Alexandria and Kenyon township who participated in pride days in their respective communities last April and May. In Kenyon, about 300 showed up to clean up road sides and plant trees. In Alexandria, more than 30 people including several children participated in a "Clean up Island Park Day."

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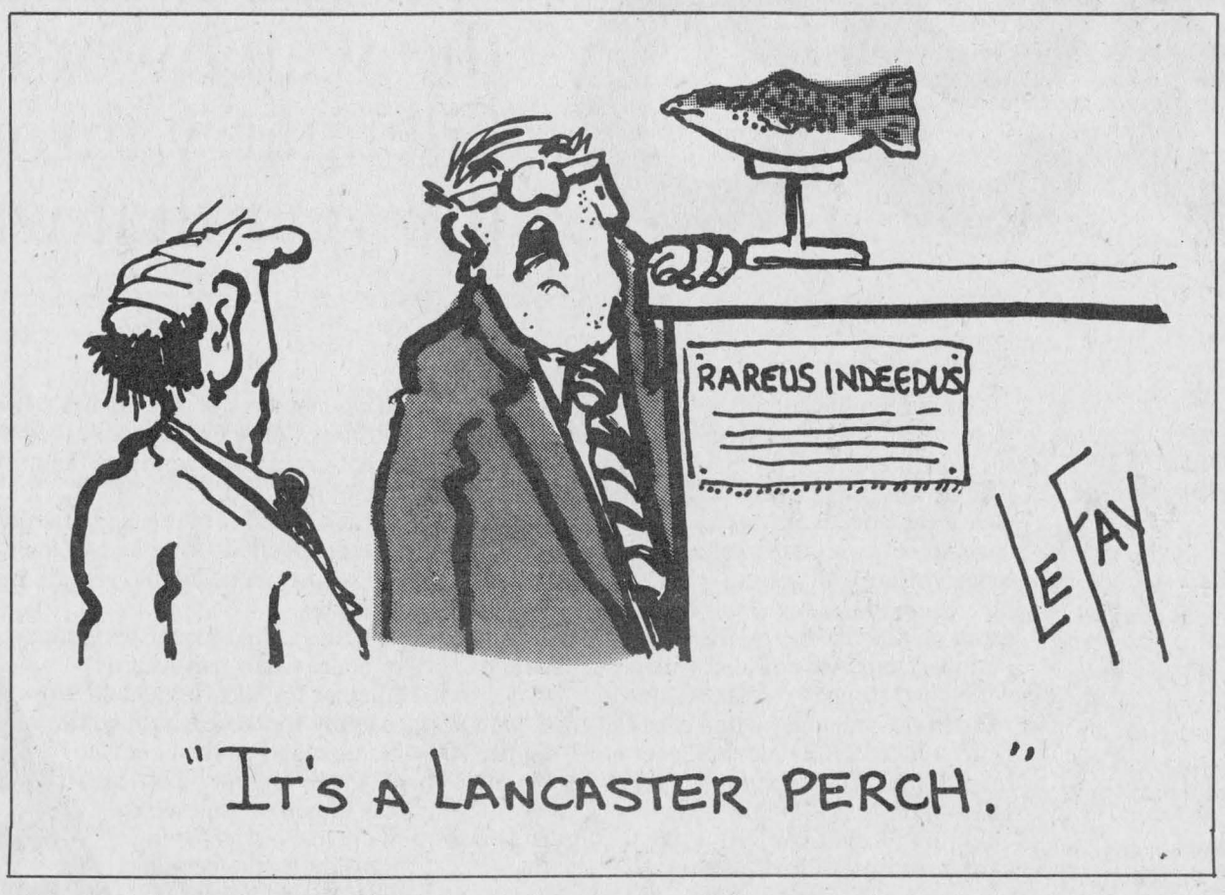

Quotes of the year

"We were green. I was green. I should have said to myself 'I shouldn't be sitting here if I'm going to bid on the job'."

-Alexandria Public Utilities Commissioner Raymond Theoret, after admitting he had erred in accepting town work without disclosing his interest first.

"Ontario has gone back to normal."

-Noble Villeneuve in his June election victory speech.

"Mike Harris was elected to make cuts, and now he's doing it."

-Lancaster township Clerk Mike Samson's reaction to $73 million in provincial cuts to infrastructure and supplementary payments across the province.

"I think it's just buttering the fish."

-Alexandria councillor Archie McDougall explaining to council why a smoking bylaw should be in place for the region, not just Alexandria.

"I would say that person would be beyond cold."

-An 18-year old youth convicted of manslaughter in the deaths of four area teenagers describing what kind of person would leave an accident scene.

"We can all expect there's going to be changes."

- Jocelyne Contant, executive director for the district health council said after the Tories reported hospitals across the province were set for closure.

"If I did all this time for nothing, it's not going to be a pretty sight."

-19-year old witness in the trial of a young offender accused of killing Gerald Cuerrier. The witness is serving a 14 month sentence after pleading guilty to manslaughter in relation to the Cuerrier murder.

"Simply throwing more money at health care is not the answer."

- MPP Noble Villeneuve explaining provincial cuts to health care at a District Health Council meeting.

"I think it stinks."

-Councillor Richard Lefebvre complaining about council's lack of control over the police budget.

"Our officers know every nook and cranny in this town. They know where the bad guys are and where they live."

-Const. Jamie MacMaster urging the town not to switch to OPP servicing.

"You can't even hear a loon anymore. There's no fish for the loon."

-Bob Graham describing Loch Garry's deterioration.

"It's a little silly that in North Glengarry, there are four councils, four buildings and four staffs for a population of 12,000 people."

-Kenyon Councillor Blair Williams giving reasons for amalgamation.

"We discussed Gerald Cuerrier. We were all talking about robbing him. Jason Horvath said if you robbed him, you would have to kill him because of his connections. Me and (the accused) said you didn't have to kill him, you could just rob him."

-A witness in.the Cuerrier trial already serving a sentence for manslaughter in the murder.

Dileas gu Brath

A new year and a new life



Highland Paths

by Ken McKenna

Many Christian celebrations were grafted onto so-called 'pagan' observances by the early church so that traditional ways would not be unduly upset. Christmas was grafted onto the Norse festival of Yule and All Hallow's Eve, Halloween, onto the Celtic New Year, Samhuinn, which was also the Celtic harvest festival. Over the centuries January 1 became generally accepted as New Year's Day, at least to Europeans, with the bearded figure of Father Time with his harvest scythe representing the old year and a little child representing the new year. The symbolism is obvious: out goes the old, in comes the new.

For the past few years, the members of the Gaelic Choir have celebrated the old Highland custom which illustrates this renewal. On New Year's Eve, a member of the choir carries a sheepskin on his back and circles the house from east to west while the evil spirits of the past year are symbolically thumped out with sticks, applied mostly to the sheepskin, by the rest of the crew. The old year is relegated to the past, and a prayer for a happy new year is recited. Several other ceremonies are observed showing reverence for the past, but emphasizing hope and renewal for the future.

Many years ago, there was a young piper in the Montreal Black Watch called Iain Millington. He was an excellent piper and Highland dancer who could lay down his pipes and perform a sword dance while the band played 'Gillie Calum'. He later became a pipe major with his own band and eventually got his commission in the Canadian Armed Forces and retired as a captain. He kept up his interest in piping and Highland traditions and is one of the Canadian representatives on the board of the Fort Ticonderoga, N.Y. Annual Memorial Tattoo. He has just published an impressive annotated index of pipe tunes and drum scores which he has been working on for the past seven years.

Our paths did not cross for over thirty years, but last year I learned from David Danskin of Maxville that Iain was suffering from cancer and was living in Ottawa. He is planning to move to Nova Scotia next spring. How I met Iain once again and what has happened since is best told in these excerpts from a letter he sent two weeks ago to the Glengarry Highland Society. Iain has been very open in discussing his affliction and I know that he would not mind sharing some of his thoughts with us. He says that he almost lost hope of surviving through last summer, but a new treatment at Ottawa Civic has worked wonders. But something else occurred. He heard about Feis-Glengarry and the Gaelic classes. Here is what he says in his letter: 'The whole day at the Feis regenerated my soul, my heritage, and my will to live. The children and youth choirs were a delight, —— and the evening ceilidh brought tears of joy to my eyes. I was told that Gaelic lessons were available and I jumped at the chance'. Iain and I met again at the Feis and we see him often now. He came to our Highland Heritage sessions at the Hub Restaurant and attends Sine's Gaelic classes in Maxville. He ends his letter: 'Many thanks for your wonderful gift and opportunity to hear, learn, speak and treasure the language of my ancestors. I pray to God that I will be able to live a long, useful, and happy life in Nova Scotia..... Slainte'. Slainte mhath, good health to you too, Iain, my old friend. May 1996 renew us all.

Starting again in January, Sine McKenna will be holding Gaelic classes in Maxville Public School sponsored by the Glengarry Highland Society. They are divided into beginner, intermediate and advanced intermediate levels. They will take place at the same time as the Saturday piping classes. For more information and to register, call (613)874-2861.

Dancers compete in Alexandria meet

Following are the results of the SD and G Highland Dancing Association competition held earlier this past fall at Glengarry District High School. Judge for the day was Sandy Couper MacDonald and pipers were Ed Bush and Peter Barbier.

Primary, 5 years and under

Fling: First Kayleigh MacDonald, second Lindsay Boisvenue. Sword: First Linday Boisvenue, second Kayleigh MacDonald, third Katelyn Beaudette. Pas de bas: First Kayleigh MacDonald, second Lindsay Boisvenue, third Emily Quinn, fourth Katelyn Beaudette, fifth Kaitlyn Christie. Pas de bas/high cuts: First Kayleigh MacDonald, second Lindsay Boisvenue, third Emily Quinn, fourth Katelyn Beaudette.

Primary, 6 years

Fling:First Kelly VanderBurg, second Marielle Lesperance, third Alana McDougall, fourth Anne Gregory. Sword: First Kelly Vander Burg, second Marielle Lesperance, third Alana McDougall, fourth Anna Gregory. Pas de bas: First Kelly Vander Burg, second Marielle Lesperance, third Alana McDougall, fourth Anna Gregory, fourth Kristen Keane, fifth Candice Sayers, sixth Anna Gregory. Pas de bas/ high cuts: First Kelly VanderBurg, second Marielle Lesperance, third Alana McDougall, fourth Kristen Keane, fifth Anna Gregory, sixth Candice Sayers.

Beginners, 8 years and under

Fling: First Stephanie Quesnel, second Catherine MacLeod, third Sonja Stilnovich, fourth Shannon Chisholm, fifth Margaret Cattanach, sixth Jessie Cattanach. Sword: First Stephanie Quesnel, second Catherine MacLeod, third Joanna Booyink, fourth Kristen Stanley, fifth Sonja Stilnovich, sixth Margaret Cattanach. Seann Truibhas: First Catherine MacLeod, second Sonja Stilnovich, third Stephanie Quesnel, fourth Shannon Chisholm, fifth Kristen Stanley, sixth Joanna Booyink. Lilt: First Stephanie Quesnel, second Catheirne MacLeod, third Shannon Chisholm, fourth Sonja Stilnovich. Trophy winner: Stephanie Quesnel, Alexandria.

