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Disability is not a handicap

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By SUZANNE HANSON

For Richard Picknell, there's no such word as handicapped.

Despite the fact that he is confined to a wheelchair, Richard leads a normal, active life. He holds down a job, coaches a baseball team and simply refuses to let his disability be a handicap for him.

The 26-year-old Otterville resident was left paralyzed from the upper chest down after he was struck by a car at Turkey Point in the summer of 1976. The medical term for his condition is a quadraplegic spared, meaning all four limbs are affected but he has partial use of his hands and arms.

Left without any use of his legs and only partial use of his arms, Richard was faced with a whole new lifestyle. He said he doesn't remember any period of adjustment, just that he went on with his life.

"You don't have much of an adjustment period. You just get used to the idea. You don't have any choice," said Richard. He admitted he does get feeling sorry for himself sometimes but he always remembers there is someone who is worse off than he is.

For Richard, having a disease like Multiple Sclerosis would be worse than a spinal cord injury as MS is a disease that

gets progressively worse. In his case he has improved the use of his hands and arms through therapy.

But despite the fact that he saw no great adjustment in getting used to life in a wheelchair, there are still many difficulties he and other similarly handicapped individuals face.

For that reason, the United Nations has set aside 1981 as the International Year of Disabled Persons (IYDP). One of the major objectives of the year is to change public attitudes toward disabled persons and encourage their full and equal participation in community life.

The major concern for the Canadian coordinating committee for IYDP is improving access to transportation, education, employment and recreational facilities.

The federal government has set aside \$1 million to fund projects for IYDP and the provincial government will be spending \$12 million on various programs.

But Richard has his doubts about how much will really be accomplished during the year.

"I don't think it will do much good," he said.

Setting aside a special year for the

disabled will probably do much the same as it did for women in their year and for children last year. It will serve to make people more aware of problems and special concerns but will do little to affect the quality of life for most disabled people.

Richard pointed out that one of the biggest problems for individuals confined to wheelchairs is the accessibility to buildings. He admitted most large cities have recognized the problem and worked to correct it in some instances, often because of the pressure from organized groups of handicapped individuals.

And because of the numbers of disabled persons there, it will probably be in the larger cities that the IYDP will have the most impact.

"It will never have any effect in the smaller communities," said Richard. The number of disabled persons in them is just too insignificant.

But he said there is no reason why smaller centres such as Tillsonburg or Woodstock could not reconstruct sidewalks and curbs to allow for freer movement of wheelchairs from block to block. The curbing at corners and storefronts is one of the greatest barriers to people in wheelchairs and it's so simple to change, he said.

"There's no bargain shopping when you're in a wheelchair. You get what you're close to," said Richard.

He said he would not expect such work to be undertaken in his own village.

"I don't expect our municipality to cut curbs in the sidewalks because I'm the only one (in a wheelchair)."

However, he said handicapped individuals should be kept in mind when streets and sidewalks are reconstructed and new buildings erected.

"If you do it right the first time you won't have to redo it later."

Another area of concern for handicapped individuals that the IYDP hopes to address

this year, is the problem disabled individuals have in finding employment.

Thousands of the two and a half million disabled persons in Canada are unemployed, not because they are unskilled, but because of prejudices and the fact they cannot get into the buildings to work. There is also the problem of adequate transportation to the work place.

In Richard's case, the Delhi tobacco auction exchange where he works as an allocator, is easy to get into and the people there are good to work with. But, he said he probably wouldn't have worked if he hadn't found this job.

A lot of factories require special modifications to accommodate a person in a wheelchair and with the number of people looking for jobs today, why would they hire a handicapped person, asked Richard.

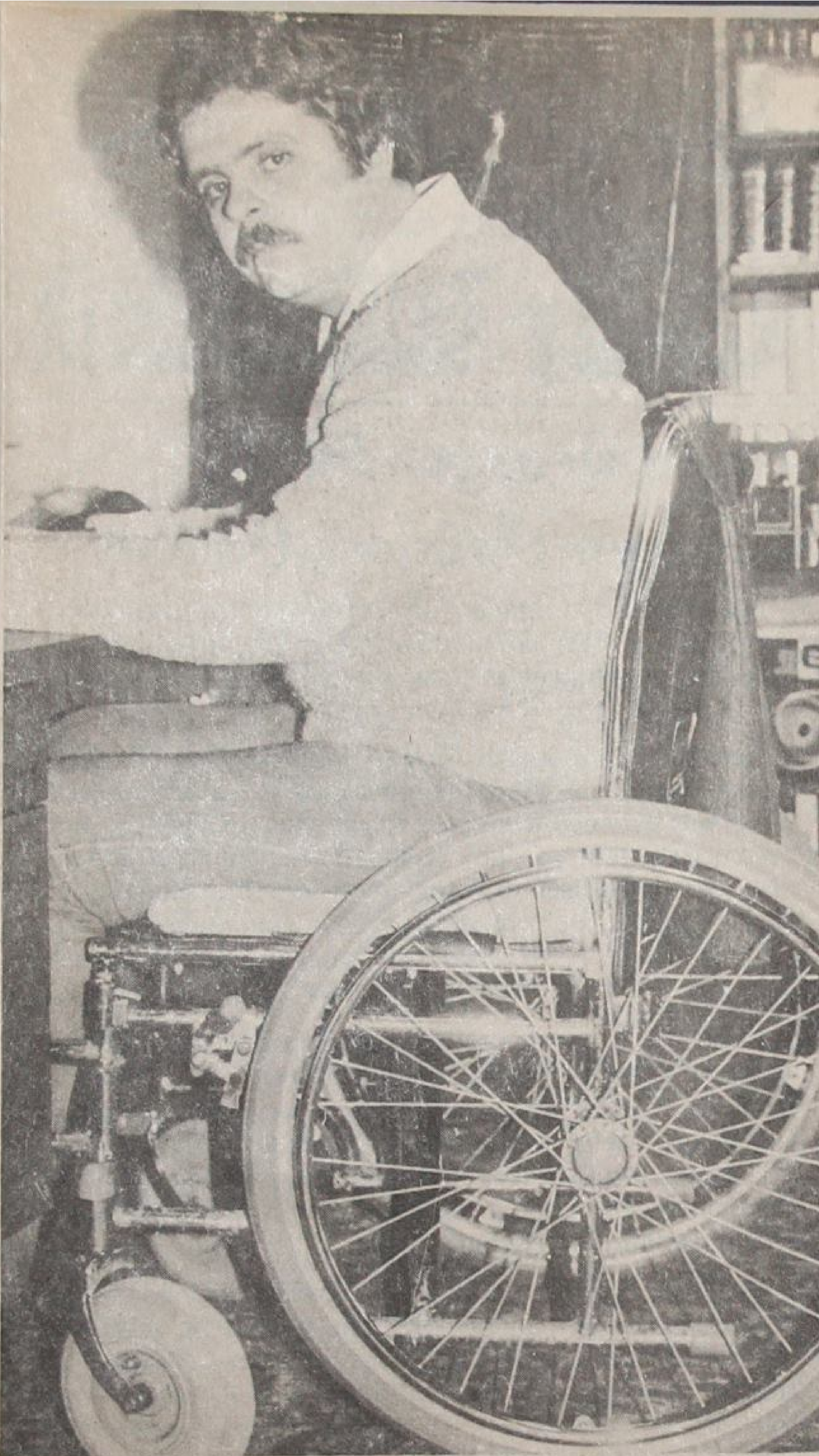
As for the laws prohibiting discrimination against hiring a disabled person, Richard questioned how it could be proven in court that was the reason a handicapped person was not hired.

"The government cannot impose regulations on every community in every area to have every aspect pertaining to handicapped persons covered," said Richard. Each municipality must deal with the problem on an individual basis, he said.

While there may be more specific action taken this year to improve accessibility and freedom of movement for handicapped persons such as himself in the larger centres, Richard still prefers life in a small community such as Otterville.

"You don't have the interpersonal relationships in the large centres that you do in the small," he said. In Otterville there are people who make special allowances for him such as the staff at the local variety store who run out when he stops his van and honks for someone to bring him out a package of cigarettes so he doesn't have to get his wheelchair out to go in.

"I'm very satisfied with this area," he said. "They've done as well as they can do."



RICHARD PICKNELL

SIXTY-FIVE YEARS AGO JANUARY 1916

Otterville is now enjoying benefits of electric light and power, a hydro line having been run out from Norwich. There are fifty consumers on the line.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO JANUARY 1956

Otterville - Mrs. Jack Riste, John St., saw a robin at her home last week. This was the first reported seen here this spring.

Otterville - Tip Top Canners recently shipped a carload of canned vegetables and fruit to England. This is the first time on record that goods from the cannery have been shipped so far.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO JANUARY 1956

Otterville - John and George Davis, who have been employed in the plumbing and tinsmith shop of Ron Collver for the past several years, have commenced their own business.

20 YEARS AGO JANUARY 5, 1961

Rev. Sydney Wilkinson, rector of Holy Trinity Church, arrived back in Norwich after spending two interesting and busy weeks among the people in his former parish in the Arctic.

Family dinner for anniversary

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pinnoy, Main St., Otterville, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Jan. 4, although the actual date was Jan. 5.

In their honour, a delicious dinner arranged by the members of their family was enjoyed in Woodstock.

Present for the happy occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pinnoy, Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Pinnoy and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Pinnoy of Otterville, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pinnoy of Tillsonburg, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Neville and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pinnoy of Delhi.

Mr. Maurice Neville welcomed the guests and on behalf of the families extended hearty congratulations to the honoured couple, who were presented with a silver

plaque with congratulations engraved from their family.

Also received was a gold locket for Mrs. Pinnoy and a gold cigarette lighter for Mr. Pinnoy from their sister and brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinnoy were escorted to the dining room by their son Pierre Pinnoy and Mrs. Pinnoy where the guests were already seated awaiting their arrival.

Both Fred and Dorothy were taken completely by surprise and thanked their family and relatives for their kindness.

The company returned to the home of Fred and Dorothy for the remainder of the evening where a social time was spent.

During the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Exelby of Tillsonburg called to extend congratulations to their long-time friends and wish them "The Best" for the future.



Air mail

Maynard Zimmerman of Millmont, Pennsylvania received a letter by air mail but not in the usual fashion. He found a letter in December sent up in a balloon by Rob Hussey (above) of Otterville while hunting. Rob reads over the letter after looking up Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the city where the reply from Maynard was mailed. (NG Photo)

Balloon message receives answer from Pennsylvania

Rob Hussey was surprised when he got a letter from Pennsylvania last week.

The nine-year-old Grade 4 student from Otterville had sent up a letter of his own in a helium-filled balloon last August requesting the finder to reply but months went by with no response.

Rob had given up hope of receiving a reply when he finally got a letter post-marked Harrisburg, Pennsylvania between Christmas and New Year's.

The letter, from a 14-year-old Grade 8 student, Maynard Zimmerman from Millmont, Pennsylvania, was written after the youth had found the letter while deer hunting on Dec. 4. Maynard said he had found no trace of the balloon the letter had been carried inside.

Rob said he and his

brother Larry, 12, had both sent up letters in balloons on Aug. 19 from their home in Otterville, but to date, only Rob has received a response.

While they could not find Millmont on their map of Pennsylvania, Rob's father David Hussey estimated the

distance from Otterville to Harrisburg, where the reply letter was mailed, to be at least 300 miles across Lake Erie and Pennsylvania.

Rob plans to reply to Maynard's letter and who knows, a new friendship may be formed.



Christmas still blooming

Christmas may be gone for another year, but a touch of it lingers in the home of Otterville resident Lila Freeland. Her huge Christmas cactus is still full of the more than 100 blooms on the plant. The 10-year-old plant had 70 blooms on Christmas day last year and had 50 open on Christmas day this year. The rest of the buds are now open and Mrs. Freeland counted more than 100 of them. (NG Photo).



At the past general meeting of the Otterville area Optimist Club a donation was presented for the Otterville Santa Claus parade. The cheque was presented by Gord Kicksee, finance chairman, left, to Bernice DeGroot, of the parade committee.

March launch confirmed for Emily Stowe stamp



Historic stamps

Norwich Postmaster Gordon Shearer examines a poster put out by Canada Post to promote a commemorative stamp issue scheduled to come out in March. The se-tenant stamp will feature four famous Canadian women, among them Emily Stowe, born in Norwich Township in 1831. A mini-launch for the stamp will take place in Norwich. (NG Photo).

It's official. The Emily Stowe commemorative stamp will be issued this year.

The 1981 stamp program has been confirmed by the Postmaster General Andre Ouellet, focusing on Canadian accomplishments in the arts, history and science.

Four stamps, including one commemorating Emily Stowe will be issued to honor Canadian feminists. The other three to be launched "se-tenant" with the Stowe stamp are honoring Henrietta Edwards, Louise McKinney and Idola Saint-Jean.

Se-tenant means the stamps will be released simultaneously as they are attached to each other, said Colin Cross, retail sales specialist for the southwestern district of Canada Post in London.

The stamps will be launched officially on March 4 on parliament hill, said Mr. Cross, but a mini-launch is being organized to take place

in Norwich on the same date. With all four stamps being released together, it is only logical that the official launch take place in Ottawa, said Mr. Cross.

However, it has been his aim to see the co-ordination of a local mini-launch, focusing on the Stowe stamp, involving people from the local area. A ceremony will take place with the launch and a retail sales outlet set up for the sale of the commemorative stamps, he said.

Richard Bowness, with the public affairs branch of Canada Post's southwestern district in London, said Tuesday the mini-launch will be held on Wednesday morning, March 4 in the Norwich community centre auditorium.

Various special platform guests, including Dr. Harry Parrott, MPP for Oxford, Dr. Bruce Halliday, MP for Oxford, Norwich Township Mayor Jack Burn, Norwich Postmaster Gordon Shearer, representatives from the local clergy and the

historical society will be invited to assist with the ceremonial launch, said Mr. Bowness. Direct descendants of Dr. Stowe will also be invited to take part in the ceremony with the various post office officials.

A reception will follow the launch for special guests and members of the public who wish to attend. Mr. Bowness is hoping for a good turn-out at the event.

Dr. Stowe was Canada's first practising woman doctor. Having received her training at the New York Medical School for Women, run by an associate of suffragette Susan B. Anthony, she returned to Toronto to set up practice in 1867. She faced stiff opposition from her male counterparts and was unable to be fully licensed as a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons until 1880.

In 1877, she organized the Toronto Women's Literary and Science Club which later became a suffrage group that helped win the municipal vote for widows and spinsters.

Dr. Stowe was also the organizer and president, from 1898 until her death in 1903, of the Dominion Women's Enfranchisement League, formed in the 1890's. Although she did not live to see Canadian women get the vote in 1918, she did much to bring about many of the improvements in their lives.

PAUL CAUWELS

Funeral Mass for the late Paul Cauwels of RR 1, LaSalette, who passed away on January 4, 1981, was said at Our Lady of LaSalette R.C. Church on January 6, at 10:30 a.m. by Rev. Fr. George Childs.

Mr. Cauwels was born in Belgium in 1907, son of Gustaf Cauwels and the former Mary DePauw. He came to the Otterville area in 1928, and was a tobacco farmer, retiring about 20 years ago to his home at RR 1, LaSalette.

He was predeceased by a sister, Mary, in 1977.

Surviving are a sister, Alice Paelynki of Belgium; and a niece, Mrs. John (Blanche) Smith of St. Thomas.

Pallbearers were Peter Bouw, Jerry VanLaecke, Ron Crombez, Noel Caerels, Jack McDonald, Jr., and Don Ryder.

Interment in LaSalette R.C. Cemetery.

Prayers were said at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, on Monday evening at 7:30.

REV. STANLEY V. UPTIGROVE

Rev. Stanley V. Uptigrove of 2 Leslie St., London, passed away at University Hospital, London, on Thursday, January 15, 1981, in his 78th year.

He was a son of the late George and Cilicia Uptigrove.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Hazel G. Doane of Mt. Brydges; one nephew, Ronald S. Doane of Mt. Brydges; and a dear friend, J. Donald McGugan of London.

He was predeceased by a brother, Aubrey Uptigrove in 1931.

Rev. Uptigrove was a former rector of Norwich, Otterville and St. Charles Anglican Churches from January 1964 until August 1970.

Rested at the A. Millard George Funeral Home, 60 Ridout St. London, where the complete funeral service was held in the chapel on Saturday, January 17, at 2:30 p.m. conducted by Archdeacon J.R. Beynon of the Church of St John the Divine (Anglican), Arva.

Interment in Woodhull Cemetery, Kilworth.

Memorial donations to the Endowment Fund of the Church of St. John the Divine, c-o Archdeacon J.R.

Beynon, 1511 Geary Ave., London, N5X 1G6, or to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

DR. ARNOLD HUGH KENNEDY

Dr. Arnold Hugh Kennedy of Port Williams, N.S., passed away suddenly at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Harry Cayley of Norwich, on Monday, January 19, 1981, in his 80th year.

Born in Oxford County, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Israel Kennedy. He was a veterinarian and professor, and taught for a number of years at Guelph University. He moved to Newfoundland in 1955, where he resided for three years prior to moving to Nova Scotia in 1958. He attended the Anglican Church.

Surviving are two sisters-in-law; five nieces and nephews and six great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was predeceased by two brothers, C.H. (Dick) Kennedy in 1954 and A.R. Kennedy in 1960.

Resting at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich, where service will be held Thursday, January 22, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Herb Herring of Trinity Anglican Church.

Interment in Bookton Cemetery.

Social time enjoyed by Bluebirds

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Happy Bluebird Club held their regular meeting at the home of Dorothy Daniels in Norwich on Tuesday evening.

The president Daisy Ash presided and welcomed the members. Meeting opened with the Creed followed with the Lord's Prayer.

The roll call was answered with the members paying their membership for 1981 and telling of some humorous experience which had occurred.

All joined in singing "The Happy Bluebird Song." A card was read from Josepha Rosehart. Mrs. Daniels gave a reading "Remember" and this was followed with a reading by the president, who also gave some highlights of her holiday in Florida. Tune McNally gave a reading "A prayer for those who live alone."

A social time concluded the enjoyable evening and courtesy remarks were given by the president and announced the February meeting would be held at the home of Mrs. Josepha Rosehart.

Sunshine Club

1981. The Sunshine Club met at the home of Evelyn Picknell on Thursday, January 8th at 8 p.m.

The president, Sandra Hussey, opened the meeting and the minutes of the previous meeting were read by Wanda Gould. The roll call suggested by Margaret Shearer was responded to by 15 members.

Thank you cards were read from shut-in friends who had received baskets at Christmas time.

Plans were discussed re-making crafts to raise funds for the club. The members were reminded to bring wool, and knitting needles or crochet hooks to the next meeting which will be held at the home of Marion Pettigrew on January 22nd. Members are asked to bring something suitable for the White Elephant table.

Following the social Marjorie Pearce thanked Evelyn for having the club and Doreen Mountain for the nice lunch.

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Sunshine Club met at the home of Marion Pettigrew on Thursday evening, January 22. President Sandra Hussey presided and opened the meeting.

Twelve members responded to the roll call. Plans were made for the annual pancake luncheon which will be held on Tuesday, March 3 in the Otterville St. John's Parish Hall.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Doreen Mountain on February 12. Appreciation was expressed to Marion for being hostess. A social time followed.

disappearing

Small town barbershop is changing,

By SUZANNE HANSON

It's one of the last bastions of the male domain that women have yet to infiltrate - a place for men to gather and talk about male things without having to curb their

language or their discussions for women.

It's also a centre that probably sees the exchange of more news than a newspaper office as well as a place where one can discuss

the world's affairs while catching up on the latest gossip.

But the small town barbershop is also an institution that is gradually changing and disappearing. Hair

stylists and an increasingly style-conscious population of males, are gradually reducing the numbers who go to the old-fashioned barbershops.

And while there is still the faithful following who can recognize the value of a good haircut given for a reasonable price in a pleasant atmosphere while chatting with the barber in a barber's chair in a small town barbershop, the old-fashioned barber is a diminishing breed.

Local barber Grant Mountain is one of those old-fashioned barbers. He has seen a lot of changes in the field of barbering since he began cutting hair about 27 years ago. He operated a shop in Otterville for 20 years before coming to his Main Street location in Norwich.

When he started giving haircuts the price was a hefty 50 cents. The price today in Mr. Mountain's shop is \$3.50, still below the average price of \$5 charged by barbers in most larger centres. He jokingly said he still gives 50 cent haircuts but he needs the \$3 profit.

"Because I run a small town, family business, conscience runs my price."

The days of giving shaves with haircuts were already gone when Mr. Mountain got into the business. The advancement in all razors and the excellent blades and electric razors available today have made it impossible for the barber to compete.

"The razors now are as sharp as any straight razor we have," he said. Mr. Mountain said he wouldn't get asked to give one a year. Giving a good shave takes time and talent, he said, and

no one has enough time to get one anymore.

Although Mr. Mountain still has his regulars who drop in for a visit whether they need a haircut or not, the fast-paced society we live in today has altered the social function of the barbershop as a place to gather for a leisurely chat or a game of cards.

Mr. Mountain said there was always a card game, a game of cribbage or pool going on in his previous shop in Otterville. But he wasn't really sorry to see them go. The hordes of men in the shop playing pool and cards deterred many of the ladies from bringing their children in for a haircut, he said.

You have to like people and talking to them if you're going to be a barber. Mr. Mountain used to be a printer by trade but got into barbering because he wanted contact with people. The kids used to call his shop in Otterville the gossip shop, but Mr. Mountain didn't mind.

"That's the way I want it. I'd hate it like the devil if a customer came in for a haircut and went straight out again." But there's also the bore who comes in to talk about himself and his problems for an hour.

"I'll listen to problems, but if you have too many, take them on down the street. I'm a poor sounding-board for a bunch of complaints," said Mr. Mountain.

Some days there's a lot of visiting and not much work but that doesn't disturb him.

"I want people to feel free to drop in and chat anytime." He said they talk about anything and everything. "Farmers are the great visitors because they spend most of their lives

alone and don't get the opportunity to visit," he said.

Most of his customers are regulars but regular today has a meaning quite different than it did years ago. A regular customer then often came in once a week for a haircut. Today a regular customer might only come in two or three times a year.

Because of the hair styles today, there isn't the need to get a haircut as often. That change has also meant there is a need for a greater number of customers if the barber is to survive in the business as they don't come in as often.

While he doesn't get involved in the more elaborate hair styles involving tinting and perming, Mr. Mountain has taken two hair styling courses to keep up on the "fantastic array of different haircuts" people want today.

But it is still difficult to capture the market of the teenagers and young men in their early 20's. There's a stigma attached to the name barber, said Mr. Mountain. Because he is a barber, it doesn't mean he is going to cut all a young man's hair off, he said.

Somehow, years ago, the barber thought that to give you your money's worth he had to do a lot of work and that meant taking a lot of hair off, said Mr. Mountain. Today you pay a hair stylist more to take off less hair.

He said it is really no different today for the youngsters and young men than it was in his day. "Years ago I used to come from the barber and I could have just killed him," said Mr. Mountain.

The trend toward long hair appears to have come and



Regular customer

George Malcolm of Burgessville is one of the regulars in Grant Mountain's barber shop in Norwich. Mr. Mountain has been barbering for nearly 27 years and has seen the field go through many changes. (NG Photo)

gone. "Neatness is the trend now. The hair is still over the ears but it is much neater."

Young men are realizing now that long hair requires a lot more care and are opting more for shorter, neater styles that are easier to care for. People are definitely more style-conscious today. They were style-conscious years ago too, but they didn't know how to go about it, said Mr. Mountain. It was hard then to tell a barber not to cut too much off.

Business in his shop is fairly heavy all week, but it has its ups and downs.

"I suppose lots of trades pay better but I like this work. Life is very easy," said Mr. Mountain, although he can remember the busy Saturday nights when he was open until nine and customers would come in just before closing for a haircut. As long as he was there cutting, people would come in and he has never

been one to turn a customer away. There were times when he would be open until 10 p.m. cutting hair.

Historians urged to 'break away'

Local historians must break away from the dull and trite writing tradition of piling fact upon fact, the president of the Ontario Historical Society said Saturday.

Dr. Gerald Killan, told members of the South Norwich and Norwich

District Historical Society that local historians are suffering from a tarnished image as "dabblers in useless facts", "fuss-budgets and antiquarians who are unable to distinguish the trivial from the significant."

Speaking at a day-long workshop, Dr. Killan and his

two colleagues from King's College at the University of Western Ontario, outlined the techniques for researching and writing "good history."

The two historical groups are currently working on a comprehensive history of the former South Norwich Township. Three researchers have been hired under a Canadian Community Development grant to research local newspapers and diaries.

Dr. Killan said some historians have scoffed at members of local historical societies as "little old ladies of both sexes", "rank amateurs, mere compilers of facts who have failed to develop beyond the rudimentary level of competence reached by the Venerable Bede, the chronicler of Anglo-Saxon England."

But, he noted some local historians are deserving of this reputation.

"I must admit they are

partly correct. Some manuscripts by local historical societies are little more than lifeless, mind-numbing lists of facts."

He urged members to break away from the fact upon fact "mould of the Venerable Bede." Local historians have a responsibility to its audience to relate what happened in their community to the rest of the world. Facts must be related to the social, economic and political trends of the county, province and nation, he said.

"It's the duty of the historian to consider the findings, conclusions and different interpretations of other authors."

"Raw facts by themselves are sterile and lifeless. Without interpretative context you can't write a lively relevant piece of history," he said.

He suggested historians that present facts without any interpretation or analysis don't have a real understanding of their subject.

Local historians must also familiarize themselves with all the existing published literature to determine the impact of their findings on former interpretations.

The panel also discussed techniques of research and writing, such as note-taking methods, footnotes, style, bibliographies.

Research Writing History Workshop

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- 9:00 -9:30 a.m. - Registration
- 9:30 -10:45 - RESEARCH - Using the CARD FILE SYSTEM -
Dr. Jacques Goutor
- 10:45 -11:15 - Coffee
- 11:15 -12:30 - BREAKING THE MOULD OF THE VENERABLE BEDE -
interpreting documents- Dr. Gerald Killan
- 12:30 -2:00 - Lunch
- 2:00 -4:00 - TIPS AND TECHNIQUES FOR HISTORICAL WRITING -
Dr. Jacques Goutor , Dr. Eric Jarvis

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PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR 1981

A) PAROCHIAL EXPENSES (OURSELVES)

<u>RECTOR:</u> Our Share of Stipend, Travel, and Rectory costs - - - -	\$ 6,600.00
Pension (General Synod) - - - - -	600.00
<u>CHURCH OPERATION:</u> Heat and Utilities - - - - -	\$ 1,700.00
Insurance - - - - -	729.00
Offering Envelopes - - - - -	35.00
Lawn Cutting - - - - -	125.00
Sundries - - - - -	150.00
TOTAL ON OURSELVES - - - - -	\$ 9,939.00

B) EXTRA-PAROCHIAL EXPENSES (OTHERS)

DIOCESE OF HURON APPORTIONMENT - - - - -	\$ 1,946.00
World Hunger - - - - -	75.00
TOTAL ON OTHERS - - - - -	\$ 2,021.00
TOTAL BUDGET - - - - -	\$ 11,960.00

NOTES:- There are 46 mailing addresses on Saint John's Parish List. (i.e., at least 46 possible supporters).
 - IF EVERYBODY GAVE - it would take an average weekly offering of \$ 5.00 each. (exactly)
 - Some can give more than this amount, some less.
 - Each one of us should ask ourselves the following questions:
 "What difference would it make if everyone in the Parish supported S. John's as I do?"
 "What difference would it make if S. John's no longer existed?"
 "How much does my church really mean to me?"
 If we pull together, praying for the Lord's help, there's no doubt that we'll make it.
 "ALL THINGS COME OF THEE, O LORD, AND OF THINE OWN HAVE WE GIVEN THEE".

OTTERVILLE BAPTIST OTTERVILLE (C) — Pastor Earl Cooper was in charge of the morning worship service at the Otterville Baptist Church on Sunday, January 25.
 Rev. Cooper continued his studies in Mark's gospel, reading for the Scripture lesson Mark 10:46-52; the account of Jesus and the blind beggar Bartimaeus on the highway near Jericho. Bartimaeus received from Jesus not only his physical sight but spiritual life. His heart was stirred by Jesus' presence, changed by Jesus' call and motivated by Jesus' word.
 Ushers for the service were Robert Marshall and Alex Davis. Wilma Butler was the pianist.
 The Women's Missionary Fellowship will hold their February meeting in the Sunday school room on Tuesday, February 3.
 The Young People will join North Broadway Baptist Young People on Saturday night, January 31, for skating, swimming and refreshments at 6:30 p.m. at the Tillsonburg Complex.

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Vestry meeting held by St. John's

OTTERVILLE (C) — The annual vestry meeting of St. John's Church, Otterville, was held recently in the Parish Hall, attended by 16 members.

Rev. Grant Darling opened the meeting with prayer. A moment of silence was observed in memory of two

members, Nate McMullen and Mrs. William Hudson, who passed away during the year.

The rector gave his report since coming to St. John's in March 1980.

Carl Howse was reappointed as Vestry Clerk and read the minutes of the last meeting.

Officers reports were given by Miss Eva Deveney, Mrs. Nate McMullen, Carl Howse, and delegate to the synod by Mrs. William Dowds, Sunday School Superintendent, Carl Howse.

Board of management will meet four times a year. Sunday School teachers are Misses Karen and Jame

Cowan and Mrs. Robert Furlong.

Board of management are as follows: Carl Howse, Richard DeRoo, Jack Freeland, Mrs. Robert Picknell, Mrs. Richard DeRoo, and Arthur Picknell.

Church treasurer, Miss Eva Deveney; organist, Mrs. J. Freeland; Altar Guild, Mrs. Fred Howse; Server's Altar Guild, in the person of Patrick DeRoo; Carl Howse, Secretary-treasurer of St. John's Cemetery. Delegate to Synod, Mrs. William Dowds; substitute, Mrs. Fred Howse.

Rev. Darling thanked the wardens, delegates to synod, organist, Altar Guild, church treasurer, Servers Guild and

all organizations. He thanked all the members of St. John's for a productive year in terms of activity and prayer life. We had a good year to maintain ourselves as an outreaching parish and in our prayer life as our rector is a firm believer in the power of prayer. We must keep it up and pray for those who are absent from

church. They should be included in our daily prayers.

Rev. Darling congratulated the members on the paying in full of the missionary budget, and thanked the parish personally for the way they were accepted in the parish. Carl Howse also thanked our rector for his guidance and leadership during the year.

Otterville W.I. views books

OTTERVILLE (C) — January meeting of the Women's Institute was held Friday evening at the home of Mrs. William A. McMullen who was convener of the meeting on Canadian industries or library services.

President Mrs. Harry Pickersgill presided for the meeting which was attended by six members, and roll call was answered by naming a "A Childhood Book" the member had enjoyed.

Owing to the small number present there was no business. The convener, who is the librarian at the local

Library had many samples of books which are now in the Library. Mrs. McMullen finds it most difficult to display the new material, and members made several suggestions to improve this condition.

February meeting will be in charge of Mrs. Isobel Harris, the second Friday in the month.

Mrs. McMullen was assisted by Mrs. Beecroft and Mrs. Pickersgill for the social hour.

Ladies expressed appreciation to Mrs. McMullen for the pleasant evening.

Puppet making demonstrated at UCW meet

OTTERVILLE (C) — The first meeting in the New Year of the United Church Women was held in the schoolroom of the United Church on Thursday evening with a good attendance. President Mrs. Isobel Harris presided. Mrs. Marion Taylor was convener and the committee was Mrs. Jean Carney, Mrs. Anna Treffry and Mrs. Edith Petch. The New Year was the theme of the meeting.

Guest speaker was Mrs. Mae Leonard of Otterville, who is noted for the many varieties of summer bloom at her home and is visited throughout the summer by many residents of the village and area. The speaker gave an interesting demonstration in the making of puppets.

Mrs. Leonard was introduced by Mrs. Edith

Petch and thanked by Mrs. Taylor, who also presented her with a gift.

Many items of business were discussed.

Worship service opened with the hymn "All Beautiful the March of Days" followed with a reading by Mrs. Carney "The New Year" which was given by King George VI. "And I said to the Man who stood at the gate of the year, give me a light, that I may tread safely into the unknown," and he replied "Go, out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God, That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Anna Treffry, II Corinthians; 5, 16-21 "Behold The New Has Come." Mrs.

Edith Petch led in prayer. A reading "Promises to Keep throughout the Year 1981" was read by Mrs. Taylor.

Meeting closed with a social time and all joined in singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

Otterville WMF meets

OTTERVILLE (C) — Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Baptist Church held their January meeting at the home of Mrs. Murray Treffry. President Mrs. Fred Hill opened the meeting with a New Year's verse followed by the singing of "O God, Our Help in Ages Past." A letter was read from Missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Pollard in Kenya.

Mrs. John Hansford was in charge of the devotional program opening with the hymn "Another Year Is Dawning." Mrs. Hilda Stockmans presented a reading "Dawn of New Year." Mrs. Hansford lead in the Scripture reading of Phil. 3:9-21 followed by a poem "In This New Year" saying that resolutions are soon broken unless we rely

on Christ to help us keep them.

Mrs. Fred Hill brought a message entitled "Drama of the Guilty Conscience" of Joseph's brothers and we were advised not to fight conscience but to turn to God - what He has done for others He could do for you.

"Count Your Blessings" was sung and Mrs. Oenema closed the meeting with prayer.

A social time followed and the hostess was assisted by Mrs. Jack Walters in serving lunch. Mrs. Walters also gave courtesy remarks.

Mass Lions visit to Vienna club

For their regular meeting in January, the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club made a mass visitation to Vienna Lions Club.

A total of 34 members were transported by bus to Vienna, to participate in their regular meeting.

Due to some communication problem, it was an unexpected visit, and required some re-arranging of the food supply, which their caterer was able to do with amazing results.

The meeting was in charge of Lion President John

VanDewyngaerde. He expressed his pleasure at having a visitation from Norwich-Otterville.

Lion Murray Cornwell won the convention draw. Lion Chief Gordon Shearer made courtesy remarks and P.D.G. Lion Howard Fleming reminded all members of the Friendship Convention in April, and urged a good attendance.

After a period of horse-trading and bargaining, the meeting was closed by Lion chief John.

Lions plan Sweetheart dance

The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the Norwich Legion Hall on Monday evening January 12th.

Lion Vice President Norm Fidin presided. There were three guests present. The Club is purchasing 50 sets of new club pins to be used in trading with the Lions Club.

The next regular meeting January 26th will be held jointly with the Vienna Lions Club. A bus will leave Norwich Legion at 5:45 p.m., Otterville Hall at 6 p.m. and Springfield Garage at 6:15 p.m.

Preparations are complete for the annual "Sweetheart" Ball to be held in the Norwich Community Centre, Saturday, February 14th.

A new band the "Projection" will supply the music. There will be a contest for the "queen" and a buffet lunch. Tickets are available from all the Lions.

Past President Bob Spek reported that the club had realized \$1,200.00 for the members help in the Lions Booth at the International Ploughing Match last October.

Two new members were inducted. Lion Al Sanders sponsored by Andy Vandenberg and Lion Bill Martin sponsored by Lion Ray O'Neil.

The Induction was conducted by Lions Howard Fleming, Norm Fidin, and Colin Cope. Lion Les Dickson reported that a profit of \$700.00 was realized from the Octoberfest.

The Convention draw prizes were won by Lion John Sandham and Wayne Jenkins.

One is charged in Powell theft

A Delhi resident has been charged with break and enter and theft in connection with the theft of \$300 in cash from Powell's Agri-systems in Otterville.

Darla Theresa Nunn, 16, of Delhi, was remanded out of custody in Tillsonburg provincial court January 21.

Entry was gained to Powell's by way of a smashed plexiglass door window on the north side of the building. A locked door to the office area was kicked in and the office area was ransacked. The cash was taken from a metal box in the office.

Damage to the door was estimated at \$75 and damage to the window at \$25.

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Historical society names Rick Singer president

OTTERVILLE (C) — January meeting of the South Norwich Historical Society was held Monday, Jan. 12, and all meetings will be held the second Monday of each month.

The programs will cover items of local history.

Members were reminded that fees for the current year may be paid to Mrs. Fred Pearce.

Slate of officers for 1981 is: past president, Bill McMullen; president, Rick Singer; vice president, Lorne Treffry; secretary, Catharine Mann; assistant secretary, Mary Murray;

corresponding secretary, Joyce Pettigrew; director, one year: Muriel Gehring, Ronald Brayley; two years: Doreen Mountain, Delmer Clinton; three years: Bill McMullen, Ed Moore; news letter, Boyd Little; assistants, Bill McMullen, Ed Moore; program, Lila Freeland, Bill McMullen and Carl Howse; food booth, Lorne Treffry; auditor, W.R.S. Harris.

Members expressed appreciation to those who assisted in decorating the float for the Otterville Santa Claus parade, to Joyce and Jean Davis for their artistry; also to Lorne and Anna Treffry,

Lila Freeland, Rick Singer, Bill McMullen, Terry and Rhonda Treffry, Wilma McMullen and Stephanie Harris.

A grant, to be shared by the Norwich and South Norwich Historical Societies, has been procured from the federal government. This will enable the hiring of three people for sixteen weeks to research and write local history and Kathy Moore of Norwich, Kathy Davis of Otterville and Sandra Rutherford of Delmer, have been engaged to perform this task. Kathy has a year and a half of University in History and Politics, Sandra Rutherford is a graduate in English at U.W.O. and Kathy Moore is a qualified typist. They will commence their research, gleaning Norwich and Tillsonburg newspapers.

OXFORD COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Annual Supper and Dance

Friday, January 16th, 1981

Fairview Centre, Woodstock

Supper 7 p.m. Dancing 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Music By THE POOR BOYS

Admission — \$8.00 Per Person

PUC rates increasing

Norwich and Otterville residents will be seeing an increase in their hydro and water bills effective this month as the Norwich Public Utilities increases its rates.

Water bills in Norwich (Ward 2) will increase by 17 per cent to \$7 a month (\$84 a year) and by 20 per cent to \$6 a month (\$72 a year) in Otterville (Ward 1). Customers outside of the Ward 2 limits will pay a \$10.50 a month fee and metered customers will pay a minimum monthly water charge of \$10.

Norwich hydro rates are also increasing on all energy used by 7.5 per cent overall, the Norwich PUC has announced. Ontario Hydro is increasing its rates to municipal utilities by an average of 9.3 per cent.

Bid to save historic mill suffers setback

OTTERVILLE (Bureau) — Attempts to save the historic Treffry Mill here have suffered another setback, but Norwich Township council vowed Monday to continue its fight.

Jim Oliver, manager of the Long Point Regional Conservation Authority, told council the authority's chances of getting grants to take over the adjacent dam and pond area are remote because reconstructing the dam cannot be justified for water management benefits. The authority's budget for this year, he noted, has already been set and funds for the project are not included.

The authority was considering tak-

ing over the 39-acre dam and pond area after its bid to purchase the mill was rejected by the ministry.

Council decided to pressure the provincial natural resources ministry for grant money by setting up a meeting with the ministry and representatives of the authority, township council and a local committee trying to find money to purchase the 40.6-acre site from its owner for \$60,000.

Oliver said a recently completed report by a ministry engineer points out the cost to make the dam structurally sound would be \$72,000, which could not be justified for min-

istry grant purposes. Grants would cover two-thirds of the cost.

The report recommended the site should be acquired for recreational or historical purposes, but Oliver said grants for historical purposes are not available to the authority. Recreational grants — covering half the cost — are low on the province's priority list, he said.

Township Mayor Jack Burn refuses to believe the project cannot be justified on its flood-control merits and will argue this at the proposed meeting. "We're in no position to give up. There's too much money at stake. If that dam went out, I'd hate to be standing beside it."

Local advisory committee member Rick Singer said public fundraising for the mill is at a standstill until the group finds out how much must be raised.

Other non-profit groups, such as Ducks Unlimited, have been approached and are considering funding, depending on how much waterfowl could be helped by a donation, Burn said.

In other business, council approved an \$80,000 loan to the North Norwich Municipal Telephone System, allowing it to begin a five-year, \$200,000 project to upgrade service. Work to begin this year includes in-

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stalling underground cable. The \$80,000 will be recovered from debentures issued by the township in 1982.

Council also did an about-face on its stand on the proposed South Cayuga industrial waste complex, deciding to support a Dunnville resolution calling for hearings into all storage, treatment or disposal of any liquid or solid toxic materials in the province.

Burn, who opposed the resolution, said he thought the action was strange since a similar resolution from Haldimand-Norfolk Region was not supported at council's last meeting.

fight

Norwich will continue to preserve Treffry mill

By SUZANNE HANSON

A meeting with Long Point Region Conservation Authority executives at Monday's Norwich Township council meeting left council facing what appeared to be a brick wall with respect to the purchase of the Treffry mill property in Otterville.

The authority representatives gave council and its concerned citizens no hope of obtaining funds from the authority to assist with the purchase.

After conducting an engineering study on

the soundness of the dam and the feasibility of purchasing the property as a water management project, general manager of the authority, Jim Oliver, said grants would probably not be available for the purchase as the ministry of natural resources could not justify it on the water management basis.

But council refused to accept a dead end on the matter and voted to arrange a meeting with the provincial natural resources minister and a delegation of

representatives from council, the LPRCA and the South Norwich Historical Society to press for government assistance in purchasing the \$60,000 historic mill property.

Mr. Oliver suggested to council the purchase of the mill property could be justified on a recreational or historic basis but that grants are not available to the authority for such projects.

Without government support, the authority simply does not have the funds to go ahead with the purchase on its own, said Mr. Oliver.

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management benefits before grants would be available for its purchase. The structural work outlined in the engineer's report would also have to be carried out before the authority or the ministry would become involved in the purchase.

According to the engineer's study, \$72,000 worth of work is required on the dam to make it structurally sound, said Mr. Oliver. There is also the question of funds for the dam's future maintenance.

"We are finding the cost of maintenance going up each year and we don't get ministry grants for this," he said.

Despite findings in the ministry's report on the dam, Mayor Jack Burn insisted the dam have some purpose for flood control.

"If that dam went out I'd hate to be standing below it," he said.

Councillor Bob Pettigrew said there are several parties benefitting from the dam.

"Even the county has a certain responsibility to repair that dam to protect its roads and bridges below. The township has a responsibility and the authority has a responsibility."

Mr. Oliver suggested to council that it investigate other sources for funding such as Ducks Unlimited, the Nature Conservancy or Wintario.

Mayor Burn said he has met with Ducks

"We must receive approval from the ministry of natural resources for the project if we are to proceed, whether we are spending grant money or our own money," said Mr. Oliver.

He told council Monday land acquisitions in general and land acquisitions for recreational purposes in particular are not priorities with the ministry right now.

He said the ministry would have to be convinced the project has water

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Unlimited and they are interested. They would not purchase the property but they might consider funding depending on how much benefit a donation might be to the waterfowl in the area.

Roy Smith of the LPRCA said the Nature Conservancy is also impressed with the site and may be convinced to get involved in the project.

Former council member Roger Orth and a member of the authority executive said the Nature Conservancy spends thousands of dollars each year conserving land. But he said the authority is not sure the conservancy would put money in without money from the province.

"We're at a brick wall. But obviously you people aren't prepared to accept no, so the only route left is the political route," said Ramsay Cairns of the authority. "You must convince someone that there is flood control there before grants will be available (from the government)."

The option on the mill property, taken by last year's council, is up the end of August, said Township Clerk Bob Watkins.

The local mill advisory committee is waiting instruction from council before it proceeds with any further action, said member Joyce Pettigrew. It has been active in investigating sources of funding for the mill purchase.

Council approves loan to upgrade phone system

From the Jan. 13
Sentinel-Review

By NANCY GALL

Sentinel-Review staff writer
OTTERVILLE — An \$80,000 loan to the North Norwich Telephone System was approved by Norwich Township council Monday.

Chairman of the Burgessville-based independent utility Les Buckrell told council the company needs the money for a five-year \$200,000 plan to upgrade its services.

The \$80,000 will be borrowed from the township in 1981 and will be recovered by a debenture issue in 1982.

The upgrading has already begun with a \$25,000 project to install automatic number identification at the Burgessville office, Buckrell said. This enables long distance calls on one and two-party lines to go through automatically without the operator coming on the line to ask for the number from which the call is being made.

Approval must be obtained

from the North Norwich Telephone System's 632 subscribers before debentures can be issued, Buckrell explained.

One of only 11 independent telephone companies left in the province, the North Norwich system is handicapped under the current Telephone Act by being municipally-owned, rather than shareholder-owned, Buckrell said.

The company cannot apply for a rate increase unless it shows a

net loss, according to the Telephone Act. Since it's now making a profit, it cannot raise its rates in order to build up a fund for capital expansion and therefore must borrow from the township to do so, he said.