Beginners, 9 years

Fling: First Rebecca Chisholm, second Kia Marin, third Carolyn Bass, fourth Christina Gunn, fifth Marion McDonell, sixth Brooke Giles. Sword: First Carolyn Bass, second Kia Marin, third Christina Gunn, fourth Jennifer Boucher, fifth Marion McDonell, sixth Amelia Purvis. Seann Truibhas: First Rebecca Chisholm, second Kia Marin, third Shauna Campbell, fourth Carolyn Bass, fifth Jenifer boucher, sixth Christina Gunn. Lilt: First Rebecca Chisholm, second Kia Marin, third Carolyn Bass, fourth Shauna Campbell, fifth Christina Gunn, sixth Jennifer Boucher. Trophy winner: Rebecca Chisholm, Lunenburg.

Beginners, 10 years and over

Fling: First Nathalie Renaud, second Kylie Cumming, third Meghan Tibeluis, fourth Samantha Oxley, fifth Kathryn Boardman. Sword: First Nathalie Renaud, second Meghan Tibeluis, third Kylie Cumming, fourth Kathryn Boardman. Sean Truibhas: First Nathalie Renaud, second Kylie Cumming, third Meghan Tibeluis, fourth Kathryn Boardman, fifth Samantha Oxley. Lilt: First Nathalie Renaud, second Meghan Tibeluis, third Kathryn Boardman, fourth Kylie Cumming. Trophy winner: Nathalie Renaud, Cornwall.

Novice, 11 years and under

Fling: First Sean Wereley, second Elise Jodoin. Sword: First Sean Wereley, second Elise Jodoin, third Kayleigh Fogarty. Sean Truibhas: First Sean Wereley, second Elise Jodoin, third Kayleigh Fogarty. Lilt: First Kayleigh Fogarty, second Elise Jodoin, third Sean Wereley. Trophy winner: Sean Wereley, Ingleside.

Novice, 12 years and over

Fling: First Cindy Scott, second Alison Burns, third Brigitte Lafave, fourth Shelby MacCrimmon. Sword: First Cindy Scott, second Alison Burns, third Shelby MacCrimmon, fourth Brigitte Lafave. Seann Truibhas: First Alison Burns, second Cindy Scott, third Shelby MacCrimmon, fourth Brigitte Lafave. Lilt: First Cindy Scott, second Shelby MacCrimmon, third Alison Burns, fourth Brigitte Lafave. Trophy winner: Cindy Scott, Maxville.

Intermediate, 11 years and under

Fling: First Jennifer Quesnel, second Christie VanderBurg, third Alexandra Richan, fourth Erin Maloney, fifth Naomi Kirk, sixth Courtney Henderson. Seann Truibhas: First Jennifer Quesnel, second Alexandra Richan, third christie Vanderburg, fourth Courtney Henderson, fifth Erin Maloney, sixth Naomi Kirk. Jig: First Alexandra Richan, second Jennifer Quesnel, third Christie VanderBurg, fourth Erin Maloney. Hornpipe: First Alexandra Richan, second Courtney Henderson, third Naomi Kir, fourth Jennifer Quesnel, fifth Christie VanderBurg. Trophy winner: Alexandra Richan, Kingston.

Intermediate, 12 years and over

Fling; First Sarah Lesperance, second Kathy Robideau, third Laura Brack, fourth Sara Smith, fifth Gwyneth MacPherson, sixth Courtney McKay. Seann Truibhas: First Sarah Lesperance, second Sara Smith, third Kathy Robideau, fourth Courtney McKay, fifth Laura Breck, sixth Gwyneth MacPherson. Jig: First Kathy Robideau, second Courtney McKay, third Sarah Lesperance, fourth Gwyneth MacPherson, fifth Angela MacCrimmon, sixth Laura Brack. Hornpipe: First Courtney McKay, second Kathy Robideau, third Sarah Lesperance, fourth Gwyneth MacPherson, fifth Laura Brack, sixth Angela MacCrimmon. Trophy winner: Sarah Lesperance, Gloucester.

Premier, 11 years and under

Fling: First Laura Donlan, second Elizabeth Fraser, third Jeahan Kraya, fourth Elise Quinn, fifth Kendall Raycraft, sixth Jessica Henderson. Seann Truibhas: First Laura Donlan, second Elizabeth Fraser, third Elise Quinn, fourth Kendall Raycraft. Jig: First Elizabeth Fraser, second Laura Donland, third Elise Quinn, fourth Kendall Raycarft, fifth Jessica Clifford, sixth Kristy Lenard. Hornpipe: First Laura Donlan, second Elise Quinn, third Elizabeth Fraser, fourth Jeahan Kraya, fifth Kendall Raycarft, sixth Jessica Clifford. Trophy winner: Laura Donlan, Vermont. First runner up: Elizabeth Fraser, Alexandria. Second runner up; Elise Quinn, Verdun.

Premier, 12 years

Fling: First Holly Dornan, second Lindsay Upper, third Grace McAlear, fourth Liane Secours, fifth Elaine MacKay. Seann Truibhas: First Lindsay Upper, second Grace McAlear, third Holly Dornan, fourth Liane Secours, fifth Elaine MacKay. Jig: First Holly Dornan, second Lindsay Upper, third Grace McAlear, fourth Liane Secours, fifth Elaine MacKay. Hornpipe: First Lindsay Upper, second Grace McAlear, third Elaine MacKay, fourth Holly Dornan, fifth Liane Secours. Trophy winner: Lindsay Upper, Cornwall. First runner up; Holly Dornan, Gloucester; second runner Up: Grace McAlear, St. Andrews West.

Premier, 14 years and under

Fling: First Jocelyn Barbier, second Tara Mulloy, third Danielle Moffat, fourth Karen Dornan, fifth Melanie Rivette, sixth Kelly Lenard. Sean Truibhas: First Jocelyn Barbier, second Tara Mulloy, third Danielle Moffat, fourth Karen Dornan, fifth Kelly Lenard, sixth Melanie Rivette. Jig: First Jocelyn Barrbier, second Danielle Moffat, third Karen Dornan, fourth Tara Mulloy, fifth Emma Nichols, sixth Kelly Lenard. Hornpipe: First Danielle Moffat, second Jocelyn Barbier, third Karen Dornan, fourth Tara Mulloy, fifth Kelly Lenard, sixth Shannon Villeneuve. Trophy winner: Jocelyn Barbier, Newburgh. First runner up: Danielle Moffat, Coburg; second runner up: Tara Mulloy, Ottawa.

Premier, 15 years

Fling: First Kaelan Penney, second Alex Campbell, third Katie McIntosh, fourth Tatiana Melrose, fifth Lauren MacKay, sixth Alison Booth. Seann Truibhas: First Alex Campbell, second Kaelan Penney, third Katie McIntosh, fourth Alison Booth, fifth Tatiana Melrose, sixth Lauren MacKay. Jig: First Kaelan Penney, second Katie McIntosh, third Alex Campbell, fourth Tatiana Melrose, fifth Laurent MacKay, sixth Alison Booth. Hornpipe: First Alex Campbell, second Kaelan Penney, third Katie McIntosh, fourth Tatiana Melrose, fifth Alison Booth, sixth Lauren macKay. Trophy winner: Kaelan penny, Orleans. First runner up; Alex Campbell, North Bay; second runner up: Katie McIntosh, Martintown.

Premier, 16 years and over

Fling: First Loren Macklin, second

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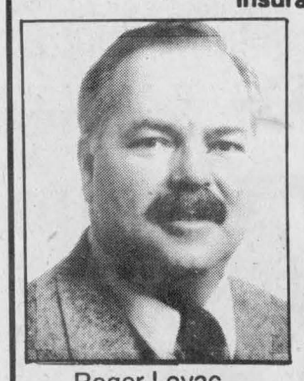

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Hope threatens to report police board chair to ministry

Lynn McCuaig
***News* reporter**

Helene Faubert-Gravel may have a rough road ahead as police board chair.

Deputy Reeve John Hope threatened to report Faubert-Gravel to the ministry of the Solicitor General for voicing her opinion while sitting as chair.

Hope accused Faubert-Gravel of trying to influence the Dec. 21 police board meeting by reading a report from the board that Hope said leaned toward keeping the present police service.

As chair, Faubert-Gravel must remain neutral in discussion.

"I do believe madame chair you have to remain neutral," Hope said.

"By reading this (report) tonight, you were trying to influence the meeting," Hope said.

Faubert-Gravel said she did not try to influence people at the table and only read the report on the suggestion of other members of the police board.

"I read this on behalf of the police board," she said.

She added that the report was read only to give council a long range vision of what changes would have to be made if the police service is kept.

Faubert-Gravel said the report contained "what we think we would accomplish should we retain the municipal service."

She then ruled Hope out of order.

Councillor Gail Abrames said she also thought the report assumed the police service would be retained.

"It just comes off as if this is 'a fait accompli'," she said.

Mayor Grant Crack defended the report saying plans have to be made for the future of the police service while decisions are being.

"You can't just leave it in the air, or the decision is pretty easy to make," Crack said.

As the meeting degenerated into a shouting match, Councillor Roger Lemieux left the table before the meeting ended.

"We don't belong here," Lemieux said as he left the room.

Law firm's estimate of police severances 'more favorable'

Lynn McCuaig
***News* reporter**

Alexandria Police Services Board has been given a "more favorable" opinion on estimates of police severance packages if the town decides to go with OPP.

A letter from the board's attorneys Mathews, Dinsdale and Clark came in under the $900,000 estimate given by the police association's lawyers Blake, Cassels and Graydon.

"They're certainly more favorable, much more favorable," Police Board Chair Helene Faubert-Gravel said in a question period following the Dec. 21 police board meeting.

The letter was discussed at the council table and released to the press. But it was taken back again because it contained personal information.

The board promised to release the letter at its next meeting after names and some information has been blocked out.

Faubert-Gravel said the board's lawyers gave "a totally different scenario."

During the meeting, Faubert-Gravel said the difference could be attributed to the fact that Blake, Cassels and Graydon were hired by the police association.

Faubert-Gravel didn't expect the board would solicit any more opinions because of the "heavy cost."

The estimate from Mathews, Dinsdale and Clark cost $1,500.

Since only four council members and the mayor attended the meeting, council will need more time to look at the document before reaching a decision.

Mayor Grant Crack could not estimate when a decision would be made.

"I know I'm not ready to make a decision one way or another."

Crack said council and the board will have to look at "additional costs" brought on by the letter although he wouldn't say what they were.

"It (the letter) has to be absorbed before you can make a logical decision," he said.

Council has to approve the move to OPP before the issue is sent to the police board for a vote.

The police board's vote is the final say in the matter.

Local Highland dancers receive many awards

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Sally Stevens, third Heather MacLeod, fourth Sarah MacMillan, fifth Sarah Clifford. Seann Triubhas: First Sally Stevens, second Heather MacLeod, third Loren Macklin, fourth Sarah MacMillan, fifth Sarah Clifford. Jig: First Loren MacKlin, second Heather MacLeod, third Sally Stevens, fourth Sarah MacMillan, fifth Sarah Clifford. Hornpipe: First Heather MacLeod, second Loren Macklin, third Sally Stevens, fourth Sarah MacMillan, fifth Sarah Clifford. Trophy winner: Loren Macklin, Cobourg. First runner up: Heather MacLeod, Maxville; second runner up: Sally Stevens, Williamsburg.

Town ponders selling service

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unnecessary if the town went with OPP.

"I don't know how we're going to be able to pay for this increased cost in light of a budget decrease," Abrames said.

John Hope said he was worried that council would have no input into a police services budget and the board would not take council's financial situation into account.

"In your own minds, you'll justify it," Hope said.

Police board Chair Helene Faubert-Gravel pointed out that there is a mediation process both sides can go though if there's a disagreement.

But Hope was not satisfied with that answer.

"The police services board and the police are going to win no matter that we do," he said.



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Honorary members

The Glengarry Memorial Hospital board recently named 10 former board members as honorary members, something which has not been done by the board since 1978. Pictured from from l-r are, along with the years they served, honorees Jean Paul Touchette - 19 years; Morlin Campbell - 20 years; Enid MacDonald - 19 years; and Ranald MacDonald - 18 years. Shown back l-r are Roger Roy - 16 years; Ewen MacDonald - 17 years; Doug Baxter - 22 years; and Bruce Sova - 14 years. Missing from the photo is Laurent Major and Andre Comeau. The inductees were honored with certificates and gifts at a recent reception honoring them.

Photo by Derek Parkinson

Townships support two-tier municipalities

By Lynn McCuaig
***News* reporter**

Charlottenburgh township council is rallying support in favor of the two tier system in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry in a municipal government realignment.

The township passed a motion at its Dec. 12 meeting that supported both municipal and county level governments and asked other municipalities to issue similar statements.

Charlottenburgh is still waiting for reactions to its motion, but has already received support from Lancaster township.

Local politicians began questioning the two tier system after provincial advisors told municipalities they would likely have to amalgamate to have large enough tax bases to survive future cuts in provincial funding.

If amalgamation went county wide, there were worries that services would be duplicated by having administrators at the local level and at the tri-county level.

But Charlottenburgh Reeve Leslie O'Shaughnessy said savings are not guaranteed or even likely if the counties move to one tier.

"There's so many variables," he said.

He pointed to services offered by the three counties that would have to be taken over by each county if it moved to one tier.

Social service programs, the health unit, libraries and roads are only examples of programs organized on a county level.

"You may be going too big too fast," O'Shaughnessy said.

Even if the counties government is abolished, O'Shaughnessy said the province hasn't said where funding that's now given to the counties would go.

"There's no guarantee their dollars are going to be distributed to the single tiers," he said.

O' Shaughnessy said one tier government may be an option for the future and added municipalities "could work at going to single tier at a later date."

So far, amalgamation talks have been focusing on a north-south split in Glengarry but all seven municipalities in the county will meet on Jan. 19 in Alexandria to look at joining together.

In South Glengarry, Charlottenburgh, Lancaster and Lancaster township councils are all forming restructuring committees to look for savings in sharing services.

Police chief urges board to make a decision on OPP

Stating that the Alexandria Police Service is neither incompetent nor out of control, but instead are "dedicated officers who have shown much more consideration for the town than it has shown to them," Police Chief Paul Deveau has asked members of the Alexandria Police Services Board to make a decision on the OPP once and for all at their regular Dec. 12 meeting and if they vote against it to bring in an audit by the Police Services Division of the Solicitor General.

"The police service's morale is low at the moment. This is not surprising, considering the conditions they have been working under for most of their careers," Deveau said in a written statement given to the board at Dec. 12 meeting. And he said if board members vote against OPP service, they should have an audit done by the police services division of the ministry of solicitor general.

"As a result of this low morale, and their lack of proper training, their performance is perhaps not what it should be, but by providing proper training and an environment that is conducive to improved morale, their performance should increase markedly," Deveau said.

An audit would go through all facets of the police service in Alexandria and draw up a list of shortcomings. But according to Deveau, the entire issue of the police service in Alexandria stems back to questions by council about appointments to the board, questions about this leadership of the police service by council and a lack of setting out objectives and policies by previous police services board.

"There have been expressions of displeasure about the makeup of the board, both from council members at the council table and from them privately," Deveau said.

"There have been expressions of displeasure that the majority of the members of the board are not elected, but appointed instead, and therefore not accountable to the electorate."

In relation to his leadership Deveau said that one member of council had told one of his officers if there would be a change at the top of the police service, the OPP questions could be resolved quickly.

As well, he said that there was confusion in the minds of previous boards as to his role with many members failing to see that his responsibilities as police chief were distinct from those of the police officers.

"It was always felt that I should be doing exactly the same work as all the other members of the service, but with the additional responsibility of being in charge," he said. "It wasn't until recently that I was allowed to delegate some of my work load to a secretary and a part time court officer."

Deveau said he had attempted several times to introduce policies and procedures for consideration by the board only to have them rejected or put off until a later time. As a result, the police service in his opinion is functioning with no clear objectives or policies.

Mayor Grant Crack, council's representative on the board, asked Deveau why no policies, objectives or procedures had come out. Deveau replied that he had proposed some procedures during the current board's mandate, but that they had always been deferred due to the consideration by the town of the OPP costing proposal.

Board Chair Helene Faubert-Gravel supported Deveau saying that everything had been put on hold because the attitude was: "Why start a new thing if we're gong to the OPP?"

Crack reiterated his commitment to the best possible police service for the town for both the short term and long term and suggested that contrary to Deveau's opinion that cost was not a factor in considering the move to the OPP, it was for him.

Gravel disagreed, saying that she recalled some members of council stating no matter what the cost of the OPP, they didn't care.

"We don't have a police service that is worse than anywhere else," she said. "It's never had support from council and the town should realize it will get the police service it's willing to pay for."



Wrapping it up

Students at Glengarry District High School wrapped presents last week donated to the Lions club Christmas toy drive. Pictured are (left to right): Shannon Fourney, Stephannie MacDonell and Sarah Viau.

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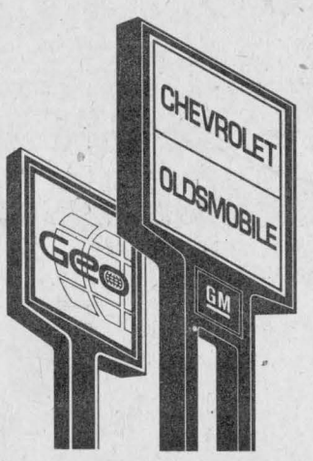

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Going to shambles in time for Christmas

Williamstown

by Sue Harrington
347-2279



Have you ever noticed how the word "shambles" (and derivations of it) tend to be used a lot at this particular time of year? Especially when describing the state of one's residence. Those houses we spent so long scrubbing and polishing before Christmas, are now "in shambles." The Christmas tree, robbed of its candy canes and other edible decorations is in a "shambles." Even the box of chocolates has lost its display qualities - nothing much left now but a mess of empty brown papers and a few rejects lurking in the corners.

Still, "shambling" - that wonderful feeling that usually settles in after the presents have been opened, the turkey eaten, and the dishes done - is second to none. It is complete and utter relaxation and is to be found only in the days immediately following Christmas.

By the way, how would you plead to a charge of gluttony right about now?

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A few days before Christmas I received a fax from the Char-Lan School Committee giving the names of the winners in the committee's 50/50 draw. Talk about educational! See if you can figure out the mathematical answer, given that first prize winner Carol Labelle of Cornwall won $69.40; Mary Mayer of Char-Lan won $52.05; Sheila Lafave of Williamstown, $35.70, and Frank Hunter of Char-Lan, $17.35.

Mrs. Lafave, I think you received an extra dollar!

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Taking advantage of a truly Canadian Christmas this year were visitors of Marilyn and Keith Elms of Williamstown. Norma and Brian Elms, along with Beryll and Rob Elms and their sons David and Kevin, came from England to spend the holiday season. The Elms family had a special reason for the trip this year. Their parents, Muriel and Les Elms of Martintown, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

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Members of the Williamstown Duplicate Bridge Club enjoyed a very nice potluck dinner prior to their card playing on Dec.13. After the meal, Dawson Pratt and Hanz Schulz teamed up as the winning partners at bridge, followed by Elizabeth Marjerrison and Jim Campbell. In third place were Marion McCuaig and Penny McLeod.

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It was standing room only as the students of Williamstown Public put on their annual Christmas concert on Dec. 20. Despite being held during school hours, throngs of parents and relatives turned out to watch the trilingual event.

Trilingual? Yes, indeed. For while the primary choir sang in English, the Senior Kindergarten performed "en francais." The Gaelic choir also sang - the zippy "Brocham Lom," as well as "Leanabh An Aigh" (Morning is broken).

Other groups performing included the Junior Choir, the Junior Kindergarten, the Vocal Ensemble and the Recorder Group. And just to prove WPS is with it, the ENVIRO Choir sang, "Merry Christmas Mother Earth."

Grades 1, 2, and 3 entertained with a play entitled, An International Christmas, in which Michael Rattray played the role of Santa. Vicky Schaefer introduced the play, while members of the classes portrayed the various continents of the world.

In the finale, everyone sang, "What a world we'd have if Christmas lasted all year long."

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How true it is! Seeing the words to that song reminded me of a radio interview I once heard with a young native girl in Winnipeg. She was saying how it was almost cruel the way her family was showered with baskets, food vouchers, etc. at Christmas time, and then was seemingly forgotten for the rest of the year.

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This Sunday, Dec. 31 at 9.30 a.m., there will be a joint service at St. Andrew's United Church, with Wendy MacKenzie as guest preacher. The children will have a video and supervision and Iris Swerdfeger has organized a social hour to follow. Regular Sunday School lessons will resume on Jan. 7.

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While many area fund-raising events have fallen on hard times, the fund raising committee at Williamstown Public School has managed to amass an amazing $4,800 in profits, thanks to the efforts of the students and the generosity of parents and the community. The funds raised will go toward the school's computer lab.

Winners in the fund raising draw were Patrick Viau (a color TV), Trevor Hamer ($75) and Samantha Martin (a cassette player). Wondering who the pros are who organized the campaign? The trio of Rattray/Hamer/Kluver - Mrs. all three!

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Last call for New Year's Eve celebrations! Join the local folk at St. Mary's Centre on Dec. 31, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Scoff the hot and cold buffet; be obnoxious with your party favors; snag a door prize or two; and of course, dance the night away.

Music is by Leisure Sound, and tickets are available at Ernie Larocque's Garage or Alex MacDonald's store.

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When the Williamstown library reopens on Jan. 3 at 10 a.m., Canadian history buffs may want to be first in line. Just before closing for the holidays, the library received two large boxes of "Canadiana,"- books which had previously been stored in the stacks at the SD&G County Library Headquarters in Avonmore.

Headquarters has moved its location now to Finch, and during the ferrying, all previously stored books were dispersed to the branch libraries.

Included in the treasure boxes at Williamstown are some old gems dating back to the 1880's and 1890's - history, geography, politics, and even a few volumes of early Canadian poetry.

A word of warning, however. If you were a member of the Lancaster Library in 1904, you may have already read a couple of these!

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A mystery lead me to the introduction (by phone) of another bibliophile. Remember the story a few weeks back on "Nancy and the boys of summer?" The riddle of her identity has now been solved.

One day last week I received a call from a gentleman purporting to be one of the question mark boys of summer. He said he had been away in South Africa - I think it was - for the past while, and when he returned, someone had sent him a copy of my Nancy column.

He was quick to identify himself as Duncan Edmonds of the Old Authors' Farm in Morrisburg, and said that Nancy was his wife.

Apparently Duncan is a good friend of Lansing Lamont, having previously co-authored the book "Friends so different" with him.

So there, you Williamstown Nancies, altogether now: One, two, three, BREATHE EASILY!

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Scrambling around looking for holiday guests last evening netted me "three male cardinals and a little owl" at the Stones' residence on the South Branch Road. Not exactly the response I had been looking for, but, in retrospect, an even better one.

We also had an overnight guest during the holidays. He was brown, rather short by Harrington standards, and was wearing an incredible fur coat. Aren't some guests strange? Rather than a good bowl of porridge, this guest preferred a bowl of cat chow with milk. Hard to imagine, since he was definitely a dog!

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I feel it in my bones, 1996 is going to be the very best year for you and you and you. Believe it, and it will be.