Ducks Unlimited willing to help save Treffry Mill

DELHI NEWS

By Mark MacMillan
Staff Writer

OTTERVILLE — Public ownership of Ontario's oldest functioning water-powered mill, the surrounding wetlands and dam may all depend on the ducks paddling in the pond above the Treffry Mill.

Ducks Unlimited, an international waterfowl conservation organization might provide the key funding required to get the public purchase plan — initiated by the South Norwich and District Historical Society — off the ground.

Mayor Jack Burn announced at Norwich council last Tuesday that Ron Schiedel, a wildlife technician with Ducks Unlimited, said his organization would be willing to put up \$20,000 to upgrade the Otterville dam which supports the mill pond.

Only the purchase price of \$60,000 would remain as a stumbling block to public acquisition of the Treffry Mill, if the dam is rehabilitated at the expense of a privately funded group.

"This is the first time funds have been offered on a large scale for our public purchase project," Rick Singer, chairman of the historical society said.

"Although nothing has been made final we hope this will be the base we have been looking for upon which to structure our funding campaign."

An advisory board to Norwich council was formed in 1980 to investigate funding possibilities for the mill purchase. Norwich council took out a \$1,000 option on the mill and surrounding wetland property until September, 1981.

Concerned citizens fear the loss of a valuable historic and tourist site due to the possibility of a private sale of the mill. The mill is central to the economy of the town of Otterville, according to members of the advisory committee.

Public ownership could mean the maintenance of the operation of the mill, a museum developed at the site and the preservation of an Ontario historical landmark.

Mr. Schiedel suggests the use of eight to 10 inch rocks to bolster the dam in order to repair it. Ducks Unlimited, in turn, would be assured, in a 21-year agreement with Norwich township, that the pond would be available for the breeding of waterfowl.

Ducks Unlimited is a non-profit organization, committed to the preservation and increase of waterfowl. National bases are located in Canada, United States, Mexico and New Zealand. It was formed in 1938 and ownership of wetlands is not part of the Ducks Unlimited program, only management and breeding.

"We have been involved in similar dam rehabilitation projects in the past. I see no difficulties with the Treffry site. Our estimates are based according, in part, to the amount of ducks we can breed at the site. If our project happens to coincide with an historical preservation effort, then so much the better," Mr. Schiedel said.

Mr. Schiedel said he feels confident that the \$20,000 will cover the cost of the rehabilitation of the dam.

The Long Point Region Conservation Authority was asked to contribute to the funding of the mill-site as that portion of Otter Creek flows within authority wetlands.

A report prepared by a provincial ministry of natural resources engineer, on the request of the authority, suggested that it would take as much as \$72,000 to bring the dam up to required standards.

The authority also stated the pond and millsite constituted historical and

recreational usages and not water management and, this too, prevented possible funding.

"We felt that the \$72,000 was a little extravagant and made our uphill battle to find funding even steeper," Mr. Singer said. "We have two qualified appraisals that support the \$60,000 asking price of the owner, Lorne Treffry. When the Ducks Unlimited offer is confirmed we can get on with the business of both raising funds and seeking aid for funding."

"Mr. Schiedel represents a worldwide conservation organization and I have no reason to doubt the sincerity of the offer. He is consulting with MNR engineers on the rock proposal and feels that the \$20,000 should cover the cost of the operation," Mr. Singer said.

"I hope it goes through because I have laid awake at nights dreaming of such an offer," he added.

Concerned citizens, members of the historical society advisory committee, Norwich council and the conservation authority are now planning a trip to Toronto to meet with government representatives to determine what other avenues of funding aid are available for the project.

"One thing I think we have to impress upon MNR representatives at this meeting is that the mill-site wetlands do represent an important part of the authority's watershed and that water management is very much a part of the picture," Mayor Burn said.

"This project should include input from the various government levels and agencies. I don't think it is solely the responsibility of local citizens. Once we begin to all work together, and I can see it happening now, then the public ownership of the Treffry Mill has a chance of becoming a reality," Mr. Singer said.

Ducks Unlimited offers \$20,000 for dam repair

OTTERVILLE (Bureau) — A worldwide conservation organization has offered up to \$20,000 to repair the historic Treffry grist mill's adjacent dam, which would leave a local advisory committee with only the task of buying the site.

Ron Schiedel, a wildlife technician with Ducks Unlimited Canada in London, said Wednesday he is confident his proposal is feasible and the donation would cover the total repair bill.

A report commissioned by the Long Point Region Conservation Authority said it would cost \$72,000 to repair the dam and pond area using concrete walls. The authority told council the chance of getting a grant that large from the province was slim.

Schiedel's plan involves the use of eight- to 10-inch boulders along the dam walls instead of concrete.

"We're looking at the best way to spend the money . . . \$20,000 worth of rock would do a lot."

The preliminary plan has already been recommended by the conservation organization's engineer. A detailed study is to be submitted to the organization and government agencies for approval. "I don't foresee any great problems."

Norwich Township Mayor Jack Burn said the municipality is still trying to get government funds to buy the 41.5-acre site, estimated at \$60,000. The township has a \$1,000 option on the property until September.

Schiedel said the \$20,000 is based on the waterfowl breeding potential of the area, calculated by a formula. "I'll stand behind these figures."

He said that if it costs less than \$20,000 to repair the dam, only the repair cost would be paid. A 21-year agreement ensuring that the area would be used for waterfowl purposes would also be required.

The non-profit organization is dedicated to the perpetuation and increase of North American waterfowl through preservation and creation of breeding habitat in Canada.

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...DONALD AND I, CAME UP HERE TO SEE ABOUT BUYING YOUR MILL.

Give assessment info

Norwich Township residents who have questions about the new equalized assessment being implemented in the township can have them answered by regional assessment office

officials at open houses this week.

Otterville community hall saw a good turn-out of individuals from Wards 1, 2 and 3 at that open house Monday.

On Tuesday another open

house for individuals from Wards 1, 2 and 3 was held at the Norwich community centre between 1 p.m. and 9 p.m. Ward 4 residents can attend an open house for their area today and tomorrow (Thursday) at the

Oxford Centre hall from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Another meeting open to all township residents is scheduled for Saturday at the Norwich District High School auditorium between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Norwich Township council voted last fall to implement the new assessment in order that taxes would be spread more equally throughout the township.

Norwich ratepayers attend tax reassessment sessions

Norwich Township ratepayers responded in about the same numbers as other municipalities to ministry of revenue open houses on market value reassessment last week.

John Garrett of the regional assessment office in London said owners of about eight per cent of township properties came to the open houses. He said this was pretty close to the response seen in other locales.

Mr. Garrett said the sessions in Oxford Centre were fairly quiet. Ward Four experienced the largest overall increase under the new tax system and had been expected to have the largest turnout as well.

One possible reason given by Mr. Garrett for the response in Oxford Centre was the publicity equalized assessment has received in the past few months. The impact has had time to sink in, he said. Another reason might be that individuals had expected a higher increase than they received and therefore felt no cause to complain. Another was that there was more time (five days) set aside in Norwich which helped spread the numbers out.

Most of the ratepayers who attended came for an explanation of the figures, Mr. Garrett said. He found no

special problems in the township.

The new assessment is based on 1975 property values and calculated on the 1980 mill rate, he said. "Most people do not relate to assessment, they relate to taxes."

"The benefit of the whole system is, you are dealing with market values people can relate to. The old assessments were based on 1940 values that most people cannot relate to. This (system) gives them a figure they can relate to and gives them an idea of whether

their assessment is appropriate."

Mr. Garrett said a number of appeals were expected, but how many could not be determined until February after the filing date for appeals has passed.

All appeals to the 1981 assessment must be in by February 17.

Under the new assessment approved for implementation by Norwich council in October, Ward Four has the largest overall increase, picking up roughly \$139,657 in taxes.

Ward Three will also

experience an increase in taxes of about 4.81 per cent amounting to \$39,638 in taxes.

Ward Two, will experience a slight decrease overall, with taxes going down .75 per

cent or \$3,550. Taxes in Ward One decrease by 16.54 per cent or \$176,842.

The revised assessment does not affect the amount of tax money collected by the

township. It is intended to provide a more equitable distribution of the tax load among all ratepayers.

Gazette age in dispute

For those of you who noticed and for those of you who haven't, the volume number on The Norwich Gazette has changed. Last week it jumped from 56 up to Volume 106.

Curiosity over why the volume number was listed as 56 when the paper has obviously been around for many more years, caused us to do a bit of digging.

As it turns out, an error was made in the volume number on the Nov. 15, 1978 issue of the Gazette and it was printed as Volume 53 instead of 103. The error was

carried on and no one ever noticed the mistake, until now.

While The Norwich Gazette is now listed as being in its 106th year now, the paper actually started out as The Standard back in January of 1876.

According to the only information we have been able to dig up, the paper was first issued in 1876 with H.C. Pitcher as the publisher and proprietor. As near as we can tell, the paper's name was changed to The Norwich Gazette in May of 1877.

Other publishers who

followed Mr. Pitcher included P. Craib, James and R.M. Jeffray, Mr. Bartholomew, who was publisher for 28 years, and John S. Winterburn who took over the Gazette in 1908. It was then sold to Stan Manore in 1946. Otter Publishing took over the paper in 1973 and has operated it ever since.

Anyone with further information on the history of The Norwich Gazette or The Standard is urged to contact the Gazette office in order that a more complete history can be compiled.

Norwich Township Council Briefs

Building permits

The total of all construction, including new dwellings in the Township of Norwich last year amounted to \$15,233,001. In Ward 1 (South Norwich) the total construction was \$1,210,367; in Ward 2 (village of Norwich) the total construction was \$586,735; in Ward 3 (North Norwich) the total construction was \$1,087,500 and in Ward 4 (East Oxford) the total construction was \$1,234,839.

The total construction for manufacturing purposes in Ward 1 amounted to \$37,000. The total construction for commercial purposes in Ward 2 amounted to \$70,300 and in Ward 3 to \$73,000. In Ward 4 the total construction for industrial purposes totalled \$112,000.

Minor variance

A minor variance and a rezoning application were approved by Norwich Township council for property belonging to the John F. Beck estate in Hawtrey.

The minor variance permits a lot to be created with less than the required 120-foot frontage. The lot will have a frontage of 117.75 feet. The rezoning approved by council permits the portion of the lot severed from an existing parcel of land to be rezoned from R-1 (residential) to C-2 (commercial) in order that the portion of land severed can be included with the general store property, zoned commercial.

The minor variance and rezoning were required for the severance of the parcel of land which includes the store. A relative of the Becks is proposing to purchase the store, said solicitor, Richard Coad.

Floor polisher

The amount of \$805 is to be included in the 1981 budget considerations for the purchase of a floor polisher for the Oxford Centre Hall.

New dishes

Norwich Township council approved the ordering of 200 settings of dishes for the Oxford Centre Hall at a net cost of \$2,884.

Second residence approved

A minor variance allowing two single-family dwellings on a Ward 3 farm owned by Arie Timmermans was approved by Norwich Township council last week.

A new house on the Lot 12, Concession 5 property was allowed to be constructed on the condition that the first residence be torn down. But the old house is now required to house Mr. Timmermans' son in order that someone will be on the farm to supervise the father's greenhouse cucumber operation while Mr. Timmermans is on the road with his produce. He is also establishing a calf operation on the 50 acre property which will handle 120 calves at a time.

Councillor Darrell Force expressed concern that a future severance of the property into two parcels might be sought if the minor variance were granted but Mayor Jack Burn said the county is opposed to such moves at the present time.

Calf operation approved

Norwich Township council also gave its approval to a minor variance application made by Gary VanLeeuwen of Lots 13 and 15 Concession 7 in Ward 4 to allow the construction of a 25-foot by 52-foot calf barn on his 15-acre hobby farm. Mr. VanLeeuwen plans to have a veal calf operation with 40 calves at a time or 120 per year. It was brought to council's attention that a certificate of compliance had been obtained from the ministry of the environment.

Minor variance

A minor variance application for six feet requested by Michael Ash Construction in Otterville was approved by council last week. The minor variance is required to allow construction with an interior sideyard 34 feet from a neighboring building instead of 40 feet.

Bicycle shop

A zone change to permit the operation of a small bicycle repair and resale shop at the residence in Lot 28, Concession 12, Ward 1 was approved by council last week. Andre DeVleeschouwer of Andre's Cycle Shop requested the zone change from existing residential to commercial special on his 5.74 acre lot just outside of mill.

Want public aware of industrial park

By SUZANNE HANSON

The importance of dispelling any fears or objections residents might have about the industrial park proposed for Norwich was the most valuable lesson Norwich Township council learned when dealing with the planned Powell plant expansion in Otterville, said Mayor Jack Burn.

But despite the fact that council agreed on the need to explain the project to the public and allow them input on the plan, a motion to hold a public hearing after application is made to the county for the required official zone change, was tabled at council's meeting Tuesday night.

The councillors all agreed the public should be made aware of the plans for the industrial park to be located in Norwich on a 7.4 acre parcel of land north of the community centre. But what they could not agree on was

whether the meeting with the public involved should be before or after the application is made to the county's planning department for the official plan change.

"The local people should have their say before we decide anything," said Councillor Bob Pettigrew. Mayor Jack Burn agreed that it is important to include the public in discussion of the proposal before they receive official notification of the application from the county.

"We should go to the people first and eliminate their fears and avoid an OMB (Ontario Municipal Board) hearing," said Mayor Burn. "We learned that lesson with Powell.

"I'm convinced that the (public) meeting was the only thing that saved Powell," he said.

Township Clerk Bob Watkins suggested to council that the application for the

official plan change be made and circulated in the normal manner. Once that is done the public hearing could be held for any objections, he said.

There may not be any objections to the plan, in which case a hearing before the application is made would be unnecessary. He said it is important to find out first who the objectors, if there are any, are.

After considerable discussion, council agreed to table the recommendation until the next meeting to obtain input from the Oxford County planning department on the best procedure to follow.

The discussion followed a presentation by Jim Chambers of Springbank Consulting Engineers Ltd. on proposed plans for the industrial park.

Of the two plans presented to council, the first, consisting of a nine-lot industrial

park, was selected by council to be sent to the county for the required official plan amendment.

The second plan presented by Mr. Chambers involved four large lots instead of the nine smaller lots. The benefit of the second plan would be the reduction of development costs due to the requirement of less street.

However, council expressed the opinion that the industrial park would be more versatile with the smaller lots.

"I think we should go with the larger number of lots," said Councillor Darrell Force. In that way, smaller industries could be accommodated and larger industries could purchase two lots if more space is required.

An additional cost of \$10-15,000 for the street could be involved with the first nine-lot plan as opposed to the second plan, said Mr.

Chambers. With the first plan, 650 to 700 feet of road, costing roughly \$55,000 would be required. With the second plan, 450 to 500 feet of road, costing roughly \$45,000 to install would be required. That estimate includes the installation of a fully serviced road with storm sewers, water, curbs and road beds.

Mr. Chambers told council on the average, serviced lots sell for about \$20,000 an acre. In Ingersoll they have been sold recently for \$10,000 an acre but "Ingersoll was giving them away at practically cost to attract industry," said Mr. Chambers.

Mayor Burn said a call

came in last week to the township office from an industry requesting a serviced lot. "If we'd had it (the industrial park) ready, we might have had them." He stressed again the need to get the park ready as soon as possible.

Industrial park plan shelved

DELHI
NEWS

OTTERVILLE — Norwich Township council deliberated for almost an hour in order to decide the best way to approach the public with plans for the first industrial park in the municipality to be located adjacent to the Norwich community centre.

No decision was reached at last Tuesday's regular meeting. Divided over whether to hold a public hearing before or after the township makes application to the Oxford county planning board for an official plan amendment for the park plans, council decided to table the motion until its next meeting.

Jim Chambers, township engineer, presented council with two plans for

dividing up a 7.5 acre industrial site purchased by the township for \$40,000.

One plan consisted of nine sections and the other recommended only four parcels to be sold in the new proposed site. Differences in cost for curb and gutters to prepare the sections was estimated between \$15,000 to \$20,000.

The smaller lot plan was selected by council but not without opposition.

"I think we should wait to decide on the lot sizes and let the public help choose at an open meeting we are planning," Councillor Bob Pettigrew said.

"If the 11 of us can't make up our minds between accepting the first or second plan then how can we expect 200 people at a public hearing to decide for us?" Councillor Mel Smith asked.

Council agreed the public should be approached and the plans for the park explained.

"If I owned property near the site, I would want to know what noise levels to expect, what pollution controls would be in effect and how the industrial park would be set up. I don't think I have all of those answers right now," Councillor Darrell Force said.

"When we hold the public meeting, we'll have representatives from the ministry of the environment, our engineer,

clerk and any other involved parties present to explain to people in detail what we propose," Mayor Jack Burn told council.

"I feel this meeting should be held in advance of our application. We learned a valuable lesson when we held that public meeting to answer questions about the Powell Agri-Systems Ltd. proposed expansion. Most people were afraid and did not understand what was involved. We alleviated those fears and the expansion plans went ahead," he added.

Councillor John Eacott did not agree.

"If we are going to go ahead with this industrial park anyway then why hold two meetings, one before the application and one after, when and if the objectors submit their disapproval?"

Mr. Eacott submitted a motion calling for the county to have an application for the industrial site approved and that a public meeting be called after the application is submitted. That motion was tabled.

Norwich township paid \$40,000 for the site and servicing costs will be in the \$40,000 to \$55,000 range. Once a buyer has been found for a given lot, the curb and gutters can be installed in a short period of time, according to Mr. Chambers.

Otterville library overlooked?

By Mark MacMillan
Staff Writer

OTTERVILLE — It is uncertain how high on the 1981 Norwich Township council budget priority list the Otterville library will be, but councillors have agreed in principle that something has to be done to improve conditions.

Located on Main Street in the basement of the Otterville Community Hall, the library has received little in the way of reconditioning since 1967. It is in a 13-foot-by-24-foot single room that houses all of Otterville and area resident's book lending facilities.

The upper portion of the hall was renovated at the cost of \$75,000 to the municipality during 1979-80, but somehow the library was left out of the considerations. The basement, which used to house the Otterville municipal offices, has not been significantly altered since the 1930s.

"If we had more room, the facilities would be put to much better and greater use. The township pays the same tax levies that other municipalities pay for much more modern and higher quality buildings in this county," Jean Stewart, chairman of the library board told council in a presentation in early December.

"The room is a fire trap with not enough exits, our book allotment is extremely restricted due to space and a basement is just no place to store books," she said.

"We would like to see council look into the possibility of an expansion or some alternative to the problem we are now faced with," Mrs. Stewart added.

Although most councillors agreed in principle at the time that something had to be done about the library situation, the body has not discussed the matter at a meeting since.

The building is now open from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday night and Friday afternoon from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

"I think a new building may be just too costly at this stage. If there are alternatives, I feel a new building would be last on

the list due to the other projects we have for 1981," Councillor John Heleniak said.

"We will have to wait to review the budget considerations before anything further is done," Mr. Heleniak added.

During the December library discussion, councillors and former councillors suggested the possibilities of expansion within the present building, renting another building or the construction of a new facility be investigated.

"We have since asked the library board to find facilities to be rented. I don't think, considering our available finances and projects, that a new building will be a necessity," Mayor Jack Burn said.

"The Oxford County library board is prepared to

work with them in terms of the increase in books and developing the new facilities," Mayor Burn said.

Township involvement with the possible public purchase of the Treffry Mill is one priority that some councillors view as paramount due to the importance of the mill to the community of Otterville.

"The library will be included as a budget consideration but I feel the mill, for example, will be higher on the list of capital spending projects for 1981," Councillor-at-large Carmen Sweazy said.

"If there is something more demanding than the library, then the importance of the project will have to be estimated and then decided upon."



The Otterville library needs more room for books and possible extended hours and it is just a matter of how and when the expansion takes place. Librarian Lorraine McMullen said she is confident that more space will mean that library use in the area will increase. The Otterville library holds about 4,000 books in a 13-foot by 24-foot area. (Staff Photo)

South Norwich Historical Society sees movies of Otterville

The South Norwich Historical Society met at Woodlawn on Monday, February 9, with a good attendance.

President Rick Singer chaired the meeting. The minutes of the January general and executive meetings were read by Catherine Mann. Marj Pearce presented the treasurer's report. Joyce Pettigrew read the correspondence in which a request for a list of area schools built prior to 1930 was made.

Since a freezer for the food booth is required Ron Brayley kindly donated one to the Society.

A committee meeting of the history book will be held at Woodlawn on February 11. The quilt will be drawn for at the next meeting on March 9. Tickets are available from Lorraine Downing.

Jean Davis showed movies of Otterville she had taken in

previous years. Carl Howse thanked Jean for showing us what a picturesque village we live in.

Accessibility to buildings biggest problem for disabled

OTTERVILLE (C) — Richard Picknell of Otterville, who is paralyzed from his upper chest down, was the guest speaker at the February meeting of the United Church Women, held in the schoolroom of the church on Thursday evening.

This is the International Year of Disabled Persons which has been set aside to help persons with various

disabilities.

Richard pointed out that one of the biggest problems for the individuals who are confined to wheel chairs is the accessibility of buildings. He is employed at the Delhi Tobacco Auction where he has worked for the past six years as an allocator.

In the absence of the president Isabel Harris, the first vice-president Jean

Gehring presided. The worship service was conducted by Mary Murray, Elaine Oliver and Jean Stewart.

The conveners gave their reports. Betty Walther was the pianist.

There were 32 ladies present along with several men of the congregation.

The meeting closed with the social hour.

Rebehahs hold euchre

OTTERVILLE (C) — Violet Rebekah Lodge 330 held a very successful euchre in the I.O.O.F. Hall on Wednesday evening.

Proceeds from this project were forwarded to the District Heart Fund. Prize winners for the evening were: ladies high - Rosalie Wilson; ladies low - Ilah Nant; ladies lone hands - Rosalie Wilson; gent's high - Fred Lane; gent's low - Lorne Nant; gent's lone hands - David McKibbin.

Tickets had been sold on a beautiful cushion, donated by our Noble Grand Ilah Nant. This was won by Margaret Kitchen.

Lunch was served by the committee in charge.

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Earlier inventions

Contributing to the birth of consumer electronics were many earlier landmarks.

Perhaps the most significant were Edison's 1877 invention of the phonograph, Fleming's development of the electron tube in the 1900's, Marconi's first wireless transmission in 1895 and DeForest's 1906 inventions which led to the electronic amplifier.



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Mannell's old house

Old fire truck his pride and joy

By Mark MacMillan
Staff Writer

OTTERVILLE — Few people own an antique automobile that has been reconditioned to represent the original almost perfectly, but fewer still own an historical piece of machinery that was responsible for protecting their home for 24 years.

Bill McMullen, Otterville fire chief and owner-operator of McMullen's Machine Shop, has rebuilt —

right down to the final paint lines — this community's first mechanical fire engine. The 1927 Model T served Otterville from 1927 to 1951.

A member of the Otterville fire department for 30 years and chief for more than 20, Bill has had his eye on the Model T for some time. He purchased it in June 1979 and was fortunate enough to locate a photograph of the same model taken at Bickle Fire Engine Works in Woodstock

the day it rolled off the assembly line.

The original photo made finding parts and copying the original paint job much easier. The historic truck was stripped down completely and then rebuilt.

The Bickle Model T replaced a hand pumper used by the Otterville fire department since the volunteer department began in 1891. Basically, it was a case of whoever was available would come to help fight the fire, according to Bill.

"The mechanical truck seats one, the driver. There is room for any other firemen to jump on the back and ride with the hoses. In those days if you didn't live near a stream or a well to pump water from, your house would just burn if it caught fire," Bill said.

After acquiring the vintage fire truck the next step was to round up any of the original parts still to be found in the area. The Model T was sold to a local farmer for \$125 in 1951 and Bill purchased it at an estate auction two years ago.

"It was surprising how many of the original parts I

found just lying in someone's barn, untouched after all these years. By asking around I was able to come up with many of the Model T's parts," Bill explained.

"I located the hard suction hose, the original roof ladder that I sanded down and varnished, and the original 300 foot hose.

"The fire engine's bell was owned by our fire department and it was donated to me for use on the truck," Bill said.

"Albert Lewis, an antique car collector here, has been extremely helpful with advice and helping me to chase down all these original parts," he added.

Consistent records were not kept at the Otterville fire department until 1955, so much of the history of the Model T and the fires it fought, is unknown. A 1940 Dodge was purchased in 1951 from Bickles and that fire truck was used up until 1973. It is owned by the Otterville fire department.

From now on, driving a completely refurbished classic Model T fire wagon, Bill McMullen will be seen at area parades and fairs. He plans to take the fire truck to the annual Norwich steam show.

"I have to get used to driving the machine first, it is a little different from most automobiles," Bill said.

WENDEL DONALD TOMLINSON

Wendel Donald Tomlinson of Otterville passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Friday, February 13, 1981, in his 69th year.

Surviving are his wife, the former Gladys Douglas; one son, Douglas Tomlinson of Norwich; a granddaughter, Danette Tomlinson; his mother, Alta Tomlinson of Delhi; and a sister, Mrs. Wilton (Margaret) Elliott of Waterford.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Eugene and Bill.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where funeral service was held Monday, February 16, at 2 p.m. conducted by Pastor Earl Cooper.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

A. BILL TOMLINSON

Funeral service for the late A. Bill Tomlinson of Courtland, who passed away on February 12, 1981, was held at the Ostrander's Funeral Home, Tillsonburg, on February 14, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Robert Munro of Courtland United Church.

Pallbearers were Dick Burnett, Doug Hefkey, Wray Dedrick, Gordon Chapman, Raymond LaRose and Lloyd Troyer.

Interment in Courtland Baptist Cemetery.

District Governor attends meeting of local Lions

The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions club was held Monday, Feb. 9 in the Legion Hall, Norwich.

Forty-six members and six visitors were present. District Governor Ken Sheppard of Simcoe Lions Club was present to make his official visit to the local club.

Governor Ken was introduced by Past district governor Lion Howard Fleming. The Governor gave an inspiring talk on the rewards of Lionism, in working together, leadership and helping others.

He also reminded the club of the upcoming conventions, the friendship convention in April at Prudhomes and the District A Convention in Quebec City in May. Delegates are urged to attend each convention to help pick the International

representatives for the 1981-82 year.

Lion Ken ended by reminding the Lions that the International President's Motto this year is "Touch A Life With Hope." He explained this can be done in so many ways, and can mean so much to someone who needs a helping hand.

The Governor was thanked by Lion Murray Downing and presented with a gift.

Lion Chief Gordon Shearer presented Lions Andre Vandenberghe, Murray Wardell and Fred Thompson with 15 year membership chevrons.

The convention draws were won by Lions Art Van De Byl, Norman Fidlin, Douglas McSpadden, Mark Gilmore, and Tim Moore.

Governor Ken inducted new Lion Ed Vitias.

The meeting closed with the Queen.

Plans complete

OTTERVILLE (C) — Regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the community hall on Monday evening, February 23. Lion president Gordon Shearer presided. There was a large attendance with 47 members and six guests, three from Welland Lions Club and three from Hagersville Club.

Lion Jim Kenyon of the Welland Club spoke soliciting support in his bid for District Governor for A2 at the coming A2 convention in April.

Lion Paul Wood reported that arrangements were complete for the annual fish fry to be held in the Norwich Community Centre, Saturday evening, March 28.

This will be an "All you can eat" dinner served from

6-8 p.m. followed by dancing to Don Oatman and "Impact", 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Tickets are available from any Lion member, also Cope Hardware, Otterville and Paul Wood Realty, Norwich.

Lion Fred Thompson presented the incoming slate of officers for the coming year: past president, Gordon Shearer; president, Norm Fidlin; first vice-president, Colin Cope; second vice-president, Les Dickson; third vice-president, Jack

Walter; secretary, John Leitch; treasurer, Paul Wood.

Convention draw was won by Lions Doug McSpadden, Wayne Jenkin, Don Miller and Howard Secord of the Hagersville Club.



Bill McMullen, Otterville Fire Chief, has re-conditioned the village's first motorized fire engine, a model T, built in 1927. A photograph of the original, newly built machine aided in the revitalizing of the historic fire wagon. The Model T serviced Otterville and area residents from 1927 until 1951. (Staff Photo)



Gas draw

On February 7 the Optimist Club of Otterville had the Draw for 1000 Litres of gas or cash equivalent. Lyle Davis, President of the club, left and Jack Grim, draw chairman, right, picked the winning name. Terri Bell from Tillsonburg was the winner. On February 17 Terri will attend the next meeting to receive the prize.

Charter presentation set for Otterville Optimists

The new Optimist club of Otterville will hold its Charter presentation banquet at Norwich Community Centre February 21st, 1981, starting at 6:00 p.m., Lyle Davis, RR 1 Otterville, president of the new service club announced last meeting. Albert Flood, from Stratford, Ontario, will present the charter. Mr. Flood was past-governor of the Ontario District of Optimist International.

The following officers will be installed with president Davis, vice-presidents Jack Weeks of Springford and Bruce Ward of Otterville;

and Jim Countryman as secretary-treasurer. The board of directors of the new club includes, Dale Cheney, Springford; Bill Redman, Otterville; Paul Scott, Springford; Gord Kicksee, Otterville; Wayne Murray, Otterville, and Howard Walker, Otterville.

Clark McLeod, current Governor of Ontario, will conduct the ceremony of installation. Local officers were selected at the organization meeting of the club eight weeks ago. Regular meetings of the club are held at 7:30, first and third Tuesdays of the month,

at Otterville community centre.

Also seated at the head table will be Jack Burn, Mayor of Norwich Township.

Sunshine Club meets

SUNSHINE CLUB

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Sunshine Club met at the home of Doreen Mountain on Thursday evening, FEB 12.

President Sandra Hussey opened the meeting and read the minutes of the previous meeting, in the absence of the secretary, Wanda Gould. Tickets were sold on a Valentine cake. The winner was Mrs. Margaret Shearer.

Eleven members answered the roll call which was suggested by Wanda Gould. The next meeting will be held at the home of Pat Clifford and Marion Pettigrew for roll call with Stephanie Durkee assisting with the lunch. A delicious Valentine lunch was served and courtesy remarks were given by Dorothy Neale.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 26 when final plans will be made for Pancake Day at the St. John's Church Hall in Otterville on March 3. Tickets will be on sale at the door or from members of the Sunshine Club.

OTTERVILLE W.I. — The February meeting of the Otterville Women's Institute was held at the home of Isabel Harris on Friday afternoon with 10 ladies present.

The president, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill presided and welcomed the ladies. The meeting opened with the Ode and Motto.

Members responded to the roll call by telling of a place they would like to visit. The minutes were read and adopted as read. Cards of appreciation were read from Mrs. Beecroft, Dr. and Mrs. Batson and Mrs. Pettigrew who had been remembered by the Institute members.

Mrs. William A. McMullen gave an interesting paper on "World Affairs" which was much appreciated.

Regret was keenly felt on the small attendance which has occurred in the last few months and there was discussion regarding this matter. The meeting closed with the "Institute Grace". Mrs. Harris was assisted by Lorne Treffry in the social hour which featured dainties in keeping with St. Valentines Day.



Officially installed

The District Governor of the Optimists Zone 15 was on hand in Norwich Saturday evening to officially install the officers of the newly-formed Optimist Club of Otterville at its charter banquet. Club president Lyle Davis, received the bell and gavel for the club from District Governor Clarke

McLeod. The club executive are (left to right, rear) Paul Scott, director; Jack Weeks, vice-president; Dale Cheney, director; Gordon Kicksee, director; Wayne Murray, director; James Countryman, secretary-treasurer; Bruce Ward, vice-president; (seated) Harold Walker, director and William Redman, director. (NG Photo).

Walter-Bailey wed

On February 28, 3 p.m., at the Bentinck Baptist parsonage the Rev. Swaren united in marriage Erma Bailey from Allen Park, Ontario and Reginald Walter, Otterville.

The bride given in marriage by her son Robert Bailey was attired in a peacock blue street length dress. She carried a nosegay of pastel pink and yellow carnations and roses. Maid of honor was Mrs. Myrtle Mighton, Durham, sister-in-law of the groom. She wore a burgundy street length dress. Her corsage was pink roses.

Carman Bailey, Kitchener, son of the bride was best man.

The wedding party enjoyed dinner at the Universal Restaurant, Hanover.

An evening reception was held at the Durham Town Hall, with music provided by David and Lloyd Chittick.

Guests were present from Delhi, Owen Sound, Kitchener, Toronto and areas

surrounding Durham and Otterville.

The family congratulates Erma and Dad and wish them a very happy and healthy future.

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Happy Bluebirds held their regular meeting at the home of Josephine Rosehart in Norwich.

The president Daisy Ash, presided and the meeting opened with the Housewives Creed, followed with the Lord's Prayer.

The roll call was answered with the members giving the place of their birth.

The March meeting will be held at the home of Evelyn Waring on Tuesday evening, March 24. The social committee will be Petunia McNally and Josephine Rosehart.

Later in the evening the members enjoyed games of euchre. The hostess was assisted in serving lunch and all enjoyed a social time.

John Edwin Davis of Main Street, Otterville, was found guilty of impaired driving, and fined \$300.

The Crown Attorney testified that on January 31st, 1981, Mr. Davis was found by police behind the wheel of his car, in a ditch, in Norwich Township. According to the testimony, the car's motor was off, the headlights were on, and Mr. Davis was impaired.

There were no injuries or damage as a result of Mr. Davis' car leaving the road.

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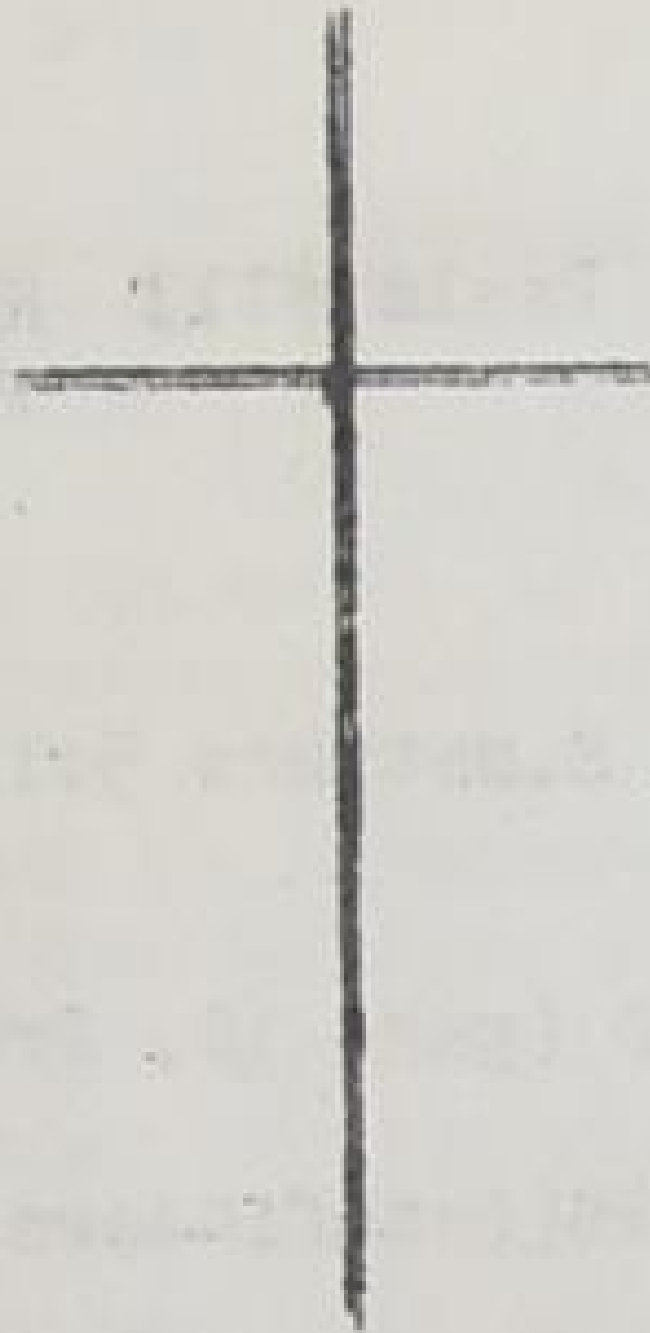
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Thoughts on prayer topic for Fellowship

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Otterville Baptist Church held their February meeting in the Sunday School room of the church.

The president Mrs. Fred Hill opened the meeting with a quote about love. "It is pleasant to have people love you when they don't know you. But of far more value is the love of a friend who has found you out and still loves you." This was followed by a Valentine reading called "Companionship."

Mrs. Bruce Stover read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. G. Robinson in Africa. Mrs. Hill received a letter from Dr. Hazel Wrigglesworth which told of the death of one

of their Philippine girls.

A reading concerning prayer was read which said prayers are not always heard and we should be repentant to be cleansed from sin. We should pray first and plan afterward.

The ladies joined in singing the hymn "Teach Me To Pray". The Scripture reading "The Great Commission" was read in unison. Mrs. Ted Oenema opened the devotional with the singing of hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus".

Mrs. Oenema gave a reading "A Missionary's Question - Are They still Praying at Home". A reading entitled "Because you prayed" was presented

by Mrs. David Hill.

Mrs. Bill Fishback from Tillsonburg was the guest speaker. She gave a few thoughts on "Daniel and the power of prayer." Even though Daniel was to be destroyed for praying, he prayed three times a day. Through his faith he was saved from the lion's den. Mrs. Fishback concluded that there is power in prayer. She also showed a film entitled "Miracles Do Happen" which showed several instances where people had felt led to pray for missionaries at a certain time and found out later they had been in real danger at that particular time. Mrs. Stover closed with prayer.

Mrs. Hill served a lovely lunch and a social time was enjoyed.

Mrs. David Hill gave the courtesy remarks and presented Mrs. Fishback with a gift.

Otterville

United Church

Rev. Earl D. Moore led the morning worship on Sunday, February 1 at Otterville United Church. "What Do You See?" was the topic for his sermon.

Scripture lessons were I: Habakkuk 3: 17-19 and II: St. John 5: 2-18. The Responsive Psalm was 712.

Mrs. Jack Walther, organist, led the choir in singing "Let's Just Praise The Lord." During the children's hymn, "Jesus, Friend of Little Children," the children came forward and had a prayer with the minister before going to the Sunday School rooms.

The Junior congregation was supervised by Stephanie Harris and Cheryl Neale.

The offering was received by John Walther, Boyd Little, Lorne Treffry and Donald Chisholm.

Otterville Personals

Mrs. Harold Waring, Otterville 879-6435

OTTERVILLE (C) — On Sunday February 22 the family of George Jull, Otterville held a dinner in honor of his 75th birthday at Woodlawn Adult Community Centre in Otterville.

In the afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. approximately 100 people attended the party for relatives and friends. Guests included his sister Gertrude Hayhew from Fort Frances and other guests from Waterford, Teeterville, New Durham, Norwich, Vanessa, Simcoe, Little Lake, Tillsonburg and Otterville.

Eight tables were in play at a euchre at the I.O.O.F. Hall in Otterville, sponsored by the Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330. Winners were: ladies high - Evelyn Duffy; ladies low - Myrtle Innis; ladies lone hands - Margaret McIntosh; men's high - Willie Pathy; gents low - Ila Howse (playing a man's hand) gents lone hands - David McKibbin. The winner of the ladies draw was Margaret Oatman and the winner of the man's draw was Ila Howse.

Members of the Sunshine Club met at the home of Pat Clifford on February 28. Inga Irie read the minutes of the last meeting in the absence of the secretary Wanda Gould.

Fourteen members answered the roll call which was suggested by Marion Pettigrew. Final plans were made for the Pancake Luncheon. The next meeting will be held on March 12 at the home of Stephanie Durkee with Inga Irie assisting with the lunch. Audrey Harrison will suggest the roll call.

The Sunshine Club held a

very successful Pancake Luncheon on Tuesday, March 3 in the St. John's Parish Hall. Appreciation is expressed to everyone who supported them. Special thanks to Mrs. Winnie McMullen, and to Mr. and Mrs. William McMullen Jr. for donating the home-made Maple Syrup.

Members of the Otterville Women's Institute have been invited to attend an "Art and Craft Show" on March 15 which is being sponsored by the First LaSalette Pathfinders. It will be held at the Delhi German Hall from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. There will be no charge. Refreshments will be served and baking available for purchase.

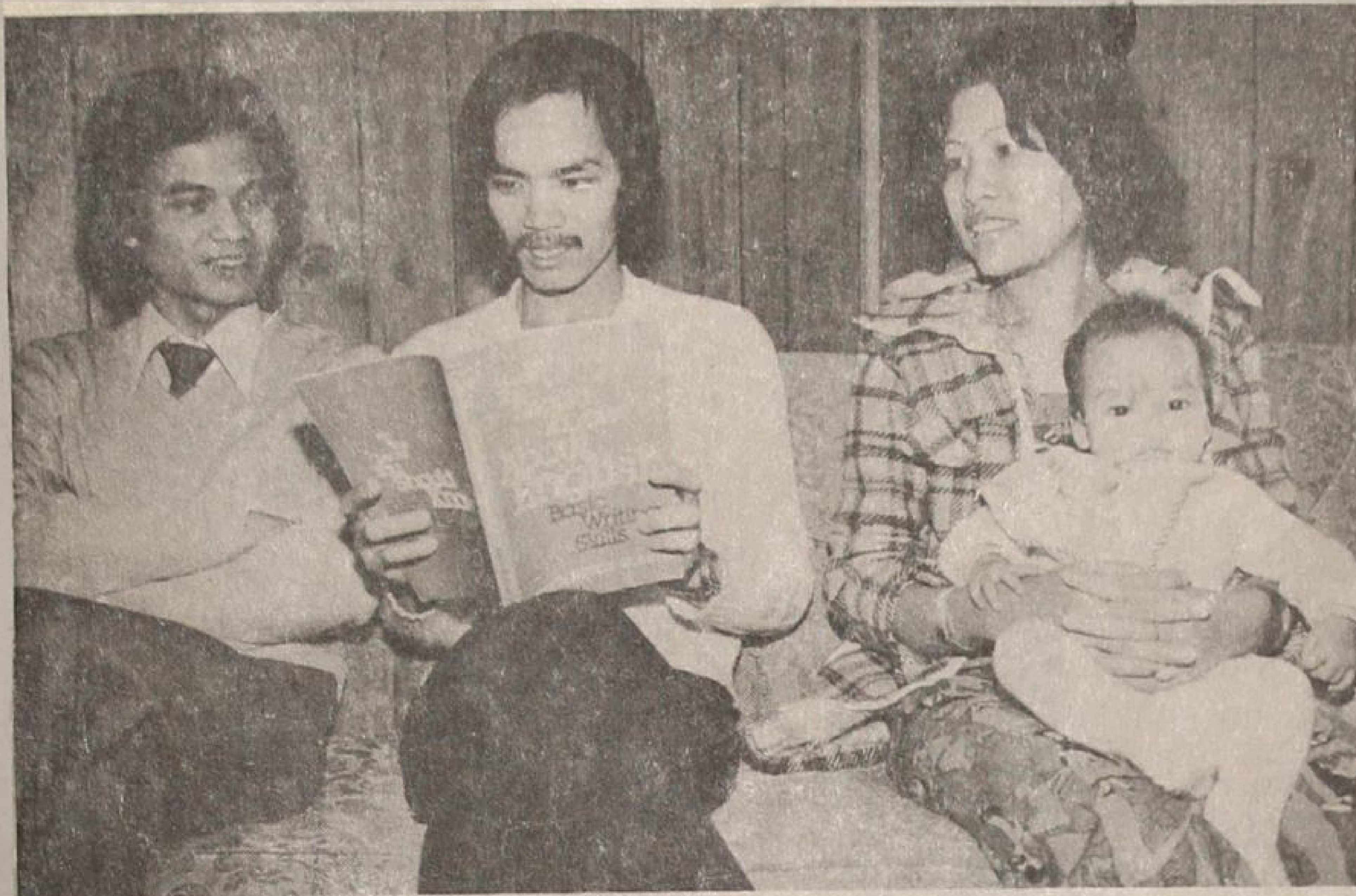
Mrs. Harold Waring and Eva Deveney spent Thursday with Maude Hussey in Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Robinson have returned to their home after spending several days with their sons and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Robinson at Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. William Robinson at Stoney Creek.

While there, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, who were celebrants of their 48th wedding anniversary were honored at a family dinner at a restaurant in Ancaster. Best wishes are expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson on this special event.

The reporter was much surprised to hear that a "For Sale" sign had been placed on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson's home who for health reasons feel they must retire from their busy life and live leisurely near their families.

Otterville provides apartments for three new refugee families



Foreign language

At present the words in the book are foreign to Lon Wei Ly (centre) and his wife Tu-Lan. But as they go to English-language classes, English will come easier to them. The Ly

family with their daughter Choi Lin, came to Otterville last week. A-That Liu, (left) from the Canada Employment Centre in Tillsonburg acts as their translator. (NG Photo).

Refugees in new homes

By SUZANNE HANSON

Few of us will ever know or be able to comprehend the hardships, loneliness and suffering the Vietnamese boat people have experienced throughout the ordeal of being exiled from their homeland.