GMH donation

Anne McKenna, president of the Glengarry Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, presents an envelope containing a $21,000 cheque to Kent MacSweyn, chairman of the Glengarry Memorial Hospital board. The donation will be used to purchase a whirlpool bath and two oxygen saturation monitors for the hospital.

Photo by Derek Parkinson

Obituaries

Lucette Campeau

Lucette Campeau of Dalhousie Station, Que., passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, Dec. 16 at the age of 69.

Formerly of Alexandria, Lucette was the daughter of the late Dan Lajoie and the late Aldea Poirier.

She was the beloved wife of Fernand Campeau.

Loving mother of Nicole, André (Johanne), Richard (Lucie), and Peter (Marie) all from Dalhousie.

She is survived by nine grandchildren, Lee, Dean, Sophie, Patrick, Stéphane, Mélissa, Annick, Karine and Geneviève.

She is also survived by four brothers René, Aurèle, Jean and Hubert. Predeceased by Rolland, Conrad, Roger and Elaine.

She contributed many years of her life working side by side with her husband at the Fern Campeau & Fils business in Dalhousie.

Mrs. Campeau contributed often to religious charities and was a lifelong and active member of l'Age d'Or and Les Filles d'Isabelle.

Family and friends gathered at the Roussin Funeral Home in St. Telesphore with funeral services held at the Dalhousie Chapel at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 20.

Marjorie Summers

Miss Marjorie Summers passed away on Dec. 12 at the Cornwall General Hospital.

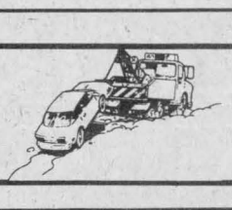
Miss Summers was the daughter of the late Robert Creighton Summers and the late Mary Louise Tyo.

She is survived by two brothers George A. (Margaret) of McMillan's Cors. and Hamilton J. (Ham) (Betty) of Long Sault and by one sister Estella Summers of Summerstown, Ont.

She was predeceased by one brother David Summers.

Miss Summers was a retired registered nurse from the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal.

The funeral was held on Dec. 15 from McArthur Bros & MacNeil Funeral Home to the chapel of the funeral home with Rev. Arthy Van Bruchem of Salem United Church, Summerstown officiating assisted by Rev. Fred Rennie of St. John's Presbyterian Church.



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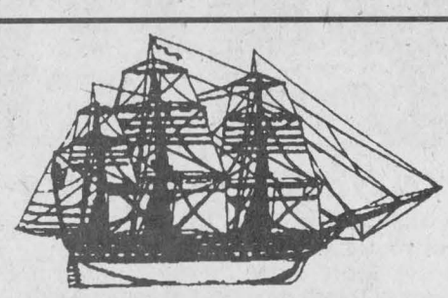

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The members of the 39'ers met in Alexandria at noon on Dec. 20 for their annual Christmas gathering.

President Doris Spencer welcomed the group and invited Al Brewer to say grace before the meal. The buffet table was filled with many delicious food choices for the hungry diners, making a nice change from meals cooked at home.

As they progressed to the dessert course, there was much relaxed conversation and laughter. We have heard that laughter helps the digestion, so there should have been no tummy upsets that day.

The two charming young ladies who served the guests were most kind and helpful. It is pleasant to see smiling faces on the staff of an establishment.

There is such a different atmosphere when people set out to be pleasant, it can make or break the success of a get together. They certainly added to the happy mood of the day. Thank you ladies.

At the conclusion of the meal Muriel Moore, the program director, passed out song books while the impromptu chorus was assembled.

June Cameron and Muriel Moore led the Alto section, Al Brewer flitted from alto to tenor, and sang some melody lines in between. Della MacDonald and Lorna Chapman carried the tune.

The whole company really seemed to get into the holiday spirit and the singing was quite enthusiastic. The choristers sang O Come All Ye Faithful in four – and, at one point, five-part harmony, while the rest of the group hummed the air.

It was very effective! Tom Groot and Al Brewer treated their listeners to several funny stories, and one lady told her "chicken joke".

They soon had everyone laughing merrily while standing in a circle, and swinging hands, they ended the singing with We Wish You a Merry Christmas and Auld Lang Syne.

Many of them gathered into small groups to wish their friends happy holidays, before leaving for home.

John Strudwick called shortly afterward to pick up his van passengers, Molly Brodie, Doris Spencer, Bessie MacLennan, Perle Brunet and Lorna Chapman.

He cheerfully wished each departing lady a Merry Christmas as he left her at her home.

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The Sunday morning worship service on Dec. 31 will be at 10 a.m. in Glen Sandfield United Church.

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The Glengarry Gaelic Choir will be singing at St. Columba Presbyterian Church, Kirk Hill, on Dec. 31 during the Sunday morning service.

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From Glen Sandfield, to everyone, the best of good wishes for a happy, healthy, blessed new year. Please drive safely; we need each and every one of you. So take care.

Maxville village

Council Briefs

Maxville Village Council met on Dec. 12 at 9 a.m. instead of the usual meeting time of 7 p.m. Much of the time was taken up with routine business but the following items were also dealt with.

Community water supply

Two representatives from the Ontario Clean Water Authority attended the meeting, answered questions and gave advice on a communal water supply. This project is on hold with no funding in sight.

The survey in 1994 indicated an insufficient number of wells with water of poor quality and of inadequate quantity to warrant having the project proved.

The authorities would require proof that a communal system is required and the figures to prove it. Any further surveying would be at the village's expense.

The medical centre

Dr. Jaggassar's office will be moved to the new facility in front on Dec. 27.

A contract has been given to draw up plans to remodel the old office at a cost of $1,500, plus taxes and disbursements.

Fire boundaries

A resolution was passed to accept the boundaries for the Maxville firefighters as printed by the Kenyon township council. They are as follows:

1. South side of Kenyon-Caledonia Boundary Road from Bonnie Hill to include Lot 19 (property of Beverley MacQueen).
2. North and south sides of Stewart's Glen Road from County Road 30 to the Roxborough/Kenyon Boundary.
3. East side of Roxborough Boundary Road from Conc. 21 I.L. to Conc. 17 I.L.
4. North and south sides of Conc. 17 I.L. road to County Road 20.
5. East and west sides of County Road 20 from Conc. 17 I.L. road north to County Road 22.
6. North and south sides of County Road 22 to County Road 30.
7. East and west sides of County Road 30 from County Road 22 to the Conc. 6 road.
8. West side of McDonell's sideroad (to included Lot 19 in all concessions) from Conc. 6 road to Kenyon/Caledonia boundary.

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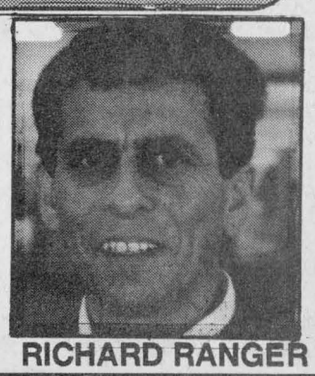

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Last Friday evening the ladies of UCFO and friends had a Christmas meal after which the draw for a handmade quilt was made.

Congratulations to Julie Glaude of North Lancaster who is the lucky winner.

In the evening, a few tried their talent at the karaoke machine, while others were on the dance floor.

Two door prizes were given; one to Grant Whone and the second to Bernadette Campeau. Best wishes for the holidays were exchanged before leaving for home.

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Jean-Paul and Kathy Claude opened their doors last Saturday to many relatives and friends for a surprise birthday party.

Florence Claude, who had been invited for the event, thought it was a homecoming party for her granddaughter Jamie, but soon found out she was the guest of honor. She received many gifts for the occasion (her 70th).

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The North Lancaster Optimist members and their families got together last Sunday morning for a Christmas brunch. The draw was held for a basket of cheer and Leo Poirier of Alexandria was the lucky winner. The kids were pleasantly surprised by a visit from Santa.

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Last Wednesday evening, parents were invited to the Ste. Therese School for a lovely Christmas concert.

The stage was nicely decorated in a winter scene where Grades 5 and 6 students played the part of Santa's elves all through the performances.

The children offered lovely Christmas carols, folk dancing, poems and sketches, all of which made their parents very proud.

Thank you to the devoted teachers and everyone who helped for the success of the evening.

The children are now on holidays and will resume their duties on Jan. 9.

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Happy birthday to Jean-Luc Desautels on Dec. 23, Manon Vachon Dec. 25, Jean-Noël Campeau and Claire Major on Dec. 31. Best wishes to all and a very Happy New Year to everyone.

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Thought: Aren't people funny? They want the front of the bus the back of the church and the middle of the road.

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Tooth Fairy also visits during Christmas week

Glen Roy

by Laurie Mayer
525-0645



The Glen Roy rooster was up early this morning (hello Purcell Pete of Glen Walter), to ensure that I met the deadline for our very last issue of the year. He doesn't hesitate to ring me on my cellular when it's a very cold morning.

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Gerry Cross of LaSalle, Que., was visiting Glen Roy this past week. She was a guest at Iona Academy last Wednesday afternoon for their "sparkling" Christmas concert. "Aunt" Gerry had the pleasure of spending a short time with the Humphries at this annual event, and of giving her cousin Martin MacPherson a Christmas hug while dining in Alexandria the previous evening.

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The Tooth Fairy has visited my son recently, yes Christmas week. The excitement is normally at a fever pitch this time of year without any further assistance. She brought not only cash, but coloring pencils too.

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A special thanks to Mr. Winter of Maxville for passing on Kyle's letter to Santa at the North Pole. Santa was very prompt to write back, and we are all extremely impressed with the hard work the elves put in this year.

If you're reading my column Santa, please visit the Grade 4's next year at Iona. maybe you only had time to do up to Grade 3 this year. You are forgiven.


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1995 Sports Personalities of the Year





Wendi Lawson (left) had a record-breaking season for the Yellow Jackets of American International College in Springfield, Mass. while Lisa Poirier and Katharine MacLachlan (above) displayed all-star form for the Lindsey Wilson College Lady Raiders in Columbia, Kentucky.

Trio making the grade south of the border

The report cards are in for the three Glengarry natives playing college soccer in the United States and there's nothing but straight A's.

Katharine MacLachlan of Williamstown, Lisa Poirier of Alexandria and Wendi Lawson of South Lancaster all made big splashes during their freshmen seasons south of the border.

MacLachlan and Poirier starred at Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Kentucky and both players were selected to the conference and regional all-star teams.

MacLachlan - a forward - and Poirier - a midfielder - earned honorable mentions for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics All-American team.

Meanwhile, Lawson shattered school records for goals and points in her first year at American International College in Springfield, Mass.

The South Lancaster native scored 13 times and helped lead the Yellow Jackets to their best record since 1989. Lawson was a member of the Northeast-10 Conference all-star team.

The 20-year-old forward was stunned by her own success this fall.

"Before the year started, I was hoping to score one goal and maybe start a few times. I didn't expect to do so well and I definitely didn't expect to make the all-star team or to break any records," said Lawson, who is majoring in elementary education at AIC.

Lawson got a chance to start when senior forward Julie Holmes went down with a season-ending injury in the first game of the year. Lawson came off the bench to score a goal in a 2-0 AIC win and she netted another score the following day as the Yellow Jackets won again.

1995 marks the fifth year Glengarry Sportsweek has presented its Sports Personalities of the Year.

A total of 14 individuals have been honored in those five years, including the starting line-up of the Char-Lan senior girls' basketball team, who won the inaugural award in 1991.

Here is a complete list of previous winners:

1991 - Karen Arnott, Sharon Huizinga, Catherine Hodgins, Julie MacDonald and Cheryl Proctor.
1992 - Bonnie MacLeod and Glen Campbell.
1993 - Randy Gebbie and Denis St. Jean.
1994 - Robbie McLachlan and Stanley Fraser.

Lawson's place as a starter was confirmed in AIC's third game as she scored three times against cross-town rival Springfield.

Before the season was over, Lawson would score eight more times including another hat trick.

For a while, it looked like Lawson's fabulous freshman season would never happen. She became homesick almost immediately upon arriving in Springfield for training camp in August and the thought of quitting flashed through her mind.

Lawson says she's glad she decided to stick it out.

"I've made a lot of good friends and they've helped me a lot. Everyone on the team makes you feel so welcome."

The Glengarry District High School grad says her early personal success also helped put her at ease.

"It felt really good to score in my first game, especially since my parents were there to watch me. The whole team was so supportive. Bonnie (Manchester) our captain just kept telling me: 'I know you can do it.'"

While Lawson was adjusting to life at AIC, MacLachlan was facing a similar situation in Kentucky.

"It was tough. You're so far away from home and (the only contact you have) back home is the phone," said MacLachlan. "But it gets better as it goes on. You meet more people and you get more involved."

While her original goal was to stay until Christmas, MacLachlan has now decided to return to Kentucky for the second semester and she's even allowing herself to think about next year.

"I know what the coach is building up for. We have a lot of freshmen so he's basically building for four years. Knowing that, it makes you want to go back and be a part of that team."

Like Lawson, MacLachlan had relatively low expectations for herself going into her first season of college soccer.

"I just wanted to put a jersey on. I didn't really know what I was getting into or where I'd fit in."

Where MacLachlan wound up fitting in was in the starting line-up, where she remained until suffering a knee injury in the final game of the regular season that forced her to miss the playoffs. She ended up leading the Raiders in assists and was second on the team in goals.

MacLachlan was joined on the first string by her former Glengarry high

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A look back at the year in Glengarry sports

1995



Jason Murree's Alexandria Glens and Derek Holmes' Winchester Hawks battled in the 1995 St. Lawrence Division final. The Hawks won the series in six games.

By Daniel Steiche
Sports reporter

Trading Places

While most diehard fans of the local Junior B hockey teams will be reluctant to venture far from their home team's arena, it seems that perhaps a recent migration of fans to southern Glengarry may account for the dropping attendance at the Billy Gebbie arena.

Of course, fans - just like birds - migrate for a reason.

After a disastrous season last year in which Char-Lan finished in last place and missed the playoffs, the Rebels will open 1996 atop the St. Lawrence division.

At the other end of the junior B spectrum, the Glens have gone from dominating the St. Lawrence throughout much of last season to hitting the division cellar by a virtually insurmountable number of points - likely to be around 20 by year's end.

Former Glens coach Robert Boisvenue foreshadowed the team's woes midway through November, when the team first hit rock bottom.

"If our players don't wake up, they're going to stay in the basement for the rest of the year."

Coffee, anyone?

Should I Stay or Should I Go?

It was a year of ups and downs for the Alexandria Glens.

It was also a year of coming and going - and coming again - for members of the Glens' administration.

Head coach Robert Boisvenue and Leo Poirier - the team's GM and president - resigned from their respective posts in March shortly after the Glens lost the St. Lawrence Division finals series to the Winchester Hawks.

A mere six weeks later, both men returned to the organization to take back their jobs, as no replacements were to be found.

Midway through the current, disastrous season, Boisvenue decided he'd had enough and left the team, claiming this time it was for good.

Poirier, who replaced Boisvenue with assistant coach Richard Picard, remains with the team...for now.

The Golden Touch

Glengarry Gaels' teacher and sportsman Brian Filion showed members of the local sports scene once again in 1995 a quality of his reminiscent of the Greek god Midas.

It seems that everything Filion touches - or at least coaches - turns to gold.

Filion's exploits first surfaced in March as he - a first-time volleyball coach - guided the junior girls' team to the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry "AA" championship.

The title becomes even more impressive when one considers that the Gaels would not have had a team had Filion not volunteered for the job.

"We went from having no team to winning the S.D. and G. championship. It's quite a Cinderella story."

Filion's antics did not stop there, however.

Upon making the jump from coach-

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Local players excel for U.S. college teams

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school teammate Poirier, who quickly became a fixture in the midfield for the Raiders.

As far as expectations go, Poirier tells the same story as MacLachlan and Lawson.

"I was going down there just to get some playing time. I didn't think anything like making the all-star team would be possible. I guess with a lot of hard work, we just managed to play up to their standards."

All three players say college soccer is more physical than the style they've been playing all their lives in Glengarry.

"It took me almost half a season to get used to the physical contact and the speed," said MacLachlan, who also had to make the adjustment to a system which employs only two forwards instead of four.

"The style (in college) is very rough. It's a lot different than Glengarry soccer," says Lawson, who also played in a two-forward alignment for the first time in her career this season. "It's more of a passing style instead of kick and run and you always have to know where the other players are on the field."

Poirier says the rough and tumble nature of college soccer caught her off guard.

"When you go out there for the first game, you don't know what to expect. Then all of a sudden there's people running you over. I spent a lot of time picking myself up this year," said Poirier.

Well known in Glengarry for her high level of sportsmanship, Poirier says there's only one thing to do when things get a little tough.

"When that starts happening, you just say 'O.K.' and then you do it too."

Poirier also had to adjust to the speed of the play.

"It's a lot faster so you don't have time to react. You have to be ready to send the ball right away. It seems to me I had a lot more time to make a play in Glengarry."

More locals may get their chance

In addition to being great individual success stories, the achievements of Poirier, Lawson and MacLachlan could have far-reaching effects on women's soccer in Glengarry.

"It's an indication that the competition in the girls' soccer is getting a lot better (in Glengarry)," said Glengarry Soccer League president Jamie MacDonald, who also coaches the Alexandria Bees, MacLachlan and Poirier's summer team.

"It bodes well for the future of a lot of the girls coming up. This makes them think that maybe they'll be able to get scholarships down in the States as well."

MacDonald says the trio of GSL stars currently playing in the U.S. could pave the way for future Glengarrians to head south.

"I think the fact the girls did so well will make (college recruiters) realize this is a soccer hotbed. The girls will also be an inspiration for all the other girls to work hard at their soccer and maybe reap some of the benefits."

MacLachlan believes there will be more Glengarrians playing in the U.S. soon.

"Our coach (Ken Hefner) has asked us many times if we knew of anyone else back home that could play (college soccer). He would come up here to recruit if he thought there was someone.

"It takes a lot of commitment, but there are girls up here that have the potential to go south. It's just a matter of really wanting to do it. If you want it bad enough, you can get it."



Dressage champion

Brigitte Rumke of Lancaster and her horse Morgana won the regional junior basic dressage championship this past season. She also placed seventh at the national dressage eastern division championships in September.

Springers fall out of first

For the second time this season, Glen Sandfield has been directly responsible for knocking a team out of first place in the Glengarry Indoor Soccer League women's division.

Earlier in the season, it was the previously unbeaten Atlantic Hotel that was upset by Glen Sandfield while the Springers were the victim last week.

Natasha Brodie scored twice as Glen Sandfield evened its record at five wins and five losses with a 4-3 victory over the Springers on Tuesday.

Melissa MacDonald and Melissa Brodie each scored once.

Jacinda Rudolph - with two goals - and Tina Bond replied for the Springers.

The Atlantic capitalized on the Springers' loss and moved back into top spot by shading the Red Barons 2-1.

Meghan MacPherson netted her 17 and 18th goals of the year for the Atlantic while Lori St. Denis scored for the Barons.

Rudi Payer Sport earned its second win of the season by defeating the Classics 4-1.

Kelly Lariviere had a hat trick for Rudi's while Shonna Atchison rounded out the scoring with a single.

Beth Armstrong scored in a losing cause.

Storm keeps winning

In men's division play, the Storm extended its undefeated streak to 10 games by defeating M and D Sports 2-1.

Alain Decoste scored both Storm goals while Mike Lavigueur replied for M and D.

Richard Willard had three goals in the Express' 7-2 win over the Old-timers.

The Express remains two points back of the league-leading Storm with Wednesday's win.

Lloyd Thomas added two goals for the winners with singles going to Scott McDougall and Dave MacDonald.

Chad McRae and Kirk MacMillan had goals for the Old-timers.

The league takes a two-week break before resuming regular season action on Jan. 9.

Vikings conquer Crusaders

Kevin Larin scored 19 points as the General Vanier Vikings defeated the Char-Lan Crusaders 86-50 in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry senior boys' basketball play last Wednesday in Williamstown.

Jeff Proctor led the Crusaders with 13 points while Caleb Kinnear and Adam Blackadder each netted eight points.

Char-Lan has now lost two in a row since opening the season with a win over Tagwi.

In junior play, the Vikes dumped the Crusaders 66-49.

Shawn Brabant poured in 14 points for Char-Lan.

Trevor Atchison, Jason Contant, Tim McCuaig and Michael Rankin each had six.

The midget Crusaders avoided a General Vanier sweep with a 29-28 win.

Lee Klazinga scored nine points and Kirk MacMillan added eight as the Crusaders overcame a 21-13 deficit after three quarters.

Klazinga and MacMillan each scored seven points to spur the Crusaders' comeback.

Glens lose in shootout

The Alexandria Glens held the red hot Morrisburg Lions to a 6-6 tie in Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey League play at the Morrisburg Arena last Wednesday.

The Lions earned the bonus point by outscoring the Glens 2-1 in the best-of-five shootout.

The contest featured a series of offensive spurts as each took a turn with the lead.

The Lions roared out to a 2-0 lead before the Glens answered with three straight to make the score 3-2 at the first intermission.

Morrisburg scored the next three goals to take a 5-3 lead, but the Glens cashed in three goals in a span of 92 seconds in the third period to take a 6-5 lead with 7:22 remaining in regulation time.

Ex-Glen Jason Murree scored the tying goal 39 seconds later.

Chris Coffie had two goals and two assists for Alexandria while Derek Durocher, Stephane Loyer, David Bruyere and Darcy MacDonell had single goals.

Eric Hagen had two assists.

Jon Saunders tallied twice for the Leos with singles going to Murree, Chad Duguay, Tim Waldroff and Ryan Warner.

Duguay and Chad White scored in the shootout while Yves Ruest was the only Glen to beat Morrisburg goalie Tommy Payment.

Glens notes: Former Glen **Martin Boisvenue** has made an immediate impact on major junior hockey. In only his fifth game with the Val D'Or of the Quebec league, Boisvenue had three goals and two assists as the Foreurs defeated St. Hyacinthe 6-3 last Wednesday. Boisvenue was named the game's first star...The Glens are fighting a losing battle with the injury bug. The defence is especially hard hit as **Daniel Methot** (lacerated finger), **Jean Theoret** (neck) and **Mark Arquiett** (bruised hip) were scratched. Forwards **Luc Chaumont** (mononucleosis) and **Stephane Boisvenue** (back) also missed the game...**Darcy MacDonell** - who scored his 10th goal of the year - was interim captain in Methot's absence...Affiliate **Marc Gauthier** played his first junior B game and recorded an assist.