Uprooted from their homes, they have forfeited friends, families and worldly possessions, tempting fate on overcrowded boats, to make the perilous trip to freedom.

But while we may never fully comprehend the experience they have known, communities such as Otterville are continuing to open their arms to such families, helping to create homes for them in their midst.

After the bustling city of Hong Kong with its hordes of people and ceaseless activity, life in Otterville will require some adjustment by the village's two newest families.

The latest of the Vietnamese boat people arrived last week in Otterville and are settling into life there. The adjustments are not easy, however.

Language is a major stumbling block for the two families and their host groups who are trying valiantly to orient them to Canadian ways and customs. The harsh Canadian weather is also difficult to become accustomed to after a warm, tropical world of sunshine.

But the families are eager to learn and eager to please their Canadian hosts who spend many hours each day

to help the families make the transition to a new way of life.

While both Otterville families are supported financially by the government, host families from the community have volunteered to take on the task of orienting the refugee families to their new lifestyle.

Lorraine Downing and Isabelle Harris are working closely with Tran Minh, 27, who came with his wife Nguyen Thi Chinh, 22, their one-year-old son Tran Ngoi Kong and Chinh's younger brother Nguyen Van An, 16.

The family left Saigon in South Vietnam about 16 months ago, fleeing to Hong Kong on one of many boats laden with refugee people. While in the refugee camp, Minh was able to practice his trade in the electronics field, repairing radios, while Chinh did sewing.

It was necessary to work in the camp, he said, in order to provide food and the essentials of survival for his family.

In the camp his family lived in close quarters with many others in a large hall with each family confined to a small area of its own. It was there Kong was born.

It was very hard to get out of Vietnam, said Minh through A-That Liu, a translator employed with the Tillsonburg Canada Employment Centre. The government lets no one out of the country unless they can afford to pay the price, said Minh.

But the escape from war-torn

Vietnam and the refugee camps are now far behind them as they settle into life in Otterville. An is now attending school in Otterville and Minh and Chinh started English-language classes this week.

Through the translator, Minh said everything is very hard because he doesn't understand the language and he isn't used to the weather or the customs. But he is determined to find a job to support his family as soon as he can speak the language.

Otterville's other family, the Lys, also came from Saigon in South Vietnam. Lon Wei Ly, 25, left Vietnam in January 1979 with his wife Tu-Lan, 25, and their son Kiet Han, 5. Their daughter, Choi Lin, now seven months old, was born during the two years they spent in the Hong Kong refugee camp.

A third family is expected to arrive in Otterville this week.

Those two families are being hosted by Jim and Peggy MacNeil of Our Lady of LaSalette parish.

The culture shock for these people is enormous. They have come from a much more relaxed lifestyle in the warm tropics to the hustle and bustle of the Canadian way of life amid snow and ice. They have gone through much and the scars of their ordeal are deep.

"If they could survive that much, we should be able to help them there," said Mrs. Downing.

And the exchange is a two-way street. "They're influencing us too," said Mrs. Harris. "We're learning a lot from them too."

While the media attention afforded to the Indo-Chinese boat people has somewhat subsided, families are still coming into the country under government and private sponsorship.

Two new Vietnamese refugee families arrived in Otterville last Thursday and a third family is expected this week.

Tony Murphy, of the Canada Employment Centre in Tillsonburg, told members of the community at a meeting last week in Otterville that despite some concern regarding the quality of housing the families were to be accommodated in, he is satisfied with the apartments.

All three apartments have received approval from the ministry of health, he said. Work was completed last week by women from the community to prepare two apartments for the first families' arrival and

members of Our Lady of LaSalette parish were busy preparing an apartment for the third family's arrival this week.

Mr. Murphy said it was necessary when looking for accommodation for refugee families to examine what type of housing the people would be able to carry on with when they are no longer government supported.

"We don't want to put them into more costly housing and find out they have to move out a year from now because they cannot afford the housing," said Mr. Murphy.

It was thus necessary to look at fairly modest housing they would be able to carry themselves on the roughly \$175 a week they are allowed.

But while they are described as modest, all three apartments have been thoroughly cleaned and redecorated with new car-

peting, paint and wallpaper said the landlord Murray Wardell of Otterville on Tuesday. While he supplied the materials, much of the work was carried out by the volunteer host groups.

While all three families are government sponsored for one full year, Mr. Murphy said, "As soon as they can get jobs on their own and can sustain themselves on their own that is what they will do."

Acting as hosts to orient them to the community and Canadian ways are Rev. Earl Moore, Isabelle Harris and Lorraine Downing and members of the LaSalette parish.

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Norwich gives raise

Norwich Township council approved a 12 per cent increase in wages for its non-union employees at a council meeting on Monday.

The settlement, announced by Mayor Jack Burn following closed-door discussions by council Monday afternoon, gives the 12 per cent increase to the three township office staff, the township clerk and deputy-clerk, the two road foremen, the road superintendent, the police chief and members of council.

The same offer has been made to the township's road employees and public works employees, said Mayor Burn.

"We're hoping they will accept the same increase," he said.

The fact that the county and several other municipalities in the county have reached settlements with non-union staff giving increases in the 12 per cent range was a factor in Norwich Township council's decision to give a 12 per cent increase, said Mayor Burn.

"Looking at the cost of living, it seems to be proper," he said. "It's expensive but everything else went up 12 per cent so it seems to be fair to both parties."

Mayor Burn said a presentation was also made to council by the police association and council will be retaining professional advice to make a counter offer to the association in those wage negotiations.

Norwich wants plaque to honor Emily Stowe

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Norwich Township council agreed Monday to request the Ontario Heritage Foundation to investigate the possibility of erecting in the township a plaque commemorating former Norwich resident Emily Stowe.

In earlier discussion of the matter, Councillor John Heleniak had suggested the ministry of culture and recreation be

requested to supply a grant for the erection of the commemorative plaque but that recommendation was tabled for further discussion.

Mr. Heleniak said the ministry would provide grants in the amount of 50 per cent of the cost, up to \$200. It is estimated the cost of casting and erecting the plaque would be roughly \$430.

Under the proposal adopted by council during later discussion held in camera, the province pays the full cost of the installation of the plaque. But Mr. Heleniak pointed out to council that approval by the Ontario Heritage Foundation could take up to five months. He said the foundation must first decide on the provincial importance of the individual and it is possible the proposal for the plaque could be turned down.

Mr. Heleniak suggested that if application was made now under his first proposal, which suggested requesting the ministry of culture and recreation grant, the plaque could be erected in time for the official launch of the Emily Stowe commemorative stamp on March 4. A mini-launch of the stamp has been planned to take place in Norwich on the same day.

Councillor Mel Smith pointed out that the grant from the ministry of culture and recreation may not be available and council, if it went ahead with the project, could be left with a bill for \$430. He said even if the grant came through, council would still be left with the remainder of the cost, roughly \$230.

"I don't think we should be putting any money into it," he said.

Under the proposal adopted by council, application is made to the province through the Ontario Heritage Foundation to have Dr. Stowe designated as an individual of provincial importance and deserving recognition through the erection of the plaque. If the foundation so recognizes her, the full cost of erecting the plaque will be borne by the province.

It is not known how long the approval process will take, said Councillor Heleniak.



Norwich township council plans to pursue the possibility of a plaque erected in front of Emily Stowe's residence as a youth. She was the first Canadian female doctor. The house is now owned by Cornelius Van Vliet of 22 Albert St., in Norwich. Council is seeking either a grant from the Ministry of Culture and Recreation or from the Ontario Heritage Foundation. Dr. Stowe will be honoured at a stamp launching to commemorate her and her contributions, March 4, in Norwich. (Staff Photo)

Norwich council Monday meeting to be cablecast

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Norwich Township council took to the air waves this week with the taping of Monday's council session by Nor-Del Cablevision Ltd.

Nor-Del President Glenn Baxter said the fifth session of council taped on Monday morning will be broadcast over the cable company's community channel later this week.

"This is an excellent way for the people in the municipality to be aware of what's happening in our township," said Mayor Jack Burn as council got underway for the first time in front of a television camera.

"Of course we're nervous of television because we're afraid of fumbling, but the people who elected us will expect us to make mistakes and to change our minds when we hear 10 different opinions on a matter," said Mayor Burn.

Council voted in December to allow the local cable company to come in and tape the twice-monthly sessions for broadcast on its community channel. It was thought the move might create more interest on the part of the public in council's activities.

The council sessions which can be viewed by Norwich and Otterville cable subscribers, are being taped initially but will be shown live in the future. Municipal council sessions in Ingersoll and Woodstock are already being televised over community channels in those centres.

Request seniors housing study

The ministry of housing last year, has 30 units. Once the request to investigate the need for such housing is made to the ministry, a questionnaire is circulated throughout the township to assess the interest in it, said township clerk Bob Watkins.

The decision to ask the ministry to conduct the study was made at council's meeting last week following an earlier request in December for the establishment of a senior citizens apartment in Otterville.

At present the only seniors apartment complex in the township, Winston Manor, is located in the village of Norwich. That complex, which was officially opened

last year, has 30 units. Once the request to investigate the need for such housing is made to the ministry, a questionnaire is circulated throughout the township to assess the interest in it, said township clerk Bob Watkins.

The occupants of a senior citizens' apartment would have to be 65 years of age. Rent is based on their individual incomes but it is not low rental housing.

There would have to be at least 20 people interested in such housing for it to gain ministry support.

Norwich sets BLA board

A bylaw appointing the members to the board of management for the Norwich Business Improvement Area (BIA) was approved by Norwich Township council at its meeting Monday. FEB 9

The board of management, which consists of eight members, is responsible for establishing the projects for the Norwich downtown improvement area and setting the budget for those projects, subject to council approval.

The board consists of the following members: chairman Ted Shrubbs, vice-chairman Norm Lusk and secretary-treasurer Murray Hilliker. The members of the beautification committee are: Ed White, Dick Treleaven and Roy Arn. Those on the promotions committee are: Geoff Byrne, Murray Hilliker and John Heleniak, who is also the council representative to the board of management.

Mr. Shrubbs said the board has not yet set its budget but it will probably hold a

meeting within the next two to three weeks to do so. The budget and project proposals must then be submitted to council for its approval before the township's budget is set.

The committees of the board of management are now examining various beautification and promotion projects but plans are still tentative, said Mr. Shrubbs.

He said the board hopes to have a representative from the ministry of housing as well as an individual from St. Thomas who worked closely with the BIA there at the board's next meeting.

He said he also hopes to have a newsletter prepared following the next meeting to keep all members of the BIA informed of what the board is doing for them and to enable them input into the projects and decisions.

Council also made the appointments to the Treffry Mill Advisory Committee at its meeting Monday. The members, as follows, are the

same as last year: Colin Cope, Rick Singer, Lorraine Downing, Joyce Pettigrew and Jack Burn with the addition of Councillor Mel Smith.

Council also appointed Helen Smith to be the council's representative on the Norwich and District Historical Society for one year.

Township promoting Unity Week

Norwich Township will be actively involved in Canada Unity Week if enough interest can be sparked for the organization of various events to take place during the week of June 28 to July 1.

Norwich Township's councillor-at-large Carman Sweazey told council at its meeting last Thursday evening that a committee has been organized to try and stimulate interest in the week throughout the entire township. He said committees will be set up in each ward to co-ordinate the activities and get interest going.

All organizations, schools and churches in the township will be contacted and encouraged to take part in the organization of the activities.

Possible events for the week could include parades, baseball tournaments, and barbecues, said Mr. Sweazey.

The idea behind the activities is to create interest in the week and to "let people know we're proud to be Canadian," he said.

He hopes people will get behind the idea and give it the support it needs to make it a success. FEB 26

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Inspector resigns

Norwich Township's plumbing inspector Howard Payne, 76, has submitted his resignation to council, accepted at the council meeting last Thursday. FEB 26

Mr. Payne gave his age as his reason for resigning. In later discussion, council set up a committee to consider the hiring of a full-time person that would handle all plumbing, drainage and building inspections, said Mayor Jack Burn. Those areas are now handled individually by part-time employees.

A report from the committee is expected in a month.

Grant to skaters

Norwich Township council has agreed to consider a grant of \$1,500 to the Norwich and District Figure Skating Club to help cover the cost of its operation. The grant, which would be the same as that awarded last year, will be considered in this year's budget deliberations by council.

Maintenance grant

A maintenance grant of \$400 will be considered by council in its 1981 budget deliberations for the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre in Otterville.

Milldale cemetery

A 1981 maintenance grant of \$200 for the Milldale cemetery was also approved for consideration in the 1981 budget considerations by Norwich Township council.

Dust control

Tenders will be called in future for the supply of calcium used by the roads department of the township for oil dust control. The cost of dust control on township roads has increased by 30 per cent, council was told at its meeting last week.

Reasonable request

Norwich Township council agreed at its last meeting that any individual appearing before council who does not wish to be televised by the local cable company taping the council sessions, can be afforded the courtesy of having his matter discussed off camera.

Councillor Jack Lester said some people may be nervous about appearing on television. "We don't want people staying away on that point," he said. "You don't have to be televised to talk to this council." Mayor Jack Burn said the request for the motion was reasonable in his opinion.

Offer accepted

An offer by Canada Trust Realty on behalf of a client to purchase the old township sand pit, located southwest of Otterville, for \$16,000 was accepted by council at its meeting last week.

The property had been offered for sale by council last fall, but a slow real estate market brought an offer of only \$6,000 at that time. Councillor Bob Pettigrew said the offer of \$16,000 for the property is "a very fair offer."

Council passes new policy

A policy has been passed by Norwich Township council requiring individuals who apply for minor variances or a rezoning to pay the legal costs if council is forced into defending their legal position to the Ontario Municipal Board.

The policy, established at the council meeting last Thursday evening in closed session, entrenches a

practice that has been done many times in the past, said Mayor Jack Burn. In many cases a solicitor has offered to pay the legal costs, he said.

"Perhaps it is a service we should perform," said Mayor Burn, "but it is hardly fair to make the general public pay when there's a financial gain for an individual."

Council is in a position that

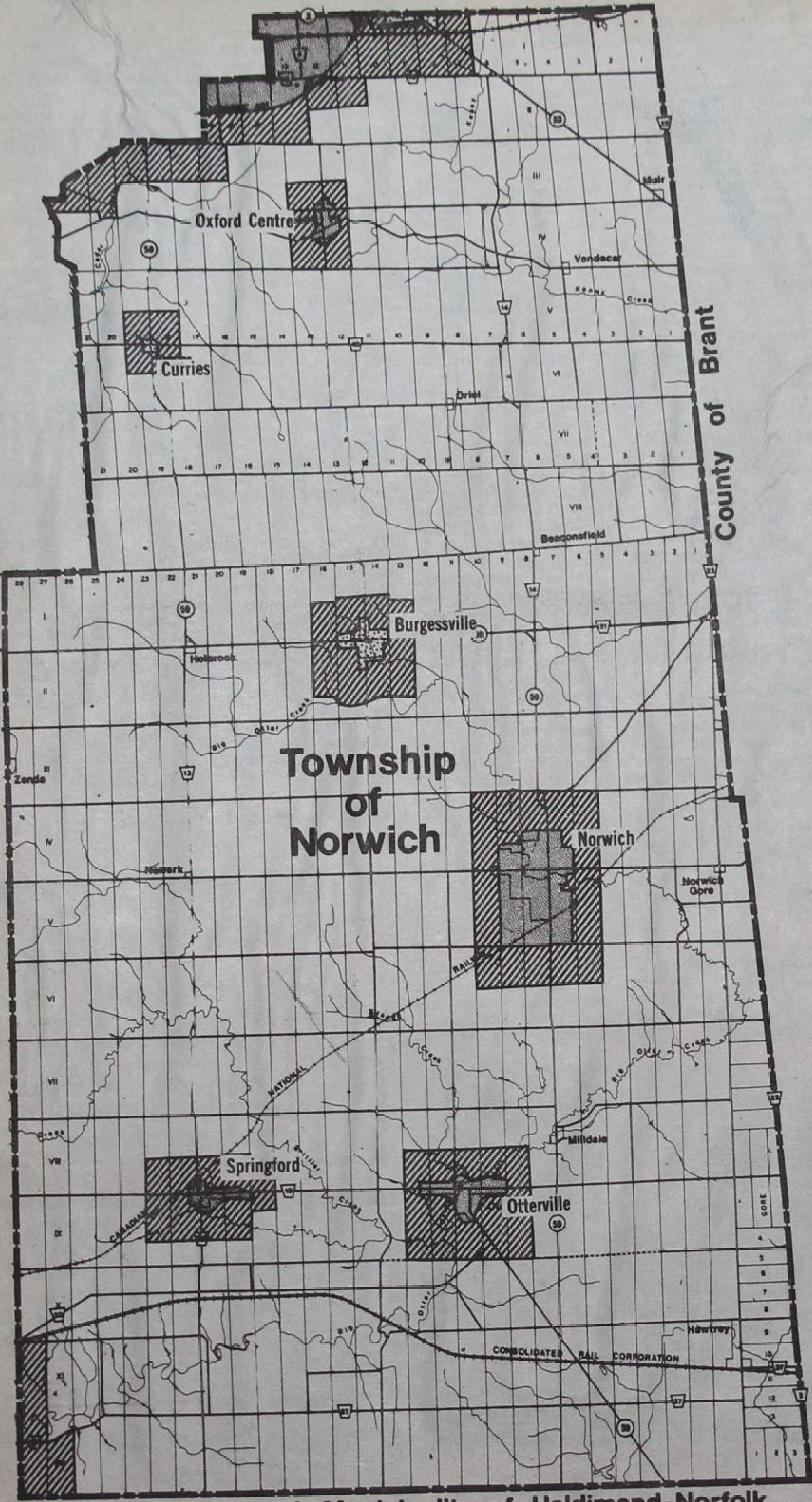
it could delete the requirement for the individual to bear the legal costs in a particular situation if council so decides, said Mayor Burn. A similar policy is now being used in Woodstock.

Legal costs for an OMB hearing can run between \$500 and \$1,000, said Oxford County planning commissioner Peter Atcheson.

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Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk

Council promotes industrial development

BY SUZANNE HANSON

It is the duty of the Township of Norwich council to carry out the business of operating the township and as mayor it is Jack Burn's job to ensure it is done as quickly and effectively as possible.

It is also his job to see that all business that must be dealt with comes to the attention of council and receives the necessary action.

Mayor Burn said he is pleased with the new council he has to work with over the next two years. Five new faces took up seats around the council table following the November municipal election, joining with five who were re-elected from the previous council.

INDUSTRIAL BASE

Like its predecessor, this council has as one of its priorities, the establishment of a broader industrial base in the township. To that end, an industrial park was put in gear in Norwich with the recent approval of preliminary plans, said Mayor Burn.

It is necessary to attract industry to the township to keep the existing population in the area and to encourage new families to move in, he said.

But until the industrial

park is established, and news of it travels around, council really won't know what industries are out there to attract, said Mayor Burn.



MAYOR JACK BURN

It's important, however, to be ready for the time when someone does come along. The township office has already received a call from a Stratford-based industry requesting two to three acres to establish an industry that would employ 50 persons. But the township was forced to turn the request down because the site in Norwich has not yet been approved by

the county, said Mayor Burn.

If council does gain the necessary approvals, a nine-lot industrial park will be established on the 7.4 acre site owned by the township, north of the Norwich Community Centre.

Services at the site would not be installed until a buyer is found. Once such a buyer approaches council, the drains, sewers, hydro, water and a paved street with curbs could be installed in 30 to 60 days, said Mayor Burn.

He is hoping that by holding a public meeting in advance of the application to the county for the required official plan amendment and zone change, any fears the residents in the area of the proposed industrial park might have can be eliminated as they were in the case of the Powell plant expansion in Otterville.

FIRE ALERT

As well as making progress on the industrial park, council was able to see the county-wide fire alert system move nearer to completion last year. The system is expected to be ready for trial this Spring.

That system, originally proposed in 1963, "will be a blessing when it is put in place," said Mayor Burn. It will use radios for instant contact between fire vehicles anywhere in the county as well as a paging system to contact members of the various county fire depart-

ments.

All firecalls will be handled through a central dispatcher in Woodstock with one telephone number for all the fire calls in the county. A county-wide mapping system is being set up to help locate fires and other emergency situations.

The grid system, patterned after the grid being used now in Norwich Township, will be an integral part of the new fire communication system. In expectation of the county-wide system being established, Norwich set up the grid for its 9,500 residents about two years ago. Mayor Burn said it helps firemen locate a fire within 300 feet.

The grid system will only be installed in the rural areas as the county's major urban municipalities have their own system based on street numbers.

GARBAGE PROBLEM

But while progress is made in some areas, Norwich Township council is still faced with some problems. One of those is the closure of the Holbrook landfill site, said Mayor Burn.

The site was originally scheduled to close in December but because of delays in getting the Salford site onstream, the county was forced to extend the life of the Holbrook site to the end of June, he said. Provided with the extension is a guarantee to the

residents in the area of the landfill site, that aid will be provided should their wells become contaminated by pollution from the site.

Mayor Burn hopes the site will be closed this year but the county's garbage must go somewhere. The continued opposition to the Salford landfill site by South-West Oxford Township is making a solution to the problem difficult, he said.

RISING INFLATION

Another major concern of council's is keeping a tight rein on township expenditures. There are two options open to council,

either "to spend more efficiently or to reduce services." But when you start cutting services it comes down to the question of what are people prepared to do without, said Mayor Burn.

Because of the lack of growth in the township, it is difficult to maintain taxes at an even level in the face of rapidly rising inflation, he said.

"With inflation running at 12 per cent it is difficult to hold our own." Industrial development in the township can help reduce the tax burden on the rest of the township residents.

Position of mayor can be trying

The job of mayor can be a trying one at times. Faced with all the problems and concerns of the township, the decision-making process can be a difficult one, particularly when the decisions made are unpopular ones.

For Jack Burn, Mayor of Norwich Township, some aspects of the work are more interesting than others and some parts of it can be more frustrating than others, but for the most part he enjoys the job.

One might wonder how anyone could enjoy a job that consumes so many extra hours of one's life. Each month Mayor Burn is in attendance at 18 meetings for the county and the township, adding up to close to 800 hours a month. He must at the same time try to manage his auto body business in Woodstock and give attention to his wife and children.

But Mayor Burn had very few doubts last Fall when it came time to decide whether to seek his second term as mayor. He admitted he enjoys the challenge the mayor's chair provides and he has a genuine desire to continue working to improve the municipality as a whole.

Born in Norwich, he lived there for the first 17 years of his life, after which he moved to Woodstock and later to the Eastwood area where he has lived for the past 10 years.

This year marks his ninth consecutive year in municipal politics. He served as councillor on the former East Oxford council

for two years, as a Ward Four representative on the Township of Norwich council, as a councillor-at-large for two years and is now beginning his second term as mayor of the township.

Despite public discontent from time to time with council and its decision, the public image of council is quite good, said Mayor Burn. "The reception I receive is quite favorable," he said.

"No one likes to tell someone else 'no' but sometimes that has to be done," he said.

As mayor, one of his major concerns is for the planned and orderly growth of the township and ensuring that happens may sometimes require making some unpopular decisions. But he is well aware that you can't please everybody all the time.



Township artist

Norwich Township artist Ross Butler is the creator of the crest that represents the township. He sold the rights to the crest to the township but retained the original for his own collection. (NG Photo).

Norwich Township artist created township's crest

One piece of artwork created by Norwich Township artist Ross Butler seems to cause a slight controversy periodically.

It's not the subject of the artwork that creates the stir, but rather its availability and manner of display.

In 1977, Norwich Township council officially approved the adoption of a township crest, created by local artist Mr. Butler of RR 4, Woodstock. The idea of designing a crest was conceived two years earlier with the restructuring of the four townships (East Oxford, North Norwich, Norwich village and South Norwich) into one Township of Norwich.

After council had approached a coats of arms designing firm in Toronto without satisfactory results, Mr. Butler was granted the privilege of coming up with a suitable design.

The crest he came up with was adopted by council and is now worn on the jackets of all past and present township councillors and township department heads, as well as being on display in the township's municipal buildings, and public buildings such as schools and community centres and libraries.

The controversy over the permitted uses of the crest arises each time a group makes a request to use it in some way other than those prescribed by council.

The most recent stir arose in June when a request by the Norwich Township Chamber of Commerce to use the crest on a brochure

promoting the township was turned down.

The matter is a sensitive one for Mayor Jack Burn. His fear is that if permission is granted for the use of the crest by various groups, it will get watered down and mean nothing.

"We must really have a good one (crest) because everyone wants it," says Mayor Burn.

Mr. Butler believes the design to be a good one and he is justifiably proud of it. The crest is the only one he has ever designed. He sees the pictorial part of the crest as portraying the words written at the bottom. Those words read, "Historical, Agricultural and Beautiful."

The top part of the crest is a picture of a pioneer farmer plowing with two horses and a walking plow. Mr. Butler

said that portion represents the Quaker roots of the township.

Pictured below that are what Mr. Butler sees as the two main crops of the township - tobacco and corn - with modern tobacco kilns and two silos. Around the edges of the crest is a suggestion of the township's other major crops with apples, white clover and grain portrayed.

And to represent the fact that Norwich has long been prominent in dairying in the county, is a Holstein cow perched atop the crest. The cow portrayed is Calamity Jane, a grand champion township cow recognized as the finest in Canada in 1895.

The crest reflects the rural nature of the township which is predominantly an agricultural area, said Mr. Butler.

Cost of road construction rising

It's been just over a year since Roads Superintendent Ron Smith took over the position involving overseeing all road work in the township.

Mr. Smith has working under him 13 men and two foremen, all working full-time for the township in the various wards.

In looking ahead to his plans for the year, he said he has no major roadwork scheduled at this point but will be concentrating instead on road maintenance. There are 222.6 miles of road in the township, 63.5 of those hardtop.

The biggest problem facing him is the rising cost of road construction and maintenance. While the township does receive subsidies from the ministry of transportation and communication, the subsidies cannot keep up with inflation and accelerating costs.

"The inflation is killing us," said Mr. Smith. The biggest expense for road work in the township is for maintenance, he said. A lot

of the things that go on the roads are oil-related and that has been taking real jumps, he said.

There is a constant need for travelling, resurfacing of hardtop roads, grading, ditching and dust control. A major expense is involved every time a municipal drain crosses a road, said Mr. Smith.

In the past few years the maintenance of the hardtop roads declined somewhat but he and his men are getting them back into shape. "That's a number one priority for 1981," he said. For that reason he is strongly considering redoing the Cornell Road this year.

The township usually receives around \$356,000 in road subsidies from the MTC and the township then matches that with money from its budget. A good three-quarters of that amount goes to road maintenance, said Mr. Smith.

But the roads must be maintained and in general, they are in pretty fair condition, he said. The time

most of the complaints about road conditions come in is when the roads are icy or when dust is a problem. And while the cost of maintenance is continually rising, people demand that their roads be in good shape.

Mr. Smith said he is on the roads every day to keep an eye on their condition and to assess what work needs to be done. During the winter, the hardtop roads need more care than gravel roads as they require more sand for the heavier traffic.

But in summer it is the gravel roads that are the biggest expense with grading and dust control. The cost of laying a hardtop surface is also expensive, however. "Just to lay the asphalt costs about \$21,000 a mile," said Mr. Smith. That doesn't take into consideration the cost of preparing the base before the asphalt is put down. That could vary from \$20,000 to \$50,000 per mile, depending on the condition of the base, said Mr. Smith. Again asphalt is oil based which means its cost is also rising

Norwich township bylaws chief's biggest headache

By SUZANNE HANSON
One of the biggest headaches in his job as chief of police in Norwich Township is enforcing the bylaws governing the township, said Chief Robert Knight.

While the police force is referred to as a township force, the only policing done throughout the entire township is the enforcement of the bylaws which govern such areas as dog control, land use, zoning—just about every activity you can think of.

Because of the size of the township and the vast numbers of bylaws in existence, Chief Knight said it is impossible to maintain a constant surveillance of the township to watch for bylaw infractions.

The police force operates under a system whereby a complainant must sign a complaint form if a bylaw is being violated. "Then we act on it," said Chief Knight.

"We cannot maintain a police force and patrol the township enforcing bylaws," he said. He also pointed out that about 90 per cent of the complaints about bylaw infractions are situations where an individual has a "beef" and wants to get even with a neighbor.

"If we enforced all the bylaws to the letter we wouldn't have time to police the community," said Chief Knight. That would require the hiring of a full-time

bylaw enforcement officer, he said.

Out of roughly 38 reported complaints of bylaw violations last year, 14 cases went to court. If an agreement cannot be reached between the parties involved the matter is left to the court and judges to decide, said Chief Knight. But, in the majority of cases, the matter can be settled out of court.

What many people don't realize is that enforcing the various bylaws can be "an expensive proposition." It can cost the township from \$1,500 to \$2,000 to collect a \$100 fine if a matter goes to court and a lawyer must be hired. This is money that ultimately comes out of the taxpayer's pocket, said Chief Knight.

"But, if you're not going to enforce them (the bylaws) then you shouldn't have them on the books."

He said there is a need, however, for a major examination of the bylaws to update and revise them. Some that are out of date should even be rescinded.

Many bylaws have been on the books since the former townships were incorporated. When they were amalgamated into the Township of Norwich with the restructuring of Oxford County in 1975, the bylaws from each municipality were incorporated into one large collection. In that collection

are duplications and differences in wording, making it difficult to interpret and enforce the bylaws, said Chief Knight.

But to dig out the essential bylaws to govern the entire township would require about six months of work, he said.

An example of one of the more archaic bylaws still on the books that sprang to the chief's mind was one requiring a horse and sleigh to have sleigh bells if it is out at night.

Today, the most common bylaw complaint received by the police force deals with dogs barking and running loose, particularly in the village of Norwich.

A lot of the bylaws are wide open, said the chief. Some people who have a bone to pick read things into them and get into neighborhood disputes. When the bylaws were originally set out they were made for a specific purpose. They are now subject to a lot of interpretation and anything can be read into them, said Chief Knight.

But in all cases "there's such a thing as common sense," he said. Sometimes you just have to use a bit of psychology in solving some of the problems.

The fines for bylaw violations vary from \$28 to \$100 for a first offence, he said. A third offence can warrant a fine as high as \$800.



It's up to Norwich Township treasurer Fred Lowes to handle the financial affairs of the township as well as to play the less popular roll of tax collector. (NG Photo).

Meeting on industrial park set

By SUZANNE HANSON

Despite the fact that the real estate and construction industries are somewhat slow in the township, in keeping with trends in the rest of the province, several proposed plans for subdivisions are on the books for the township.

While building for farm purposes last year was fairly good, it was generally slow throughout all wards in the township in other areas last year, said Township Clerk Bob Watkins.

The value of construction in the township was down over \$2 million from 1979. However, a large portion of the construction in Ward 4 in 1979 was due to the tornado damage, said Mr. Watkins.

While the draft approval for the Golden Gardens subdivision, is being dropped with the sale of the land to a

farmer, a new proposal for a subdivision in the area of Spring and Bailey Streets has been presented to township council.

The county is now circulating questionnaires to all agencies in the county who are entitled to comment on the proposal. When those have been returned and examined, the owner of the property, the Currah Feed Co. of Innerkip and its engineer Woodstock Engineering Consultants will probably be given a draft approval of the plan, subject to certain conditions, said Mr. Watkins.

The conditions may concern the engineer's plans for water, proper sewers and roads. A subdivision agreement may then be entered into by the municipality, the subdivider and the Public Utilities

Commission.

Zoning is usually a condition of the draft approval but in this case the property is already zoned residential said Mr. Watkins.

The proposal by the Currah Feed Co. is for 12 residential lots on 2.5 acres of land.

Another subdivision was proposed a number of years ago in 1977 by the Schut developers, in an area north of Bailey Street, south of the Long Point Region Conservation Area. Problems arose with that proposal regarding the servicing, said Mr. Watkins. Drains and sewers were a problem for the 30-lot proposal and no recent action has been taken on it.

Norwich's major subdivision, Westside Estates, now occupied, has 70 lots. Phase One of that subdivision is complete and Phase Two is well underway. It is located at the west end of Norwich, south of Main Street.

The Dickson subdivision, proposed for Burgessville in June 1979, appears to have gone dead, "but so has the market," said Mr. Watkins. The draft plan for the subdivision was approved, leaving the proposal at the subdivision agreement stage. There were some requests for revisions to the plan but no further action has been taken, said Mr. Watkins.

A subdivision proposed for Oxford Centre is now in the stage of applying for draft approval. Norwich Township council gave its approval in principle to the subdivision proposal in March, subject to negotiations and agreements to be determined at a later date.

The proposal, presented by J.P. McIntyre Engineering Consultants of London for the owner of the property Jerry Baines, would locate a 24-lot subdivision on Lot 12, Concession 4, between the fourth Line and the Stage

Road in Oxford Centre.

The population of the township is roughly 9,830 people. Four years ago it was 9,875 and three years ago it was 9,795. Norwich itself is a bedroom community where people live while working elsewhere.

Industrial development in the township could help bring more people into the area. However, much work has yet to be done before the industrial park proposed for the township's property north of the community centre is ready.

A public meeting of township officials, planning department representatives and the project engineer has

been set for March 11, at 7 p.m. in the community centre, said Mr. Watkins. All residents living within 400 feet of the property are being notified of the meeting by letter.

The amount of industrial development in the township is low in comparison with urban centres in the county. In Woodstock the ratio would be 60 per cent industrial and 40 per cent residential and other. In Norwich Township the ratio would be 85 per cent residential and farm and 15 per cent industrial.

"You don't get much industrial development in a farm area unless it is farm-related," said Mr. Watkins.

Industries look for services and labor and the most labor is found in urban centres.

He said the work he must do as clerk for the township gets a little busier every year. Council determines how busy you are. "If you have a keen council interested in the municipality, they want to make things go," he said.

"If they want to make things happen that gets the staff moving."

Since the amalgamation of the four former townships into one, the township has had good councils that have been active and interested in what the municipality should be doing, he said.



Busy man

Norwich Township Clerk Bob Watkins keeps busy ensuring the operations of the township flow smoothly. The amount of work he and his staff at the township offices have to do is determined by how industrious the council is. (NG Photo).



A year on the job

Norwich Township Roads Superintendent Ron Smith has been on the job just over a year now. He said the cost of maintaining the roads in the township is a constantly rising expense. (NG Photo).

Chamber of Commerce promotes Norwich Twp.

It is known as the Norwich Township Chamber of Commerce but it has had difficulty in obtaining representation from the entire township.

Originally known as the Norwich Chamber of Commerce, the name was changed to Norwich Township Chamber of Commerce in 1976 following the restructuring of the county and the amalgamation of the former townships into one body. This move was made to encourage individuals and businessmen from throughout the township to get involved in the chamber, which has as its objective the promotion of trade and commerce and the economic, civic and social welfare of the township.

Any person directly involved in trade or commerce, or interested in trade, commerce or the economic and social welfare of the district, is eligible for membership in the chamber.

Originally known as the Board of Trade in Norwich, it was organized as the first chamber of commerce in Norwich in 1949.

Two chamber members, Bob Scott and Al Munro achieved recognition when they organized the first Sidewalk Days ever held in the country. They took place right here in Norwich.

More recent projects the chamber is involved in include the annual sidewalk Days, still held in Norwich and an annual beef barbecue. A Ladies' Night is also hosted annually by the chamber, at which outstanding residents of the community are honored with certificates of merit. Many have been honored throughout the years.

The Norwich Township Chamber of Commerce maintains a membership in a county group of chambers and boards of trade called the Oxford County Liaison Committee, dealing with matters of county significance.

The chamber also assists annually with the Norwich and District Historical Show in June. The retail section of

the chamber of commerce was responsible for initiating four years ago, the annual Trade Fair held each Fall. The chamber of commerce was also the sponsor of the Vial of Life program started in the township last year, said past-president John Heleniak.

For each municipal election, the chamber hosts an all-candidates night for the township and as special projects last year, promoted the cachet covers for the 150th anniversary of the Norwich Post Office as well as putting together a brochure to promote the township in an effort to encourage industrial

development in the area, said Mr. Heleniak.

The chamber is also responsible for ensuring the mini-park in Norwich is maintained, he said.

The Norwich Township Chamber of Commerce meets once a month at a dinner meeting which rotates among three of the Norwich churches. Guest speakers are usually featured at each meeting.

In 1980 there were 75 members in the chamber of commerce.

Equalized assessment adopted

By SUZANNE HANSON

Norwich Township followed the example of many other municipalities in the province when it adopted the system of equalized assessment in October.

Township treasurer Fred Lowes said most municipalities are adopting the system and he expects it to be universal "within a year or two."

Under the revised system, the assessment is based on the 1975 market value of a property. "The value of a property is something an owner can relate to rather than a system based on buildings," said Mr. Lowes.

Although there was a shift of some assessment from buildings to land, causing the assessments on bare land to rise sharply, there is no change in the amount of revenue raised through taxation under the new system, said Mr. Lowes.

Neither is there a shift between classes of property, only shifts within each individual class. He said that from the review conducted by the assessment office in London, "the biggest shift within the township is in the farm properties. Some went down and some went up."

Although the revised system is designed to remove the inequities that existed under the previous system of taxation, there will always be individuals who don't agree with their individual assessment.

Mr. Lowes said there will be some property owners who are dissatisfied with their assessment, but as yet he has no figures from the court of revision as to the number.



Right-hand man

Deputy-clerk John Gilbert is Norwich Township Clerk Bob Watkins' right-hand man when it comes to managing the operations of the township. John is specifically in charge of agricultural and recreational matters in the township, in addition to assisting with the other aspects of the township's operation. (NG Photo).

Open houses were held throughout the township in January after the assessment notices were sent out to explain the new system to the ratepayers and provide them with an opportunity to ask any questions they might have.

The regional assessment office in London that sponsored the open houses was generally pleased with the turn-out. Most people who did attend were mainly seeking information, said Mr. Lowes.

A larger attendance of ratepayers had been expected at the Ward 4 open house than actually did turn out as that Ward (the former East Oxford Township) feels the greatest impact of the revised assessment.

Of the \$18,367,800 total taxable assessment in the township, the taxable assessment in Ward 1 is down 10.8 per cent, down 6.7 per cent in Ward 2, up 7.8 per cent in Ward 3 and in Ward 4 it is up 27 per cent, said Mr. Lowes.

Of the total taxable assessment, Ward 1 has 29.3 per cent of the total, Ward 2 has 15.1 per cent, Ward 3 has 27.4 per cent and Ward 4 has 28.2 per cent he said.

Mr. Lowes said the first tax bills will be sent out within the next two weeks with the demand date March 10.

The various committees of

council are working now on their 1981 budgets and a final budget, after discussions by council as a whole, should be ready for approval by mid-May. At that time the mill rates will be set.

Mr. Lowes said the 1980 taxes increased in the neighborhood of 16 mills, representing an average inflationary increase. On the basis of the 1980 taxes, he expects that any increase in 1981 shouldn't be beyond the inflationary factor of 12 per cent.



The 1981 executive for the Norwich Township Chamber of Commerce was installed at the chamber's annual Ladies Night held last Wednesday evening at the Norwich Legion. The president for 1980, John Heleniak (centre, left) passed on the gavel to incoming president Rick Jones. Other members of the executive include: (rear, left to right)

Donald Irvine, secretary; Stew Miles, treasurer; Norm Lusk, 1st vice-president; Les Card, director; Don MacPherson, director; Jean Miles (left, seated), director and Helen Smith, director. Absent for the photo were: directors Lavern Irving, Simon Erkelens, Bob Scott and Geoff Byrne. (NG Photo).

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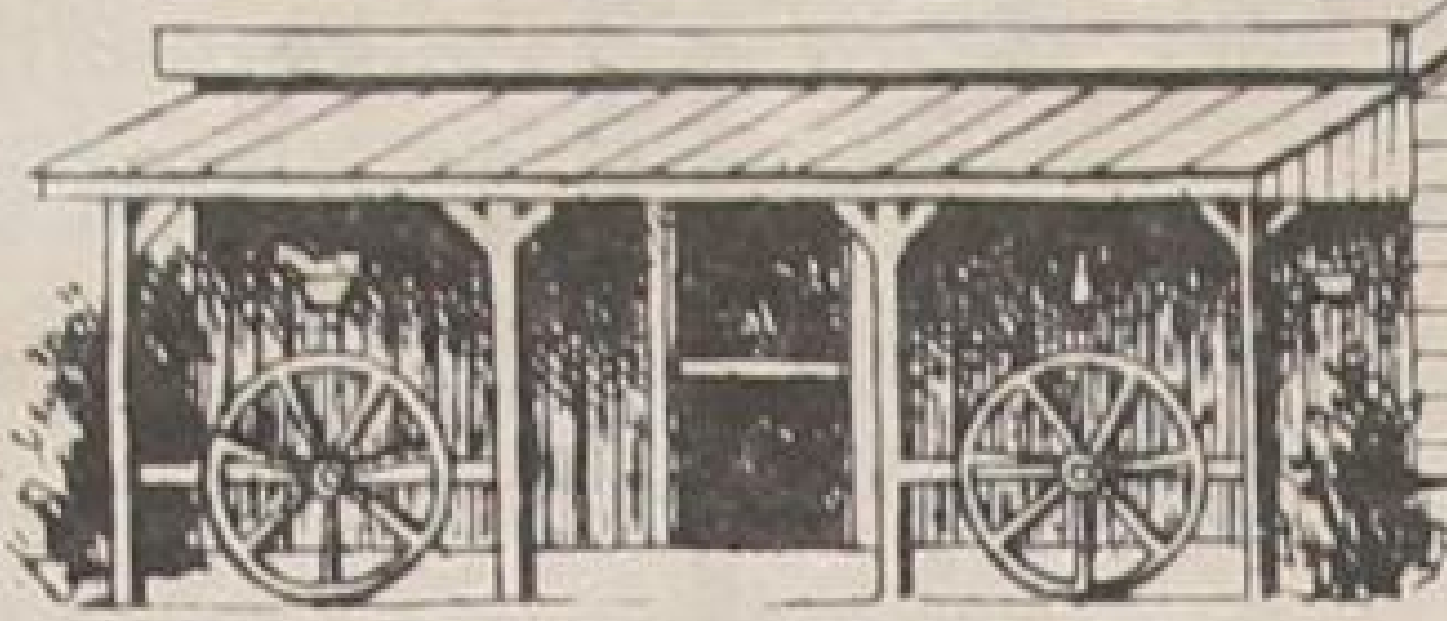
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Norwich Township hotbed of rebellion in 1837

By SUZANNE HANSON

For many of those familiar with Canadian history, knowledge of the events surrounding the 1837 Rebellions in Upper Canada is limited to the events taking place at Montgomery's Tavern and the poorly organized and unsuccessful Toronto revolt.

Few people are aware of the colorful past of Norwich Township and the role its residents had in the rebellions of that period. This peaceful, farming community was then a hotbed of revolt. Many of its citizens were jailed and many fled to the United States.

During the 1830's, Norwich was known as the centre of the advanced Reform movement in the London District. Growing dissatisfaction with the colonial government, opposition to the clergy and crown reserves combined with local abuses, led to sustained but unsuccessful attempts to secure administrative reforms.

William Lyon Mackenzie was an active leader in the fight for reform. Born in 1795 in Dundee, Scotland, he came to Canada in 1820, moving to Queenston in 1824. There he started the *Colonial Advocate*, a publication dedicated to exposing the abuses of public administration. Government position and influence were, at that time, limited to the few with family and personal influence — a system that Mackenzie was determined to change.

The Reform movement gradually gathered support and in 1825 Mackenzie moved the *Colonial Advocate* to Toronto where he viciously attacked the system and those in office through his paper and in the Assembly to which he was elected and expelled from numerous times.

Attempts to quash Mackenzie's reform movement by destroying his printing press only increased his support and the dissatisfaction with the system.

During the summer of 1837, armed resistance began to be viewed as the only means of affecting the much-needed changes. Under the shadow of Township Clubs, strange things began to take shape, as meetings were held and arms collected. "A rebellion was brewing"

In addition to Mackenzie, one of the more prominent figures during this period was Charles Duncombe, from Connecticut. Born to a

prominent English family, he could have been among the favored members of the influential Family Compact in Upper Canada.

He came to Upper Canada in 1820 settling first at St. Thomas and later moving to Bishopgate in Burford Township. There he became one of the largest landowners in the county.

Duncombe was a man of peaceful sentiments, not easily persuaded to support Mackenzie's plan of rebellion. He preferred instead to follow the route of an impressive political demonstration, said Edwin C. Guillet in his book "The Lives and Times of the Patriots".

But pressure for reform failed to yield any fruit. Local historian Brian Dawe points out in his recently published history *Old Oxford is Wide Awake*, that Duncombe became convinced of the need for radical changes in the government. In December of 1837 he threw his support behind Mackenzie in his push for revolt.

On December 6, the day before the battle at Montgomery's Tavern in Toronto, Mackenzie sent word to Duncombe requesting immediate support. But the almost impassable condition of the roads delayed the mails and it was several days before the couriers arrived with the message.