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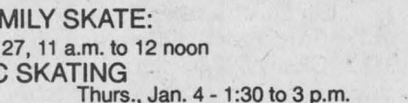

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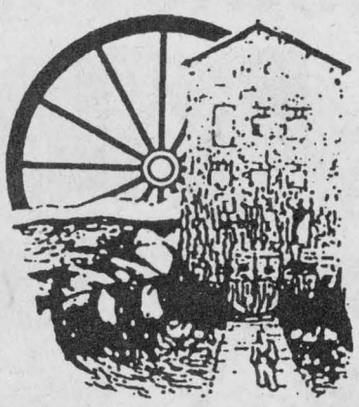

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A look back at the year in sports

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ing boys' soccer at the junior ranks - where his legacy included five straight league titles - to the senior level, Filion returned Glengarry to the glory of yesteryear.

The Gaels won the Eastern Ontario championships with ease by outscoring their three opponents 16-1 in tournament play, and will in 1996 be making their first trip to the provincial championships in eight years.

Filion's golden touch would have been handy in the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry junior boys' final, as the Gaels five-year title streak was halted by a loss to Tagwi in penalty shots.

Ooh, that's gotta hurt

The Char-Lan Rebels were denied a spot in the 1995 Junior B playoffs due a league ruling that stripped the team of 27 points because of the alleged failure of forward Terry O'Farrell to serve a one-game suspension.

The league was tipped off by Kemptville GM Mike Valcour, whose 73's then moved into the final playoff spot.

The 27 points the Rebs lost in the ruling were equivalent to their total points earned after Nov. 27, 1994, the day of O'Farrell's alleged suspension.

They sizzled...then fizzled

The Alexandria Glens and the GSL's Glengarry Stars had a lot in common in 1995: after years of relative mediocrity, both teams were in need of a championship, responded by having outstanding regular seasons, and then died tragically in the playoffs.

The Glens dominated the St. Lawrence Division in 1994-95, going unbeaten in 17 games at one point and claiming first-place well in advance of the playoffs.

However, the Glens somehow managed to blow a 2-0 championship series lead over the Winchester Hawks, giving up four straight games and conceding the title to the Hawks with a 7-2 loss in the decisive sixth game.

The Stars were even more impressive in the Glengarry Soccer League's 1995 regular season campaign, becoming perhaps the first team in league history to go unbeaten in an 18-game season.

On the other hand, the Stars were even more disappointing than the Glens in the playoffs, as the dropped their semifinal series to eventual champions Greenfield 2-0.

Not surprisingly, the Marauders were the only team to have previously beaten the Stars in 1995, as they overcame the Orangemen to win the Greenspon Cup at midseason.

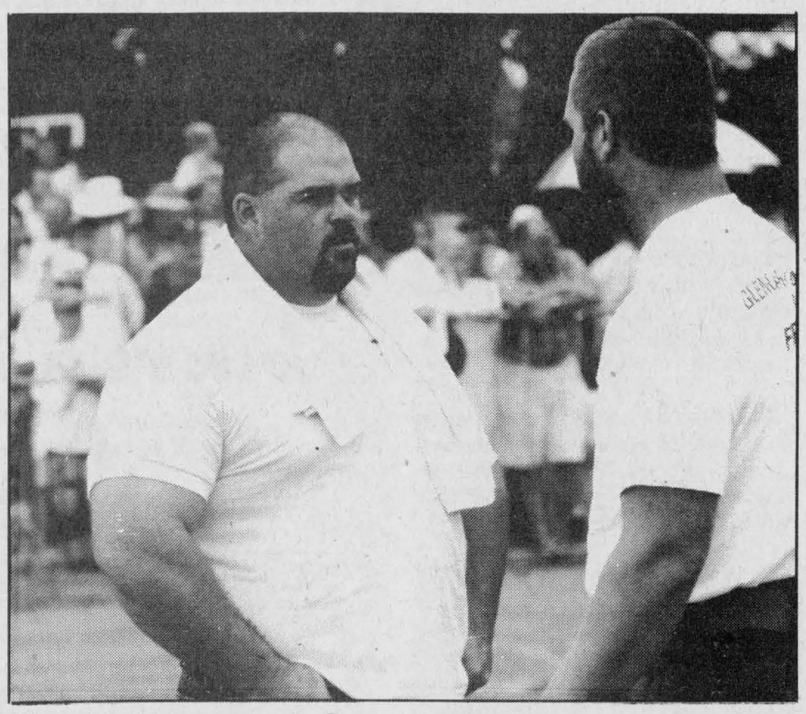
Missing in Action

While the Stars missed the men's GSL final, the ladies' final between the Alexandria Bees - winners of the MacLachlan Cup at midseason - and Laggan was lacking three of the soccer scene's biggest stars.

The ladies' showdown was somewhat deglorified by the absence of the league's best player, Alexandria's Lisa Poirier, and its two top scorers, Katharine MacLachlan of the Bees and Laggan's Wendi Lawson - all south of the border on soccer scholarships.

However, the finals were decided by roster depth and an overtime goal by Bonnie MacLeod as Laggan won its fifth league championship in the 1990's.

The three young women on scholarships all had impressive seasons,



Harry MacDonald won the heavy events championship at the Glengarry Highland Games for the third year in a row.

becoming some of the very few freshmen to make post-season all-star teams.

Lawson even set a school record at American International College by scoring 13 of her team's 44 goals on the season.

Ricky Latreille - the other local athlete to receive a scholarship this year - joins the collegiate golf team at Lindsey Wilson, the school for which Poirier and MacLachlan play.

The high (school) life

It was a banner year for girls' sports at the two local high schools.

Both Glengarry and Char-Lan claimed Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (S. D. and G.) championships in junior and senior soccer, and the junior Gaels claimed their third straight Eastern Ontario championship.

The schools' soccer domination was reminiscent of their performances at the the S. D. and G. volleyball championships earlier in the year. The Gaels claimed "AA" titles at all three levels while the Crusaders won "A" championships at the junior and senior levels.

Glengarry even won the S. D. and G. championship for junior girls' basketball, their first in twenty years. You know it's a good sports year when...

"Wheeler-ing" in the awards

Williamstown skier Eric Wheeler, 50, was one of several Glengarry athletes who received high honours for their athletic accomplishments this year. Wheeler was named as the top male athlete in Glengarry, a distinction he earned on the strength of his performance at the Canadian masters cross-country skiing championships in Canmore, Alta. Wheeler won three medals - a gold, a silver and a bronze - in his age group.

Wheeler's female counterpart as top local athlete was multi-sport high school star Vicky Peacey, who was also recognized as the top female athlete at Char-Lan for the third year in a row.

External Exposure

Several local athletes earned recognition in their respective sports at the national level.

Eighteen-year-old Ryan MacDonald earned a trip to the Memorial Cup in Kamloops, Alta. as his Detroit Junior Red Wings defeated the Guelph Storm to win the Ontario Hockey League championship.

Steven St. Denis, then 17, made the first all-star team as goalie at the Canadian National Broomball Championships.

Apple Hill swimmer Cory MacRae - who swims out of Cornwall - finished in tenth place in the 100-metre freestyle race at the nationals in Lethbridge, Alta.

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The Highland Athletic Club has once again left its mark on the powerlifting world, as one of its members stepped into the sport's spotlight while another is yet to step out of it.

Twenty-year-old Heather Johns won the national junior powerlifting title in Chiliwack., B.C., in February.

Meanwhile, Highland owner John Baxter extended his streak of World Blind Powerlifting championships to six and set three new world records in doing so.

Glengarry bids farewell

The local sports community lost three of its most honored members this year.

Lloyd Kennedy, a pioneer of the heavyweight events at the Maxville Highland Games and an inductee into the Glengarry Sports Hall of Fame, passed away this summer.

Glengarry also bid farewell to another Hall inductee, former Philadelphia Flyers player and family man Ralph MacSweyn, who succumbed to cancer at age 52.

The Glengarry Soccer League lost a piece of its history with the passing of "Little" Willie MacLeod, the last surviving member of the the league's inaugural championship team from Dunvegan in 1924.

The sports community also lost an up-and-coming multi-sport star, 16-year-old Kara MacDonald-Wolochatiuk of Char-Lan.

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A fond farewell from Janice

Lancaster

by Janice Montreuil
347-2420, fax 347-7464



A fond farewell to all you kind readers – I shall miss you. Just because I am not writing the news, do not think I will not be making it! I plan on painting up a storm both in our area and across Canada as I am committed to making my art form, decorative painting, known all over.

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Shop in Lancaster and you could win!

Berrigan's Pub was the site of the fifth annual "Lucky Bucks" draw and one thousand lucky bucks were drawn out of the barrel.

The grand winner of $200 was Annie McDougall of Lancaster and $100 winners were Nellie Badger of Montreal, Toby Applebaum and Doug McPherson of Lancaster.

The $50 winners were Ken Pilon of Long Sault, Mrs. Busque of Beaconsfield, Thomas Trautmann of Alexandria, Theresa Whitford of Williamstown, and Jim Fitzpatrick, Denise McDonald, Jocelyn Overbury, Maggie Lee, Maurice Chretien and Alan Gunn of Lancaster and area.

Lancaster will welcome these winners as they spend their "lucky bucks" in participating businesses.

Also, the preliminary judging for best decorated home and store front produced a list of finalists. The winners will be announced at the "Citizen of the Year" awards night early in 1996.

Finalists for best decorated home are Michel Bourdeau, Hwy. #2 East; Huntley McDonell, Lancaster and Father Rudy Villeneuve, Lancaster. The judges also awarded honorable mention to Raymond Rose, Lancaster, Chris Guest, South Lancaster and John Ryan, South Lancaster.

Best decorated storefront finalists are Rob McIntosh China and Crystal Shop, Town and Country Flowers and Gifts and Auld Kirktown Craft and Gift Shoppe. Honorable mention was given to Lancaster Inn.

The Lancaster and District Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all participants – merchants and shoppers – for making the Lucky Bucks campaign its usual success.

Also a big thank you to the people of Lancaster and area for joining in the decorating of almost all the homes and businesses.

To everyone, from all of us in Lancaster and area, the best holiday season ever and continued success and happiness in 1996.

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On Dec. 6, the annual Christmas meeting of the Bainsville Women's Institute was held at the delightfully-decorated home of Susan Robertson.

Twenty-nine members and five guests enjoyed dinner dishes of the season organized by Nancy Hallberg.

A short meeting was held after dinner. Members were notified of upcoming changes to the MacArthur Trophy competition, also, the Alexandria OMAF office will be closing in 1996 and an interesting workshop has been scheduled for Jan. 24 in Kemptville.

More information will be provided at the January meeting to be held at Glen Cairn Lodge.

The evening's program was convened by Ruth Fourney. The theme of "gifts" was presented in song, skits and a reading.

The roll call of "a memorable gift I received" was answered by all members recalling childhood gifts of dolls, crutches and a ball of wool.

A basket of cookies and gifts were collected for Baldwin House and the members exchanged little mementos and shared a friendly Christmas evening.

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The winner of the $500 grocery spree from Lancaster Recreation Committee and a Lancaster business was Louise Dixon of Williamstown. Congratulations!

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News from Lancaster and District Curling Club is that the annual family and friends "Funspiel" will be held at the club on Dec. 30. Please watch for the poster and sign up.

Lady curlers who have curled five years or less are urged to get their teams together for the Stanley Gauthier competition to be held Jan. 2, 4 and 9. For more info contact Kirsty at 347-1187.

Jan. 20 has been chosen as the date for the Marty Lariviere Memorial Bonspiel. A poster will be put up at the club shortly and this event is open to the public.

Interested persons may sign the poster or call Cathy at 525-1368 with their teams. Proceeds of this event will be donated to the Children's Wish Foundation in memory of Marty.

Feb. 10 is the date for the Valentine's bonspiel for members and guests. Watch for the poster at the club. Jan. 12 and Feb. 24 are open Saturdays at the club and anyone wishing to rent the facilities may do so by calling Peter at 347-7536.

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Forestry club offered again

4-H News

by Angela Dorie
347-7120

A forestry club will be offered again this year in the Dalkeith-Laggan area. It will begin in late January or early February and will consist of four or five meetings with an achievement day in mid-May and/or something held in conjunction with the Maxville Fair.

Included in the club will be identifying trees, both deciduous and coniferous, identifying wood samples, a trip to a saw mill, a walk in the bush and an achievement day of planting trees. Sound interesting? To register, call Joyce MacLennan at 525-2579 or register at the OMAFRA office before Jan. 10.

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From the Awards Committee; Thanks to everyone – 4-H leaders, members and parents – for their help and participation at the annual awards evening. We would also like to thank our sponsors and visitors who were part of the evening.

This year many of the trophy winners were not provided with a keeper plaque. The Glengarry Leaders Association decided it might be a way to help keep costs down, with the GLA absorbing the engraving costs.

With another 4-H year about to begin, an updated list of awards and trophies will be available soon.

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For those whose New Year's resolutions include "getting involved in the community", new 4-H leaders are always welcome! A leader need not have a lot of experience – plenty of advice and help is always available from the current leaders. All that is required is an interest in working with children and in the club topic(s) you choose.

There is an interesting pamphlet available called "4-H Project Selection" and contains approximately 60 4-H projects with a description of each. Many have manuals available in both English and French.

The purpose of the 4-H program program is "the personal development of youth in rural Ontario" and many times our leaders learn as well as the children. Contact the OMAFRA office at 525-1046 for more information.

If enough people were interested, a special workshop could be held to provide additional information.

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For anyone considering joining their first club, new members must be 10 years old before Jan. 1. Most clubs consist of six meetings and an achievement day (or evening) which shows family, friends and sponsors the accomplishments of the club members.

New clubs start all through the year, check this column or the Glengarry at a Glance for details and start-up dates, and cover many varied topics.

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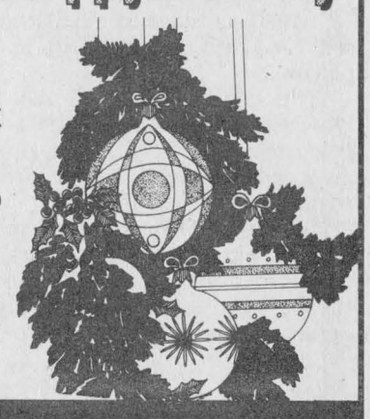

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Santa Claus wows kids

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by Colette Sauvé
874-2076



Too late for the Christmas deadline! Sorry about that and I do hope that everyone enjoyed a very joyful Christmas!

A few belated birthdays – best wishes to Pauline Roussin and Linda Van Den Oetelaar on Dec. 20, to Christian Ouimet also on Dec. 20, to my brother-in-law, Carl Collette on Dec. 21, to Michel Rozon on Dec. 22, to Gabrielle Jodoin on Christmas day and to Brian Masterson who will turn nine years old on Dec. 26.

The best to Julien Rozon who will turn 13 on Dec. 31 and to Yvon Theoret on Jan. 1. Congratulations.

Santa comes to town

Over 140 kids gathered at the social centre to meet Santa on Dec. 17.

The young and not-so-young were treated to a great show by Lawrence Larouche and Cynthia Martin of Magical Alliance.

Santa distributed gifts to all the kids and took all the orders for Christmas eve.

This event was sponsored by the Optimist Club and "Jeunes" Glen Robertson Youth Commitee.

About 60 Optimists from Zone 6 gathered at the social centre on Dec. 15 for a party organized by Lieutenant Governor Pierre Larocque.

A delicious lunch prepared by Rejeanne Decoste and her helpers was served. Games were played and everyone had a ball.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all my column's readers and all the staff of *The Glengarry News* a very happy new year and may the joyous and peaceful spirit of Christmas remain with all of you throughout the coming year!

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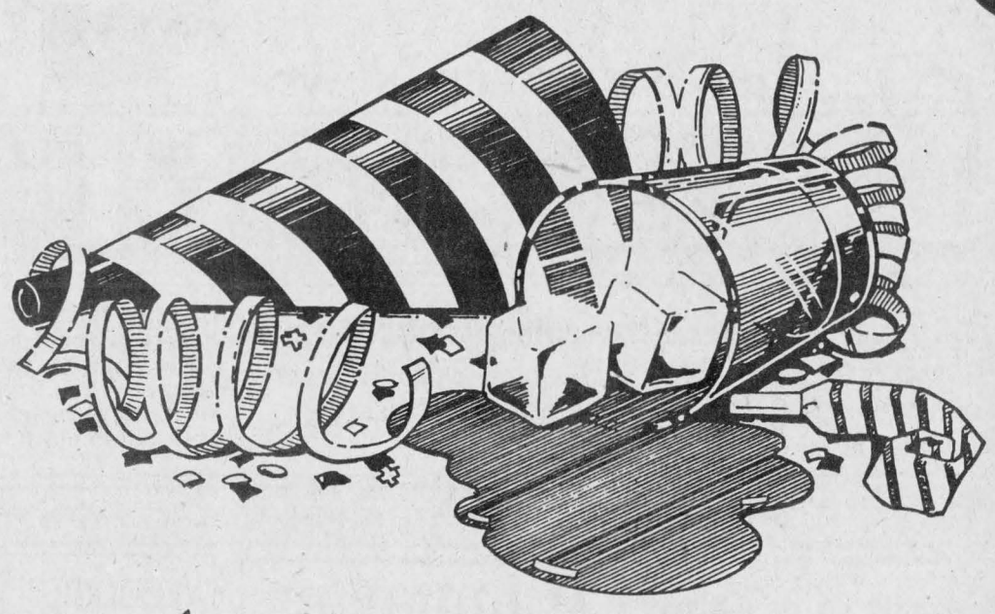





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Births

McLAUGHLIN – Ron and Charyl (nee Adams) are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a son, Sean William, on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1995 at Hotel Dieu, Cornwall, weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William and Gladys Adams, Cornwall and Mrs. Robert McLaughlin, Cornwall.

LASCELLE – Michael and Liane have been richly blessed with a beautiful baby boy, Joshua Riley, born Nov. 20, 1995 at the Grace Hospital, Ottawa. He tipped the scale at 8 lbs. 12 oz. and stretched the tape to 21-1/2". Joshua is a future playmate for big sister Rebecca and a new cousin for Sarah Szeled; Cody and Brittany Lascelle; and Jensen Ward. Proud grandparents are Geoffrey Ward of Georgia and Carolyn Ward of Glen Sandfield; and Andre and Mary Lascelle of Glen Norman. Great grandparents are Ella Bergeron of Williamstown and Nora Ruth of Lancaster.

ST. DENIS – Ghislain St. Denis and Rachel Meloche are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Tyler, born on Monday, Dec. 18, 1995 at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Cornwall, weighing 6 lbs. 1/2 oz. Tyler is the first grandchild for Rene and Jacinthe Meloche of Alexandria.

Card of Thanks

TOBIN – Hilda would like to thank her many friends who came to visit during her recent stay in hospital. Your many kindnesses will always be remembered. 52-1p

MacPHEE – My sincere thanks for the many visits from relatives and friends while I was a patient at the Ottawa Civic and Riverside Hospitals these past months. All the prayers, get well messages, cards and flowers helped greatly in my recovery. Many thanks, as well, to the nursing staff and doctors at the Riverside Hospital for their wonderful care.
– Alison MacPhee. 52-1p

Personals

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THANK you, St. Anthony and St. Jude for favors received. P.L./R.L. 52-1p

In Memoriam

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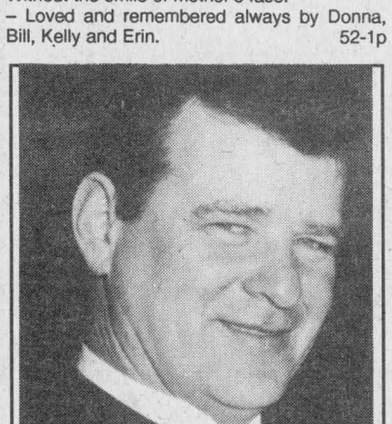
We miss thee from thy place.
A shadow o'er our life is cast.
We miss the sunshine of thy face.
We miss thy kind and willing hand
Thy fond and earnest care
Our home is dark without thee
We miss thee everywhere.
– Lovingly remembered, Mom, Dad, Mike and Roger. 52-1c

COXEN – In fond and loving memory of a dear son, William, who passed away Dec. 31, 1965.
There is a face that haunts us ever
And a voice which brought us cheer
And a smile we'll forever remember
When in silence we dry every tear.
– Always remembered and loved by Mother, sister and family. 52-1p

WARDEN – In loving memory of a dear wife, Marie, who passed away January 1, 1993.
What would I give her hand to clasp,
Her patient face to see,
To hear her voice, to see her smile,
As in the days that used to be.
But some sweet day we'll meet again
Beyond the toil and strife
And clasp each other's hand once more,
In Heaven, that happy life.
– Loved and sadly missed by husband, John. 52-1p

WARDEN – In loving memory of a dear mother, mother-in-law and grandmother who passed away Jan. 1, 1993.
When a mother breathes her last farewell
The stroke means more than words can tell,
Our home seems quite another place
Without the smile of mother's face.
– Loved and remembered always by Donna, Bill, Kelly and Erin. 52-1p


An offering from our hearts

POULIN, Donald- In loving memory of a dear husband and father who passed away Dec. 27, 1994. Though you are not here with us, we see your face in our minds and we miss you. We don't like missing you. It is a very cold and lonely feeling. We wish you were here with us right now where the warmth of our love could melt the winter snows. But since you can't be , we will have to be content just dreaming about when we will see you again.
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Deaths

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McDONALD, DOROTHY KATHERINE
At the Jewish General Hospital, Montreal, on Wednesday, December 20,1995. Age 69 yrs. Beloved daughter of the late Willa O'Neil and the late Alex John R. McDonald. Relatives and friends called at Munro & Morris Funeral Home, 114 Main Street South, Alexandria. Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Raphael's Roman Catholic church on Saturday, December 23 at 11 a.m. Spring Interment parish cemetery. 52-1c

VILLENEUVE, THERESA MARY
In Cornwall General Hospital on Wednesday December 20, 1995 at the age of 63 years after a courageous battle with cancer. Theresa Besner of Cornwall, beloved wife of Frank Villeneuve and dear mother of Conrad (Linda) of Cornwall, Cynthia (Don Baker) of Westport and Ben (Laurie) of Calgary. Loving grandmother of Justin, Joshua, Emily, Sammy, Christopher, James and Heather. Daughter of the late Delia and Louis Besner. Sister of Ernest and Bruno Besner of Maxville, Rene of Bonfield Ont., Janet LeBlanc of Cornwall, Claudette McAllister of Kanata and the late Leo Besner, formerly of Moose Creek. Also survived by several neices and nephews. A graveside memorial service will be held at St. James Cemetery, Maxville at a later date. Those who wish may make memorial donations to the charity of their choice in memory of Theresa.