When he finally received the news, Duncombe hurried to rouse support. According to local historian Amelia Poldon, the Norwich settlers had endured years of oppression and wrong and the grievances they bore made it easy for Duncombe to stir the community to action.

In Norwich alone he was able to gather the support of some 100 to 200 men who were joined by another body of men in Oakland and 60 to 70 more men from Scotland under the command of Eliakim Malcolm.

While neighboring townships gathered their Patriot forces together, the rebels from Norwich and district assembled at Burford. The Patriot force was made up of some 400 men.

Duncombe's original intention had been to assemble the forces at Scotland to march through the Oakland Plains to Burford. From there they would descend upon Hamilton, consolidating these towns under Patriot control and eventually joining up with Mackenzie in Toronto, said Guillet in his book on the rebellions.

But despite their haste in assembling, by the time Mackenzie's request for aid reached Duncombe, the rebel force in Toronto had already been defeated and their leader fled to the United States and safety.

The rebel force of Patriots was still at Scotland when the news of Mackenzie's defeat reached them, dampening their spirits and altering their plans considerably.

"Not only did they hear of Mackenzie's defeat, but also of the arrival in Brantford of Sir Allan MacNab's militia as well as word of the approach of some 250 loyal troops from London, Woodstock, St. Thomas," said Guillet.

Addressing his men on horseback, Duncombe told his men they would retreat to Norwich as Mackenzie was defeated. While not all agreed with the decision to disperse without making a stand, the majority accepted the decision.

When McNab reached Scotland, some 15 Patriots were captured and three others shot when they tried to escape. One thousand militia men arrived that afternoon and the total force was swelled to 1,900.

Before Duncombe and his forces retreated, he buried his list of rebel supporters and sympathizers at Scotland in case of capture. But McNab's men, when they arrived on the scene, noticed the freshly disturbed earth and digging it up, retrieved the papers. Therein was the evidence to convict many Norwich men.

While the militia men were disappointed that the rebels had dispersed, McNab decided to put fear into the Patriots by marching

through Norwich. In his dispatch to Sir Francis Bondhead from Scotland on Dec. 14, McNab wrote the following: "This afternoon I have been joined by not less than 1,000 volunteers; volunteers are pouring in at all times and places. It is my intention to march at 6 o'clock tomorrow morning with 1,600 men through the township of Norwich, the most disaffected part of this district. I have at least six times as many men as I require, but the fact of such an army marching through this very country cannot but have a very beneficial effect."

A force was left in occupation of Scotland and the men set out next morning on a march that proved to be no pleasure trip. As Guillet points out in his book, the men soon learned that, "A winter march in Canada was no joke."

While on the march to Norwich, night overtook the troops and they had to set up camp in the woods. They had no food or equipment to protect them from the cold and dampness of winter.

The sojourn of the Militia in Norwich Township was a "three-day reign of terror". The property of the Reformers was appropriated or destroyed and some 500 men were apprehended during the march.

Norwich's first doctor Ephraim Cooke and John Tidey were both arrested because they were intelligent men and had spoken out on reform in public. John Tidey was later freed and Dr. Cooke was sent to England to be tried for treason. He was briefly exiled but later returned to Norwich to become superintendent of schools, reeve, a member of parliament and a railway builder.

Solomon Lossing, a Quaker miller and a justice of the peace, was also arrested and taken to Hamilton Jail where he was found not guilty. He was a known rebel sympathizer who was said to have encouraged those marching from his neighborhood with Duncombe and had even supplied them with provisions. Much to the ire of Sir Francis Bondhead, after his release Lossing was later restored to his position of justice of the peace.

Many of the Patriots apprehended were sent home after being relieved of their arms, while subject to later arrest at the discretion of the magistrates. Others acknowledged the error of their ways and joined the militia when McNab's forces arrived, while still others fled to safety in the United States.

According to Guillet, it is believed that at least 25,000 Upper Canadians forsook their homes at this time. "Many people, ... believing that the progress of free principle had been permanently crushed, left the country."

Notices were printed offering substantial rewards for the capture of several of the rebel ringleaders, the largest of 500 pounds being for Duncombe. But most of the rebels, including Duncombe, succeeded in evading arrest.

Joshua Doan was for a time concealed in a log granary on the farm of Ephraim Haight who enabled him to escape capture. Joel Doan, Samuel Mills, Jacob Yeigh, David Anderson, Eliakim Malcolm and Walter Chase were among other leaders who escaped.

The London District was systematically plundered by the militia after the Duncombe rising had been suppressed, with Norwich Township being the most harshly treated. Officials apparently saw Norwich Township as a trouble spot for some time after McNab's march as the militia remained stationed at Burford throughout 1838 and early 1839. During the weeks following the thwarted rebellion their vengeance was felt by all who were suspected of having Reform leanings.

The local press of the day reported that the visit would not soon be forgotten by those who had supported the cause of reform.

Mackenzie himself reached Buffalo on December 11, where he was enthusiastically received. From there he proceeded to Navy Island in the Niagara River where he was joined by other rebel supporters.

Throughout 1838, and the early months of 1839, militia stationed at Burford made several sojourns into Norwich Township. In one incident, they visited Crom-

well's Mills (now Otterville) referred to then as "a most radical nest". There they consecrated ground in the name of Queen Victoria and raised the Union Jack, a flag that, according to the militia, many of the natives had never seen.

At another time, it is recorded in the diary of John Tidey, 60 militia men marched out to a Norwich school on a report of an insurrection. The militia bravely disarmed several school boys by taking away two wooden swords and a wooden bugle.

Commemorative stamp launch to take place in Norwich

Norwich Township has throughout the years been home to a variety of outstanding people. One such person is being honored next Wednesday with the issuance of a special postage stamp.

Emily Jennings Stowe, the first woman doctor in Canada, was born in Norwich Township in 1831. But although she has received distinction for being the first Canadian woman doctor, Dr. Stowe is probably even better known for her suffrage work.

According to Carlotta Hacker in her book called *The Indomitable Lady Doctors*, which recounts the history of Canada's pioneer women doctors, "She (Dr. Stowe), more than anyone else, got the women's movement started in Canada."

Dr. Stowe crusaded vigorously for equal rights for women, especially the right to vote, and founded

Canada's first women's suffrage society.

While the streak of feminism in Dr. Stowe could be traced to the struggle in her early years, it may also be attributed to her Quaker background.

Not only did Quakers believe that women should have freedom of worship, they believed in equality for women.

The thorough education that Emily received despite the fact that Norwich was little more than a pioneering settlement is remarkable said Hacker in her book.

But Emily was determined when she set her sites on a goal to achieve it. She began teaching school near Norwich at the age of 15 and when she was refused admittance to the University of Toronto, went on teaching and attended Normal School later. Because of her outstanding ability, she was made principal of the Brantford Public School -

the first woman to achieve such an appointment.

In 1856 she married John Stowe and retired from teaching while she had her three children. Emily and her husband moved to Mount Pleasant shortly after their marriage and it was there she resumed her teaching career sometime later, in a private school called Nelles Academy.

Her return to teaching was also necessary when her husband developed tuberculosis and had to go into a sanatorium. It was then up to

Emily to support the family and it was then also that she made the decision to become a doctor.

Since no Canadian college or university would accept a woman, she headed to the United States where she enrolled in the New York Medical College for Women. Upon her graduation, she returned to Canada in 1867 with a graduation certificate and a determination to set up practice.

She moved her family to Toronto and established herself as a practicing physician, but unfortunately she was not licenced to practice.

In 1869 the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons was set up as the sole licencing board in Ontario. Dr. Stowe applied to the council for registration but was turned down.

According to the council's regulations, graduates from United States medical schools had to attend one session of lectures at a recognized Ontario medical school and present themselves for an oral matriculation examination.

The problem was that no medical schools would admit women, effectively barring them from the practice of medicine.

Dr. Stowe ignored that obstacle and continued to practice medicine illegally, despite the fact that she was fined for doing so.

"By this time, Dr. Stowe's feminism had developed to the stage where she was quite prepared to disobey the rules which had been made by males," said Hacker in *The Indomitable Lady Doctors*.

She continued to apply to Toronto's medical schools and universities and continued to be rejected. But early in the 1870's she and another young woman, Jennie Trout, were admitted to the Toronto School of Medicine.

Finally, Dr. Stowe was licenced to practice in 1880 at the age of 49.

In 1877 she organized a group called the Toronto Women's Literary Club which was, in effect, a suffragette society. In 1883 it became known as the Toronto Women's Suffrage Club which eventually became the Canadian Suffrage Association in 1907, four years after Dr. Stowe's death in 1903.

Dr. Stowe, "as much as anyone had brought about the emancipation of Canadian women." She died before seeing Canadian women achieve the right to vote, but she bred a daughter, Augusta, before she died who was eager to carry on where Dr. Stowe left off.

Augusta Stowe-Gullen was the first Canadian woman to get a medical degree in Canada. In 1883, she graduated from Victoria College's Toronto School of Medicine with her degree.

The stamp honoring Emily Jennings Stowe will be officially launched on Wednesday, March 4, in Ottawa with a mini-launch to take place in Norwich on the same day.



Commemorative stamps

These four stamps will be released in a special launch on March 4 in Ottawa with a mini-launch highlighting the Emily Stowe stamp (top) to be held in Norwich the same day. The stamps are recognizing the contributions of these four women to the feminist movement in Canada.

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South Norwich native Dr. Emily Stowe will be honored in postage stamps to be issued March 4. (CP)

South Norwich history compiled for anniversary

BY SUZANNE HANSON

Unearthing and compiling the history of South Norwich has been the major occupation of the South Norwich Historical Society since its inception in 1975.

While many of its members originally belonged to the Norwich and District Historical Society, the need was felt for a more concentrated effort to record the history of the south end of the township.

A number of local historians, including Stella Mott and Amelia Poldon had written histories recording a great deal of the Norwich area past, but little had been written about the Township of South Norwich, said a South Norwich Historical Society member Joyce Pettigrew.

At that time there were only two accounts of the history of the south, one being the reminiscences of Milton Cameron, written during the late 1800's on his boyhood days. There was also a history of the area compiled by Mrs. Snell in 1927, in which she attempted to cover the history from the time the area was first settled.

But most of the histories written since neglected the history of South Norwich and it was for that reason that several individuals decided to form a historical society in order to develop a more concentrated effort in that area.

The history of the area's settlement begins at roughly the same time as that of North Norwich, said Mrs. Pettigrew. The Hicksite Quakers came to South Norwich, to the Otterville area, at about the same time as the Norwich Quakers. Their church was built only one year after the Quaker church in Norwich. Many of them moved on from the area, however, said Mrs. Pettigrew. It was white pine country and when the lumbering ran out, many settlers picked up and moved on to the United States and other areas.

A lot of the area's history was passed on from generation to generation by

word of mouth, said Mrs. Pettigrew. It is important to interview all the people with such recollections or stories told to them before they are gone. Much history has already been lost because it was not recorded.

The task of uncovering the past is a difficult one, particularly for a society as small as South Norwich. It started out with about 35 members and has now grown to roughly 60. The task of digging up history is a tedious and time-consuming one.

The society from the beginning, attempted to involve the area school children in this search for the past.

The first three years of its existence, the society sponsored an essay contest in which the senior students of the area elementary schools were required to write on local subjects of historical significance.

To write the essays, the students were required to conduct interviews with local residents and to do research on the various topics to garner the necessary information.

"Many of the kids turned up information we didn't have before," said Mrs. Pettigrew. Some of the topics covered early doctors, histories of individual communities and the subjects of law and order.

But with the removal of the Grade 7 and 8's from the Springford public school to Tillsonburg, it was difficult to carry on the project in the larger schools and it was eventually dropped.

The experience, however, was a valuable one, not only for the knowledge uncovered, but for the children who experienced the process of interviewing older people and learning about their own history. "Many of the people the children interviewed aren't here anymore," said Mrs. Pettigrew.

While all members of the society have contributed to the process of history gathering in South Norwich, three girls are now working full-time on that project.

The three people are

spending 16 weeks researching and writing the local history. They are Kathy Moore of Norwich, Kathy Davis of Otterville and Sandra Rutherford of Delmer. They are working under the sponsorship of one of the federal government's winter work projects.

Through their work, two files will be organized, one containing a genealogical history of the area and the other historical material from which the history of South Norwich will be written.

Two girls also worked last summer under the Experience '80 program researching material on Little Ireland, Moore's Mill, Hawtreys, Milldale, the Millers, Rock's Mill, Rosanna, New Road and Cornell.

Mrs. Pettigrew said the Tweedsmuir historians have

also been a great help in recording details from the past on the area particularly on the subject of farm histories.

The historical society is hoping to have the South Norwich history completed for the celebration of Otterville's 175th anniversary next year.

In addition to its concern for the history of South Norwich area, the historical society is also an active promoter of the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre, contributing to its upkeep.

The society has also displayed an active concern for the preservation of the Treffry mill property as a monument to the early history of the area. To that end the society has made a commitment to assist with the maintenance of the mill should its purchase by the township or a public group

proceed.

The society's role has been to spearhead action for the preservation of the mill, said Mrs. Pettigrew. The community support for the project is there, she said.

The society has also been active in getting historic plaques erected at the location of the Quaker Church located at the Woodlawn centre where the Erbstown settlement once stood. It was also instrumental in the placement of a plaque recognizing the historic significance of the Treffry Mill last summer.

The society was also host, in its first two years, to the annual Spring Fair, a history fair with a variety of historical displays.



Donation for dam

A non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of waterfowl, called Ducks Unlimited, has offered \$20,000 to upgrade the dam holding back the water in the mill pond for the Treffry mill in Otterville. A ministry of natural

resources engineering study, said the dam would require \$72,000 worth of repairs to bring it up to standard. Ducks Unlimited proposes to reinforce the dam with boulders instead at much less cost. (NG Photo).

Otterville's Treffry mill is reason village exists

Like many river communities, Otterville grew up around a mill. Nestled on the edge of the Otter River, the Treffry mill is the reason for the village's existence, said Joyce Pettigrew, a member of the South Norwich Historical Society and the advisory committee appointed to investigate ways to preserve the mill as a historic site.

UNIQUE TO AREA

Otterville was settled by waterway instead of by highway. Its settlers came up the Otter River, looking for mill sites, said Mrs. Pettigrew. For that reason the mill portrays an aspect of history unique to this area, as the north end of the township and the county were settled, as many other areas were, by settlers who came across country or by highways.

Built in 1845, the Treffry mill is one of the oldest continuously-operated, water-powered mills in Ontario. Because of its uniqueness and the fact that it is the oldest of its kind remaining in Ontario, efforts are being made to preserve it.

In the 1850's, mills such as Lorne Treffry's were the economic, and to a lesser extent, the social nuclei of this region. Today, the mill is still the focal point of the Otterville community.

It was built by Edward Bullock in 1845 to replace a previous mill which stood north of the road on the east side of the Otter River. That original mill, built in 1807, was destroyed by flood or fire.

The new mill built by Bullock brought the number of mills owned by him to three. He had purchased the Cromwell Mills - a grist and a saw mill - in the same year. In its early days, Otterville was known as Cromwell Mills.

After Bullock's death in 1866, the management of the mills passed into the hands of his sons who expanded their enterprises to include hardware merchandising.

In 1877 the mills were sold to E.M. Schooley. The Treffry mill, after Schooley's brief ownership, passed into the hands of Solomon Lossing in 1880. The mill was run by three generations of Lossings, including Solomon, LeRoy and Reginald.

MILLER RETIRED

The father of the present owner, Lorne Treffry, took over the mill in the 1940's, restoring the mill's operation after a period of idleness. Lorne Treffry, who has operated the mill since 1952, retired last year. While

he has retired, the mill is still operable and commercially viable.

Located on 41.6 acres of land on the Otter River with a dam and a mill pond, the mill has been offered for sale by the owner. Local historians, concerned residents, and members of council have been working for the past year to come up with a plan to find funds for its purchase.

The South Norwich Historical Society has suggested many uses for the mill, ranging from a historic museum to an educational facility for students and visitors. It could also be operated for commercial purposes.

But obtaining funds for the purchase of the property, now for sale, is the major stumbling block at this point. The Long Point Region Conservation Authority (LPRCA) has told the citizens concerned that there is no money available in grants from the ministry of natural resources for the purchase of sites for historic and recreational purposes. And the project cannot be justified from the authority's viewpoint on a water management basis.

An engineer's study carried out by the ministry also pinpointed a need for \$72,000 worth of repairs to the dam to bring it up to required standards. That sum could not be justified for

ministry grant purposes, the authority's general manager Jim Oliver told Norwich Township council.

Without government support, the LPRCA simply does not have the authority or the funds to go ahead with the project, he said.

BRICK WALL

Left facing what appeared to be a brick wall, the residents were determined to find a way around it. The solution to their problems may lie partially with a non-profit group dedicated to the preservation of waterfowl.

After being approached with the problem, Ron Shiedel, a wildlife technician with Ducks Unlimited, said his organization would be willing to supply up to \$20,000 to upgrade the Otterville dam by reinforcing it with boulders. The organization would then have the mill pond available for the breeding of waterfowl.

The donation from Ducks Unlimited for the dam would leave the \$60,000 purchase price as the last barrier to the mill's acquisition.

Although nothing has been made final on the offer, historical society president Rick Singer is hoping it will provide the base on which to structure a fund-raising campaign.

The advisory board on which Mr. Singer is a member, was formed last fall to investigate funding

possibilities for the mill's purchase. Norwich Township council took out a one-year \$1,000 option on the mill property at that time to give the group time to work on the problem.

A delegation was to meet with the provincial ministry of natural resources to press for government assistance in purchasing the mill property, but with the upcoming provincial election, a date for the meeting has not been set.

Council's option on the property expires the end of August.



Unique landmark

A group of concerned citizens is working to preserve this historic Treffry mill located on the Otter River in Otterville. An example of settlement by water, the mill is a landmark unique to the area. (NG Photo).

Community fights to save school

By SUZANNE HANSON

Harv Cowan has been leading the fight against closure of the public school in Springford for two years but it appears to be a losing battle.

With the contract for the school awarded and construction scheduled for the spring it would appear the attempts of the parents to prevent what now seems to be inevitable, have failed.

Mr. Cowan is one of two Norwich Township trustees on the Oxford County board of education. His dissatisfaction with the administration of the public school system and his concern over the closure of the community's school, led him to seek election to the board in November, on a platform of opposition to the consolidated school to be built near Tillsonburg.

He and the group of ratepayers supporting him believe the students placed in a larger school of 350 students will lose their individuality and the contact with other students and teachers available in smaller schools.

Mr. Cowan said that although frustrated and disheartened by the lack of progress in the situation, the majority of the ratepayers are still behind him in the fight to save their school.

"A school in a community like this is a very integral part of the social life," said Mr. Cowan.

He said he would not have continued the fight to save the school without the support of the community. It was those same supporters who suggested he seek election to the board last November. They saw a need to get new members on the board in an effort to achieve changes in the way it is operated.

"There is a need for trustees who are interested in representing their constituents and who are not afraid to question responsibly but thoroughly, some of the steps or procedures used by the administration," said Mr. Cowan. They are very capable administrators but they aren't open-minded about this situation, he said.

Mr. Cowan referred to a study done by Richard Andrews in 1974 in the United States on The Environmental Impact of School Closures. According to the study, a survey of 60 school districts in both large cities and small municipalities showed that in 50 per cent of the cases there were no savings achieved through school closure. In 16.7 per cent of the cases more money was spent by closing the schools and in 33.3 per cent of the cases, savings were realized, but they were far less than originally pictured, said Mr. Cowan.

He said the board told the ratepayers in the area one year ago that the savings through consolidation of the four schools Springford, Delmer-Culloden, Ostrander and Rotary Westmount, will be \$45,000. Now the board is requesting more money from the ministry of education for the new school, due to the rising cost of its construction, said Mr. Cowan.

The entire situation has made him aware of the need for improved communication between the board of education and the parents and ratepayers.

"I won't be happy until we get a lot of ratepayers involved with education," he said. Getting involved is "better than sitting back and grumbling."

"Once you get people involved they will be part of the decision-making," said Mr. Cowan. They will also know then about the decision-making before the decision is made. "That's important," he said.

He would like to see more Home and School Associations established in the various communities to encourage ratepayers to take an active interest in the education of their children.

He said it is also important to form ratepayer-teacher-board committees in all school areas where a major change is taking place to examine all aspects of the change.

Mr. Cowan said he and his wife first suspected the school in Springford might

be closed in 1977. The process started, he said, when they took the Grade 7 and 8 students out of the Springford School and sent them to Maple Lane senior elementary school in Tillsonburg.

He said he heard rumors about the possible closure of the school in 1978 and in November of that year meetings were held with the board to discuss a proposal for a consolidated school.

In December of 1978, a survey conducted by members of the community and the Springford Home and School Association, showed 191 of 202 households surveyed were opposed to consolidation.

"Consolidation does not work educationally or financially," said Mr. Cowan. He referred to comments made by Dr. Ed Pino of Colorado at a Toronto conference on discipline strategies in the school, that there is a better atmosphere in schools with 150 students or less.

"Children do not have the individual identity or the responsibility to each other in a large school setting," said Mr. Cowan.

Part of the problem, he said, is the centralization of the school boards into a county board.

"Centralization of authority can be more efficient but in many cases it is insensitive to the local needs and interests," said Mr. Cowan.

The only positive aspect of the Springford School issue has been that it sparked a greater interest in schools and education. While he is not happy with the contact he has had so far with ratepayers in the township, he hopes that will improve. He has five secretaries throughout the township that people can contact regarding board or education when he is not available.

A parent of three children, he has been a high school teacher for 10 years, the last four in East Elgin Secondary School in Aylmer. He was raised on a farm in Bayham Township and attended school there, at the Tillsonburg High Schools

and the University of Guelph. He is married to Springford native Eleanor Bell.

He said he had no personal motivation to get involved in controversial issues until he saw some of the unfair occurrences taking place

regarding the Springford School and the board's handling of the issue.

"The bureaucrats are hired to run the system but not to control it. It is up to the elected people to ensure that the control of the system is in their hands and when it is in

their hands the people will have true representation," said Mr. Cowan.

The closure of the Springford school "will rip the community apart," he said. "It may take 10 years, it may take 15 years, but the process will be set in action."



Better communication

Achieving better communication between school boards, parents and other ratepayers is a goal Norwich Township trustee Harv Cowan is working toward during his first term on the Oxford County board of education. The Springford resident was elected in the November municipal elections. Above he goes over some material in his home with his three children, Marcella, 7, (left) Matthew, 4, and Melissa, 9. (NG Photo).

Church alone in "no-man's" land

BY SUZANNE HANSON

It seems an unlikely location for a church, perched atop the hill; a lonely sentinel to guard the wind-swept fields that surround it.

Perhaps it was the very location of St. Peter's Catholic Church that led to its eventual closure 10 years ago. But there was a day when the Catholic church, located in Norwich Township, southwest of Newark, was supported by an active parish taking in families from Norwich, Mount Elgin, Burgessville and Otterville areas.

CHURCH CLOSED

Although the congregation disbanded when the church closed in the Spring of 1971, its parishioners scattering to join churches in Tillsonburg, Woodstock, Courtland, Delhi, Scotland and LaSalette, the Catholic Women's League of St. Peter's has continued to meet and has remained active throughout the years.

There was a lapse in the operation of the CWL from the time the church closed in 1971 until 1974 when it was re-organized. Oddly enough, it was at the instigation of the St. Mary's CWL in Tillsonburg that the St. Peter's ladies resumed their meetings.

The gavel and charter of St. Peter's CWL was uncovered by the St. Mary's ladies one day and they encouraged the St. Peter's CWL to re-organize. The ladies had believed that the charter had been returned and that to re-organize would mean reapplying for a charter. With the discovery of the original charter and gavel they were able to continue and resumed with the encouragement of Father Spencer in 1974.

Its membership of about 30 members (20 active) meets once a month, except for July and August. While it is basically a social group, it does support the Tillsonburg and District Association for the Mentally Retarded and a family in India. In addition to its regular meetings, it

hosts a special get-togethers at Christmas and in the Spring for the entire family.

In June the annual outdoor mass for the entire congregation is held. That mass is the only one still celebrated by the congregation of St. Peter's.

Such get-togethers help to foster a sense of community said Mignonne Trepanier, a member of the CWL. "If we didn't meet we wouldn't get to see one another," she said. Most of the former members of the St. Peter's congregation are now involved in different churches, different activities and different schools so it is difficult to maintain the contact they once had as a congregation.

MISSES CHURCH

She is one of the former parishioners who misses the presence of the church, which was so central to the Catholics in the Norwich area.

But attempts throughout the years to have the church re-opened have failed. There was no support from the parish in Tillsonburg, to which St. Peter's had been a mission church in its last years, and some of the families themselves were opposed to the move.

The church had been blessed with a large and active congregation and was financially stable when it was closed. The isolation of the church and the difficulty in reaching it during the winter months and the shortage of priests were all given as reasons for its closure.

Being a mission church of the Tillsonburg parish, St. Peter's had no priest of its own and relied on the two priests from Tillsonburg to come out to conduct its masses.

According to 1978 figures there are roughly 2,500 Catholic families in what was then referred to as the "no-man's land" around St. Peter's. That church is central to the majority of those families, many of whom regret that more was

not done to keep the church open.

There are many who miss the sense of community fostered by the church and many who have wished it had been kept open because of the historical significance of the church.

EARLY HISTORY

The early population of the area around Newark was of Irish origin with such names as Furlong, Kirwin, Garvey, Duffy, Sheahan, Carlin and McNally common among the residents.

Among the earliest in-

dividuals to come to the area were the McNally brothers. With their sisters they had come from Monaghan, Ireland to Buffalo in 1820.

Searching for a place to make their home, they intended to journey to Pennsylvania. But just at that time, a recent settler in Dereham Township, Frank Stroud, was in Buffalo where he had purchased a large flock of sheep.

In need of someone to drive the sheep back to his home, a distance of some 120 miles, he happened to meet

the McNally brothers, Peter and Michael, who accepted his offer.

So pleased were they with the locality when they arrived, the two brothers immediately purchased from the crown the right to settle on a section of land in North Norwich Township. They soon built themselves a log home and sent to Buffalo for two of their sisters who came to keep house for them.

Soon many others of Irish origin came to take up land

in the vicinity, laying the early foundations for the establishment of St. Peter's parish.

In 1853 the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of Toronto purchased a lot in the village of Norwich, possibly with the intention of building a church on it.

Perhaps Peter McNally did not like the idea of having a church in Norwich, as in 1854 he deeded a portion of his land to the Diocese of Toronto. It was on that land,

in the same year, that a church was built under the pastorate of Father Carryon of Ingersoll.

The Norwich congregation had a brief rise to fame in 1863 when the territory was so divided that Norwich became a parish with Woodstock and East Oxford as its missions. Father O'Donovan was appointed the first (and only) pastor.

But the glory of the Norwich parish was short-lived. Whether Father O'Donovan couldn't stand the loneliness of the Norwich Township

surroundings or whether he was recalled is not known, but he returned to Ingersoll after a few months and Norwich reverted to the status of a mission. It remained as such until it closed in 1970.

Throughout its history, the Norwich church was a mission of Ingersoll, then Woodstock and finally Tillsonburg.

The original frame church was replaced by the present brick structure in 1894 and formally opened in October of that year.

Tune McNally, now 84 years old and a member of St. Peter's, remembers when she first came to the area of the Norwich church as the bride of Mack McNally 62 years ago in 1919.

Originally from Kelvin, she had always attended Our Lady of LaSalette, a much larger church than St. Peter's.

"It was quite a change coming to Norwich," she said.

She was a regular church-goer and an avid member of the CWL receiving her 50-year pin. She too was sorry to see the church closed.

"We certainly had some good priests here at Norwich," she said.

St. Peter's is also able to boast having produced two priests, Father Dugan and Father Ronan. There were also three or four Sisters.

Newcomers to the parish years ago were impressed with the community spirit present. That community spirit and sense of togetherness has not died despite the dispersal of the congregation. The survival of the CWL is testimony to that fact.

For many, the fellowship of the lonely church in "no-man's land" will never be forgotten.



Parishioner remembers

Tune McNally, 83, of RR 1, Norwich, remembers the days when St. Peter's Catholic Church near Newark housed a thriving Catholic congregation. The church was built on granted land, donated by Peter McNally, an ancestor of her husband, Mac McNally. (NG Photo).



Lonely sentinel

It's an unlikely location for a church - out in the middle of nowhere - and its isolation was part of the reason St. Peter's Catholic Church, near Newark, was closed by the Tillsonburg parish in 1971. (NG Photo).

Otterville Anglican Church hosts World Day of Prayer ^{March 6/81}

OTTERVILLE (C) — The World Day of Prayer service was held in St. John's Anglican Church on Friday afternoon at 2 p.m.

The president of the St. John's Church Guild presided and welcomed the ladies of the churches in the village.

The guest speaker was Mrs. Ivor Mann of Tillson-

burg who spoke on the theme of the program, "The Earth Is the Lord's."

Mrs. Jack Freeland was the organist and accompanied singer Mrs. Grant Darling of Delhi.

Readers throughout the service were Mrs. Derwood Spicer, Mrs. H. Harris, Mrs. Leslie Gehring, Mrs. Rod

Taylor and Mrs. Harold Durkee.

The offering was presented by Mrs. Evelyn Picknell and Mrs. Marion Dowds. Appreciation was expressed to the speaker by Mrs. Howse, and to the soloist.

The service was prepared by Native American Indian women.

Otterville club tours tobacco company plant

On March 17, the Optimist Club of Otterville sponsored a bus trip to the Imperial Tobacco Company in Guelph. The local tobacco farmers who went on the trip enjoyed seeing what happens to the tobacco after they have sold it at the tobacco market. The tour was very interesting and educational as it showed the processing

and mixing of different blends of tobacco. With automation, the making and packaging of the finished product was quite a sight to see and the trip, on the whole, was very successful. The Optimist Club is hoping to have more such trips in the future to various different industries.

Otterville Women's Institute holding spring rummage sale

OTTERVILLE (C) — District President Eileen Hammerston of Sweaburg was the guest speaker at the March meeting of the Otterville Women's Institute, held at the home of Mrs. Lorne Treffry on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, president for the meeting graciously welcomed the members and visitors. Mrs. Jack Walther was the pianist.

The roll call was answered with the members telling something they remembered helping their father do on the farm.

Three cards were signed for shut-in members and friends Mrs. Fred Moore, Mrs. Harry Lee and Mr. Fred Welsh.

Members were informed of the Spring Branch meeting which will be held at Tillsonburg March 31 at 10 a.m.

The April meeting of the Women's Institute will be held on Friday, April 10 in the Otterville Library on ground floor in the Community Hall. Conveners of committees are asked to bring three copies of their reports written briefly.

The Spring Rummage Sale will be held in the Com-

munity Hall April 11 commencing at 9 a.m. Donations may be left in the front entry of the hall on Friday. Preparations will be made for the sale on Friday following the meeting.

Mrs. Treffry was the convener for the meeting based on "Agriculture." She gave a reading "What Is A Farmer"?

The speaker was introduced by Jean Gehring who gave a very interesting

talk on Institute work. She was informative in giving the members many helpful suggestions in conducting their meetings. She cited other Institutes which had met with problems but had steadily improved in their membership. In regard to younger working women joining it was felt they did not have the same desire to join at this time.

The District President Mrs. Hammerton had the

pleasure of pinning on Mrs. Walther a Life-Membership pin in honor of service and involvement in Institute work.

Immediately after, Mrs. Pickersgill presented Mrs. Walther with a framed picture of the recipient, taken last year when Mrs. Walther was hostess at the Erland Lee Home. Both presentations were a complete surprise to Mrs. Walther.

The meeting closed with Mrs. Treffry reading a poem, "Old Age Can Be Wonderful".

Spring bazaar for U.C.W.

OTTERVILLE (C) — The March meeting of the Otterville United Church Women was held in the Sunday School room of the church on Thursday evening with a good attendance.

Jean Hill was the program convener, the theme being reminiscing. The program opened with the song "Long, Long, Ago." Mrs. Hill introduced the program and taking part were her committee: Ruth Collver telling of "The Old Kitchen Range", Helen Davis giving "The Old Fashioned School House"

and Shirley Rachar giving "The Old Fashioned Village".

The program closed with Mrs. Collver singing as a solo "An Evening Prayer" accompanied at the piano by Betty Walther.

During the business

session conducted by the president Isabel Harris plans got underway for the Spring Luncheon and Bazaar which will be held in the Church Hall on Thursday, April 23.

The social hour completed the evening.

PNG club buying kitchen flooring

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Past Noble Grands Club of Violet Rebekah Lodge met at the home of Anna Treffry recently with 14 members present.

President Ethel Arthur opened the meeting and all repeated The Lord's Prayer.

The roll call was answered by telling where you were born, and your mother's maiden name. All paid their dues.

It was decided to buy new linoleum for the kitchen floor. The next meeting will

be held on May 25 at the home of Helen Thompson. Greta Smith will be co-hostess.

After a reading by Ethel Arthur the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Treffry and Eva McMullen. The ladies enjoyed games of Euchre and the winners were Greta Smith and Olive Pickersgill.

A delicious lunch was served by the committee and all expressed their appreciation to the hostess for the pleasant time spent.

Historical society has quilt draw

The South Norwich Historical Society met at Woodlawn on March 9 with President Rick Singer chairing the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mary Murray. Joyce Pettigrew read the correspondence, one letter

being from the Oxford County Museum requesting if possible a Society member to sit on the museum's board. Since both meetings coincide the Society declined.

Lorraine Downing stated the proceeds of the quilt tickets for which she had been in charge were very gratifying. Rick thanked Lorraine for her time and effort.

A discussion was held on the application for Canada Development and Experience '81 grants to hire students for the further research of South Norwich Township History in order to have the history compiled for the 175th Anniversary in 1982. The final decision was left to the executive.

The meeting adjourned and Boyd Little introduced the guest speaker, Johan Hopkins, Archivist for the Norwich Archives. She spoke on the use of the Archives stating they are for the use of the whole township.

In 1872 a Public Archives was established in Ottawa and each province is responsible for their provincial archives. She also told of the increased interest and research in genealogy.

Following her interesting and enlightening talk, Johan drew the winning ticket for the quilt held by Karen McSpadden.

David Hussey, on behalf of Bell Canada, donated a portable microfiche reader to the Society for which a very grateful vote of thanks was extended.

The next regular meeting

will be held at Woodlawn on Monday, April 13.

35 YEARS AGO MARCH 28, 1946

A delegation from South Norwich Township waited upon the Oxford County Council at their spring session, asking that the road between Otterville and Tillsonburg be paved. It was pointed out by the delegation that the road in question carries more traffic than any other in the district. Two years ago the county paved a portion west of Otterville, a half mile or so, and continued the work from five points into Tillsonburg.

FIFTY YEARS AGO MARCH 1931

J.S. Leitch and son of Norwich have purchased the general store business in Otterville conducted for some months by Mr. McCaw. This is the store that was owned and operated by the late Lloyd Cook.

35th birthday celebrated by Otterville Rebekahs

OTTERVILLE (C) — Violet Rebekah Lodge 330 celebrated its 35th Birthday on Monday evening in the I.O.F. Hall Otterville. Guests were present from Tillsonburg, Delhi, Harrietsville, Aylmer, St. Thomas, Belmont, Norwich and Springfield.

Fidelity Lodge, Delhi, conducted the opening ceremonies in a very dignified manner. Violet Rebekah Lodge took the chairs for the business meeting with Sister Norma Wilson Vice Grand acting and Noble Grand.

In the absence of Sister Ilah Nant who is ill in hospital Sister Josephine Howse acted as Vice Grand. District Deputy Lorraine Roth of East St. Thomas District 17 was introduced by J.P.N.G. Violet Howse and welcomed by all Lodges.

Final plans had been made for the Euchre March 18 with proceeds going to C.P. and T. program.

The district deputy will visit the Lodge in her official capacity on April 6. The district meeting will be held at Harrietsville on April 15. The district deputy read a poem "Just For Each of You on your Birthday."

Birthday Greetings were sung to Sister Margaret Kitchen and Brother Carl Howse.

Myrtle Lodge, Tillsonburg conducted the closing ceremonies in a reverent manner.

Entertainment was provided in the form of readings from Belmont and Aylmer; two beautiful solos

from Sister Betty Iribbon, St. Thomas entitled "Danny Boy" and "I Believe".

Vigilant Lodge, Norwich presented its version of the "Gong Show" which was very amusing especially the "Hawaiian Dancers".

Candles on the Birthday cake at lunch were lit by District Deputy Sister Em Strudwick, Sister Norma Wilson and Sister Jo Howse.

Seven tables of euchre were in play recently at the I.O.O.F. Hall sponsored by

the Violet Rebekah Lodge 330.

The winners were: ladies' high - Gladys Tomlinson; ladies' low - Annie Godby; ladies' lone hands - Gladys Tomlinson; gents' high - Ila Howse (playing a man's card) gents' low - David McKibbon; gents lone hands - Betty Adlington (playing a man's card). The draw prize was won by Margaret Oatman.

The next euchre will be on April 8 at 8 p.m.

Eastern Star presents three 25-year pins

The Norwich Chapter 175, Order of the Eastern Star, met in the Chapter rooms for their March meeting Wednesday evening, March 11 with Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron Josephine and Carl Howse presiding in the east.

The Worthy Matron welcomed all to their inspection Night including The District Deputy Margaret Pleili, the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Vittoria Chapter, the Worthy Matron of Innerkip Chapter and the Worthy Patron of Brant Chapter. Other guests were present from Delhi, Vittoria, Long Point, Brantford, Innerkip and Simcoe Chapters.

The District Deputy Margaret Pleili conducted the inspection and complimented the officers on their exemplification of the work. Three members were presented with their 25-year membership pins. Josephine Howse presented her husband Carl; Edith Petch presented Dorothy Durkee and Lillian Oatman.

Plans were discussed regarding selling tickets on a quilt at Blandford Mall.

At the close of Chapter, lunch was served in the

banquet hall convened by Delores Evoy and committee.

Members of the Sunshine Club met at the home of Pat Clifford on February 28. Inga Irie read the minutes of the last meeting in the absence of the secretary Wanda Gould.

Fourteen members answered the roll call which was suggested by Marion Pettigrew. Final plans were made for the Pancake Luncheon. The next meeting will be held on March 12 at the home of Stephanie Durkee with Inga Irie assisting with the lunch. Audrey Harrison will suggest the roll call.

The Sunshine Club held a very successful Pancake Luncheon on Tuesday, March 3 in the St. John's Parish Hall. Appreciation is expressed to everyone who supported them. Special thanks to Mrs. Winnie McMullen, and to Mr. and Mrs. William McMullen Jr. for donating the home-made Maple Syrup.

Members of the Otterville Women's Institute have been invited to attend an "Art and

Craft Show" on March 15 which is being sponsored by the First LaSalette Pathfinders.

Mrs. Harold Waring and Eva Deveney spent Thursday with Maude Hussey in Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Robinson have returned to their home after spending several days with their sons and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Robinson at Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. William Robinson at Stoney Creek.

While there, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, who were celebrants of their 48th wedding anniversary were honored at a family dinner at a restaurant in Ancaster. Best wishes are expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson on this special event.

The reporter was much surprised to hear that a "For Sale" sign had been placed on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson's home who for health reasons feel they must retire from their busy life and live leisurely near their families.

Letters to the editor

A small school was saved. Can Springford's be?

The Editor:
On the night of February 24, a group of us met in Springford, Ontario, with people who are trying to save a small school. Their situation is reminiscent of one I went through ten years ago. Our school, Maple Grove RR 1, Beamsville, was saved and tho' I no longer teach, IT lives, at full capacity with a waiting list for those who consider it number one choice.

For two years now, parents of Springford have been telling their Board and Director that they do not need nor want a big new consolidated school to which their children will have to be bused. They have sought out the services of a lawyer, contacted the Minister of Education and aired their plight with CBLS. While they wait on results, ground has been broken by the bulldozer of a construction firm hired by the board to start on the school that the parents don't want...as if it is "fait accompli" against the wishes of the people. Ground has been broken BUT it's time to STOP before people are broken...I hereby request that a moratorium be placed on the construction on the new school until amicable solution can be reached.

Springford's problem is not just a little ripple on a little puddle. It's not just a group of trouble making parents thwarting authority. Their problem is our problem...if for no other reason than the taxpayers of Ontario will be paying a large share of the shot. Often a local Director and establishment will advise that the cost to local yokels will be negligible...since the monies will

come from the Provincial coffers...the grant system being as it is. But the government of Ontario is not situate in the Garden of Eden. Its address is Queen's Park, Toronto. It has no way of gathering in the green stuff except from OUR pockets...even we local yokels can figure that out.

Consequently, I feel it's MY business and am requesting Oxford County Board of Education to answer:

1. How much is the new school costing?
2. How much will busing cost?
3. How will the present school be disposed of...boarded up to wait on a rise in real estate...and vandalism?
4. Justify the need for a big new consolidated school in the face of declining enrolment when the present school has three empty classrooms. Springford parents indicated some willingness to twin with Otterville, if that compromise would save money and both schools.
5. We were impressed with the attractiveness of the present 6-room building. If the resource centre does not seem adequate, why is it stuck in the entryway? Why not heat one of the empty classrooms and move the library in there? That would be cheaper than building a whole new school.
6. It's false to say that it's more costly to run a little school than a big. I KNOW. As principal of my little school I costed it out.
7. What is the total budget for Oxford County education? How much goes into Administration? How much into salaries of superintendents and directors?

But money aside...what about the children?

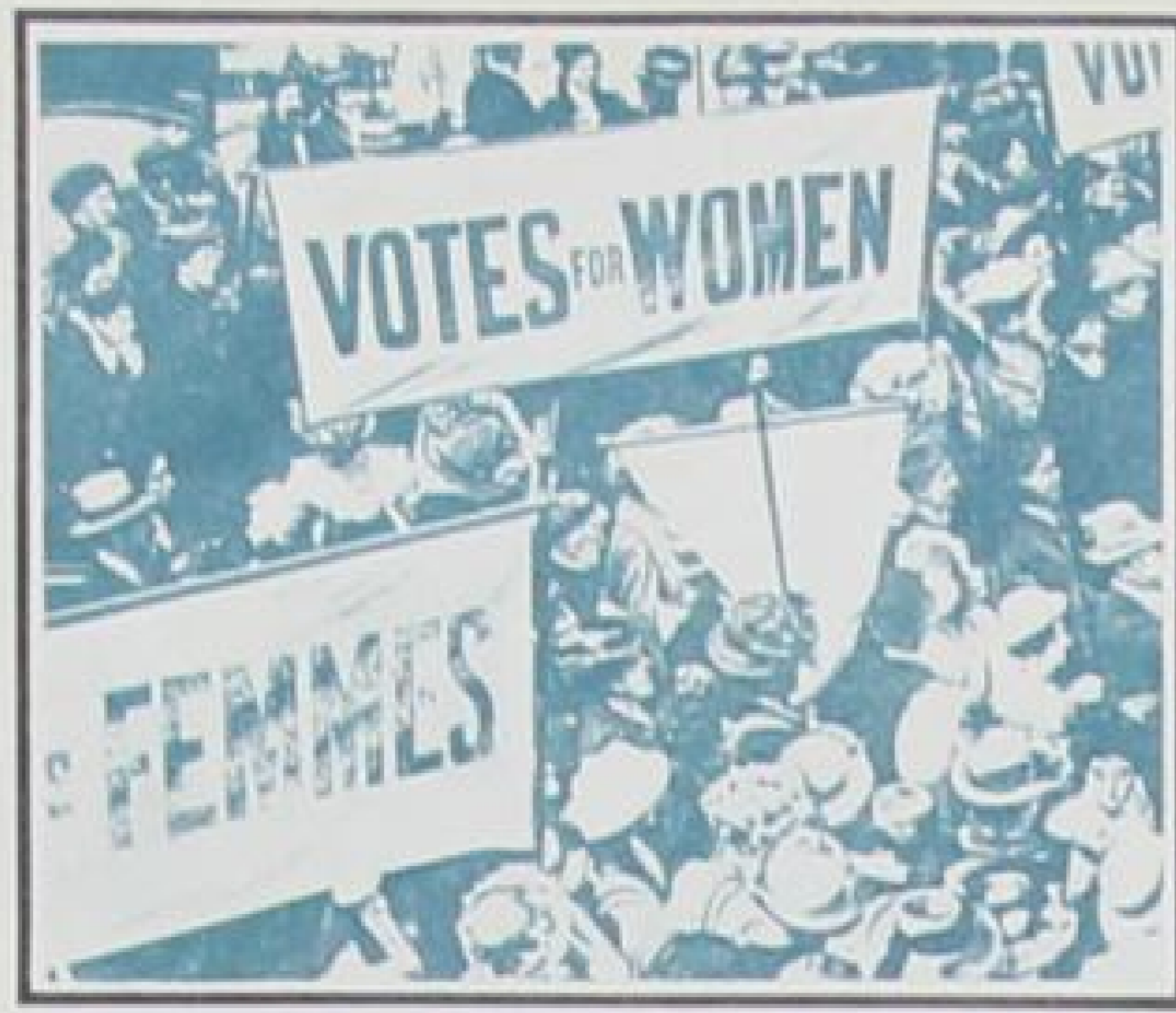
1. When will the big orange bus pick up the first child in the morning? When will the last child be dropped off at night?
 2. What's the age of the children?
 3. How many are involved?
 4. What will be the average size of class in the new consolidated school?
- We have a provincial election coming up. It seems to me that we citizens have a greater responsibility than just casting or not casting our ballots. We must stand and be counted.

I have travelled a good part of the globe and am convinced that we in the "New World" live at the forefront of freedom. The "time and place" is ours...let's not flub it!!!

As we started home on our midnight ride from the little village of Springford there was a ground cover of snow. My car swung out of the schoolyard...its headlights picking up the outline of the Baptist Church just across the way. As we turned onto the main road the moon was a wedge of orange...the stars hung bright and clear. Saturn and Jupiter together brightest of all...to the East. It's 2,000 years since Saturn and Jupiter have been in conjunction, prompting modern astronomers to speculate...on the Christmas star seen by Wise men of long ago.

A peaceful scene...
Why, oh why are men so bent on destroying...it...and us?
Perhaps that brightest of stars above

Springford is a sign for Wise men HERE and NOW...There IS a Way...of respect and peace.
Sincerely,
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Stamp launched

The grandson of Canada's first female doctor examines a poster depicting the commemorative stamp honoring his grandmother Emily Stowe after it was unveiled at a mini-launch in Norwich last Wednesday. Hudson Stowe (right), has little recollection of his grandmother Emily, but has heard much about her impressive list of achievements. With Mr. Stowe is Norwich Postmaster Gordon Shearer, who also took part in the special launch ceremony. (NG Photo).

Emily Stowe's stamp launched from Norwich

By SUZANNE HANSON

The largest stamp launching ever to take place in Canada Post's southwestern district took place in Norwich last Wednesday morning.

Post office officials and local dignitaries were on hand to launch a stamp commemorating Emily Jennings Stowe before a crowd of more than 350 spectators at the Norwich Community Centre.

She was the first female doctor in Canada, but that achievement was only one of a long list of firsts achieved by Emily Stowe.

The Norwich native's Quaker upbringing, that recognized the equality of women at a time when society was dominated by men, probably contributed much to the growth of Emily's feminist sentiments and her desire to knock down the barriers created by men to prohibit the full participation of women in society.

It was because of her active involvement in women's suffrage that Dr. Stowe was honored with the issuance of stamps commemorating her and three other outstanding Canadian feminists. The stamps, released together, were officially launched in Ottawa last Wednesday, but the mini-launch was organized for Norwich to focus on Dr. Stowe.

While Hudson Stowe has no clear memories of his grandmother Emily Stowe, having been very young when she died in 1903, he has heard endless accounts of her achievements from his aunt and his mother. Hudson Stowe, now 80 years old and living in Niagara-on-the-Lake, was present in Norwich for the mini-launch and he shared with the audience some of the tales he has heard so many times about his grandmother, "Dr. Emily".

He also told the audience he was "grateful the Post Office has taken this opportunity to honor her memory.

An energetic and determined young woman, Dr. Stowe never wavered from her goals. Her achievements are many and they were not accomplished easily. This

courageous woman was a pioneer achieving her long list of firsts in many fields.

She was the first female school principal in Canada, the first female physician in Canada, the founder of the first woman's suffrage society in Canada, half of the first husband and wife medical team in the country, having put her husband through dentistry (probably another first) and her daughter Augusta was the first woman to graduate from a medical school in Canada after the doors were opened by her mother.

Emily graduated to become Dr. Emily Stowe in 1868—the first Canadian woman to earn such a degree. She then returned to Canada to set up shop as a licenced physician specializing in women patients.

Despite the fact she was refused a licence, she continued to practice even though she was fined repeatedly for doing so.

She was finally granted her licence in 1880, after 12 years of rejection by the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. At the age of 50, Dr. Stowe who had been a doctor in name for so long, became at last a doctor in reality.

But this step toward equality for women was not enough. Dr. Stowe formed the first Canadian suffrage society for women in 1883 under the guise of the Toronto Literary Society. That society carried on her fight for women's rights.

Ray Jones, director of the southwestern district, pointed out in his speech last Wednesday, "Dr. Emily Stowe fought against—and for—many things in her life and won most of her battles."

But age was not to be denied and in 1903 she died in Toronto after a fall from a stage in Chicago while giving a speech.

Hudson Stowe said of his grandmother, "I think she was a very out-going sort of person... and very broad-minded."

She overcame almost insurmountable obstacles to become the first female doctor in Canada and instigated the emancipation of Canadian women.

JULIET WHITE

Mrs. Finley White of Otterville passed away suddenly at Victoria Hospital, London, on Friday, April 24, 1981, in her 69th year.

She was predeceased by her first husband Albert Clarkeson in 1964 and by two sons, Raymond and Robert.

Surviving, besides her husband, are three sons, Leroy Clarkeson of Tillsonburg, Ronald Clarkeson of Merritt, B.C., and Peter Clarkeson of Simcoe; four daughters, Mrs. Ivan (Gladys) Magee of Delhi, Mrs. Eugene (Olive) Smith of Oliver, B.C., Mrs. Robert (Dorothy) Brown of Merritt, B.C., and Mrs. Doug (Helen) Lampkin of Delhi; two brothers, John Gustin of Simcoe and William Gustin of Wallaceburg; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held Monday, April 27, at 2 p.m. conducted by Pastor Earl Cooper.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

WILFRED (BUD) OATMAN

Funeral service for the late Wilfred (Bud) Oatman of RR 3, Tillsonburg, who passed away on Tuesday, April 21, 1981, was held at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, on April 24, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Gibson Brown of Springford Baptist Church.

Mr. Oatman was a son of the late Leroy J. Oatman and the former Alfreda M. Crouch. He was a member of St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 104, Norwich, and was employed by the Oxford Board of Education.

Surviving are his wife, the former Doris Avey; two sons, Ronald Oatman of RR 3, Tillsonburg, and Jim Oatman at home; three daughters, Mrs. Sharon Bale and Mrs. Rosemarie Chiasson, both of Tillsonburg and Mrs. Marilyn Leguee of RR 3, Tillsonburg; a sister,

Lillian Oatman of RR 3, Tillsonburg; and eight grandchildren.

Mrs. William McMullen was pianist for the service.

Pallbearers were Al Lewis, Bill Christo, Charlie Mahu, Harvey Lounsbury, Claude Lee and Lyle Davis.

Memorial donations were made to the Ontario Heart Foundation, the Canadian Cancer Society and the Shrine Club for Crippled Children.

Interment in Springford Cemetery.

OLGA MERRILL CLIFFORD

Mrs. Oliver Clifford of Otterville passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Saturday, April 25, 1981, in her 83rd year.

Her husband predeceased her in 1966.

Surviving are two sons, Roy Clifford and Leo Clifford, both of RR 1, Norwich; four daughters, Mrs. Lorne (May) Lancaster of Burford, Mrs. George (Eva) Elliott of Vanessa, Mrs. Wilbur (Ila) Condie of Delhi and Mrs. Donald (Ada) Morris of Norwich; one brother, Cecil Wingrove; 24 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was predeceased by a son Tom in 1967 and by a daughter Ola in 1936.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held Tuesday, April 28 at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Earl Moore and Rev. Fred Cromey.

Interment in Bookton Cemetery.

RICHARD P.F. ADDISON

Richard P.F. Addison of Pembroke, Bermuda, passed away suddenly at his residence on Monday, March 23, 1981, in his 53rd year.

Mr. Addison was born and raised in Otterville, Ontario, son of the late Wilfrid L. Addison and the former Myrtle Fisher. He served with the Medical Corps of the Royal Canadian Navy and was a graduate of the Canadian School of Embalming. Mr. Addison was a funeral director in Otterville, Delhi, Cooksville, Guelph, and for the past ten years was a funeral director at the Bulley-Graham Funeral Home in Bermuda.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mildred Broad; two sons, Douglas Addison of Oakville and David Addison of Hamilton; one brother, Donald Addison of Otterville; and three grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a brother Douglas Addison in 1943.

The late Mr. Addison rested at the Bulley-Graham Funeral Home, Bermuda, until Wednesday, March 25, thence to the Murphy Funeral Home, Delhi, for visitation Friday evening from 7 to 9.

A private committal service for the family will be held Saturday, March 28, at Otterville Cemetery.

Committee sparks interest in Canada Week plans

Work is underway to stir community and national spirit for the organization of activities in recognition of Canada Week, June 25 to July 1.

A committee has been organized in the Township of Norwich to spark groups in the municipality to organize events for the celebration of the week, dedicated to Canadian Unity.

A meeting was held at the community centre last Wednesday evening with representatives of various township organizations to come up with ideas for events and some direction to

take on plans for the week.

Committee co-ordinator Carman Sweazey reminded the group present of the spirit that existed in years gone by on Canada Day, July 1.

"The idea is to get something going in our township again," he said.

Ideas suggested to the group last week included parades, barbecues, dances, sporting events, camp-outs and concerts. Mr. Sweazey said the committee must decide if there is to be one major culminating event for the entire township or whether all activities will be conducted individually in

each ward.

Mr. Sweazey told those in attendance at the meeting to go back to the groups they represent in their communities to come up with some concrete proposals for the week's events.

"We want to get everybody involved that we can," he said. "Canada Unity means all of us in the township getting together for one specific event... We want everyone in the township to get involved in Canada Unity and to take pride in being Canadian," said Mr. Sweazey.

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MARCH 25

Laura Pettigrew - - ninety active years

By SUZANNE HANSON

You might think Laura Pettigrew believed in the old saying, "idle hands make work for the devil," for the 90-year-old Otterville resident has never been idle throughout any of her years.

Mrs. Pettigrew, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday, still runs her own household and works on an endless variety of crafts. Mrs. Pettigrew said she was too busy all of her life to do the crafts for which she has such a flare, until her later years.

"All my life I've worked, even before I was married," she said. She and her husband Ernest, now deceased, put in many years of hard work operating their hatchery just south of Otterville. They came to Otterville in early June 1923 with little knowledge of chickens but with lots of ambition.

"I knew chickens but Ern didn't know a rooster from a hen," joked Mrs. Pettigrew. He had just returned from service during the first World War, took a course through the mail and the hatchery was on its way.

The first few years were hard and there were those in Otterville who said the Pettigrews would never last

the first six months. But they did last—for 37 years.

Their first venture into the business started with 200 chickens. Initially they had no incubator so the chickens were hatched in their house where it was warm.

Every year the operation grew bigger with the introduction of small incubators later replaced with larger equipment and facilities.

When the hatchery burned on Easter Sunday morning in 1960 as a result of an electrical storm, its capacity was 75,000. Mrs. Pettigrew said they would hatch 10,000 eggs a week of their own in addition to doing a large volume of custom work.

The business usually kept five people busy full-time from the first of March to the end of July, said Mrs. Pettigrew. "We took them (the pullets) off two times a week," she said. "I worked most of my life out there sorting for many long hours."

Orders for their pullets came from far and near. One order, Mrs. Pettigrew remembers, went to Rhode Island in the United States and another to Newfoundland. One order alone would be for 500 pullets, she said. The custom work she and

her husband did often involved the hatching of specialty eggs such as peacock, quail, and turkey eggs.

"Ours was the only hatchery that would do that and when ours was gone all that stopped," said Mrs. Pettigrew. She was 69 years old when the hatchery burned and it was never rebuilt.

But the hands that had been so busy sorting eggs and pullets for almost 40 years, could not be idle and Mrs. Pettigrew put her natural artistic ability to work in a variety of creative projects. She hooks rugs, crochets afghans, embroiders wall-hangings, does pine needle work, oil painting, apple dolls and an endless list of other crafts.

Her creative flair was forced to lie dormant when she was a hard-working farm wife with four sons, Bob, Don, Hughie and Milton, and two men to look after. In those winters she would find time only to knit their socks and hook one rug.

But now there's hardly a craft going she hasn't tackled, said Mrs. Pettigrew. Her home is full of her beautiful creations, but much of it she has given away as gifts or donated to church bazaars.

While she said she

probably could have sold her work, she did it purely for enjoyment. It now helps her to fill her hours. Active for years in the Women's Institute, United Church Women and the senior citizens' group, problems with her knee and a recent

illness have limited her activities somewhat. But she still keeps busy and tries to make it out for her daily walk.

She was also honored recently with a surprise 90th birthday celebration by her family at which her 95-year-

old sister from Toronto was present. Her other living sister who is 92-years-old is in Nova Scotia.

There is no secret to her longevity, said Mrs. Pettigrew, other than keeping active, eating a lot of natural foods and vitamins.

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Ninety-years young

Despite her age of 90 years, Laura Pettigrew of Otterville, continues to be active with a variety of crafts. There's little she hasn't tried and the beautiful pieces that grace her home attest to that fact.

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Eight-ender

It's a once-in-a-lifetime accomplishment for curlers to achieve an eight-ender but this foursome did just that last Tuesday evening at the Norwich District Curling Club. The star curlers from the regular Tuesday night mixed curling are: (left to right) Helen and John W. Davis of Otterville

and Cathy and Howard Wells, also of Otterville. The eight-ender achieved by the foursome means all of their rocks were in the house with none of the rocks of the opponents allowed in. None of them had achieved such a feat before and it was only the third ever to be achieved at the Norwich rink. (NG Photo).

Tobacco and community affairs keep Davis family busy

By Mark MacMillan
Staff Writer

Growing tobacco for a livelihood is just about the best life in which to raise a good sized family, according to Lyle (Butch) and Betty Jean Davis of RR 1 Otterville.

"The children learn how to work and accept responsibility. They know that if a job is there, they have to do it and they learn how to go about it," Butch said.

The Davises have been growing tobacco on their farm since 1939 when Butch's father began. The operation has gradually become a family concern to the extent where they can count on Kelly, Cathy Lynn, Robin and Robert to help on a year round basis.

Butch is a member of Norwich Township Council and president of the newly formed Otterville Optimist Club. He is equally concerned with local community affairs and the Canadian tobacco industry.

The family grows 51 acres of tobacco on their 100 acre farm. They utilize seven conventional kilns (and rent a few when needed) and 4,400 square feet of greenhouse.

Although he has preferred conventional kilns and a non-mechanized system to date, Butch says things are slowly swinging towards mechanization. A new pack barn built by Butch and the family is evidence of that.

"I want to go into bulk kilns as I would like to step up our production a little but I think we will get just a few at a time. I can't really consider an automatic harvester until we have a number of bulk kilns.

Butch had been growing Delhi 76 for a number of years until he switched to Nordel during the 1980 season. He made the change due to too many suckers but he feels 76 was superior tobacco.

"I found Nordel to be lighter by about 200 pounds per acre but that is not to say we didn't have a good yield in 1980. We were forced to replant 12 complete acres due to the June frost. I don't think it had a major effect on our over-all production but there were only five acres on our farm that weren't hit by that late frost."

Butch grew 39 acres of Nordel and 12 acres of Delhi 76, last year in order to compare the results. Though he has determined that he prefers 76, he is considering using Delgold for the 1981 season.

"Between the suckers and the lighter yield, I hope that Delgold will be the answer," Butch said.

The Davises feel fortunate to have help from family members as labour has become a real problem according to Betty Jean.

"We used to get a regular crew from Georgia until a few years ago and now we are strictly local. Harvest help used to be cooperative and they never complained about meals or working hours. Now, many primers don't care what time they come in and are only concerned about collecting unemployment insurance."

"We are lucky to have our own kids and some of their friends to help with the harvest. Students I think, make the best harvest help because they know they have to work in order to have enough money to return to school," Betty Jean said.

"When blue mould hit two seasons ago, I think the students were probably the hardest hit over-all," she added.

According to market prices in 1981, Butch feels something has to be done soon to give the Ontario tobacco industry a shot in the arm. "Prices are not keeping up to par with the cost to produce tobacco.

The prices are similar to 1980 and yet it has cost the

grower upwards of 19% more to grow the crop, what with spray programs and machinery and chemical costs."

"I know this is what a lot of growers are finding but what I think we need is an independent administrator rather than growers running the marketing system. A professional could be hired and paid well to negotiate for us," Butch said.

"I am sure the market would improve if this were to take place, because otherwise it is stagnating. The industry is becoming

too large to be run by growers. We need a businessman who knows the world market and how to deal with the buyers before it is too late."

Between community work and the family operation, Butch finds he does not always have the time he would like. The fact that the family is involved with tobacco growing makes it easier to spend more time with them.

The Davises plan to keep their farm a family run operation for a long time into the future.

LYLE DAVIS & FAMILY



A family affair is the best way to describe the Davis tobacco farm operation near Otterville. From left to right in front of the recently constructed Davis pack barn are John, Robin, Lyle, Betty Jean, Kelley and Robert. Absent from the photo but active in the Davis tobacco farm were Cathy Lynn and Julie. (Staff Photo)

Vietnamese taught Canadian

Delhi News

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By Mark MacMillan
Staff Writer

OTTERVILLE — Perhaps the most difficult task facing 18 Vietnamese refugees recently emigrated to this area is adapting to a foreign culture and language.

Through the efforts of the Tillsonburg Canada Employment Centre in co-operation with Fanshawe College, a daily, comprehensive teaching-training program is provided for adult members of five families who have chosen Canada as their new home.

Sponsored by Canada Manpower and hosted by area churches including Otterville United, Otterville Anglican and Our Lady of LaSalette, refugee families are offered social indoctrination by involved church members and hosting families. But the immediate necessity is teaching the adults to be self-sufficient in as short a period as possible.

"Not only must they learn to read and write, the immigrants require instruction in some of the most common basics of Canadian life such as shopping procedures, orientation and providing for themselves — things we take for granted," Ron Evans, one of three instructors said.

Although many Vietnamese have training or experience in farming, mechanics and electronics for example, few can read or write English. Government sponsored refugees are supported financially for up to one year and the Fanshawe training program is offered for six months.

A typical day of classes begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at 3:30 p.m. much the same as secondary school but the teaching methods are vastly different. Instructors make use of physical and symbolic examples of articles such as books, magazines, catalogues, clothing and directional orienteering as part of the program.

Part demonstration and part instruction, training of the new citizens is geared toward not only making the students familiar with essentials in their new culture but allowing them to be comfortable with the meaning and use of what they have learned.

"It involves a lot of repetition and with a class varying in age and adaptability, each student's progress must be constantly checked in order to have the group learn as a whole," Mr. Evans said.

"In some ways we have to start from scratch, much the way a teacher would with primary grades but in other ways the

students are adults and this has to be remembered. Some have only been in Canada for a week or two," Mr. Evans explained.

Students, many wearing Brand X blue jeans, are taught as a group, a series of new words and the accompanying concepts each day. Where they are, what they are wearing, what the weather is like and other conversational topics are stressed at the outset in order to establish the basis for a new vocabulary.

"One of the most difficult parts of the training is introducing or discussing an abstract concept and this is further complicated by the many inconsistencies of the English language. If an object is in front of you, then the student feels other objects are in back of him rather than behind him," Mr. Evans said.

An interpreter such as A That Liu, a Tillsonburg Manpower employee and Vietnamese refugee who has lived in Canada for more than a year, often provides help when an explanation in the native tongue is required.

A That's job is to aid in the initial orientation of the immigrants. He meets them at the airport, helps to settle them in their new surroundings, answers their questions and provides assistance during some of the adult training sessions.

"Most of the refugees chose Canada, Australia and the United States to immigrate to, because of the political situation in those countries. We don't often like the cold temperatures but Canada has fewer people and much more space than Vietnam. Jobs are more plentiful here and the people are helpful," A That said.

"The students take the English instruction classes for six months and then Manpower tries to help them find a job. They remain on what we call an allowance until they are able to find employment," A That added.

"Ultimately we want to see the refugees able to function in a job, take care of themselves and adjust easily to Canadian life. At this stage nothing can be learned in a straight forward manner, we have to constantly retrace our steps but through the inter-action among refugee group members, the students progress quickly," Mr. Evans said.

When school is out, vietnamese students can be seen playing catch with footballs and throwing frisbees on Otterville side streets. Laughing, kidding one another and enjoying the introduction they are receiving to their new country, Otterville and area's immigrants appear to be quite contented in our foreign country.



Top U.N. delegates

The delegation representing the United States of America, was judged the best, at the conclusion of the Tillsonburg 1st Annual Model United Nations Assembly, Saturday. The students in the delegation all attend Norwich District High School. Left to right: Tony DeJongh, Marianne Vandenberghe, both in Grade 12, and Grade 13 students, Ted Briggs and Kevin Church. (TN Photo).

Norwich committee to investigate computer system

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A committee has been formed by Norwich Township council to investigate the pros and cons of implementing a computer system in the township to handle its book-keeping matters.

The decision to form the committee was made by council during closed session at its meeting Monday afternoon. Following the meeting Mayor Jack Burn said the committee is to investigate whether the benefit of such a system would justify the cost, which is expected to be rather high. A report is to be made to council on the matter by April 30, he said.

A computer system, such as those already in place in Tillsonburg, Woodstock and the County of Oxford, would aid in the bookkeeping, accounting and auditing of the township's financial matters, said Mayor Burn. It would also enable the treasurer to produce

financial records quicker and allow for better and more accurate control of the township's money, he said.

It would also make possible the preparation for council of a monthly statement on the township's overall financial picture, as opposed to the present system where one can only be provided twice a year.

A price for the establishment of a computer system has been quoted in the area of \$38,000 or \$1,000 a month for a three year period if the system is leased.

"It is very costly," said Mayor Burn.

He said the committee formed Monday is to try and determine if those costs are justified by the benefits that can be gained.

The county has been leasing such a service since 1976 or 1977, said Mayor Burn and Ingersoll is also considering the implementation of a computer system.

Norwich Tp. sells land

Mar 1/81

OTTERVILLE (Bureau) — A two-acre parcel of surplus land southwest of here has been sold by Norwich Township for \$16,000.

Council accepted an offer from Luke Sioen of RR 1, Norwich after advertising the property last fall and receiving only one bid of \$6,000.

The property, a former sandpit on Middle Town Line south of County Road 19, was rezoned to rural residential after council decided to sell it.

Sioen said he has no immediate plans to develop the site but hopes to build a home there in three or four years.

Council also is planning to sell a 5.2-acre woodlot in Curries for residential development.

Computer purchase pondered

OTTERVILLE (Bureau) — Norwich Township may become the first rural municipality in Oxford County to enter the computer age.

A committee has been formed to investigate the merits of buying a computer for the township's treasury department and is to make a recommendation to council by April 30.

Mayor Jack Burns said Tuesday he hopes the computer can be justified economically because it would get financial information to council members faster. "It seems the way to go. We're just trying to move with the times."

Computers are now used by the county as well as Woodstock and

Tillsonburg. Burns said the advantage is that a computer would give council members monthly financial statements to keep closer track of spending.

The cost for a computer, comparable to one used by the county's finance department, is \$38,000 to buy or \$1,000 a month to rent for three years, after which the rental fee is reduced to \$150 to \$200 a month.

The committee will be looking at various models and alternatives, including the possibility of renting computer time from a computer firm in London.

Burns said if the township decides to buy a computer it likely won't be used until the start of 1982.

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Norwich Township Council Briefs

New loader

Norwich Township council will be advertising for tenders on a new front end yard loader in the \$60,000 price range, council decided at its meeting on Monday. Mayor Jack Burn said following the closed session in which the decision was made, that the loader was needed immediately to replace the present loader which has outlived its usefulness.

Fire truck for sale

The Norwich Township council will ask the Norwich-Otterville Lions club to purchase the old 1954 fire truck owned by the township for the continued use by the Lions in various parades and displays as in the past.

Mayor Jack Burn said the truck has been leased in the past by the Lions and that lease has now expired. The township will be asking for the cost of the insurance paid on the truck by the township over the past five years of the lease agreement as the purchase price.

The truck is being offered for sale to remove the township from any liability for it, said Mayor Burn.

Road subsidy

Norwich Township council has decided to apply to the ministry of transportation and communications for a road subsidy to assist with the cost of road construction and the purchase of new road equipment such as the front end loader.

The subsidy is supplementary to the normal funding received from the ministry, expected to be \$308,250. The amount of the supplementary funding to be requested will be determined by the roads superintendent, said Mayor Jack Burn.

The total budget for roads in the township in 1981 has been set as \$833,563 with \$616,500 of that going toward maintenance and \$217,063 going for construction.

No parking signs to be moved

A decision to relocate the "no parking from here to corner signs" on Main Street at the Pitcher Street intersection in Norwich, was made by council at its meeting Monday. The move is an attempt by council to alleviate the visibility problems created at the corner by vehicles parking too close to it.

An earlier suggestion to make Pitcher Street one-way going south to Tidey Street was rejected by the public works committee as the street is one of the main access routes to the downtown area.

The no parking signs will be placed at the discretion of the road superintendent.

Band commended

Norwich Township council passed a motion to send a letter of commendation to the members and bandmaster of the Norwich Public School band for the excellent job the band did when it performed at the launching of the Emily Stowe stamp in Norwich last Wednesday.

Township records

Township records, other than legal and personnel, not required by the municipality will not be destroyed in the future but will be turned over to the South Norwich and Norwich and District Historical Societies, Norwich Township council decided at its meeting Monday.

Musical Society grant

A grant of \$1,500 for the Norwich Musical Society Band will be considered by Norwich Township council in its 1981 budget deliberations.

Members of the band have suggested to council that the band requires new uniforms. It would also like to carry out some alterations at the Norwich community centre to provide for band practice facilities.

Norwich Township Council Briefs

Inspector resigns

Norwich Township's plumbing inspector Howard Payne, 76, has submitted his resignation to council, accepted at the council meeting last Thursday.

Mr. Payne gave his age as his reason for resigning. In later discussion, council set up a committee to consider the hiring of a full-time person that would handle all plumbing, drainage and building inspections, said Mayor Jack Burn. Those areas are now handled individually by part-time employees.

A report from the committee is expected in a month.

Grant to skaters

Norwich Township council has agreed to consider a grant of \$1,500 to the Norwich and District Figure Skating Club to help cover the cost of its operation. The grant, which would be the same as that awarded last year, will be considered in this year's budget deliberations by council.

Maintenance grant

A maintenance grant of \$400 will be considered by council in its 1981 budget deliberations for the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre in Otterville.

Milldale cemetery

A 1981 maintenance grant of \$200 for the Milldale cemetery was also approved for consideration in the 1981 budget considerations by Norwich Township council.

Dust control

Tenders will be called in future for the supply of calcium used by the roads department of the township for oil dust control. The cost of dust control on township roads has increased by 30 per cent, council was told at its meeting last week.

Reasonable request

Norwich Township council agreed at its last meeting that any individual appearing before council who does not wish to be televised by the local cable company taping the council sessions, can be afforded the courtesy of having his matter discussed off camera.

Councillor Jack Lester said some people may be nervous about appearing on television. "We don't want people staying away on that point," he said. "You don't have to be televised to talk to this council." Mayor Jack Burn said the request for the motion was reasonable in his opinion.

Offer accepted

An offer by Canada Trust Realty on behalf of a client to purchase the old township sand pit, located southwest of Otterville, for \$16,000 was accepted by council at its meeting last week.

The property had been offered for sale by council last fall, but a slow real estate market brought an offer of only \$6,000 at that time. Councillor Bob Pettigrew said the offer of \$16,000 for the property is "a very fair offer."

Council Briefs

Approve barn addition

Barn addition approved

A minor variance permitting a 50 foot by 50 foot addition to an existing barn on the property of Gerald Cowan, Lot 12, Concession 6, Ward 3, was approved by Norwich Township council at its meeting Tuesday night. The minor variance, which puts the addition 95 feet from the centre line of the fifth concession, does not put it any closer to the road than the existing barn.

Sanitation increase

A 15 per cent increase in rates for 1981 and a further 10 per cent in 1982 were approved by Norwich Township council last night for Burnett Sanitation, operators of the Holbrook landfill site. No increase in rates was given in 1980.

Borrowing authorized

A bylaw to permit the borrowing of funds up to \$1 million to meet the township's operating costs until the 1981 budget is finalized was authorized by Norwich Township council last night.

feet six inches as the existing house is already encroaching over the allowable limit by 14 feet.

Resignation accepted

Norwich Township council accepted with regret a letter of resignation from the secretary to the clerk, Mary O'Toole. The resignation becomes effective April 10. Council made a motion to advertise in the local media for a replacement secretary to the clerk.

Supports society request

Norwich Township council agreed to send a letter to the South Norwich Historical Society giving its support to the society's request to the federal government for a grant to hire a summer student to complete the research and writing of the history of South Norwich.

Waste agreement

The Township of Norwich will retain solicitor John Harrison to draw up an agreement for the township and Tim Bentum regarding the disposal of waste from his veal calf operation, as specified by the Ontario Municipal Board. The work on the agreement is undertaken at Mr. Bentum's expense.

Rezoning approved

An application made by Joel Vermeersch on behalf of Farmers Elevators Inc. to have a 5.5 acre parcel of land rezoned to rural-residential for sale, was approved by Norwich Township council at

its meeting Tuesday night. The parcel of land, located at the corner of the Pick Side Road and County Road 18 west of Norwich, is now zoned agricultural. It was severed earlier from a farm property, now owned by Farmers Elevators.

Preliminary rise 12.7 per cent

By SUZANNE HANSON
A preliminary budget was presented to Norwich Township council by

township treasurer Fred Lowes at council's meeting, Tuesday night. Mr. Lowes stressed to

council that while budget estimate is not final, it does indicate, at this point, a 12.7 per cent increase in the

township levy over last year. He said the Oxford County levy has not been included in the estimates as its final

budget has yet to be set. The school board levies are also incomplete at this stage. Further discussion of the

burden on Ward 4. The assessment values in that area have increased dramatically with the implementation of Section 86. He suggested that council may want to consider the possibility of adjusting the mill rates to take into account the implementation of equalized assessment under Section 86.

Mr. Lowes said it is the mill rate, applied to the assessments that gives the township its tax rate. He said one mill is equal to \$18,367 this year, up five per cent over last year.

The total revenue projected in the preliminary budget for the township in 1981 is listed at \$4,590,749 and the total expenditures estimated at \$4,502,701.

Mayor Jack Burn stressed to council before the discussion this budget does not represent the end picture for the township. Changes involving additions or deletions can still be made at future budget meetings, he said.

The preliminary budget merely provides a starting point from which to work, said Mr. Lowes. Council will have to look at the items in terms of priorities to determine what can be pared or put off until next year.

Councillor John Eacott voiced his personal concern over the discrepancy in the figures in the auditor's report and the budget presented by Mr. Lowes. The treasurer, Mr. Lowes, explained to Mr. Eacott that these occur because of the placement of certain monies in different areas of expenditures and revenue by the accountant and himself.

Mr. Lowes said he prepares a budget that is easily comprehensible to council whereas the auditor is preparing a report for provincial purposes.

budget is scheduled to take place at a special council meeting, Monday evening.

The total township levy is shown in the preliminary budget as \$1,187,918 with the net township general rate, excluding the area-rated revenue for special services in each of the township's four wards, as \$1,124,368.

The township's general mill rate, required to raise that amount of revenue, would have to be 59.477 mills for residential and farm properties and 69.972 for commercial and business properties, said Mr. Lowes.

In the four wards of the township, the increase in the proposed mill rates varies. In Ward 1 the general mill rate increase is estimated at about 2.3 mills. In Ward 2 that increase is estimated at about 28.4 mills, in Ward 3 at about 8.6 mills and in Ward 4 at about 11.7 mills.

Mr. Lowes said the budget does not reflect the tax

Asks council reconsider industrial subdivision

By SUZANNE HANSON

Another Norwich resident has voiced his opposition to the establishment of an industrial park in Norwich.

Norwich resident and merchant Lavern Irving appeared before council at its meeting last night to urge the Norwich Township council to reconsider the proposed use of the seven acre parcel of land, north of the Norwich Community Centre.

Mr. Irving said the seven acre property will not provide the solution to the township's problem regarding its need for industry. Council should redirect its efforts into developing larger areas already designated for industrial purposes, he said.

Use of the property as an industrial park will completely box in the community centre leaving the facilities there with no room to expand, said Mr. Irving. He said the land is also used by the Norwich and District Historical Society for parking at their annual historical show in June. There are also times when it is used by campers.

"It would be a shame to misuse this (property) because we are over-anxious to have an industrial park," said Mr. Irving.

Carman Sweazey, acting as mayor in the absence of Mayor Jack Burn, told Mr. Irving council is concerned about industrial growth in the township.

The advantages of having an industrial park on the property outweigh those of leaving the land for recreational purposes, which now occur only two times a

year, said Mr. Sweazey.

"I see we have plenty of recreational land available now in the township," he said.

The benefit to the township as a whole, not just Norwich, must be considered. He said he was certain other places could be found for the parking of cars at the historical show.

Mr. Irving reiterated his concern that the seven acres are not sufficient for an industrial park. He said 20 or more acres would be required to provide room for industries that would provide the township with an adequate tax base.

Councillor Bob Pettigrew then referred to a presentation made last year by a representative of the

ministry of industry, trade and commerce, advising council to enter into the industrial subdivision plan on a small basis because of the stiff competition that exists between municipalities for industries.

Mr. Pettigrew also said the horse barn and race track located on the community centre property now are taking up "a lot of land". He said neither of them "really do Norwich any good. If we got rid of the race horses, we'd have lots of land," said Mr. Pettigrew.

Councillor Mel Smith said the property proposed for the industrial park, purchased by the township last year for \$40,000, was too expensive a parcel of land to be left as a parking lot.

Grant request deferred

Norwich Township council decided last week to defer a decision on a grant request from the Oxford Farm Safety Association until the grant can be considered in budget discussions.

Withdrawal of support for the association by Oxford County council has prompted members of the farm safety association to approach the five rural municipalities in the county for financial assistance this year.

Association members Les Buckrell and Jack Walther appeared before Norwich Township council last week with a presentation.

The association works to promote farm safety in the county offering farm and school safety programs, said Mr. Buckrell. It is sponsored in part by the Workman's Compensation Board.

It was pointed out at the council meeting that county council has been turning down many requests for grants this year. However, Councillor John Eacott said there does not appear to be any set policy for deciding on

which groups are given support and which are refused.

Mr. Eacott urged Councillor-at-large Carman Sweazey to question county council on its grant policy.

Councillor Bob Pettigrew suggested that since the association is a farm-related organization, the Oxford County Federation of Agriculture should be approached for financial assistance.

The Oxford Farm Safety Association requires \$1,200 for its 1981 budget, \$557 of which it hopes to obtain through grants from the five municipalities approached.

Hawtrey streets

Norwich council won't close

By SUZANNE HANSON

Norwich Township council made the decision in closed session at Monday's council meeting not to close any of the streets in Hawtrey.

Mayor Jack Burn said following the meeting, the decision not to close any portion of the streets was made after the majority of council members conducted

an on-site inspection of the area.

The original request from Hawtrey resident Robert Heath to have Superior Street closed from Nelson to Railway Street and Gore Street closed from Main to Superior Streets, met with two objections from residents in the area of those streets.

Norma Wilson, who resides at the corner of Gore and Main Streets, voiced concern that she would be deprived of access to a barn on her property should Gore Street be closed.

Marjorie Cole, whose property fronts on all of Nelson, Superior and Gore Streets, running in an L-shape around Mrs. Wilson's property, was concerned that closure of the streets would leave the back portions of her property landlocked. This, in turn, would prohibit future development of those two lots, she said.

A recommendation to close only a portion of Superior Street from

Railway up to, but not including Gore Street, was acceptable to both Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Cole and satisfied Mr. Heath's need for additional property on which to construct a utility shed. But that motion was tabled for discussion in closed session.

Following that discussion and a visit to the site, the motion was defeated by council as it was not found to benefit the municipality. It was also council's opinion it might impede future development of the area, said Mayor Burn after the meeting.

In earlier discussion of the matter, Mayor Burn said he

was "personally opposed to the closing of roads." Despite the fact they are unopened road allowances, the streets were put there in the interest of good planning and to facilitate possible future development, he said.

"By closing the roads, council will harm someone down the road."

The recommendation defeated by council, proposed the closure of only one block of Superior up to Gore Street. It was suggested in that recommendation that the 66-foot road allowance in the closed portion be divided between the two fronting land owners - Mr. Heath and the Smith

Brothers. Those two parties would then have been required to bear the cost of the property survey, obtaining the reference plan for it and to bear the legal costs of the property transfer as well as the cost of advertising that closure.

It was also suggested in the recommendation that if the Smiths were not interested in their half of the road allowance, the entire parcel would then have gone to Mr. Heath who then would have borne all costs of the transfer.

The question arose at that point as to whether a new building lot of considerable value on the real estate

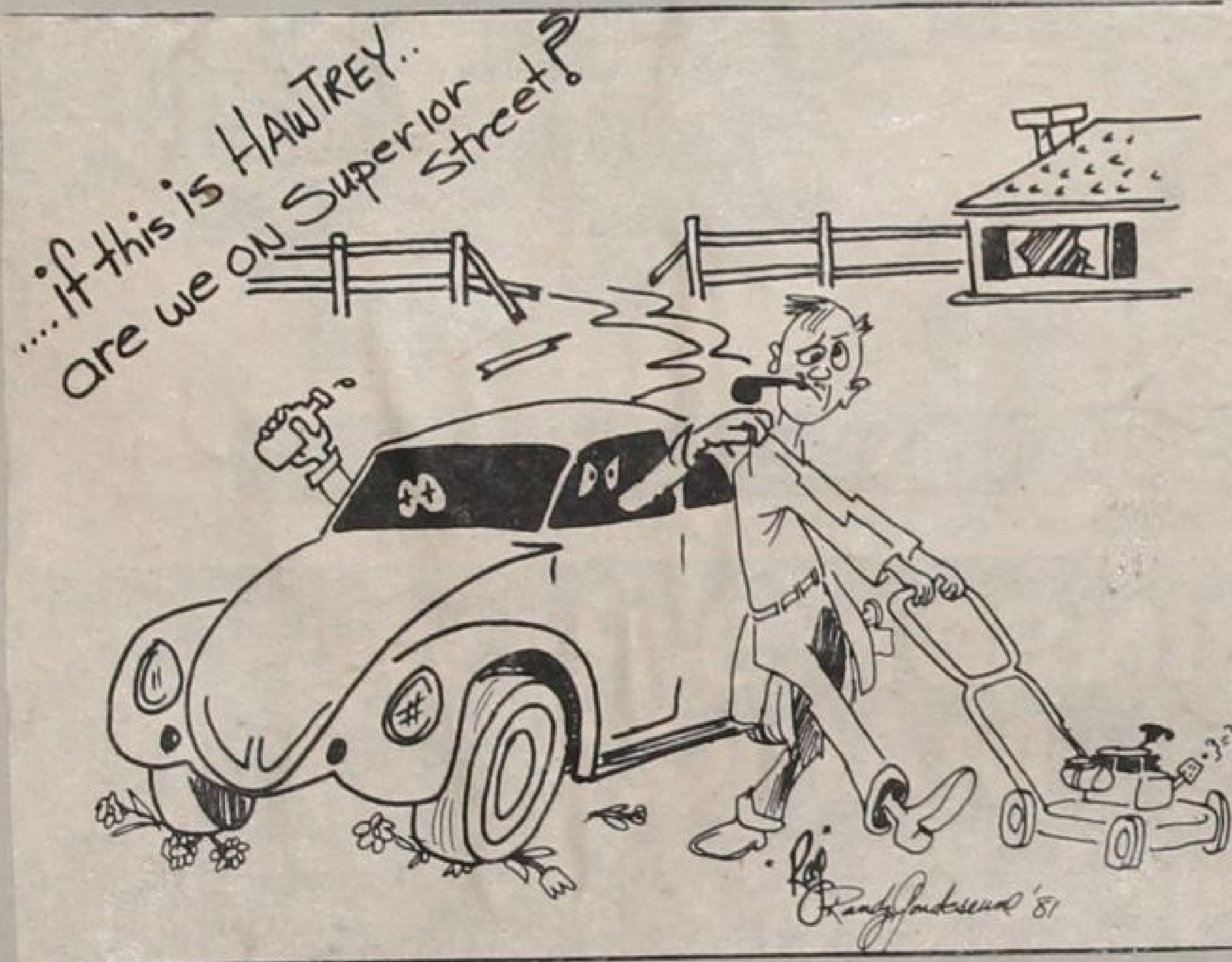
market would be created if the entire parcel were to be transferred to Mr. Heath.

Township Clerk Bob Watkins said there would be sufficient frontage for such a lot but that a zone change to residential would be required as the road allowance is zoned agricultural.

Council then decided to table the matter for discussion in closed session.

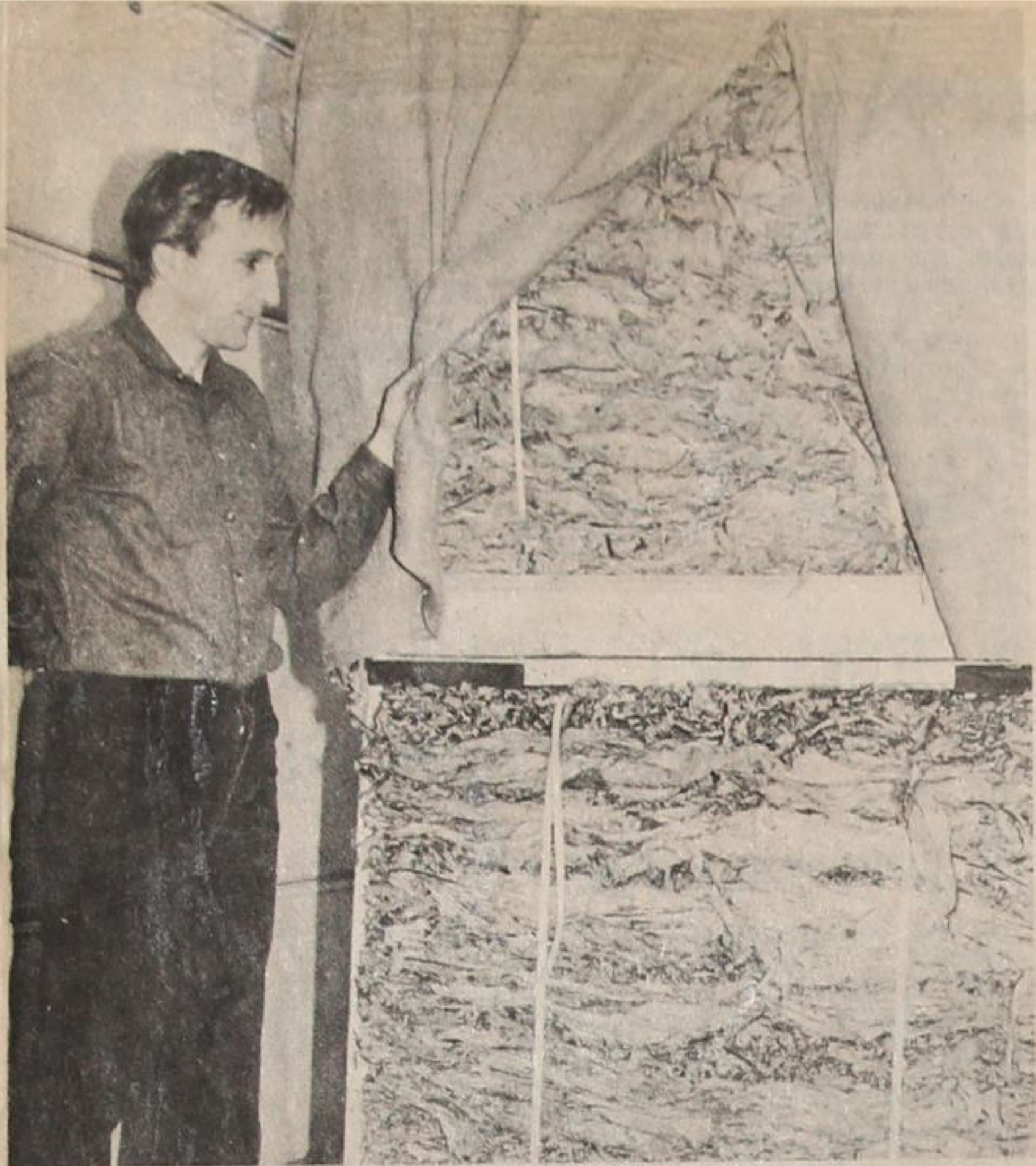
Following Monday's council session, Mayor Burn said the decision to leave the streets as unopened road allowances was made as council could not see any benefit to the municipality in their closure. By leaving the streets as they are, future development in the area might be encouraged, he said.

Regarding Mr. Heath's problem of insufficient area to the rear of his property for the construction of a utility shed, Mayor Burn said it was pointed out to council that Mr. Heath does own a vacant lot adjoining his property to the west on which a shed could be constructed.