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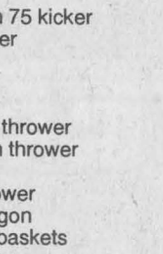

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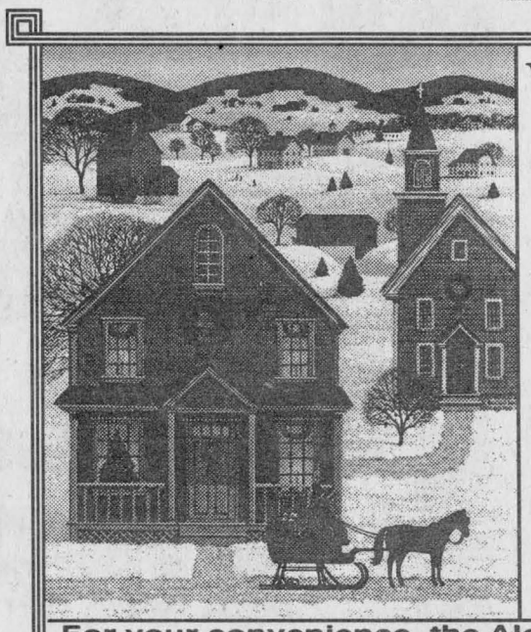

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McKillican becomes 'grand lady' of Maxville

Maxville

by Gordon Winter
527-2888



Many years ago, Alexander Campbell Sr. a native of Scotland celebrated five birthdays past the century mark and the Maxville column of *The Glengarry News* always referred to him as "Maxville's grand old man".

On Dec. 29, another village resident will be celebrating her 101st birthday and we will simply refer to her as Maxville's grand lady, leaving out the "old". Annie MacKillican is a Manor resident who is well and spry and the figure of dignity and composure that so many have known down through the years.

We wish Mrs. MacKillican continued good health with its accompanying peace and contentment. A quiet party was planned for the celebrant at the Manor by her daughter, Janet.

Mrs. MacKillican is the widow of Lyman of St. Elmo, and was a teacher in rural schools, Kirk Hill and Athol at least, prior to her marriage.

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Spring Street has a new resident in the person of baby Katie MacLeod, born to Kathleen and Allan on Dec. 14. The baby has four brothers and sisters to welcome her home and best wishes are extended to all.

Birth is a joyous occasion but the inevitable death is the opposite, especially at this Christmas time.

Theresa Villeneuve, the wife of Frank died in Cornwall on Dec. 20 after an illness whose symptoms first appeared about a year ago. We extend sympathy to Frank who is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bev. F. Villeneuve and his family of three along with their children and to the members of Theresa's family. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Louis Besner with her brothers Ernest and Bruce living here.

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Carol and Kyle MacMillan were the big winners in the Lions Club Calendar draw on Dec. 15 when their numbers were drawn for the $1,000 prize.

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Other winners were Antoinette Langlois, Cornwall; Catherine Kippen, Maxville; Mark Sauve, Apple Hill; Suzanne Froats, Cornwall and Bernie Roche, Cornwall.

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A very enjoyable evening carol service was held in the Presbyterian Church on Dec. 17. It was conducted by the Rev. James McVeigh, Dunvegan, assisted by the Rev. Ed Gratton, the Rev. Jan Staniforth and the Rev. Marc Piche.

The church was tastefully decorated with light colored poinsettias and many candles. Lorna MacGregor was the pianist for the carols, most of which were requests from the large number in attendance.

Many remained afterwards for a social hour and refreshments served by the ladies of the church who did themselves proud with their preparations.

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David Rolland, a student from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay is home from the holidays with her parents Carla and Sheldon and brothers and sister.

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About 40 members of the Bowling Club sponsored by the S.O.S. at the Manor enjoyed a Christmas luncheon on Dec. 19. Hilda Holmes catered the meal, she was assisted by husband Herb and the facilities of her brother, Ed Wright, at the hotel were used.

Joan O'Hara and Ross Conners conducted carol singing and Grace McEwen had a puzzle that groups were asked to solve. A gift exchange closed this social event.

Members of the Club bowl on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. at the St. Isidore Bowling Lanes. Additional bowlers on Thursday will be welcomed.

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No one has provided information on the family of Donald MacMaster, K.C., M.P. in England. Perhaps it will help when it is made known that he was knighted by the king and therefore became Sir Donald.

Another story related to this correspondent is that later he was defeated in an election, a probable reason being that he had made light of his ancestors in the Highlands of Scotland.

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Starting again in January, Sine McKenna will be holding Gaelic classes in Maxville Public School under the sponsorship of the Glengarry Highland Society. They are divided into beginner, intermediate and advanced intermediate levels. They will be held at the same time as the Saturday piping classes at the school. For further information regarding registration and schedules you are invited to phone Anne McKenna at 613-874-2861.

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Mourning doves are coming in for cracked corn at our feeders these days. We have had as many as 12 and it is interesting to note that they spent most of the day, first, sitting in an apple tree.

The red polls are showing an interest in the niger seed. It is slow-going, however and they will take a long time to use my supply.

A caller wondered why he wasn't having birds at his feeders. There are many things to consider. The feed supplied is the first and I would suggest that the basic ones are sunflower seeds (striped or black), cracked corn (or a mixture containing small seeds) and suet (or a fat mixture). Appropriate feeders have to be provided but the ground feeders must also be remembered. Keep the feeders free of snow and don't expect the birds to search under the snow for feed.

Trees and shrubs are a real asset, during the day for perching and protection from hawks and at night protection from the weather.

When a hawk flies in, the birds will be frightened away for a short time. If hawks come frequently, birds may be frightened away to a greater extent.

Finally, if you can still not figure out why you don't have birds, consider the feeding facilities of your neighbors. Perhaps they are doing a better job at attracting the birds you are waiting for.

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At the last meeting of the Horticulture Society, Dorothea Conners showed slides that had earned prizes at recent conventions of the Ontario Horticultural Association. Mrs. Conners also encouraged those in attendance to become seriously interested in taking photographs that could be entered in the slide competition.

As well, she promised to supply a list of the topics for the 1997 convention. They are "New Dawn", an early morning scene; "Spring", a closeup of a favorite harbinger of spring; "Spice of Life", a herb garden or pot(s) of herbs; "Ponderings", a water garden; "Floating Elegance", closeup of a water lily or lilies, "Summer Splendor", a mixed flower border; "Gardening Gremlins", a child or children having fun in the garden, "Horticultural Mandate", a public planting by a society; "Houseplant Happiness", a houseplant in full bloom; "The First Snowfall", an early winter scene; and "Feeding Feathered Friends", a bird(s) at a backyard feeder or bird bath.

Mrs. Conners has all the details on the competition.

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A correction for last week's column. The Women's Institute here was organized here in 1909, not 1969 as printed.

Optimists host bash on New Year's Eve

Dalkeith

by Jean MacLennan
874-2385



Santa Claus joined the Optimist members on Dec. 17 to greet the excited children who had their wish list to give to Santa.

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On Dec. 31 the Optimist Club will have a New Year's Eve dance in their hall at Dalkeith. Normand Menard is supplying the music and a good lunch is promised.

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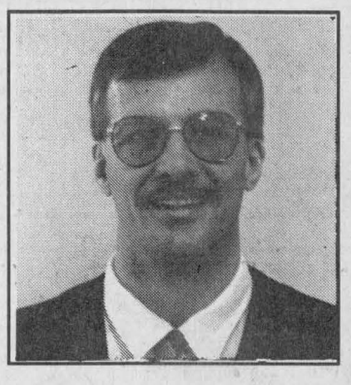

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Its 30 large pages are packed with pictures and information about what Glengarry County was like in 1903. there are stories on local towns and area banks, lawyers, doctors, school, churches and businesses, including Munro & McIntosh and MacPherson & Schell.

There are notes on Ralph Connor, the Lancaster Cairn, military matters, county history and much more – all from a 1903 point of view.

There are also ads (in themselves often fascinating), and more than 125 illustrations, including photos of area churches, street scenes and some 75 portraits of prominent people of the time.

"It's the kind of thing," notes Glengarry Historical Society President David Anderson, "that as soon as people see it, they want it. It was a special issue in 1903, and it's more special now."

Thus more than two-thirds of the 200 copies printed have been shipped already. Most copies have been bought locally, but *The News* office has handled orders for ex-Glengarrians in points as distant as British Columbia and North Carolina.

For all its extraordinary interest, the 1903 "Christmas Number" might have remained unknown and forgotten if long-time historical society Corresponding Secretary Harriet MacKinnon of Alexandria had not brought an original copy of the paper to an executive meeting one evening last month.

"It's just something I had at home," she explained casually though the copy might be the only one in existence.

The old paper caused great excitement at the meeting, and plans to produce a reprint were made almost immediately.

The modest $10 selling price covers printing costs and, it is hoped, a few extra dollars to help in the maintenance of Glengarry's two museums, at Williamstown and Dunvegan.

The "Christmas Number" is available at The News office in Alexandria, or through society members David Anderson in Williamstown (347-3006), Helen Kennedy, Cornwall (932-2106), Mackie Robertson, Bainsville (347-2935), or Gordon Winter, Maxville (527-2888).

Household air can be hazardous

The Lung Association Eastern Counties stresses that improving the air quality in homes could improve individual health and decrease the risks of lung disease – especially among people with pre-existing breathing disorders.

"Millions of children live every day with breathing problems, which can be worsened by air pollution indoors and outdoors," said Donna Graveley, Chairman of The Lung Association Eastern Counties. "Often people simply don't realize the health risks they and their families face from polluted indoor air in their homes or apartments," she warns.

Air pollution contributes to lung disease which claims more than 31,000 Canadian lives each year. It is the third leading cause of death in Canada.

"Our lungs are constantly filtering everything in the air we inhale, including pollutants. Both indoor and outdoor air pollution affects your ability to breathe and can contribute to chronic lung disease," she said.

Among the most obvious indoor air pollutants are tobacco smoke, organic gases released from many household products, woodburning fireplaces, pesticides, biological contaminants, and engines left running in attached garages or sheds.

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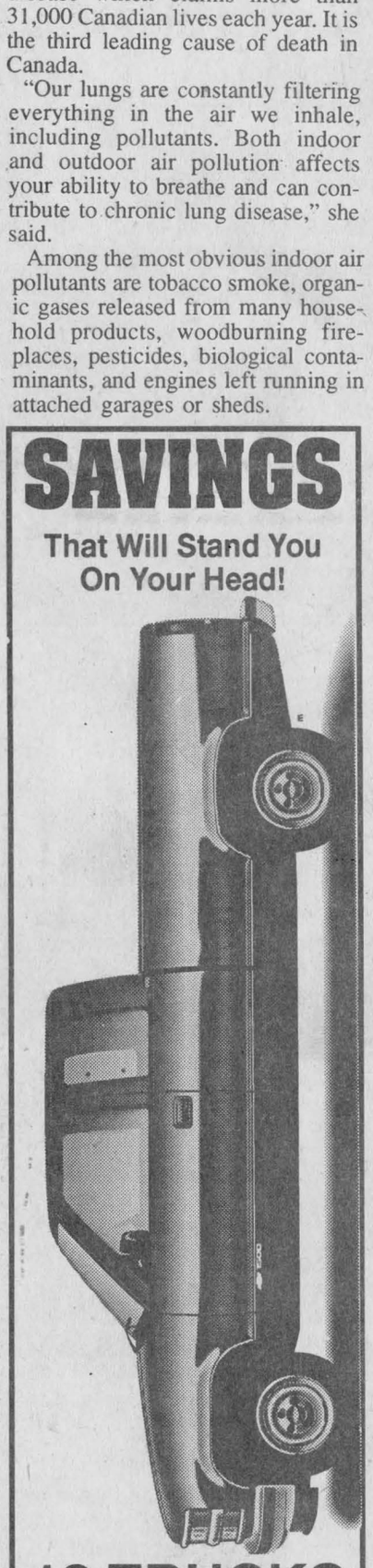
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