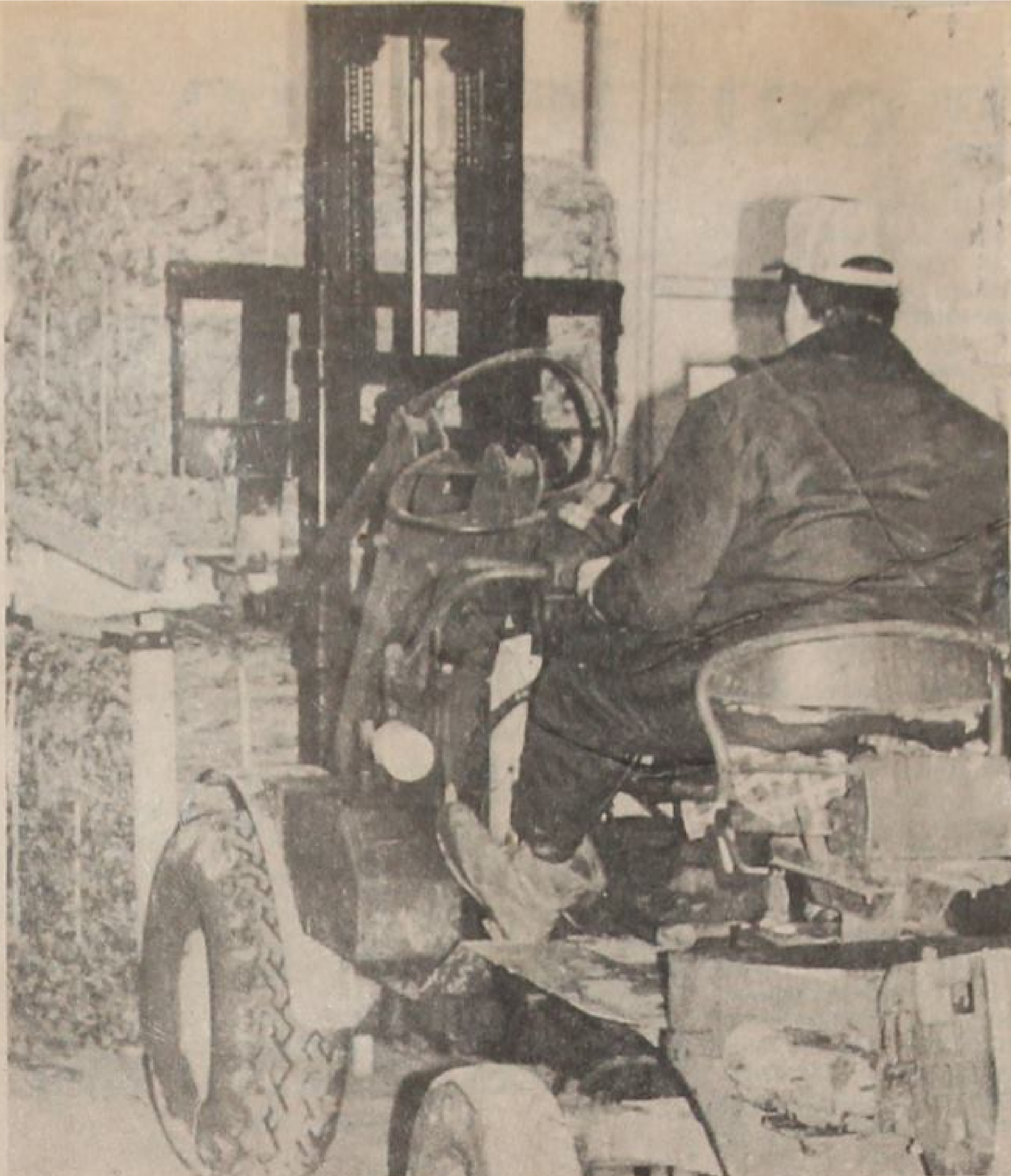
New coat for spring

Peter Davis, 17, of Otterville was literally up in the air over Friday's spring weather. He took up his paint brush and mounted the ladder to freshen up his father's business, Davis Brothers Electric, in Otterville during the March break last week. (NG Photo).



Big bales

About 15,000 pounds of the 1980 crop will be shipped, handled and processed in big bales. Twelve bales were tested by Delhi Engineering Research Group to determine the feasibility of converting from the standard 50-pound bale to the larger unit. Above Dennis Stier of DERG examines bales packed with both tangled leaf and straight laid tobacco. (TN Photo)



Stack two-high

Stacked two-high, big bales are easily handled with a forklift or a hoist for truck-loading. Side-handling forks will be used to move the bales at the auction exchanges. (TN Photo)

Testing big bales for flue

By KATHY MAY

About 15,000 pounds of this year's flue-cured tobacco crop will be shipped, handled and processed in big bales.

The tobacco industry has considered converting from the standard 50-pound bale to a larger unit for the past several years. A larger unit would improve the crop's handling, marketing and processing efficiency.

Research Scientist Ken Walker and Dennis Stier of the Delhi Engineering Research Group are experimenting with big bales, weighing up to 900 pounds, to find a package and size ideal for both the growers and processors.

The Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board and several domestic companies agreed to try bulk packaging 15,000 pounds of tobacco. RJR-Macdonald Leaf Division agreed to process 10,000 pounds of the sample and Imperial Tobacco Ltd. will test 5,000 pounds.

Two local growers packed 12 big bales for the test. Bales were packed with random leaf and straight-laid tobacco. Each bale, which

weighs between 700 to 900 pounds, was prepared on a wooden flat. The bales were sized to fit trucks used for shipping.

The test tobacco was packed in large wooden baling boxes and compressed. Plastic straps were tied at right angles around the bale to keep its shape after compression. The tobacco had to be compressed several times to reach the density of conventional bales. Stacked two-high, the bales are easily handled with a forklift or a hoist for truck-loading. Side-handling forks will be used to move the bales at the auction exchanges.

Big bales were first tested

in 1975. But these containers were expensive and abraded the tobacco. Companies feared the large containers would upset tobacco quality during storage, farm-sorting, grading and moisture content.

Farmers, however, were concerned that larger units would require costly renovations to barns, striprooms, and the exchanges. Farmers felt the large units were too big for small lots of tobacco and would require costly handling equipment. They also questioned how the bales would be identified.

Stacking and moisture content are still major

concerns about the big bale method. The moisture content of the 12 sample bales were between 15 to 19 per cent during baling. DERG staff have continually monitored the temperature and moisture content of the bales. Although results of the test are far from complete, temperatures have remained uniform throughout the bales.

Bales stored with burlap and polyethylene covers showed no difference in moisture content from the time of baling. Temperature and moisture will be monitored until the experiment is completed in March.

The bales will also be

broken open to determine the effects of the larger units on leaf quality. They must be tested under normal farm, market and plant conditions to ensure tobacco does not heat, sweat or dry out. The effects of storing big bales during warm weather—such as in August and September—have yet to be studied.

The 12 big bales will be shipped towards the end of market. Bypassing the regular marketing channels, DERG bought the tobacco directly from the growers to sell to the processing companies. Growers participating in the experiment will receive an additional five cents per pound for the test tobacco.

Tobacco prices in year end slump

By KATHY MAY

Ontario's flue-cured tobacco market has hit its traditional tail-end slump.

Joe Prohaszka, vice-chairman of the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board, said prices have been dropping since the fifth and final round began about a week ago. Monday's sales averaged \$1.31 per pound compared to the \$1.35 per pound netted last Wednesday. The overall price on the 192 million pounds sold to date is \$1.37.18.

Along with dipping prices, allocations have shot up as high as 37 per cent of total daily sales. Tobacco grades, protected by minimum grade prices, that do not receive a bid are automatically allocated to one of the four domestic manufacturers. Allocations have exceeded the 30 per cent mark for the last 12 market days.

Mr. Prohaszka was at a loss for the recent price slump but attributed rising allocations to poor competition among buyers.

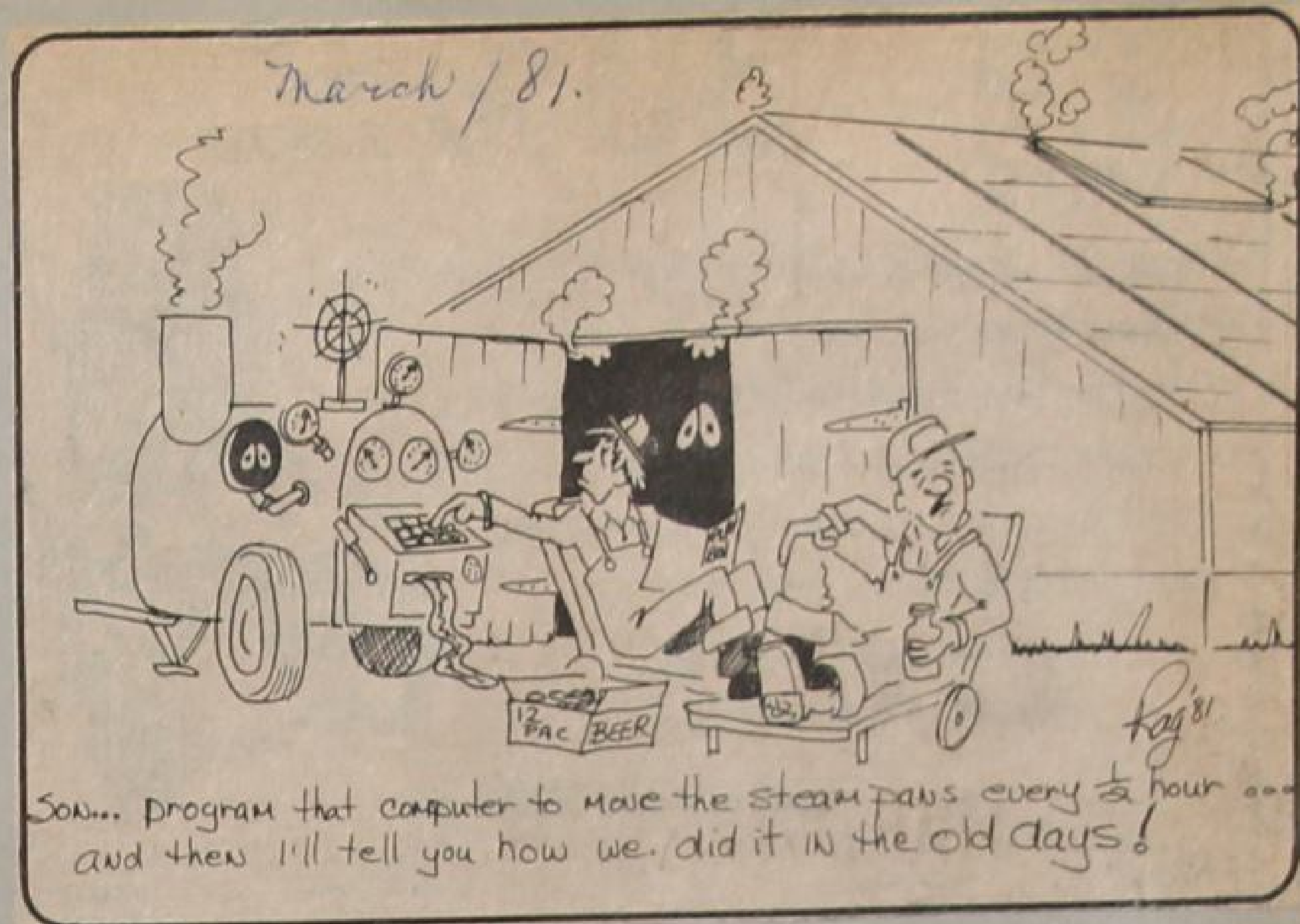
"I can't see a reason for them (high allocations) other than there is no competition on the market," he said.

A domestic buying representative said the market is going through its typical "tail-end slump." He said the pace of the market has slackened but attributed it to lower quality leaf and little export customer interest.

Mr. Prohaszka said export purchases are down and will not reach the amount targeted for at the beginning of market. About 70 million pounds will be exported, compared to the 92 million pounds originally slated for export.

Despite the recent price drop, all indications suggest this year's market will close with an overall average price of \$1.37 per pound. Latest estimates indicate the crop will reach between 212 to 213 million pounds, down from the 226 million pound target, Mr. Prohaszka said.

With daily sales hovering near the two million mark, market should be winding up within the next two weeks. Sales at the Aylmer auction exchange should be finished April 3, with the Tillsonburg and Delhi exchanges closing April 9.



Maple syrup industry sees changes

By SUZANNE HANSON

You know spring is just around the corner when the sap begins to run in the maple trees and planning for area maple syrup festivals gets underway.

For the 13th year, the West-Oxford Women's Institute will be holding its annual maple syrup festival on Saturday and Sunday, April 4 and 5, at the George Jakeman Sugar Bush, northwest of Sweaburg.

The Jakeman family has been involved in the production of maple syrup for 100 to 110 years, said Bruce Jakeman, the fourth generation of the family in Canada. The desire to tap the trees and begin the process of syrup production, comes with the first signs of running sap. It's "something that runs in your blood," said Bruce.

He said his grandfather probably only tapped 175 to 250 trees as compared to the present number of 4,000 he and his family now tap on their roughly 40 acres of woodlot.

And, as in all industries,

small or large, change must come. The familiar sap buckets hanging from sugar maples throughout their bushlots have been replaced with plastic tubing that carries the sap to the sugar shanty.

Tubing has become extremely popular in the last 10 years, said Bruce. He and his family had been "tinkering" with it for the past 15 years and the buckets are no longer used, except to give visitors a glimpse of old-fashioned methods.

Tubing is more efficient, makes for easier handling of the sap and increases the potential production of syrup. Tubing has the potential of producing twice as much sap per tree by reducing the loss of sap. With buckets, sap was lost to rain, through overflow and through difficulty in getting out to collect it, said Bruce.

The collection of the sap from buckets also required much more labor, he said. With buckets there was also the problem of getting into the bush through heavy snow or spring mud to empty them

of their sap before they overflowed.

The season for maple syrup production is short, lasting only four to six weeks, depending on the weather. As long as it keeps freezing and thawing, the sap will continue to run, said Bruce. But should the freezing stop and a thaw set in, the sap will stop running with the formation of buds on the trees.

The highest percentage of maple syrup is produced in Quebec with 80 per cent of Canada's maple syrup products coming from that province.

In Ontario, only one in 70 sugar maples are being tapped, said Bruce. The potential for increased production is there, but that potential, like the trees, is not being "tapped".

Most maple syrup production operations are small family businesses that are carrying on an age-old tradition. However, there are more people making maple syrup today than there were 10 years ago, said Bruce.

"There are all kinds of backyard operations and we love to see it," said Bruce. "I don't want to have a monopoly."

In pioneer days, most rural folk did produce their own maple syrup and sugar as it was one of the few forms of sugar available to them at that time. Most of those people produced it on a small scale for their own use.

The popularity of the product is again on the rise, said Bruce. Part of the reason for an increased demand could be the influence of the trend for natural foods and health food products. The affluence of our present day society might also partly explain the demand for the product, said Bruce.

Maple sugar, although more expensive, is an unrefined form of sugar - a completely natural product.

While many of the operations today are backyard businesses, the annual West-Oxford Women's Institute's Maple Syrup Festival, held at the Jakeman's Sugar Bush, is far from being a small event.

In fact, it is touted as the event of the year in South-West Oxford Township.

The festival, held on April 4 and 5, gets underway at 10 a.m. on the Saturday, running until 5 p.m. and commences at 12 noon on the Sunday, closing at 4 p.m.

The festival attracts visitors from across the county and throughout Ontario. Established as one of Ontario's foremost Maple Syrup Festivals, it is an event the entire family can enjoy.

As well as being able to procure maple syrup, sugar and cream, a sit-down meal of pancakes and syrup is served to those with a hearty appetite. After the meal, visitors can travel to the Flea Market, held at the Sweaburg School.

In addition, there are

souvenirs for sale, wagon rides, a walk through the woods, a glimpse at syrup production and a display of antiques in the old store.

The spending of Festival funds is monitored by the Women's Institute. Funds are divided to support our five 4-H Clubs, an adopted child in France, the Crippled Children's Easter Seal Campaign and ball teams in the community. A sizable amount is usually plowed back into community projects.

All work is volunteer. What makes the Festival so popular? Planning, and an unique product, says Kit Caffyn, publicity convenor. More information may be obtained by phoning 485-2257. Tours for local school children may be arranged also.

Canada Week activities slated for township

Several events have already been slated for the celebration of Canada Unity Week in Norwich Township

Approve selling fire truck, but name is sticker

To remove or not to remove. That was the weighty question before Norwich Township council when it decided to sell the former Norwich village fire truck to the Norwich-Otterville Lions club for the sum of one dollar.

There was little discussion of whether or not council should sell the truck, used by the Lions club for a number of years in its parades, but considerable time was spent debating the merits of removing from the truck the words designating it as the property of the Norwich Fire Department.

The Lions club, in purchasing the truck, takes over all liability for it, but some councillors were concerned about possible identification of the truck as township property if the name of the Norwich fire department were not removed from it.

Councillor John Eacott put forth a motion to request that the insignia of the Township of Norwich be removed from the fire truck in order to eliminate future problems that may arise.

Councillor Carman Sweazey suggested that because the fire truck is a historic item and the name on the truck identifies it as coming from the village of Norwich, the problem might better be solved by putting the word "formerly" in front of the name.

Councillor Helen Smith said she couldn't believe council could spend half an hour discussing what is a relatively unimportant item when it will "pass accounts for a half million dollars in two seconds."

A subsequent recommendation from Mr. Eacott that the Lion's club remove from the fire truck any evidence that it might be township property, was defeated. A second recommendation to put the word "former" before the village name on the truck,

was approved by council.

The members of council also approved a recommendation to remove, in the future, the township name from all township property before it is sold.

The 1954 Ford ladder truck, approved for sale to the Lions club, is no longer used by the Norwich fire department and is used by the Lions for promotional purposes.

and planning for others continues.

A meeting last Wednesday in Norwich to discuss events for the week running from June 25 to July 1 confirmed a soccer tournament on Saturday, June 27 to coincide with the official opening of the new Norwich soccer field, a Junior Farmer dance that Saturday evening at the community centre in Norwich, an all-star fastball game hosted by the Norwich Jets that same Saturday evening in Dillon Park and a chicken barbecue at the Treffry Mill in Otterville on a date yet to be confirmed.

Support for a parade by various organizations in the

township has been good but the reaction at the planning meeting held last week was that one large parade, transported from centre to centre, would not be feasible.

Chairman of the planning committee, Carm Sweazey, said he would like to see such a parade in order that the entire township would be involved but others pointed out it would not be feasible to move the floats such great distances.

It was suggested by South Norwich Historical Society President Rick Singer that a parade be held in one centre for the entire township this year and be held again in subsequent years in the

other centres in the interests of fairness.

A committee will be set up to deal with the organization of the parade as they will handle the planning and scheduling of all events. The consensus at the meeting last week was that the parade should be held on the July 1 holiday as one of several culminating events for the week.

It is hoped a representative from the Council for Canadian Unity can be in attendance to discuss planning and the availability of grants for the sponsorship of events at the next planning meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 22 at the

Norwich Community Centre.

Other events suggested for the week of celebration included an open air, ecumenical church service, a pancake breakfast, an exchange of materials between school children from Norwich Township and other areas in Canada, sports days, baseball tournaments, a garden party, concerts and historical tours of the township.

Organizers hope the events organized will represent and involve all residents of Norwich Township in the unity week celebrations.



Road tour

Members of Norwich Township council boarded the bus last Thursday for their annual tour of the township roads to

assess their condition and needs. Boarding the bus are: Carm Sweazey, Jack Lester, John Eacott and Mel Smith. (NG Photo).

Former officer wins damages

Former Norwich police constable David Vivian won his suit against Norwich Township and was awarded in excess of \$11,000 in damages for wrongful dismissal.

The case was heard in the Supreme Court of Ontario in Woodstock on Monday and Tuesday, before Mr. Justice Coulter Osborne and a six-member jury.

In his testimony, Mr. Vivian told the jury that his resignation from the Norwich Township Police force in October 1979 was intended to be conditional upon his being confirmed in another job.

He referred to the final paragraph of his Sept. 25, 1979 letter of resignation to council which stated, "This resignation is subject to withdrawal by the writer if the government should implement a freeze on this position before my start date." He said the paragraph was intended to protect himself if the government job did not

materialize.

Mr. Vivian said he had been 90 per cent certain at the time he wrote the resignation that he would have a position with the employment standards branch of the provincial minister of labor in the Toronto area but that he had not received a job offer in writing.

Norwich Township Mayor Jack Burn said in testimony at the hearing Monday, he did not recall the paragraph ever being discussed by council.

He said Mr. Vivian's resignation meant the force would be left without one quarter of its normal manpower. Council then took the appropriate action and advertised for a new constable. When Mr. Vivian's letter withdrawing his resignation was received, council sought legal advice, said Mr. Burn. Council then refused to accept the withdrawal of the resignation as it had already advertised for

a new constable.

Reference was made during Monday's testimony to several minor incidents which occurred during Mr. Vivian's seven years with the Norwich force. He said he was reprimanded by Chief Robert Knight but no disciplinary action was every taken.

Mr. Vivian, 35, now lives with his two sons in Waterdown and works for his brother's farm service company. Since leaving the Norwich force he said he has sought several jobs without success.

The damages of \$11,000 plus interest on that sum were awarded to Mr. Vivian to cover his loss of salary and benefits.

Mr. Burn said Wednesday morning the jury advised council it should have given Mr. Vivian six months notice before it took the action to dismiss him.

Agreement by at least five of the six jurors are required on the decision.

Norwich tax hike looms

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By SUZANNE HANSON

A preliminary budget was presented to Norwich Township council by township treasurer Fred Lowes at council's meeting, Tuesday night.

Mr. Lowes stressed to council that while budget estimate is not final, it does indicate, at this point, a 12.7 per cent increase in the township levy over last year.

He said the Oxford County levy has not been included in the estimates as its final budget has yet to be set. The school board

levies are also incomplete at this stage. Further discussion of the budget is scheduled to take place at a special council meeting, Monday evening.

The total township levy is shown in the preliminary budget as \$1,187,918 with the net township general rate, excluding the area-rated revenue for special services in each of the township's four wards, as \$1,124,368.

The township's general mill rate, required to raise that amount of revenue, would have to be 59.477 mills for residential and farm

properties and 69.972 for commercial and business properties, said Mr. Lowes.

In the four wards of the township, the increase in the proposed mill rates varies. In Ward 1 the general mill rate increase is estimated at about 2.3 mills. In Ward 2 that increase is estimated at about 28.4 mills, in Ward 3 at about 8.6 mills and in Ward 4 at about 11.7 mills.

Mr. Lowes said the budget does not reflect the tax burden on Ward 4. The assessment values in that area have increased dramatically with the implementation of

Section 86. He suggested that council may want to consider the possibility of adjusting the mill rates to take into account the implementation of equalized assessment under Section 86.

Mr. Lowes said it is the mill rate, applied to the assessments that gives the township its tax rate. He said one mill is equal to \$18,367 this year, up five per cent over last year.

The total revenue projected in the preliminary budget for the township in 1981 is listed at \$4,590,749 and the total expenditures estimated at \$4,502,701.

Mayor Jack Burn stressed to council before the discussion this budget does not represent the end picture for the township. Changes involving additions or deletions can still be made at future budget meetings, he said.

The preliminary budget merely provides a starting point from which to work, said Mr. Lowes. Council will have to look at the items in terms of priorities to determine what can be pared or put off until next year.

Councillor John Eacott voiced his personal concern over the discrepancy in the figures in the auditor's report and the budget presented by Mr. Lowes. The treasurer, Mr. Lowes, explained to Mr. Eacott that these occur because of the placement of certain monies in different areas of expenditures and revenue by the accountant and himself.

Mr. Lowes said he prepares a budget that is easily comprehensible to council whereas the auditor is preparing a report for provincial purposes.

Norwich Township Council Briefs

Treffry mill meeting

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MEETING

Norwich Township council advised its clerk Monday to inform the newly elected MPP for Oxford, Dick Treleaven, of the township's position on the Treffry mill property and to request him to arrange a meeting with himself; the appropriate ministry; Roger Orth, chairman of the Long Point Region Conservation Authority; Colin Cope, member of the citizens' advisory committee on the mill and Mayor Jack Burn to discuss possible assistance with the mill's purchase.

Pool repair

London Caulking and Installation Ltd. will be replacing the caulking in the expansion joints of the Otterville Lions swimming pool this week at a cost of \$1.60 per foot to correct the problem of the pool leaking. The total cost of repairs is expected to be \$1,100.

Auditor's report

The auditor's report will be presented to council at a special meeting on Tuesday, April 21, at 9 a.m. Following that presentation, council will meet in a special session of legal and personnel to discuss the effective operation of the plant and administrative procedures.

Nine foot error

Norwich Township council gave its approval to a request by Frank DeJong, RR 1, Burgessville for a minor variance to an extension onto his existing residence at Holbrook. The original minor variance was for a setback from the road of 105 feet but due to an error in construction, the addition was built nine feet closer to the road, requiring a minor variance that would put it 76 feet from the centre of the road.

Addition to barn

A minor variance requested by Joe Horvath, RR 3, Norwich, allowing him to build an addition onto his existing barn, 151 feet from the centre of the road was approved by Norwich Township council at its meeting Monday.

Variance approved

Norwich Township council gave its approval to a minor variance requested by William Bates, Lot 6, Concession 8, Ward 4 to construct a barn on his property 226 feet from the centre of the road allowance.

Bylaw enforcement

Norwich Township council will advise its bylaw enforcement officer, Chief Robert Knight, to investigate a situation in Ward 4 where tractor trailer trucks are being parked on a property to determine if that use is in contravention of the township's zoning bylaws.

The matter, involving trucks parked on the property of Gerald Barber of RR 4, Woodstock came to council's attention through a request from a solicitor acting on behalf of a resident in the area.

It was the solicitor's opinion that the trucks, parked on property zoned agricultural, were in contravention of the zoning bylaw.

Councillor Mel Smith expressed concern that enforcing such a bylaw could force a lot of small, independent businessmen out of business.

Norwich news in brief

Canada Unity meeting

The committee in charge of organizing the events to celebrate Canada Unity Week in Norwich Township will be meeting tonight at 8 p.m. in the Norwich Community Centre. All committee members are asked to attend.

Membership night

Roughly 150 individuals turned out for the Oxford County Junior Farmers' annual April Event membership night held last Thursday evening at College Avenue Secondary School in Woodstock. Those who were unable to make it out for the event but who wish to join should get their membership into the various clubs or to the ministry of agriculture and food in Woodstock by April 30. The winner of the Norwich Junior Farmers' draw for a stereo and speakers was Deanne Penny of RR 3, Norwich.

Choir performs

The Delhi District Choir will present its program Choral Masterpieces in the Norwich United Church on Sunday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. under the direction of Marion Avey, accompanied by Joseph VanBeek.

Ride for cancer

The annual Ladies' Great Ride for Cancer takes place Sunday afternoon, April 26 leaving at 1:30 p.m. from the Norwich Legion. Sponsor sheets are available from downtown merchants or Nancy Barnim.

Council meets

The regular meeting of Norwich Township council will be held in the council chambers at the township offices in Otterville on Tuesday, April 27 at 7 p.m.

BIA seminar

Members of the board of management for the Norwich Business Improvement Area (BIA) are attending a seminar on the marketing and management of BIA's today in Brantford.

Streets need cleaning

The Norwich Township Chamber of Commerce decided at its meeting last week to send a letter to the county of Oxford asking it to clean the Main Street in Norwich as it is, in Roy Arn's words, "a disgrace."

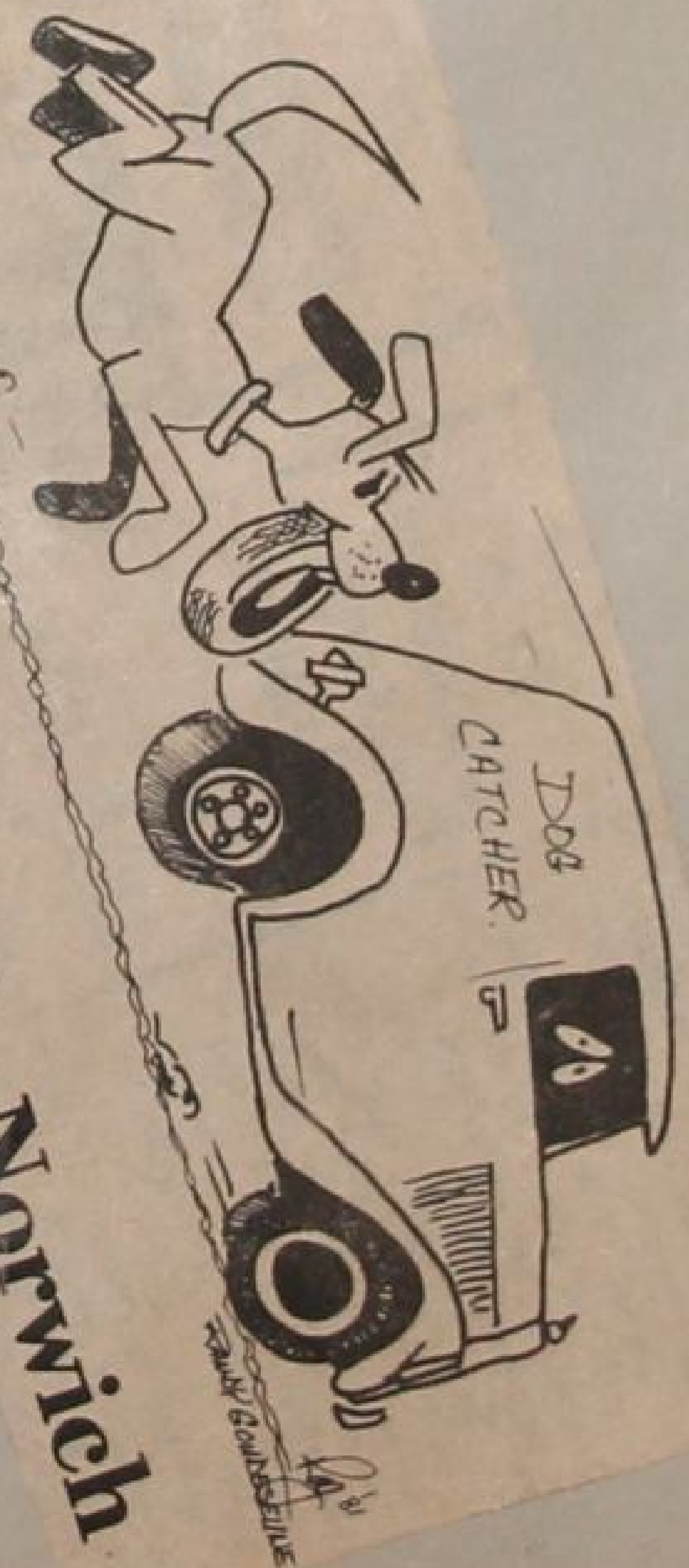
The main street of Norwich is also County Road 18 and is therefore maintained by the county up to the edge of the curbs. The chamber was advised that the township's road superintendent must notify the county in writing of a request for street cleaning. It was also pointed out that the Township of Norwich has been cleaning the side streets in the village.

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Accepts resignation

Norwich Township council accepted with regret notice of Lorne Parker's resignation as the township's representative on the Oxford County Housing Authority. A recommendation was passed to send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Parker. Mayor Jack Burn commended him on his efforts in the authority and thanked him for a job well done. Council will be advertising for a replacement for Mr. Parker on the authority.

Canine control in Norwich



Society takes armchair tour

The South Norwich Historical Society met at Woodlawn on Monday, April 13.

Catherine Mann read the minutes of the regular and executive meetings and May Pearce gave the treasurers report.

President Rick Singer read a letter from the Oxford County Library stating there was no portable microfilm available.

Bill McMullen Sr. and Rick Singer are to be in charge of a committee for the barbecue to be held on Sunday, June 28 at the Treffry Mill site. This event is to be in conjunction with Canada Week activities in Norwich Township from June 25 to July 1.

Following a discussion, it was decided to discontinue the June bus trip due to the various events for the Society in that month.

Bill McMullen Sr. is to be in charge of obtaining

figures on the cost of a plaque to be erected to commemorate the black settlement and the former African Methodist Episcopal Church in Otterville.

It was announced there

would be a meeting of the book committee at Woodlawn on Wednesday, April 22 at 8 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the society will be held Monday, May 11 at Woodlawn with Kathryn Davis speaking on Milldale. Miss Davis is one of the ladies who has been researching the former South Norwich Township history in conjunction with the Canada Community Development program.

The meeting then adjourned and the remainder of the evening was pleasantly enjoyed with Mel Beecroft showing slides of historic buildings from Ottawa and Quebec to the Eastern Provinces concluding with our village's own historic Woodlawn.

Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Happy Bluebird Club was held at the home of Evelyn Waring on Tuesday evening.

The president Daisy Ash presided for the meeting at which plans were made for the birthday party of the Club which has been an enjoyable organization for the past 32 years.

The president invited the

members to her home for the special event and reminded the members to bring and share food for the table. The potluck dinner is to be served at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was in charge of the Otterville group and readings and a contest were enjoyed.

Games of cards were also enjoyed after which the ladies served lunch.

Lions donate VON car

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Clubs was held in the Springford United Church basement on Monday evening, April 13.

Lion president Gordon Shearer presided. There was a very large attendance with 37 members and two visitors.

Lion George Klosler introduced the guest speaker Jim Cameron of the new Workmen's Compensation Board Regional Office at London.

Mr. Cameron explained that the regional office deals with finances, claims and adjudications and rehabilitation. The new office can deal with most claims directly, reducing times in most cases.

The speaker explained the various W.C.B. assessments levied against various types of employees ranging from 20 cents for the lowest rate to \$18 for the highest per \$100 coverage.

The basis of W.C.B. claims and payments is very complex and resulted in many questions from those present, all ably handled by the speaker.

Business included a donation of \$500 toward the purchase of a new car for the Oxford Victorian Order of Nurses.

Lion Paul Wood reported that the recent annual Fish Fry was very well attended and successful in all regards.

Lion Paul also announced that the tickets are now available from any members for the annual fall Carnival car draw a Pontiac Parisienne.

Lion Don Pettigrew expressed the thanks of the Club to the United Church ladies catering to the evening's fine meal.

Tentative plans are being made for the annual Ladies Night to be held Wednesday, April 27.

The annual Fireworks evening will be held in the Otterville Park Monday, May 18.

The annual Chicken Bar-B-Que will also be held in the park Saturday, June 20.

The convention prize was won by Lion Bob Scott.

Fate conductresses at Eastern Star

Norwich Chapter 175 Order of the Eastern Star held their April meeting on Wednesday evening at which time they honored their conductress and associate conductress Lillian Oatman and Katie Lowe.

Worthy Matron Josephine Howse and Worthy Patron Carl Howse presided in the East and welcomed the distinguished guests and members of the Chapter. The guests included Grand Conductress Flora Whalen of Parry Sound; Associate Grand conductress Joanne Coulter of Sudbury; the District Deputy Grand Matron Margaret Pleli; several Past District Deputy Grand Matrons, several presiding Past Matrons and other guests from the various chapters in the district.

In honor of the Grad

conductresses, the Norwich conductresses presented a skit "The Honey Bee" and introduced the other visiting conductresses, presenting them with a gift. The Norwich Chapter also honored their conductresses and presented them with gifts.

Two 25-year pins were presented. Katie Lowe presented Marjorie Pearce with her pin and Josephine Howse presented her brother Kenneth Mann with his pin.

The Grand conductress spoke briefly commending the Norwich Chapter on their beautiful hall, outlined the work of the conductresses and reminded all of the upcoming Good Friday, when Christ was crucified. The Grand Associate conductress spoke on Easter Week and the District Deputy Grand Matron congratulated the chapter.

Tickets were sold on an Easter Bunny which was won by Anne McRae, Ingersoll. A second draw on flowers was won by Evelyn Horlick of Long Point and the marked cup was won by Jan Wightman, Paris.

Lillian Oatman and Josephine Howse entertained with a skit "Is the Doctor In?"

Lunch was served by Delores Evoy and committee.

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Past Grands Club held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry Pickersgill.

President Ethel Arthur opened the meeting with all repeating the "Lord's Prayer" in unison. The roll call was answered by naming "your favourite school teacher and school you attended at that time."

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The roll call for the next meeting will be answered with giving the place of your birth. That meeting will be on the fourth Monday in March at the home of Anna Treffry. Eva McMullen will provide the program. Helen Thompson will be the hostess for the May 25th meeting.

Opposed to metric system

OTTERVILLE (C) — The April business meeting of the Otterville Women's Institute was held in the basement of the community hall on Friday afternoon.

The president Mrs. Harry Pickersgill presided. The roll was answered with the paying of membership fees which are \$3 this year.

The financial report was read after which Mrs. Petch, who was auditor, reported the books in good order and congratulated Mrs. Walther on her work as secretary-treasurer of the Institute.

Letters were read from the Canadian Consumer to which the members voted to renew the subscription. A letter from the Norwich Branch of Canadian Cancer Society announced a meeting to be held in the Norwich

Public School, April 20 at 8 p.m.

The District Annual will be held in Springford Hall May 20. Cards were signed and sent to shut-ins. There was much discussion in regard to a letter which had been seen in a local newspaper regarding the Metric System and the members were urged to write a letter stating the fact that this change of metric system has been given to us out of choice and members should voice their disapproval by letter.

The May meeting will be covered by the curator Mrs. Fred Cole and the guest speaker will be Wilma Durham - Master Spinner. The meeting will be at Woodlawn Community Centre at 2 p.m.

The conveners of standing committees submitted their reports. There being no more business, the meeting closed with the "Institute grace" and the members went upstairs to prepare for the Rummage Sale the following day.

A splendid display of donated articles made an interesting assortment which attracted many customers on Saturday morning when the doors opened at 9 a.m. Clerks made ready sales. The president Mrs. Pickersgill was pleased with the cash sales of the morning. Proceeds increased the treasury by \$125.

Anyone who is not in favor of the Metric system in-

terested in writing a letter, may use the following address:

Department of Consumers Corporate Affairs, 1 Place du Portage, Hull, Quebec, K1A 2C9, or write to Dr. Bruce Halliday, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa.

Lions plan holiday fireworks display

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the Community Hall, Otterville, Monday evening, April 27.

There were 33 members in attendance with seven visitors from the Courtland and Tillsonburg Clubs. Lion president Gordon Shearer presided.

The guest speaker Rev. Roger McCoomb, an Anglican priest and a Latin teacher, spoke upon the "quality of life" with illustrations from the Bible covering the past and present. He termed 1981 as "The Year of the Donkey" and concluded with "Twelve wishes" as a guide for all present in increasing the

"quality of life" for everyone.

The speaker was thanked by Lion Colin Cope who presented the speaker with a gift of appreciation.

Preparations for Norwich Township's "Canada Week" now include a township parade at Oxford Centre starting at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1 con-

cluding with a garden party and barbecue that evening. It is hoped that a minor ball tournament can also be arranged for that day.

Plans are underway for the annual fireworks display in the Otterville Park on Monday evening, May 18.

The annual club Ladies' Night will be held at Flamboro Downs, Wed-

nesday evening, May 27. More detailed news in the club bulletin.

The local Club has been unusually active in interclub visits including two visits during the past week to clubs in North and South Carolina. The Club should stand high in the interclub visitation contest in District A-2.



Examining the wares

Iva Rhodes (left) of Mississauga was one of many individuals who stopped to browse at the craft table at the Otterville United Church Women's annual spring tea and luncheon last week at the church. UCW member Elaine Oliver was on hand to show off the wares on the table. Other attractions included the luncheon, quilt display, bake and penny table. (NG Photo).

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OTTERVILLE UNITED

The Palm Sunday service in Otterville United Church was led by Rev. Earl D. Moore who had as his theme for the service, "In Remembrance".

The scripture was taken from I Corinthians 11: 23-32.

A sincere welcome was extended to all those who were joining the congregation's membership that morning. Those joining by adult baptism were: Ina Louise Arthur, Elizabeth Jean Griffin and Charles Alfred Hulet.

Those joining by confirmation included Nancy Lou Davis, Evelyn (Peggy) Finch, Heather Elaine Hanson, Donald P. Neale, Dorothy Neale, Debra Stubbs and Pamela April Tisdale.

Those who joined through transfer from other United Churches included Donald Addison and Sylvia Addison from Simcoe and Jo-anne

Kapin from Delhi. Those joining from other churches included Bertha Ann A. Gehring, Isabel Harris, W.R. Stuart Harris and Margaret Roberta McMurchy.

A confession of sins was read from the hymnary in unison, after which the sacrament of the Holy Communion was observed.

On April 23 the Otterville UCW will hold its spring bazaar and luncheon in the church hall starting at 11:30 a.m.

On Sunday, April 26, it will be World Outreach Sunday with the Rev. Gordon Carder of Woodstock, a returned missionary in charge of the service for this charge.

Tillsonburg organist guest

OTTERVILLE (C) — The April Easter meeting of the United Church Women of Otterville was held in the Sunday School room on Thursday evening with more than 40 ladies attending.

The president Isabel Harris presided and the meeting opened with the U.C.W. purpose followed with a reading and prayer by the president.

Betty Walther was the pianist and hymns in keeping with the Easter season were used throughout the meeting.

Jean Gehring was the program convener and Bertha Gehring presided. Grace Squance gave the scripture reading which was followed with prayer by Stella Hanson. The offering was presented by Grace Squance and Mrs. Hanson.

Jean McClintock of Otterville, organist and choir leader of First Baptist Church in Tillsonburg, was the guest speaker who gave a Bible Study on "The Resurrection." The members having their Bibles followed the passages which

included the doctrine of every disciple, the faith of every true believer, the courage of every martyr, the theme of every sermon and the power of the evangelist.

In appreciation an arrangement of spring flowers was given to the speaker.

Eva Rae of Tillsonburg sang a solo Because He Lives, accompanied by Mrs. McClintock. The ladies enjoyed a social hour which closed with the singing of "Blest Be The Tie that Binds."

Fellowship family night

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OTTERVILLE (C) — The Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Baptist Church held their annual Family Night Supper in the Sunday School room of the Church.

Mrs. Fred Hill opened the devotional program and Hilda Stockmans read the third Psalm. The president explained the purpose of our Fellowship which is giving to our missionaries, supporting them in prayer and correspondence and having fellowship with our families once a year.

Mrs. Ted Oenema gave a reading on prayer and how we should pray for our

missionaries.

Mrs. Oenema and Mrs. Bruce Stover led in missionary prayers. It was announced that the April meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill with Mrs. Stockmans in charge and Wilma Butler as speaker.

Murray Treffry showed a film "Hobo and the Runaway" which was enjoyed by everyone.

Marks 89th birthday

Bruce Alexander, 22 Stover Street South Norwich, celebrated his 89th birthday on April 17. In honor of the occasion several happy events were held. Among those entertaining were: Nellie Taylor who entertained his immediate family to a dinner; the Golden Age Club, the 12 members of the euchre club and his grandson and wife Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hill Springford.

Mr. Alexander was born in Walsingham Township, Norfolk County where he

farmed until 1917 when he purchased a farm near Norwich. In 1942 he moved to Norwich and worked for the C.N.R. for 15 years prior to retiring.

He is still very active and still drives his car. He is a member of the Norwich United Church, a former member of the choir and an elder. He is also a member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge of which he has been secretary for around 25 years; the Past Time Club, the Golden Age Club, the Otterville Leisure Club, the Norwich and

District Historical Society, the Norwich Chamber of Commerce and served for two years on the former village Council.

Mr. Alexander has one son William of Burford and a daughter Mrs. Bert (Jean) Hill of Otterville, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. His wife Annie passed away in 1975.

On the occasion of his birthday he received many cards and messages of congratulations.

EVA GAUTHIER

Mrs. George Gauthier of Otterville passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Friday, April 10, 1981, in her 82nd year.

Born in Newport, South Wales, she was a daughter of the late Wesley and Jennie Chambers. She had lived in Otterville for the past 23 years and was predeceased by her husband.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Leonard (Louise) Williams of Otterville; a son, Glenn Gauthier of Vancouver; a sister, Mrs. Phyllis Sharpe of Vancouver; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held Monday, April 13, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Grant Darling.

Pallbearers were Arthur Picknell, Gordon McMullen, William McMullen, Jr., Richard DeRoo, Louis Kovacs and Fred Pearce.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

A memorial service was held by Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 on Sunday evening at 9 o'clock at the Funeral Home.

LOUISE ISABELLE SMITH

Funeral service for the late Mrs. Wayne Smith of Otterville, who passed away on April 2, 1981, was held at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, on Saturday, April 4, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Earl Moore of Otterville United Church.

Mrs. Smith was born at Owen Sound, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William McInnis. She lived for a time in Quebec, Leamington, Mt. Brydges, and moved to Otterville 15 years ago.

Mrs. William McMullen, Jr., played hymns before and after the service.

Pallbearers were Clifford Rachar, Mike McClintock, Sam Leonard, Donald Chisholm, Wayne Day and E.D. Allen.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

Donations were made to the Cancer Society and to Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital.

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Village's original fire truck reconditioned

By SUZANNE HANSON

If Bill McMullen Jr. of Otterville has a fire, he should be well-equipped to put it out.

In addition to being chief of the Otterville Fire Department for the past 24 years, he is also the proud owner of a completely reconditioned, 1927 Model T fire engine in working order.

The Model T engine was the first motorized fire engine to be used in the community. When it finally arrived off the assembly line of the Bickle Fire Engine Works in Woodstock (now King Seagrave Ltd.) it replaced the hand pump which had been in use since the fire department was formed in Otterville in 1890.

The motorized engine was an immense improvement over the hand pump which was not only operated by hand, but was also hauled to the fires by hand, said Mr. McMullen.

The Model T engine was in use in the village up until 1951 when it was retired due to old age. It was replaced by a 1940 Dodge engine that is now in the possession of the Otterville Firefighters Club.

While Mr. McMullen, a member of the Otterville Fire Department for the past 31 years, had his eye on the Model T engine for a number of years, he was only able to acquire it in 1979.

After its retirement from the fire department it had

been sold to a local farmer. When the farm was sold in 1979, Mr. McMullen latched onto the engine and went to work on its restoration.

Because of his interest in fire apparatus and the fact that the truck had been the first one owned by the Otterville fire department, Mr. McMullen was anxious to get possession of it and restore it to its original state.

That task took many hours of work and research and has only recently been completed. The task of restoring the truck was an awesome one as many alterations had taken place over the years and many parts had been scattered throughout the countryside.

It was only with the aid of a photograph taken of the fire engine when it rolled off the assembly line at the Bickle Fire Engine Works that he was able to perfect the details of the engine. The photograph was, no doubt, taken in recognition of the fact that 1927 was the last year that particular model was assembled at the plant.

The Bickle Fire Engine Works had started making the Model T engines in 1901 and the photograph taken of the last model of that year gave Mr. McMullen the guidelines for restoring his engine — right down to the bell and the paint job.

There was no lettering left on the truck when he purchased it and the ladders had

been removed and replaced with hose reels. Details on the lettering and the exact color of the engine were provided by a former Otterville fire chief, the late

Dick Addison, who remembered the truck from his childhood days.

The end result of all the work is that the engine is "awful close to being exactly

right," said Mr. McMullen.

It is missing one of the side ladders but the roof ladder attached to the truck is the original one. The bell has also been re-attached to the

truck. It had been one display in the Otterville fire hall and he is grateful to the firefighters club which donated the bell, the ladder

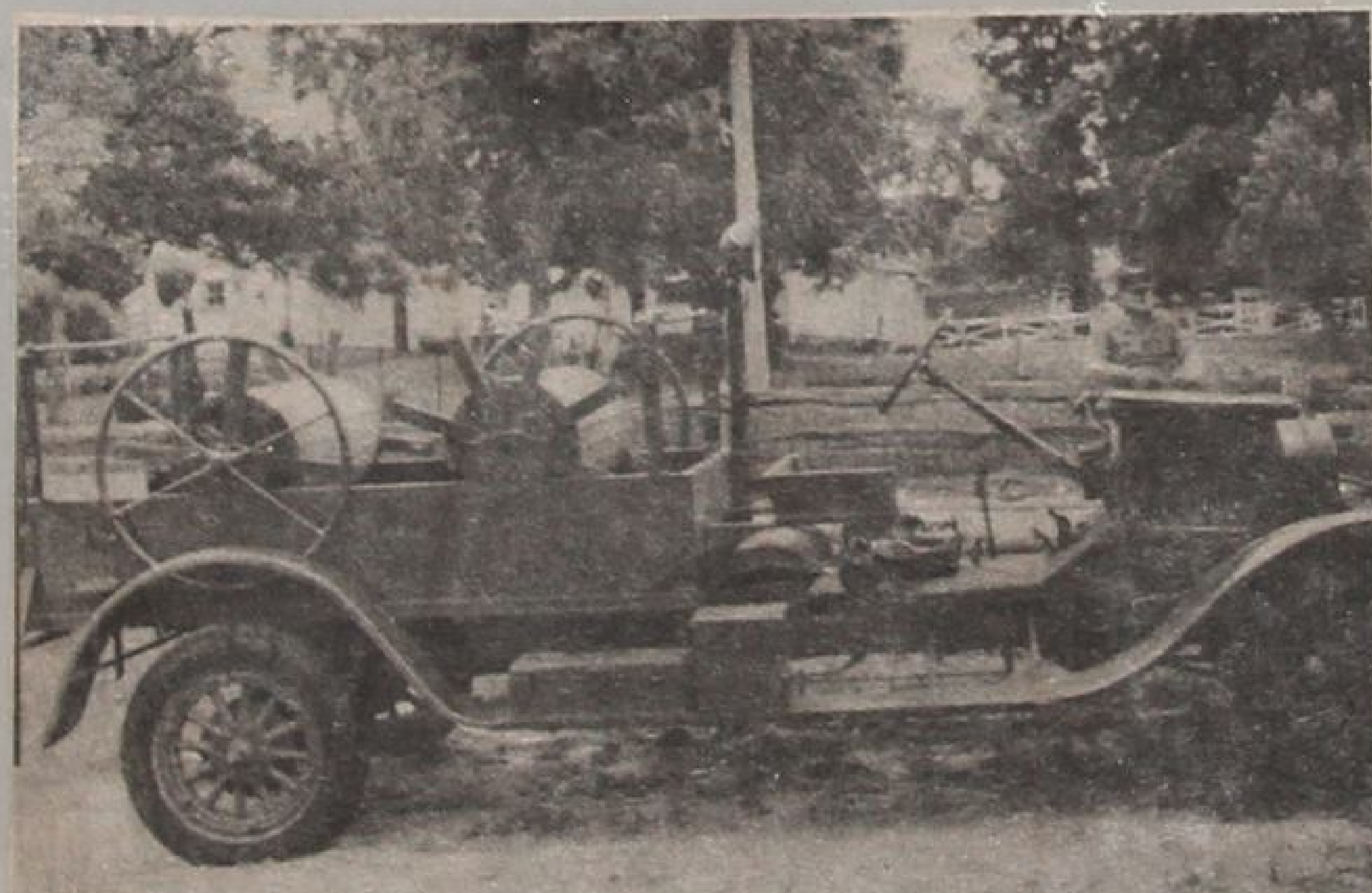
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Ring the bell

Bill McMullen Jr. of Otterville proudly rings the polished bell on his restored, 1927 Model T fire engine once owned by the Otterville fire department. The engine, the first

motorized engine to be used by the fire department, was restored to its original state by Mr. McMullen and will now be shown by him in parades and historical shows. (NG Photo).



Before restoration

This picture of the 1927 Model T fire truck now owned by Bill McMullen of Otterville shows how much the truck had been altered from its original state over the years. With the aid of a picture of the truck, obtained from the Bickle Fire Engine Works in Woodstock, when it rolled off the assembly line, Mr. McMullen was able to complete the restoration of the truck to its original state.

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and the original nozzle from the truck to him to be re-installed on the engine for authenticity.

Looking at the restored engine and the picture taken of it when it was brand new in 1927, one is unable to detect the differences. The restoration has been done so thoroughly and carefully that one would think the engine had just rolled off the assembly line today instead of 54 years ago.

And not only does it look good, but the engine runs well. "The pump works just like the day it was made, really," said Mr. McMullen as he ran his hand fondly over his treasure. He said he expects the pump could handle about 220 gallons of water a minute. Today, even the smallest fire engines can

handle 625 gallons of water per minute, he said.

But despite the fact the engine is in working order and in vintage condition, Mr. McMullen will be keeping it in retirement, using it strictly for show purposes. It will be seen in local parades and will also be on display at this year's Norwich and District Historical Society's annual steam show.

The fire engine rounds out the collection of old tractors, steam engines, boilers, farm equipment, churns, lanterns and various other historical artifacts belonging to Mr. McMullen and his father, William McMullen Sr.

"We're interested in history and preserving it," he said. And the era of firefighting represented by the old Model T engine is certainly well-preserved in it.

LOOKING BACK

35 YEARS AGO
APRIL 18, 1949

Philips on the farm now occupied by James J. Johnston.

Otterville March 7. The early history of South Norwich Township is contained in a yellowed newspaper printed nearly 70 years ago, and is the prized possession of Mrs. R.M. Holmes of Otterville, and the following was written by her great uncle Milton Cameron.

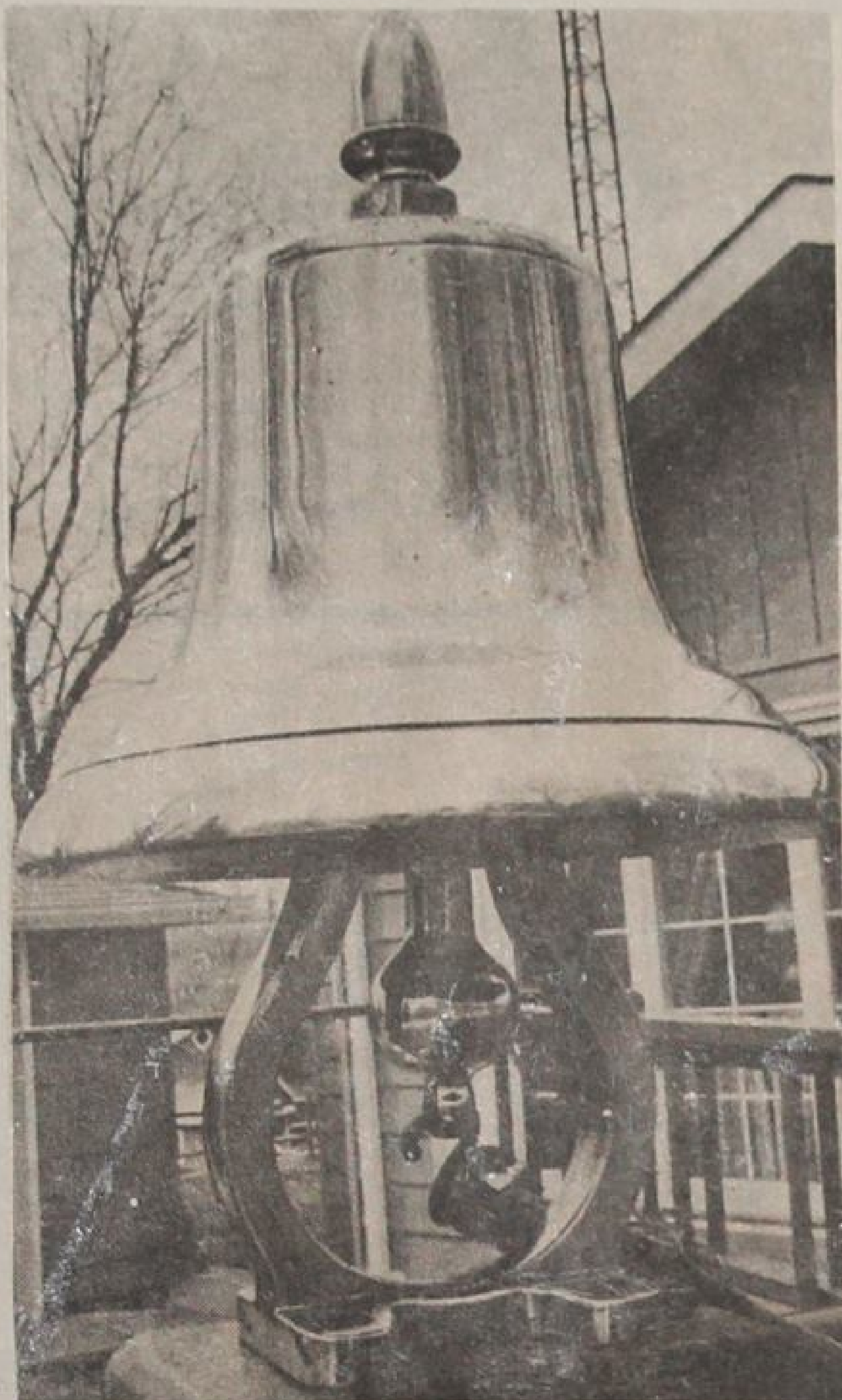
The first settlers who took up their abode in what is now South Norwich Township, came here in the year 1808. Springford - In the latter part of 1808 Josiah Gilbert, located on the lot now occupied by F.C. Anstic where he made the first clearing in the neighborhood, now known as Springford. Land was selling at \$1.25 per acre. The first licensed Medical Doctor found his way into the township from Oakland in 1814. The first house of worship was made of logs situated on the plot of ground west of Otterville. The first licensed tavern was built of logs by Asahel Oatman in the year 1830. It was first kept by Stephen Yarrington and occupied the site in Otterville, on which the Cleveland house afterwards stood.

The pioneer school house was built in 1812. The first store was built in 1816 at Otterville and was kept by William Holmes.

The first Post Office was opened at Otterville in 1830 by John Carnell, this being the third P.O. opened in the county. Norwich Post Office also opened in 1830 claiming to be the second, and Ingersoll opened in 1821, being the first.

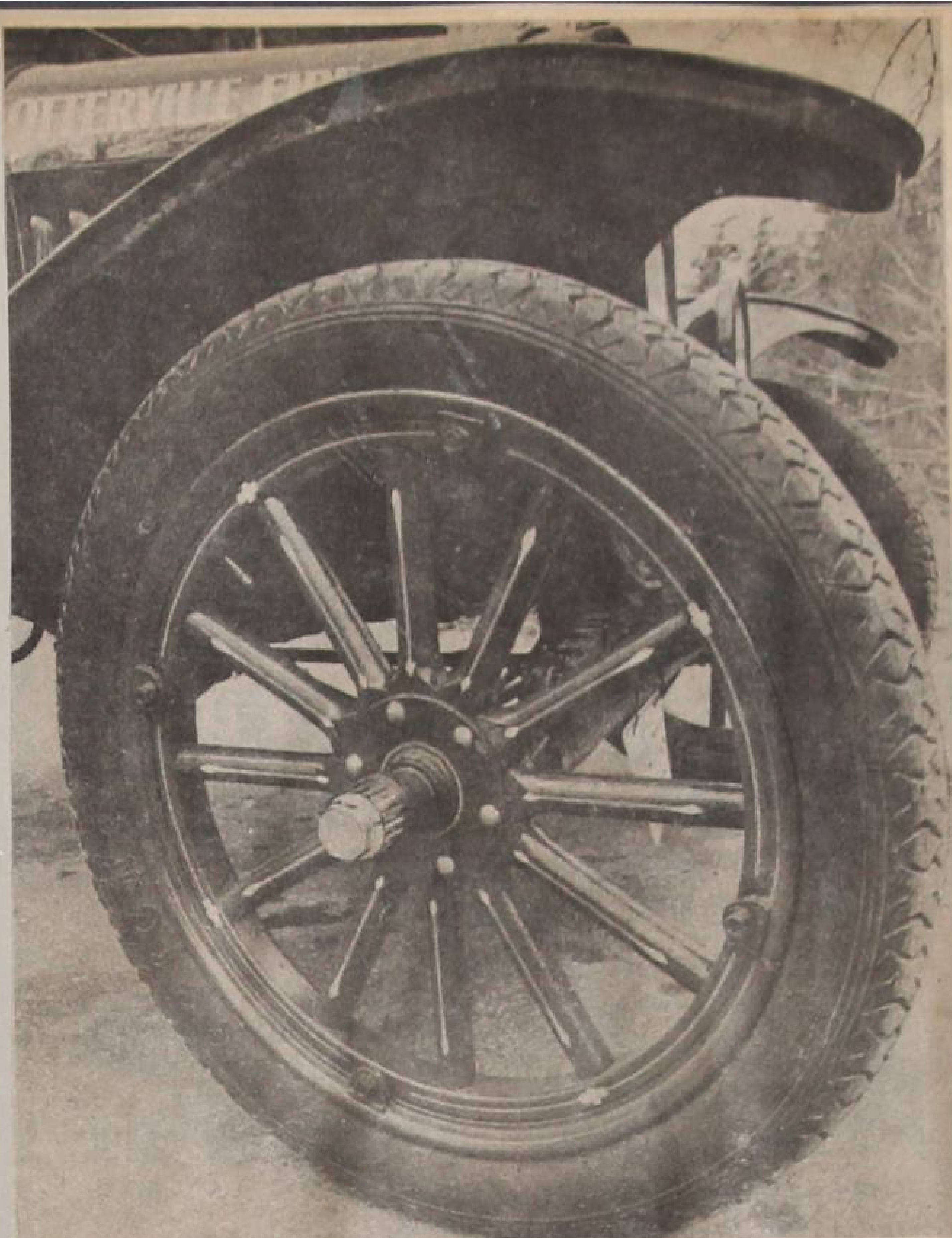
The first Magistrate was Solomon Lossing who received his commission as a Justice of the Peace in 1829. The first concession opened in 1827 in our township was the eighth, in 1827.

The first apple orchard was planted in 1810 by John



For whom the bell tolls

This bell doesn't toll for anyone anymore, at least not for fires as it once did when used by the Otterville fire department. The bell from the 1927 Model T fire engine, the first motorized engine owned by the fire department, was donated to the engine's present owner Bill McMullen, by the Otterville Firefighters club to be reattached to its rightful place on the engine now that it has been restored. (NG Photo).



Wheel of time

This shiny wheel looks brand new as does the fire engine it holds up. The wheel on the 1927 Model T engine was restored to its original state along with the engine by Otterville resident Bill McMullen Jr. Much research and effort went into making the engine authentic. (NG Photo).



Going touring

Members of the Otterville Firefighters Association took the residents of Norvilla Nursing home on an afternoon outing last Saturday. Almost 11 residents took part in the outing which marked the first time an organization, other than a church related group, had been involved in such an activity with the residents. (NG Photo).

APRIL

Library operates in cramped quarters

By SUZANNE HANSON
Book worms in search of solitude and privacy to bury themselves in a good book, unfortunately won't find it at the Otterville Public Library.

The community library, operated by the Oxford County Library System, is located in tiny quarters in the basement of the Otterville Community Hall on the main street of the village.

The library advisory committee, of which Jean Stewart is chairman, has

been pressuring Norwich Township council to take some action to improve the library facilities in the village which are far inferior to those throughout the rest of the township.

Since about 1900, the library has been located in

the town hall basement, undergoing no significant expansion since its size was doubled to its present dimensions of 13 feet by 24 feet.

The single rooms offers limited space for books and no secluded areas for study,

said Mrs. Stewart. If the library had more space, it could house four to five times the number of books it is now getting from the Oxford County Library, she said.

"Ward 1 is just not getting their share of books," said Mrs. Stewart. "There just isn't the space for them."

While individuals may request books from the library system, which is also connected with the Lake

Erie Regional Library System, Mrs. Stewart would like to see the library expanded to accommodate more books on the shelf.

There are university students in the community who would like particular books for courses and essays, but the number of books in stock is limited. Mrs. Stewart said there is also no place for people who wish a quiet place to work.

While "the people who use our little library use it a lot," the facilities would be put to much better use if there was more room, said Mrs. Stewart. She said some people in the community do not even know the library exists.

"We have suggested a new building to council to get the library out of the basement of the town hall but with the budget restrictions, it's doubtful one would be considered for another two to three years," she said.

If a new building or rented space in another location are not available, the library advisory committee would like to see the present facilities expanded and improved as soon as possible. These improvements include providing a better access to the library which is now down a set of steep steps.

The steepness and narrowness of the stairway presents a problem of access

to the library for elderly and handicapped persons.

The library itself was labelled a fire trap because of the limited exits and the steepness of the stairway at a November township council meeting when Mrs. Stewart first requested council's assistance in improving the facilities.

The library advisory committee has made application to Wintario for grants to improve the access in conjunction with the International Year of Disabled Persons. However a member of the committee, Gordon Shearer, said there will be no word on whether a grant will be available until the fall.

Other renovations and expansion of the facility will have to be examined by the township council at budget time, he said. The chairman of the township's recreation and community services committee, Darrel Force, said the renovations to the facility have been included in that committee's budget but they are subject to approval by council.

The library advisory committee has taken one step toward improving the operation of the library by increasing its hours of operation from 7½ to 10. It is now open on Saturday afternoons between 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. in addition on Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Fridays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The staff has also been expanded with the addition of assistant librarian Elaine Oliver to aid librarian Lurene McMullen with the library's operation.

But the library advisory committee is able to do little else to improve the situation without the assistance of township council and the Oxford County Library.

The local committee has no power of its own and has been frustrated in its efforts to get improved facilities for the village.

"We're hoping for some improvement within the next two to three years," said Mrs. Stewart.



Check-out time

One of Otterville's newer residents The Van Than, makes regular use of the Otterville library facilities. Librarian Lurene McMullen assists him with the signing out of some

books from the library, located in the basement of the community hall. The local advisory board is attempting to have the facilities improved and expanded to better meet the needs of the community. (NG Photo).



Staff expanded

The staff of the Otterville library has been expanded to include assistant librarian Elaine Oliver. The increased staff enables the library to extend its hours of operation from 7½ to 10. It is now open on Saturdays between 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. (NG Photo).



General Store

Mowats' General Store in Springford has been serving the community for 34 years and its owners, Bill and Eleanor Mowat, plan to continue that tradition for as long as they

are able. The store, which is more than 100 years old, still offers its customers that old-fashioned friendliness and service. (NG Photo).

Keep store tradition alive

By SUZANNE HANSON
In most centres, the communal gatherings around the potbellied stove or the pickle barrel in the corner general store have faded into obscurity with the changing times and the evolution of huge, impersonal supermarkets.

In Springford, one of the last vestiges of yesterday's general store remains, however, and its owners—Bill and Eleanor Mowat—have every intention of continuing the store in the traditional fashion as long as they are able.

Mr. and Mrs. Mowat have been operating the store in Springford since 1947 and although it has undergone changes and renovations, it is still much the same as it was in the early 1900's.

Mowat said she doesn't know when the store was built but it is more than 100 years old.

In its early days, the store had two long aisles with a big stove in the middle about which the village folk could gather to discuss the affairs of the world. The counters on each side ran the full length of the store, said Mrs. Mowat. She and her husband have altered the store since then to make it more self-serve.

While there were three stores in Springford at one time the Mowat's general store is the last one remaining.

"People in those days appreciated the country store," said Mrs. Mowat.

Having lived in Springford since 1930, she remembers the days when the democrats

were lined up at the store after farmers had taken their milk to the cheese factory. The store was open at 7 a.m. in those days.

While the clientele has changed over the years and the style of the store has been altered, its product line has remained much the same. The shelves are now filled with a different variety of products but the items carried have varied little, still including groceries, paint, work clothes, housewares, giftwares and hardware items.

The Mowats have had some faithful customers over the years whose business they appreciate. "Some of them have been with us since we started," said Mrs. Mowat. She said the store does get business from Springford but also

from the outlying areas as well as a lot of the non-natives from the area.

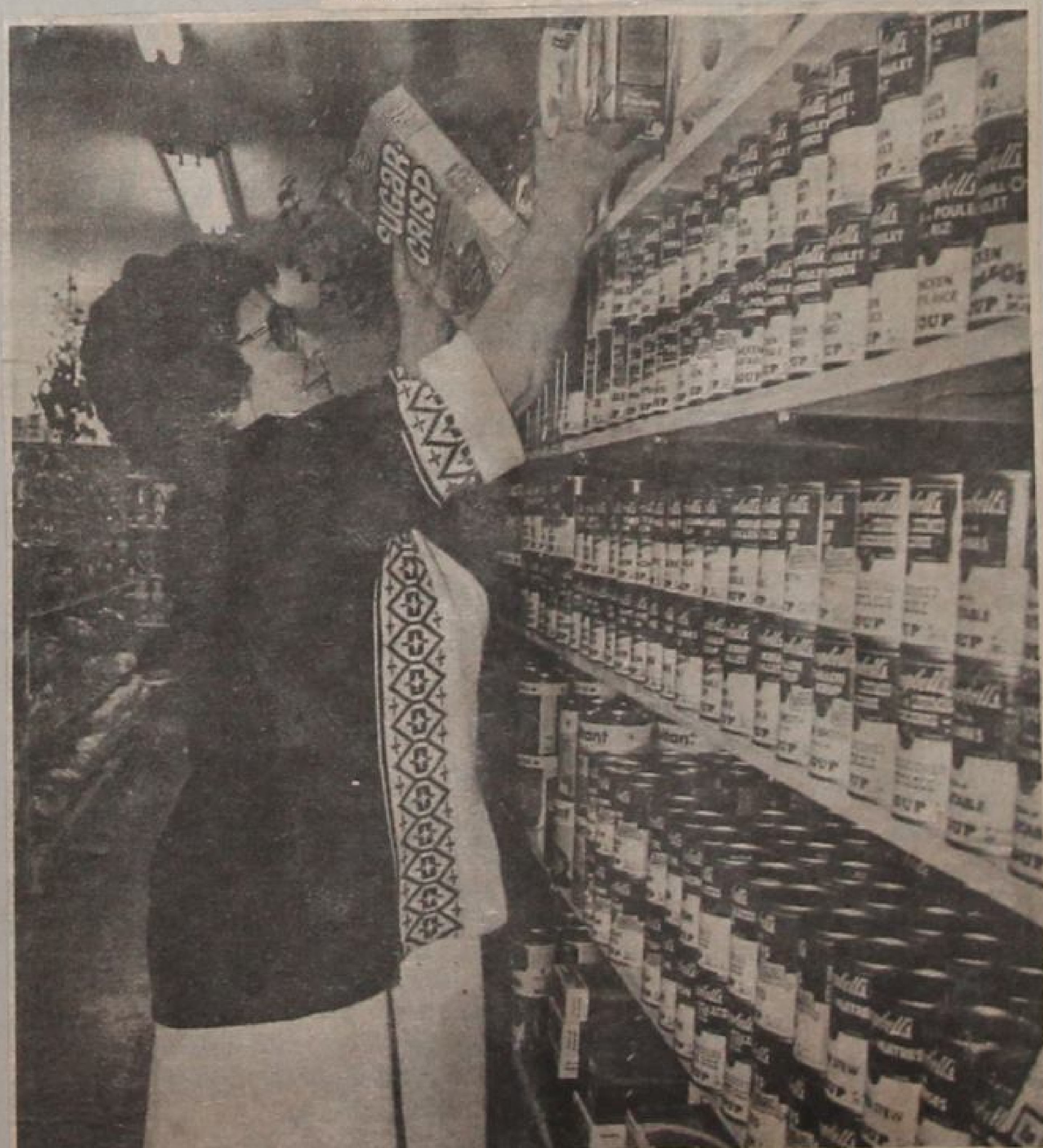
Throughout their years of operating the store in the village, the Mowats have seen many changes as stores have come and gone and new homes and new faces have come into the community.

"At one time we knew everyone in the village. There are a lot of new faces now," said Mrs. Mowat.

But the Mowats have always enjoyed good business in Springford, although not entirely without feeling the effects of huge supermarkets in the surrounding urban centres.

While there are some who only use the store as a variety type store, there are others who do all their grocery shopping there, including Mrs. Mowat. "I never have to go to town to shop," she said.

While the potbellied stove and the pickle barrel may have disappeared, the old-fashioned friendliness of the country storekeepers has not. They enjoy their community and they welcome the young folk who come to the store—good weather or bad—to perch themselves on the benches at the front of the store to visit and keep an eye on the main street of town.



Stock up

Eleanor Mowat has been stocking the shelves of the general store in Springford for many years. She and her husband Bill took over the store in 1947 and it has retained much of the old-fashioned flavor of the old general stores over the years. (NG Photo).



Number one goalie

Ricky Amey (front) was the proud winner of the award for the most outstanding house league goaltender at the minor hockey awards night and banquet last Thursday. Presenting the award in honor of the late Robert Amey were members of the Otterville industrial hockey team of which Mr. Amey was coach. The team members presenting the award were Pierre Pinnoy (left) and Rick Redling. (NG Photo). *APR 12*

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Budget for mill purchase

T.M. MAY 6

By SUZANNE HANSON

Norwich Township council voted to include a capital expenditure of \$60,000 in its 1981 proposed budget for the purchase of the Treffry mill in Otterville.

The inclusion of that expenditure in the preliminary budget brings the increase in the township levy to roughly 22 per cent as compared to the 12.7 per cent proposed previously in budget discussions.

Another budget meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12 to attempt to pare down the expenditures to reduce that increase.

In discussing whether to include the mill purchase in this year's budget, Mayor Jack Burn said he believes council has a responsibility to the people of Ward 1 to purchase the property.

Council took out a one-year option on the mill last August when the owner Lorne Treffry put the property up for sale.

The South Norwich Historical Society has made an offer to take over the responsibility for maintaining the mill and would probably be able to raise in the neighborhood of \$10,000 to assist with the purchase price, said Mayor Burn.

A local mill advisory committee is prepared to go out and canvass for support

for the mill but it wants to know who is going to own the property before it proceeds.

Mayor Burn said some additional funds may be forthcoming from the public utilities commission for the purchase of a right of way through the mill pond property. A meeting is also being set up with the ministry of natural resources in Toronto to investigate funding.

The purchase of the property does not commit council to fixing up the mill, said Mayor Burn, but he said council does have a responsibility to protect the property for the community.

Township treasurer Fred Lowes said council does not have to commit itself now to buying the mill. When the option is up at the end of August, council may still decide against the purchase and put the \$60,000 set aside for it into a reserve fund.

Councillor John Eacott, who voted against including the mill purchase in the budget, said he has too many reservations about the proposal, including the liability for the dam.

"I also question whether the historical society can support the cost of maintenance for the thing without coming back to council for more money," he said.

Mayor Burn pointed to the Norwich and

District Historical Society which efficiently operates its museum complex in Norwich and seldom comes to council for grants.

Councillor Eacott said it is very bad timing on the part of council to include the mill in the budget when some residents of Ward 4 are already facing 40 per cent increases in their taxes under the equalized assessment implemented this year.

"The axe has to fall some place."

Mayor Burn agreed that areas will have to be cut from the budget. He also suggested that recreation might have to be an area that is cut in order that other areas such as roads can receive some attention this year.

Several minor alterations were made in the budget Monday evening with the removal of a \$3,200 expenditure from the fire department budget. Four radios for the fire communications system are being paid for by Oxford County which is setting up the system.

A major expenditure in the fire department budget is for the purchase of the other four radios and the 66 pagers required for the fire communications system, representing a capital expenditure of about \$29,600.

A \$500 budget item was also added to the

fire department budget for the repair of doors in the Ward 4 fire hall.

In the police department budget, the sum allowed for wages was reduced from \$123,100 to \$119,500 with \$3,000 of that moved into capital, raising it from \$11,000 to \$14,000. Of that amount part is allocated for the purchase of a new cruiser and part for renovations to the cell area of the police office.

The lowering of the wage allotment recognizes a 12 per cent increase in wages that have yet to be settled with the township's police officers. That increase is in line with those granted to other township employees, said Mayor Burn.

Another \$3,000 was added to the budget under general grants to help finance the Canada Week celebrations in the township.

Considerable discussion was also focused on the community centre budget and its expected \$71,200 operating deficit if that budget is approved as is.

Councillor Mel Smith questioned why the community centre isn't coming close to paying its own way. "That thing's a pink elephant."

Councillor Darrel Force admitted the deficit looks bad but a lot of the labor costs included in the community centre budget represent the work done in other areas of the township by the centre's employees.

"A lot of it is that we're subsidizing the ice rentals," said Mayor Burn. He said the capital expenditures included in the budget for the centre will happen every year. "They're part of the operating costs of the centre and they will be there consistently."

It was pointed out by Mr. Lowes the township subsidized figure skating for roughly \$4,000 and minor hockey for roughly \$6,000 last year. That amount should be shown as a grant to those organizations to make the community centre balance sheet look better, said Mayor Burn.

"The only way to make it (the community centre) self-supporting is to charge more at the door," he said. "That complex is well-operated and well-maintained and if you want to cut some costs take more money in from the people using it."

Arena and parks manager for the township Marcel DeWitte said the problem with the ice costs is that they are fixed costs whether the ice is used or not. He said there is a lot of time during the week days when it is not used but it still must be maintained.

Councillor Robert Pettigrew said the township needs to be more aggressive in advertising the hall facilities available to the public at the community centre.

Some councillors also questioned the need for some of the capital expenditures included in the recreation budget for equipment such as the evaporator compressor for the ice.

Mayor Burn pointed out that recreation and protection are about the only areas where council can cut the costs.

Norwich council to make a clean sweep

Norwich council took steps toward eliminating several eyesores in the area at last Monday's regular meeting.

First, it responded to recent complaints about area sidewalks. Council made a recommendation to public works that several sidewalks be repaired or replaced this year.

The Norwich Business Improvement Area has also proposed to replace a section of sidewalk on Main Street.

Later council discussed what action it could take with respect to a building on the north side of Otterville's Main Street that is in a state of disrepair.

The building is unoccupied and four years in tax arrears. The roof has collapsed inward and several councillors familiar with the building said it is beyond repair.

A motion to take some action was withdrawn when township clerk Bob Watkins pointed out the Oxford County Health Unit that day had declared the building unsafe for habitation. Placards to that effect will be posted on the building but the Public Health Unit does not have the authority to order a building demolished if it does not pose an immediate health hazard.

Mr. Watkins was not sure what the next step would be but Mayor Jack Burn noted council has waited several years to do something and could afford to wait a few more weeks.

Treasurer Fred Lowes has sent a letter reminding several building owners their taxes are in arrears. If no taxes are forthcoming, the township takes over the property subject to a 12 month period in which the taxes could be paid by the owner or mortgage holder.

Council also took steps to improve an eyesore in Springford. William Chanyi of Tillsonburg appeared before council requesting a minor variance in a zoning bylaw.

He is interested in purchasing a building on county road 19 to use as a furniture repair workshop. The building has not been used in several years and the building and lot have fallen into a state of neglect.

The area is zoned residential but the building was used by a previous owner for woodwork. Several neighbours were on hand at the council meeting to ask that the building not be used for industrial purposes.

Mr. Chanyi assured them he would be the only one employed in the operation. Asked what kind of equipment he would be using, Mr. Chanyi said the neighbours

would never notice there was any machinery in the shop.

Most of his equipment, he said, is the type which could be found in any hobby shop.

Mr. Chanyi said there would probably be some lumber piled in the yard but most would be stored inside. Deliveries would be infrequent.

The neighbours appeared convinced.

"I believe it'll be a godsend if somebody cleans the place up," said Doug Rice.

Council was also convinced as it voted unanimously in favour of Mr. Chanyi's request.

D.N. MAY 6

Council makes budget cuts

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MAY 13

By SUZANNE HANSON

Norwich Township councillors got out their knives at a special four-hour budget meeting, Tuesday night and pared \$41,900 from the township's net expenditures.

That reduction puts the current increase in expenditures at 14.9 per cent said township treasurer Fred Lowes. That compares to a 22.5 per cent increase faced at the last budget meeting.

Another budget meeting is set for Friday evening at 7 p.m. to attempt to further reduce those expenditures.

Mr. Lowes pointed out at the meeting Tuesday evening, the 14.9 per cent increase represents expenditures not mill rates. The mill rate this year cannot be compared to last year's as there were four different rates last year - one for each of the four wards. Under the

newly-implemented equalized assessment, there will be one mill rate for the entire township.

The bulk of the jump in expenditures in the budget, which stood at roughly \$220,000 over last year's before council began trimming, is due to the inclusion of the \$60,000 purchase price for the Otterville Treffry mill, said Mr. Lowes.

Councillor John Eacott said he is not in favor of including the mill purchase in this year's budget, but said he would address the matter when he has had an opportunity to see the total budget picture.

"I feel that we would be wise if we could try and cut ourselves back to a 12 per cent increase (in expenditures)," said Mr. Eacott. The increase before the inclusion of the Treffry mill purchase stood at roughly 12.7 per cent.

"As far as I'm concerned, a 12 per cent increase is all we can have," said Councillor Robert Pettigrew. "That's the rate of inflation and that's all we should go," he said.

In making cuts to the budget, items were trimmed from various departments.

Mr. Lowes suggested there is little room for reduction of general operating and maintenance costs in leaving capital expenditures as the

area where cuts can be made.

Under general government, council succeeded in cutting the capital expenditures in half by eliminating

\$6,000 budgeted for carpeting in the township office and an overhead projector. A recommendation to eliminate another \$3,000 budgeted for renovations to

provide a second exit from the council chamber was defeated.

Mayor Jack Burn was one who spoke against removing the entrance renovations that would provide the second exit. He said the council chamber as it now exists is a "death trap."

"If the stairs got on fire none of us would get out of here," he said. The bylaws are enforced everywhere else in the township and council should also abide by them in providing adequate fire escapes, he said.

Mayor Burn also felt the carpeting of the township office, deleted from several previous budgets, should be included this year in an effort to reduce the noise problem from the office above during council. That item was deleted on a vote of council, however.

In the fire department budget, cuts totalling \$36,700 were made through the reduction of the capital equipment reserve, the elimination of \$7,000 for equipment and \$24,400 included in the budget for the purchase of pagers for the county fire alert system.

A sum of \$4,700 was left in reserve for the fire alert system, should it become operational this year. That sum would cover the cost of leasing the pagers and the dispatching system until the end of this year. Mr. Lowes pointed out there is also a \$5,000 equipment reserve which could be put toward the fire alert system, if needed, as well as a \$5,000 reserve left from previous years.

Mr. Pettigrew voiced his disapproval with the cuts to the fire alert system budget. He said the pagers have been promised to the firemen in the township and "we should make up our minds to put money into a pager system."

Mayor Burn said he is doubtful that any fire alert system - county or otherwise - will be in place this year.

The police department budget was approved as presented to council Tuesday night with the exception of the addition of \$1,000 to a sum of \$5,500 for the pur-

chase of a new cruiser. The extra money will enable the department to purchase a 1982 model instead of the 1981 originally proposed. The present cruiser, if kept, would mean extra expenses in repairs required now, said Chief Robert Knight.

Also included in the capital expenditures of \$15,000 for the police department are renovations to the cell area at the police office.

A recommendation to accept the community centre budget as presented was carried, but not without considerable discussion by council, both Tuesday evening and at Monday's council session.

The proposed budget for this year, with revenue listed at \$113,300 and expenditures totalling \$175,500, represents an operating loss of \$62,200.

Parks and arena manager for the township, Marcel DeWitte, was questioned by Councillors Eacott and Lyle Davis as to whether the manpower and hours of work at the community centre could be reduced in an effort to lower the wage expenditure.

Mr. DeWitte replied that it is not possible. He said the men working at the centre and in the parks now are doing more than 40 hours of work a week. The centre is open seven days a week, as well as nights, requiring supervision, maintenance and upkeep year round, he said.

"It's not in the expenditures where we're in trouble, it's in revenue," said Mr. Pettigrew. The public should be paying more to use the facilities, he said.

Included in the capital expenditures for the complex this year are \$13,500 for an evaporator condenser, \$500 for parking improvements and \$7,000 for the construction of additional rooms above the ice surface at the south end of the arena.

It was pointed out at the close of Tuesday's meeting that none of the budgets are concrete at this stage. Any or all may be re-examined and altered.

Taking action on property

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MAY 13

By SUZANNE HANSON

After several years of running into dead ends, Norwich Township council may finally have a solution to its problem with the former Spicer's bakery property located on the Main Street of Otterville.

The property, now owned by Floyd Kyte of RR 3, Tillsonburg, has been a festering thorn in the side of the amalgamated township council, its predecessor the former South Norwich council and local residents for a number of years.

Both councils have made several unsuccessful attempts to have the building demolished or improved.

A recent letter from local resident Murray Downing brought the matter to council's attention once again at an April council meeting.

Dr. Downing pointed out the deterioration of the building has been steadily progressing over the years and presents a poor impression of the main business section of the village. Dr. Downing said he was prompted to bring it to council's attention once again because there has been no apparent action on the matter.

At the April 28 meeting of council, it was noted that several avenues of action have been exhausted with no effect. As a result, council called in the Oxford County Health Unit which inspected the property recently to assess the extent of the problem.

The senior public health inspector with the Oxford County Health Unit in Woodstock, John MacDonald, said a representative of the health unit has inspected the premises and concluded it does present a potential safety hazard.

The building, unoccupied since the bakery moved out a number of years ago, is in bad repair with a collapsed roof, a bad floor and rubble littering the rear of the property.

The building poses a health hazard as children may go inside and get hurt, said Mr. MacDonald. The owner of the property, Mr. Kyte, has been approached and was given a week and a half to correct the situation, he said.

If the problem has not been rectified by the end of that time period, the health unit will take action under the nuisance section of the Public Health Act to have the property boarded up at Mr. Kyte's expense.

Mr. MacDonald said he hoped the owner would be cooperative in clearing up the situation, adding that taking the matter to court is a last resort.

If no action is taken, council and the health unit will placard the building as unfit for human habitation and board it up. Any expense incurred would be added onto the owner's taxes, said Mr. MacDonald.

It was brought up at the April 28 township council meeting that the taxes on the property are already four years in arrears.

Mayor Jack Burn said at that time, council has tried various courses of action over the years to correct the situation, including bylaw enforcement and calling in the fire marshall, without effect.

Township Clerk Bob Watkins said council also has its solicitor looking at the Ontario Building Code to determine what action council may be able to take under the code to clean up the property.

Mr. Watkins said the rear wall was pulled out of the empty building a few years ago to remove the bake ovens. It now "looks like some big animal came along, chewed the side out of the building and lifted something out," he said.

Press for county-wide fire alert system

By SUZANNE HANSON

Norwich Township council voted at its meeting Monday not to enter the county fire alert system at this time because of the "fractured" nature of the system as it now exists.

Oxford County council had requested an indication from the municipalities at today's council meeting as to whether they intended to take part in the county system.

A further recommendation by Norwich Township council Monday to enter a five-year agreement with privately-operated Oxford Communications for a fire alert system was tabled until the next council meeting.

Mayor Jack Burn suggested the tabling motion in order to give himself and councillor-at-large Carman Sweazey an opportunity to again press county council for a county-wide system involving all municipalities.

"You don't have to be a genius to see we've got a fractured system at this time," said Mayor Burn. Some municipalities have

decided their present fire alert systems are adequate without entering the county system and another has decided it is not financially feasible to enter the system at this time.

Mayor Burn said a lot of friction exists between staff and county councillors on the matter but he said he would like to attempt to turn the county around on the matter. Mr. Sweazey said he would also like the opportunity to try to convince them to take hold of the matter and carry out their obligations.

If the fire alert system cannot be operated on a county basis, Norwich Township will engage Oxford Communications to provide the service for the township, said Mayor Burn.

"We have it all in place now," he said. "It's just a question of who will dispatch it."

Work began two years ago on the county system when county council began the planning and implementation of a county-wide fire alert system.

The county then put 38

radios in trucks in various municipalities throughout the county and decided it had done its job, said Mayor Burn. But he questions whether the county's obligation under Bill 95 to provide all communication

services within the county is fulfilled merely by the installation of the radios.

The county system would mean all fire calls would be handled by a central dispatcher in Woodstock with one telephone number

for all firecalls in the county.

At present firemen in the township must rely on the unreliable telephone system to be advised of fires in the municipality.

If the county-wide system is not established, Mayor

Burn said Norwich Township council would proceed to engage the services of Oxford Communications at a saving to the municipality.

That system would be engaged on the basis of a five-year lease agreement, consisting of approximately 60 voice pagers, radio contact with the dispatcher and service charges.

If the township were to enter a contract for county dispatching services located in Woodstock, it would be a year-to-year agreement between the two municipalities, said Mayor Burn.

Woodstock would then be looking to Norwich Township to pay roughly 11 per cent of the cost of setting up and operating the system. The cost of operating Woodstock's dispatching service is estimated to be about \$85,000, 11 per cent of which would be born by the township annually.

There would also be an additional cost of \$50-90,000 to set up the repeater stations to ensure the system could reach all corners of the

county. Norwich Township would also be responsible for 11 per cent of that cost, said Mayor Burn.

Oxford Communications already has repeater stations in place throughout the county, he said. The job

would be the same whether Woodstock or Oxford Communications does it, he said, so it boils down to a question of who can do it most economically if the county system is not established.

Norwich council backs Canada Week events

Norwich Township council has agreed to set aside \$3,000 to assist with the financing of Canada Week celebrations held in the township.

Councillor-at-large Carm Sweazey, who made the motion, said the committee organizing events for the week of celebration - June 25 to July 1 - is now looking for

financial assistance for the various activities planned.

Mr. Sweazey also proposed that council make application to the government's Council on Canadian Unity for grants that are available to assist with financing the Canada Week activities.

"I have been told that grants are available but I have received no word yet on them," he said. The \$3,000 requested from council would be utilized for advertising the events and aiding in their organization. If a grant is received the money from council could be replaced "and it won't cost us anything," said Mr. Sweazey.

"We're still working to find out what we can get from the province," he said. "There are grants available so this is what we're working toward." However, he said the committee needs the money now to carry on with planning for the event.

The celebrations have been planned to get Canada unity and unity within the township going. Things are starting to come together now in the township, said Mr. Sweazey.

To date a variety of events have been planned with the culminating event for the entire township to be held on the July 1 holiday. That day will see a parade, involving floats from numerous township groups and organizations, taking place

in Oxford Centre, commencing at 2 p.m. The parade will be followed with a garden party featuring local entertainment and a barbecue at the Oxford Centre community hall and recreation ground.

Other events planned for the week include a soccer tournament and the official opening of the soccer field in Norwich on Saturday, June 27; a Junior Farmer dance at the Norwich Community Centre that evening; a Norwich Jets all-star baseball game that same evening at Norwich Dillon Park; a juvenile baseball tournament sometime during the week, a slow-pitch tournament in Springford on June 27-28 and a chicken barbecue in Otterville at the Treffry Mill on June 28.

The Brant Chimos chapter of the National Campers and Hikers Association has also offered to plant some maple trees in the township with dedication services for the trees to be held that week.

The Norwich Township Chamber of Commerce has been appointed as the organizing body for the parade. The chamber president is Rick Jones. Happy Birthday Canada has been selected as the theme for the parade.

The next meeting of the committee planning the Canada Unity Week events will be tonight (May 6) at the community centre at 8 p.m.

Canada Week schedule offers varied activities

Plans are shaping up for the first annual Norwich Township Canada Week celebrations.

The week of festivities runs from June 25 through July 1, offering residents a variety of sporting events, barbecues and one huge culminating event on Dominion Day, July 1.

The July 1 celebrations, which include a parade, chicken barbecue and garden party, will take place at the top end of the township this year in Oxford Centre. The parade, which has as its theme "Happy Birthday Canada" is to form up at 12:30 p.m. in Oxford Centre and start out along the route at 2:30 p.m.

Norwich resident Don Miller has agreed to act as parade marshal and consideration is being given to an honorary parade marshal.

Following the parade the chicken barbecue gets underway at 4:30 p.m., running until 7:30 p.m. During that time, members of the township's fire departments will take part in a pumping competition and a water barrel tug-of-war. Following those events, the garden party gets underway at 8 p.m. with a variety of local and professional talent, including singer-entertainers, a magician, a

barbershop quartet and chorus girls.

Other events during Canada Week include an outdoor band concert at Norvilla Nursing home on June 25; a juvenile baseball tournament in Norwich on Saturday and Sunday, June 27 and 28; a street dance in Otterville; a Junior Farmer Dance at the Norwich community centre; and a Norwich Jets all-star fast-ball game at Dillon Park all on Saturday, June 27. A lob ball tournament will be held in Springford on Saturday and Sunday, June 27 and 28 and a chicken barbecue will be held at the Treffry mill in Otterville on Sunday, June 28.

The official opening of the soccer field and a soccer tournament will be held on Wednesday, July 1, at the new Norwich soccer field. Burgessville firefighters will

also conduct a demonstration auto rescue at their department in the evening of Tuesday, June 30.

Deputy-clerk for the township, John Gilbert, told members of the planning committee at their last meeting a request for \$5,000 has been submitted to the Canada Birthday Committee to assist with promoting and operating the various events. The township has made a \$3,000 loan available to the committee until the government contribution is received.

Entries for the parade are requested to be in by June 10 if possible and may be sent to Rick Jones, president of the Norwich Township Chamber of Commerce, Main Street, Norwich.

The next meeting of the organizing committee will be held on June 3 at 8:00 p.m. at the community centre.

NC MAY 27

Taxes not calculated

Norwich Tp. budget rises 11.75%

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OTTERVILLE (Bureau) — Norwich Township has approved a \$1,177,208 budget for 1981, an 11.75-per-cent increase over last year.

Treasurer Fred Lowes said Thursday he could not calculate the total property tax bill increase because he has not received confirmation on the township's portion of the 1981 Oxford County levy. The township's portion of the levy is 27.5 per cent more than last year.

He said the change on the municipal portion of a tax bill for residential and farm properties assessed at \$5,000 will be a \$21.50 increase in the former township of South Norwich, a \$27.25 decrease in Norwich, a \$40 increase in the former township of North Norwich and a \$45.60 increase in the former township of East Oxford.

The figures differ for each area because the township was not using revised assessment last year, having adopted it this year for the first time. The municipal portion of a tax bill this year will be \$294.55 for farm and residential and \$346.50 for commercial on a \$5,000 assessment.

Farm and residential property owners in Otterville and Burgess-

ville will pay an additional \$77.80 while commercial properties will pay an extra \$91.50 on a \$5,000 assessment. In Norwich the extra charge is \$67.60 for farm and residential and \$79.50 for commercial on \$5,000 assessments.

These extra rates are charged to cover such costs as garbage pickup and street lighting in these areas, Lowes said.

The increase in the budget was caused in part by council's decision

to include \$60,000 to buy the Treffry mill and the township's expenses of \$18,500 in a wrongful dismissal suit brought against it by former Norwich police officer David Vivian, who was awarded \$11,000 in damages following a trial in March.

Township undertakes organizational study

NG MAY 27

By SUZANNE HANSON

An analysis of the Township of Norwich's organizational structure and operations will be carried out by representatives of council and administration in conjunction with the ministry of intergovernmental affairs.

The request to the ministry for the analysis was made by council at its meeting Tuesday evening after a closed discussion with the ministry's local government advisor, Keith Glaze.

Such self-examination is "becoming a standard management practice" in many municipalities that have undergone amalgamation in the last six years, said Mr. Glaze, who works out of Cambridge.

It is to the Norwich Township council's credit they are undertaking to do this, he said. The study is expected to get underway in the late summer or fall and will take two to three months to complete.

The task force carrying out the study is made up of Mayor Jack Burn, councillors Helen Smith, John Eacott, Darrell Force, treasurer Fred Lowes, roads superintendent Ron Smith, clerk Bob Watkins, deputy-clerk John Gilbert and Mr. Glaze who serves as technical advisor to the group.

The service is provided by the ministry of intergovernmental affairs free of charge to those municipalities who wish to avail themselves of it. Mr. Glaze said council approached the ministry to request the analysis.

Areas of the operations to be looked at will include an analysis of council's organizational structure, staff functions and needs,

records management, a review of policies and systems for deficiencies with recommendations for solutions and alternatives.

The committee appointed to work on the study will first get together for a brainstorming session, said Mr. Glaze. The members will look just as much at the township's strengths as they do its weaknesses and problems, he said. It's a look at where the corporation is and where it's going.

The value of such an examination may be quite extensive, said Councillor Eacott. "To go into an examination periodically of how we conduct our affairs is a wise improvement."

Such an analysis provides an opportunity for council to "look at ourselves and see if we are conducting our affairs properly," said Councillor-at-large Carm Sweazey.

"I'm sure there's nothing wrong with our municipality but it has been six years since we've had a look at ourselves and it may help determine whether or not we need a computer system," said Mayor Jack Burn.

Council has been studying the need for and the feasibility of setting up a computer system for the township to more efficiently record its financial operations. The committee studying those areas has been disbanded while the organizational study is carried out.

Township buys property for central works yard

NG MAY 27

By SUZANNE HANSON
Property has been purchased by Norwich Township council to construct a central patrol yard for the township's works departments.

The purchase of the 10-acre property from Fred Bailey was approved about one week ago, said Mayor Jack Burn at council's meeting Tuesday night.

The property, located in Ward 3 on the east side of the Middleton line in Lot 14, Concession 3, was purchased from Mr. Bailey for \$50,000. The ministry of transportation and communications has already supplied a \$25,000 subsidy for half the cost and the other

half has been included in this year's budget, said Mayor Burn.

The cost of constructing the central patrol depot—estimated to be \$165,000—is expected to be raised through the sale of the existing patrol yards.

About \$30,000 is also available in a reserve fund from the insurance proceeds received after the Ward 4 patrol yard was destroyed in the August 1979 tornado.

The planning of the project will get underway this year with construction expected to start in 1982, said Mayor Burn.

The move toward a central patrol yard came after discussion among

councillors with the roads superintendent who pointed out its merits.

Councillors and residents in the township had also voiced concern that road requirements are being neglected in the township. A central depot may aid in providing improved service.

According to a report submitted by roads superintendent Ron Smith, the township's road budget would enjoy a yearly saving of \$91,867 with the central depot.

The main advantages of centralization pointed out by Mr. Smith in his report included a major improvement of staff efficiency with the reduction of staff by three through attrition; the elimination of janitorial costs to the three patrol yards; elimination of repairs and maintenance to three patrol yards and the duplication of tools; elimination of the high cost of heating three buildings and the recovery of income from the sale of surplus equipment.

When completed, all four wards will be served out of the central patrol yard, which will be located about the centre of the township, one mile south of Burgessville.

Mayor Burn said Ward 4 has been serviced out of the Burgessville (Ward 3) depot since the tornado with no problems and he expects there will be none with a central yard for the entire township.

The idea was first proposed to council in February.

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RICH IN HISTORY

The old stage road was used as a Military road in the war of 1812.

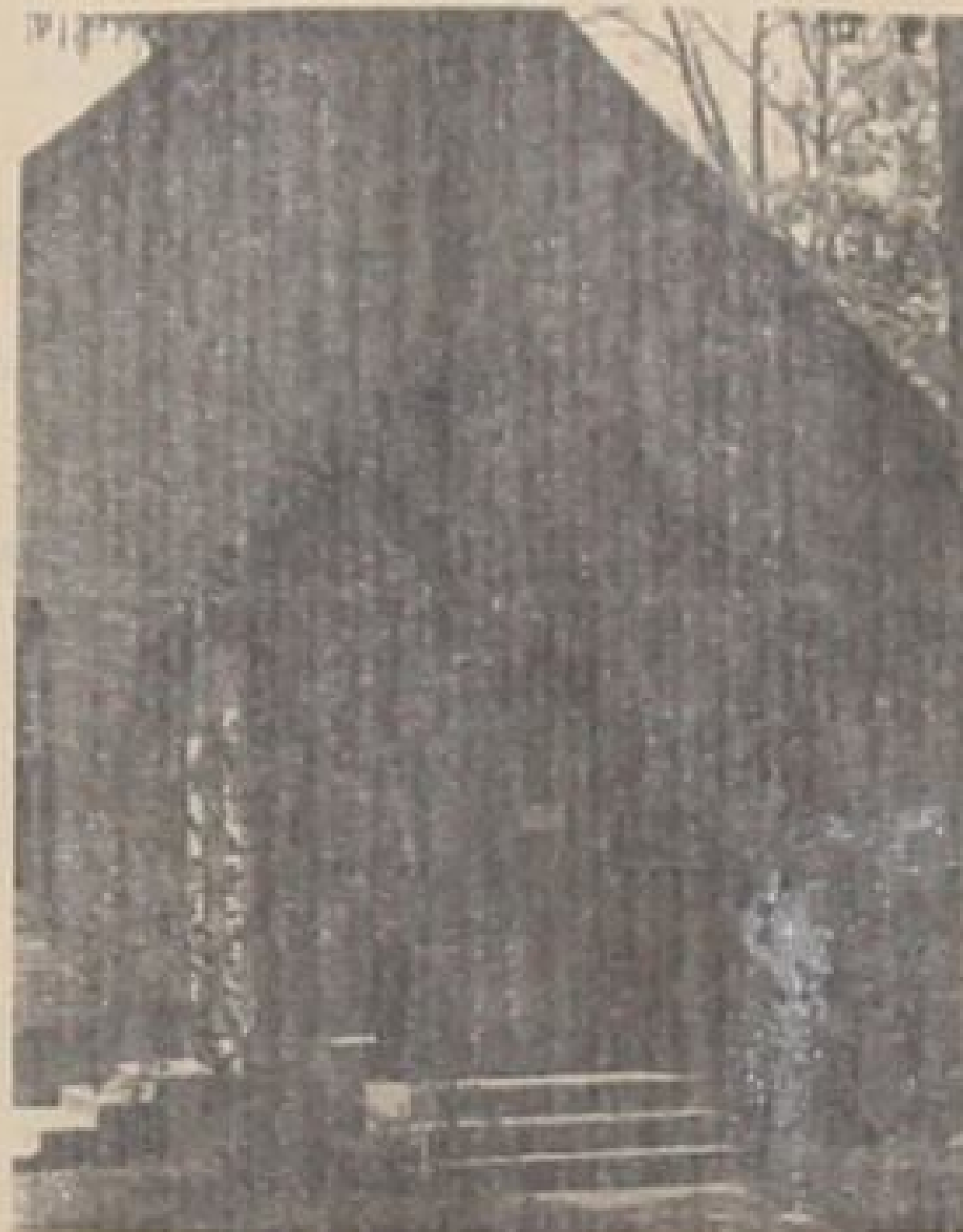
South Norwich was settled by United Empire Loyalists, and by 1807 a mill was operating in what was to become Otterville.

In 1810 Quaker families from Dutchess County, New York began to settle in the area. The Peter Lossing home, built in 1812, has been moved to the Museum site, where it is being restored.

Norwich was a hot bed of treason during the Rebellion of 1837, and was put under Militia surveillance for several months thereafter.

In 1864 Canada's first commercial Cheese Factory went into operation near Norwich.

In 1908 at Springford, Mr. George Wilcox became known as the "Father" of free rural mail delivery. He won the right over a four year period in writing letters to newspapers around the country.



NORWICH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Photos by T.C.M. Photography
(Troy C. Moore)

Norvilla News

The residents of Norvilla Nursing Home had one of their largest birthday parties for the year in May with seven celebrates.

The party, held the second Thursday of the month, was for Mary VanSanten, 74; Edith Kendrick, 90; Evelyn Giles, 77; Hildred Manvell 76; Margaret Wallace, 81; Sam Chambers, 81; and Tom Chester, 75.

For June there are only three to celebrate - Jessie Hinks, 90; Herb Parker, 89; and Ross Palmer, 77.

The residents were pleased with the co-operation of the Norwich and District Historical Society and the exhibitors for being so willing to spend those extra moments with them showing and explaining their

displays. They say thanks a lot to you all.

The residents were pleased to hear of the many comments made about their craft display in the Norvilla Nursing Home and Auxiliary booth.

The winners of the craft prizes, which had been done by the residents, were for first prize, a framed cobblestone barn hooked picture, Marion Palmer, Burgessville; second prize, the King's Ransom Rose hooked wall hanging, Dolly Beal, LaSalette; third prize a painted key holder, Elaine Bates of RR 2, Burgessville.

For everyone's support for donations and manning the booth, the residents, staff and auxiliary say we really appreciate your assistance.

In appreciation

The residents of Norvilla Nursing Home were hosts to an appreciation tea for the volunteers who work with them and entertain them throughout the year. Rev. Herb Herring (left) was one of many volunteers who turned out for the tea which will probably become an annual event. (NG Photo).



Eight projects employing 23 to split \$50,000 Oxford grant

WOODSTOCK (Bureau) — Oxford County's \$50,000 share of the federal government's Canada Student Development Program has been divided among eight projects which will employ 23 students during the summer.

A committee of seven private county citizens selected the eight programs from 14 submissions and recommended funding for two others if extra money is available.

Four students will be hired in Ingersoll, 10 in Tillsonburg and nine in Woodstock. Selection of these students has begun through the Canada Manpower Centre and the groups sponsoring the programs.

In Ingersoll, a home safety inspection program supervised by the Ingersoll fire department from July 6 to Aug. 28 has been approved at a cost of \$5,344.

Fire Chief Ken Campbell said Thursday the four students will visit homes, look for potential fire hazards and give residents a report which will be kept on file at the fire department.

Campbell hopes 25 per cent of the town can be covered this year and he will apply next year to continue the program. His department does not have the manpower to do the inspections, he said.

In Tillsonburg, three students will be hired at a cost of \$5,018 for a track and field program for children age seven and up which runs from June 15 to Aug. 28. It is sponsored by the Tillsonburg Track and Field Club.

Three students will also be hired later this month until Sept. 4 at a cost of \$9,072 to sandbag the banks of a creek and continue cleaning up the area of the town's new Participipark on Concession Street. The park now has a trail and 11 stations and officially opens May 30. This project is sponsored by the Kinsmen Club of Tillsonburg.

Also in Tillsonburg, three students will be hired to staff two tourist information booths — one at the Town Centre Mall, the other at Coyle's Factory Outlet on Highway 19 north of town — from late May to September at a cost of \$6,680.

Another student will be hired at a cost of \$2,672 to update data files for the community services directory put out by the Tillsonburg and District Multi-Service Centre.

In Woodstock, three students will be hired for Family and Children's Services of Oxford County for a program aimed at avoiding family breakups. The cost is \$9,072.

The Oxford County board of health is also getting three students to assemble a slide and tape presentation on personal hygiene for preschoolers. The cost is \$8,738.

The Woodstock Rowing Club is hiring three students at a cost of \$3,402

for six weeks to teach rowing to children.

The two programs approved by the committee which did not receive any money because funds ran out were for four students to do exterior brick renovations to Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Ingersoll and for four students to provide tourist information at the Ingersoll Cheese Factory Museum.

The four projects rejected were:

- Three students to compile the

history of South Norwich Township for publication through its historical society.

- Four students to improve the grounds at the Tillsonburg Cemetery on Simcoe Street.

- Three students for an educational program focused on problems facing the handicapped through the Woodstock YWCA.

- Three students to develop a fund-raising program for a proposed Christian centre for family life and disabled persons in Lakeside.



Tricycle tested

Four-year-old Steven Sherman of Otterville may not have been able to complete the course as laid out but he did try his hand at manoeuvring the route in the bicycle rodeo put on in Otterville by the Optimists. The rodeo was organized to encourage youngsters to get their bikes in proper condition and to help them learn the rules of the road.

Shows pictures of crusade in Taiwan

OTTERVILLE (C) — The May meeting of the United Church Women was held in the Sunday School room of the church with a good attendance of members and visitors.

The president Isobel Harris presided and the meeting opened with the U.C.W. purpose read in unison.

The president gave a reading, followed with the minutes of the preceding meeting given by Lorraine Downing. Dorothy Neale gave the treasurer's report.

Events coming up announced were the meeting at Bimini Camp, the combined bus trip with the members of the Otterville Women's Institute to Niagara-on-the-Lake with Mrs. Downing convener on June 11.

Mrs. Earl Moore was the convener of the meeting and presided for the worship service.

The guest speaker for the meeting was Carolyn Cassidy of London who had been with the Nora Lan Crusade to Taiwan. She showed pictures of the entire.

The meeting closed with a hymn and social hour to complete the evening.

Demonstrates spinning at Institute

OTTERVILLE (C) — The May meeting of the Otterville Women's Institute was held at Woodlawn Community Centre with a good attendance.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, the meeting was chaired by Mrs. William McMullen.

The roll call was answered with the members telling of a time-saving device they enjoy using which their mothers or grandmothers would have used.

The financial report was given by the secretary, Mrs. Betty Walther, reporting the finances of the Rummage Sale exceeded \$100.00.

Correspondence was dealt with and the members were reminded of the combined bus trip with the members of the United Church Women to go to Niagara-on-the-Lake on June 11, Mrs. Murray Downing in charge.

The guest speaker was Wilma Durham of Barrie who was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Durham was the former Wilma Cole and is a master spinner. She gave a very interesting talk as she operated the spinning wheel about which the members asked many questions as they noted the different kinds of wool. The speaker showed many pieces of work which she had completed and it was all in one story of Show and Tell.

On behalf of the Institute, Grace Squance presented the speaker with a gift. Mrs. Fred Cole was convener of the meeting and had an interesting collection of Tweedsmuir history books on display which were enjoyed by the ladies.

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All round cords

Two members of the 1st Otterville Girl Guides received the distinction of being presented with their all round cords at the Guide annual awards night and dinner at the Otterville Hall last Wednesday evening. District Commissioner for

North Tillsonburg, Dora Sykes (right), was on hand for the awards presentation and placed the cords on the two recipients Donna VanBesien (right) and Tammy DeGroot. Looking on are the girls' leaders (left to right) Louise Williams, Joan Pinnoy and Jean Dow. (NG Photo).

L.F.P. MAY 15

Howard Fleming marking 28 years in business

By SUZANNE HANSON
"Fill 'er up and check the tires." Those are words Howard Fleming of Springford has been hearing for the last 28 years.

In May of this year he will be marking 28 years of service to the community of Springford. That is how long he has operated the corner gas station and garage in the village.

Born and raised on a farm just two miles outside of the village, Mr. Fleming decided not to farm with his father but to go into business on his own with the service station. He has been at it ever since and now finds it difficult to believe that 28 years have gone by.

Over the years he has offered general automobile service to many customers, in addition to operating a wholesale business in tires and auto parts. He has en-

joyed steady business and a regular clientele, although the summer months also bring many tourists to his gas pumps on the way to the lake.

There have been many changes over the years, probably most noticeable is the price of gas and petroleum-based products.

Mr. Fleming can remember a time when gas was 38 cents a gallon as compared to today's price of \$1.47 a gallon.

But that \$1.47 a gallon is still not as large a percentage of one's income as 38 cents a gallon was in the days when a day's wages might only have been one dollar.

Mr. Fleming has also watched the trend toward smaller cars as gas prices continue to rise. The cost of automobiles has also risen dramatically. Back in the 50's a car would have cost

maybe \$1,200 to \$1,300, he said.

Mr. Fleming does believe the cars today are plagued with fewer break-downs on the road. He remembers the days when a trip to London and back might have seen five flat tires all as a matter of routine. The tires would have been repaired along the way to be put back on when another flat occurred. Today, a flat tire on the road, is pretty rare, said Mr. Fleming.

There are many more makes of cars today to work on, however, he said, so there is never any lack of business. He said only about 50 per cent of the people who own cars really look after their vehicle well. While he doesn't do major repair work, Mr. Fleming does look after their general service work such as tires, oil changes and filling them up with gas.



On the job

Howard Fleming of Fleming's garage in Springford will have been on the job for 28 years in May. As well as offering general service to his customers, he operates a wholesale tire and auto parts business. (NG Photo).



Manning the pumps

Fill 'er up is a phrase heard often enough by Howard Fleming throughout the nearly 28 years he has operated his garage and service station in Springford. He has seen many changes over the years and a dramatic increase in the cost of gasoline. (NG Photo).



Outdoor feeling

Students from the Otterville Public School paid a visit to the Oxford Field Studies Centre near Eastwood last week to learn about wildlife management and nature. The students watched as instructor Woody Lamb set up the fire on which they were to cook their lunch. (NG Photo).

Lions hear talk on peanut research

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the Otterville Community Hall, on

Monday evening, May 25. President Lion Gord Shearer presided. Due to corn and tobacco planting season, there were fewer

members present but 10 visitors strengthened the attendance to 42.

There were five members present from the London East Lions Club and four from the Innerkip and District Lions Club. This is the first occasion for either of these clubs to officially visit this club.

Secretary Colin Cope, reported this club has made 51 official visits during the past year, capturing the Zone 4 award for most visits.

President Gord introduced the guest speaker, Bob Roy of Delhi Research Station. Mr. Roy has been involved in peanut research since 1970 in conjunction with the University of Guelph.

After testing many hundreds of varieties, the most suitable at present time is the Valencia variety of Spanish peanut.

It is anticipated that peanut acreage will increase each year in this part of Ontario, and should soon become a major industry. The speaker was thanked by George Kloefler who presented a gift.

The annual Ladies Night will be held on Wednesday, May 27, at Flamboro Downs. The annual Fireworks display was held in the Otterville park, Monday

evening, May 18. Due to good weather there was a large crowd and a very enjoyable evening.

The Lions are also planning on participating in the

Norwich Township July 1 parade.

The convention draws were won by Lion George Kloefler and Bill Dickson of the Lion East Club.



In appreciation

Aubrey Babcock (left) vice-president of the Spring-Otter Optimist Club of Otterville, presented Dave Stone of Ingersoll with a token of the club's appreciation for the interesting talk he gave at their ladies' night recently. Mr. Stone gave a most interesting and educational talk on the history of Long Point to those present for the special event held at the Otterville Community Hall. (Photo by Dale Cheney).

Fireworks display at Otterville

The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held Monday, May 11 at the Legion Hall, Norwich.

Forty members answered the roll call and introduced nine visitors from Avon Lions Club, as well as a non-member visitor from Scotland, U.K.

The guest speaker was Valerie Leitch from Stratford, a student in computer science at Carleton University, Ottawa. She related her experiences as an International Lions Club Youth exchange student to Austria in 1980.

She highly endorsed the program, and hoped the opportunity would be available for some local students.

A donation of \$100 was approved to the Leader Dog Fund, and the award for the Most Improved Student in Norwich Public School will be continued this year.

Lion Howard Fleming reported on Club visitations. Lion Howard has been visitation chairman this year, and, thanks to his tireless efforts, the Norwich-Otterville Club made 51 visitations to other clubs, and have qualified for the visitation award for 1980-81.

A Ladies' Night is planned for May 27, a dinner and evening out at Flamboro race track. A ball game and fireworks display are planned at Otterville Park for Victoria Day, May 18, starting at 7 p.m. The annual chicken barbecue will also be held at Otterville Park on Saturday, June 20. Advance sale tickets only.

Convention draws were won by Lions Art VanDeByl and Paul Wood.

McMULLEN - In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Nate McMullen, who passed away one year ago May 15, 1980.

There is nothing so treasured and nothing so rare

As the love a father and daughter can share,

Through joy, through laughter, through sorrow and tears

There develops a closeness that grows through the years.

This love that we shared doesn't need to be spoken

It's a wonderful bond that can never be broken.

For you who have a father, treasure him with care

Because you'll never know the heartache

Till you see his empty chair.

— Deeply missed by wife Winnie, daughter and son-in-law Catherine and Ken. 9

God's Gardens fellowship topic

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Clayton Wilhelm of Mossley was guest speaker at the Baptist Women's Missionary Fellowship meeting held at the home of Mrs. Earl Cooper. Mrs. Fred Hill, president, presided.

The speaker entitled her message "Gardens in God's Word."

The first garden was the Garden of Eden which was a problem for Eve. Adam had to work for his garden and it was then that the plan for redemption started. Naboth was murdered so that Ahab could have it. In the Song of Solomon the word garden is mentioned several times and it is the Garden of Love where Christ is the groom and we are the bride of the church. Christ is called the Rose of Sharon. Isaiah 65 tells of the wrong kind of garden where the people were rebellious but what we sow is what we reap. Then there is the Garden of Prayer when Christ was at Gethsemane and prayed and the disciples slept. We should not sleep as the disciples did but pray as it is open for everyone. Then there is the garden where the crucifixion, burial and resurrection took place. The Garden of Ascension is where Christ said "as you see me go so shall I come."

Mrs. Hill opened with a "Mother's Day" poem followed by roll call, answered by naming a Biblical mother.

Mrs. Wilma Butler read a letter from missionaries. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hirons

informing us that they would be landing in Canada on June 13. A letter was also read from Dr. Hazel Wigglesworth in the Philippines telling that she had fallen and had her leg in a cast. Missionary prayers were offered by Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Bruce Stover, Mrs. Ted Oenema and Mrs. Fred Hill.

Mrs. Delmer Clinton was in charge of the devotional program continuing the theme on mothers by singing the hymn "Faith of our Mothers." Mrs. Ken Lee read a poem and Mrs. John

Hansford led in the reading of Psalm 146.

Mrs. Hilda Stockmans and Mrs. Murray Treffry favored with a duet "You can have a Song in Your Heart in the Night."

Mrs. Bruce Stover closed the meeting with prayer and a social time followed with Mrs. Ted Oenema and Mrs. Hilda Stockmans assisting the hostess in serving lunch.

Mrs. Stockmans gave courtesy remarks and presented Mrs. Wilhelm with a gift.

Recent graduates



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Parys are pleased to announce the graduation of their son, Brent Van Parys. Graduate of N.D.H.S. and Wilfrid Laurier University with a honours degree in Business Administration, May 31, 1981, Kitchener Auditorium. He has accepted a position with Thorne Riddell and Co., London, as a student in accounting.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Parys are pleased to announce the graduation of their daughter, Karen Van Parys. Graduate of N.D.H.S. and U.W.O. B. Sc. degree in Occ. Therapy on June 8, 1981, Alumni Hall, London. Completing internship in Orillia.

Historical Show

The Norwich and District Historical Society met in the Norwich District High School cafeteria on Monday evening with president John Heleniak presiding.

Secretary Johan Hopkins read the minutes of the last general meeting and executive meeting. At the executive meeting, presided over by Lavern Irving in the absence of the president, the resignation of Isabel Ticknell was accepted with regret.

A letter was received from the Ontario Historical Society informing the Norwich Society has been awarded the Scadding Award of Excellence for 1981 for its exemplary work over the years and the outstanding range of activities undertaken to preserve the local heritage.

The award will be presented June 13 at Niagara-on-the-Lake at the annual meeting of the Ontario Historical Society. President John expressed appreciation to archivist Johan Hopkins for her untiring efforts in searching out the material which resulted in the receiving of the award. He will accompany Mrs. Hopkins to Niagara when the award is presented.

Russell Orth reported on the promotional display of the Historical Society held at the Blandford Mall and stated it was very successful. There was lots of help, lots of fun, posters on the upcoming Steam Show were handed out and around \$500 was realized. He thanked all who helped and Luella Butler expressed thanks for all who contributed to the bake sale.

Greta Simmons reported 300 memberships have been sold to date. Jean Kipp read an article from the Sentinel Review on the upcoming show highlighting Jumbo the elephant. The 1906 stone crusher built in Woodstock, the 1936 Adams road grader built in Paris, the restored 1927 Model T fire engine and a number of antique telephones which will all be on display at the show.

Reports were received from the various committees. Don McPherson reported on the Show, Gretchen Pollock on the Museum, Eddie Kungle on the displays. The head of crafts reported there are twice as many entered as last year. There will also be many new exhibits.

Murray Rettie convened the program and introduced the three young ladies who have been working together on the South Norwich Society book for the past 16 weeks through the Community Cultural grant doing research on Norwich and South Norwich.

Kathy Moore spoke on the research she had done mostly on information gathered from the Norwich Gazette on the paper and the Village. In 1850 Norwich was known as Norwichville and later as Norwich. It was incorporated in 1876. The first newspaper was the Standard in 1877 which later became the Norwich Gazette, now owned by

J.C.R. McKnight. The paper was the only source of information and concerned local events, many gained through community correspondents.

Their command of the English language was superior as well as the newspaper articles of interest to women, farmers, and family entertainment. It also contained a chapter each week from a novel and ads from the local merchants. One interesting article was on the famous court case of McNally vs Lossing over a horse.

Kathy Davis spoke on the early history of Milldale and its general interest and importance. There were three mills built in 1838 by William Pitter as well as homes for his employees and it was named New Town. None of these are standing today.

In 1861, Mr. Wright built the house which is now The Senior Citizens Community Centre. The first Society of Friends meeting was held in 1870 and in 1879 the largest Bible College in Canada was erected at Milldale.

The ponds around Milldale were used for picnics and the once fine pine forests became depleted. Today there are many changes.

Sandra Rutherford spoke on the coming of the railroad and what it meant to the district. Most of her information had been gleaned from the Tillsonburg Observer which contained an excellent source of information on the history of Springford, Otterville and Norwich, as well as the council meetings.

The coming of the railroad was an important part of the development of the area. The government started to

develop Otterville and the county started growing. Along with the development many swindles and scandals occurred. The railroads had a tremendous effect on the hinterland when food could be moved locally to Toronto and many larger centres. This helped the area's agricultural base. A potential oil boom in Otterville never went through. There were three mail daily in Otterville and when the railroads went through people were able to travel on trains.

There were three railroads, The Canada Southern-later known as the Michigan Central which linked United States to the district - The Port Burwell-Brantford Line and the Port Dover to Lake Huron. The line was abandoned in 191

There is no doubt that the railroads played an important part in the development of the area.



Well hello Dolly

Stagehand Ted Briggs thought Dolly Parton, alias Deb Hutchinson, looked pretty good when he saw her perform "Nine to Five" during the Norwich District High School's Entertainment '81 presented two nights last week. The variety program saw the staging of numerous skits and musical numbers of an extremely high calibre. (NG Photo).



Planting time

It's planting time for a variety of crops in Oxford County and this gang was busy Monday planting some of the 60

acres of tobacco to be put in on the Tony Drescher farm near Otterville. Sunshine and warm weather has provided ideal conditions. (NG Photo).

Cold ends game after nine . . .

Otters, Merchants play to 1-1 draw

Otterville Otters shutout the Tillsonburg Merchants for eight innings of softball in Otterville Wednesday night but Tillsonburg took advantage of a let down to gain their only run in the ninth and tie the game 1-1.

Unlike the previous exhibition against the Otters, Tillsonburg had little trouble getting hits, their problem coming in bringing men home.

Merchants' Brent Stewart fanned four in the first five innings before the Otters brought across the go ahead

run. Otters' Richardson connected for a single and then stole second before team mate Davis connected for a double to score him.

Dave Cooper was robbed of what looked like the tying run in the fifth when his long ball into center field was brought down by C.D. Richardson with a fine running catch taking a sure home run away from Cooper.

Merchants could not capitalize on two hits in the sixth and Leon Passmore took over the pitching responsibilities for the final

four innings. With the exception of one triple he held the Otters hitless for the remainder of the game.

The Merchants' bats once again went to work in the eighth, Cary Lale leading off with a hit that had home run written on it, but once more they came up dry.

Down by one going into the ninth Merchant Ken Crawford reached first on a walk and then pinch hitter John Aspden sacrificed to put him on second. Cooper connected for his third single of the night to bring in Crawford and tie the game at one.

In the bottom of the ninth three Otters went down in succession to keep the game deadlocked at one however the cold weather prompted both teams to settle for a tie.

Stewart struck out four in the first five innings while

walking two and giving up five hits. Passmore closed off the game with three strikeouts, three walks and one hit.

On the other side of the slate Miles went the distance for Otterville, striking out 10 batters, allowing seven hits and two walks.

Cooper collected three of seven Merchant hits while Bill Barry tallied for a double. Singles went to Lale, Stewart and Passmore.

Otterville was led at the plate by Furlong with a pair of singles and Davis with a double. Single hits went to Pinnoy, Webb and Richardson.

The Merchants' first of five season tournaments will be in Jarvis on the holiday weekend May 16, 17 and 18. It will be followed by tournaments in Mount Hope and Oneida and the Tillsonburg Umpires and Straffordville Lions tournament July 3, 4 and 5. The last tourney of the season will be the league tournament.

Otterville Otters run unbeaten string to four games

Otterville Otters stretched their winning streak to four wins, in as many Four-County Fastball League starts, with a pair of victories, at home, over the weekend.

Springford Tillsonburg-Bearing were held to just two hits by Jim Miles in a 6-0 decision Friday. Miles picked up his second weekend win as the Otters clobbered the Springford Blues 14-2 Sunday.

In the Friday weekend opener the Otters got all they

needed in the second when Ron Wells reached on an error and later scored on C.D. Richardson's sacrifice fly to left. David Davis walked and scored on Pat Pinnoy's triple.

In the Otter third Joe Webb walked and scored on a triple by Wells.

Otterville added two more in the fifth on singles by Miles and Wells, a walk to Richardson and a two-run single by Dave Felders. In the sixth Doug Furlong tripled to deep left and

scored a final Otter run on Miles' second base hit.

Miles, going the distance for the victory, allowed just two hits with nine strikeouts and a walk. Brad Wencel took the loss allowing seven hits, with seven strikeouts and five free passes.

Wells and Doug Furlong led the Otter attack with a triple and single apiece. Pinnoy tripled, Miles added two singles and Felder added a single. Paul Rooke and Gary Seitz had the Springford Bearing hits,

both singles.

Sunday's game was decided in the opening inning when the Otters, playing at home, tallied five runs en route to a 13-hit 14-2 victory over the Blues of Springford.

The big first inning resulted from a two run single off the bat of Pierre Pinnoy and a three-run homer run by Pat Pinnoy.

While the Otters were getting to pitcher Greg Volkaert for two more runs in both the second and third

innings, a singleton in the fifth and four more in the sixth, the Otters' Jim Miles, with two innings of relief from Dave Felder, were holding the Blues to two seventh inning runs while combining on a four-hitter.

Miles, credited with the victory, gave up just one hit, fanned eight and had flawless control. Felder, with the save, worked two innings allowing three hits with a strikeout and a walk. Volkaert, going all the way for the loss, gave up 13 hits,

struckout four and walked one.

Pat Pinnoy with a home run and double led the Otters with the bat. Lynn Gehring added a triple, Doug Furlong had three singles while Pierre Pinnoy and John Walther had two singles apiece. Miles, Ron Wells and Ken DeRoo added solo singles.

Greg Volkaert, Brian Silverthorn, Fred Smith and Carl Wilcox had the Blues' hits, all singles.

Burgessville area Creates own patterns

By SUZANNE HANSON
Mike Dennis has been tinkering around with tools and scraps of wood since he was a young lad. But what began as a hobby now occupies most of his spare time.

There has always been wood around from his father's sawmill at Holbrook and Mike naturally began to create things with it. About seven to eight years ago, he applied his woodworking skills to making wooden toys for his nieces and nephews and his hobby mushroomed.

The toys turned into bigger pieces, such as tables and bookcases, cradles and chairs for the family, and he now does work for many other people who appreciate the quality of handmade goods.

The ability Mike possesses when working with wood was not picked up at any school. Most of his ideas come out of his own head or are improvised from other furniture designs and pictures in books. Many people who come to him with requests sketch out an idea of what they would like leaving the basic design up to him.

So far he has relied solely on word of mouth and friends for the business he has received. That has provided him with more than enough work to fill in the spare time he has left after working on the family farm and in the saw mill.

While he doesn't think he could get rich off his woodworking, he is certain he could make a living off of it if he went into it full-time.

You can take courses on the various woodworking techniques but so far Mike has been content to rely on experience and reading numerous books on the subject. He also learns through talking to other craftsmen in the field.

Woodworking it is a rather expensive hobby, particularly if expensive woods are required to fashion a piece of furniture, but it is a hobby you can start into slow and build up. Really, all you need is a place to work and some basic tools such as a table saw, lathe and a drill press.

Fortunately, finding wood to work with has not been a problem for Mike. There is an abundance of wood in the area and always scraps available from the sawmill. Wood is getting more expensive to buy all the time, however, he said.

Pine is one of the most common woods available in this area and the least expensive, running about one dollar per board foot. Similarly maple is abundant and relatively inexpensive.

Walnut is one of the most expensive local woods and other woods such as rosewood and teak, not found naturally in this area, are extremely expensive. They are available but most people Mike deals with are

pretty conscious about the cost of the finished item and tend more toward the less expensive woods.

Cherry seems to be a popular wood at present, said Mike. Most people specify the type of wood they would like their particular item created out of.

Mike expects both the demand for handmade goods and the number of people making them to grow. More

and more people are already becoming involved in such handicrafts. With the current level of unemployment, more people have time to spend on them, he said. And little shops such as his can compete with the stores as they eliminate the middle man's cost, selling direct to their customers, said Mike.

Many people today are looking for quality handmade goods and local crafts

and Mike anticipates the day when he may have a showroom set up at his workshop to display his goods. At present he makes things pretty much on demand.

"I haven't had a lot of time to build many pieces ahead," he said.

After spending four years making curling ice in St. Thomas, Mike is now content to be at home, spending time in his workshop as he desires. He admits he's still learning areas of the craft but the quality of his finished goods attest to his ability and his knowledge of the wood.

Some things are more difficult than others to make, he said, but there is always the challenge of trying something new. And he enjoys it. It's a lot less like work when you love your job.



Sizing them up

Woodworker Mike Dennis of Holbrook compares some of the chair legs he has fashioned on the lathe in his workshop located on his father's farm. (NG Photo).



Finishing touches

The hooks on this coat stand are all that remains to be done before the final stain and finish is applied by craftsman Mike Dennis of Holbrook. He has been tinkering with wood and tools since he was young and gets more involved in his "hobby" every day. (NG Photo).

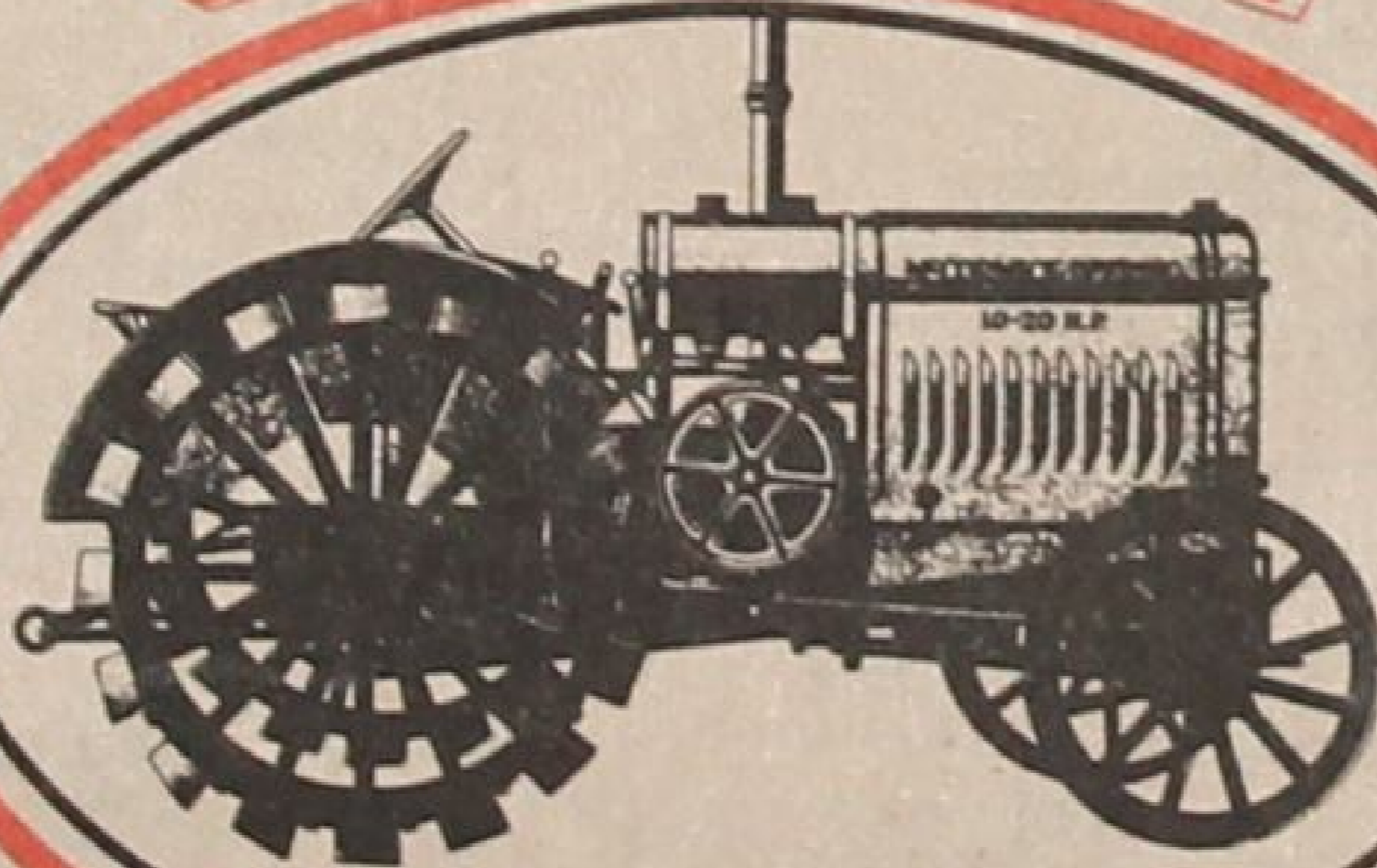
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Hunting licence fees

Norwich Township council has established its hunting licence fees for 1981. The fee for non-residents will be \$8 while residents will be required to pay \$4.50. A minimum of 600 licences will be available to non-residents with no limit placed on the number available to residents.

Tender accepted

After consideration of seven tenders, Norwich Township council accepted the tender of Renash Tractor for the \$58,330 for a four-wheel drive front-end loader for the township. The John Deere model is to be delivered within 60 days.

Special occasion

Township council has approved the application for the issuance of a special occasion permit for a ball tournament in Otterville's Lions Park on June 6. The tournament is hosted by the Otterville Intermediate Ball Club.

Honorary marshal

In recognition of the International Year of the Disabled Person, Norwich Township council has agreed to invite Otterville resident Richard Picknell to act as honorary parade marshal for the July 1, Canada Day parade in Oxford Centre.

Inspection complete

The Oxford County Health Unit advised Norwich Township council that it conducted its inspection of the Floyd Kyte property in Otterville (former Spicer's Bakery) on April 27.

The inspection showed a large amount of rubble at the rear of the building and easy access to the rear of the building which is in an extremely unsafe condition.

Under the Public Health Act it has been declared a public nuisance and the owner has been ordered to either remove the rubble or erect a suitable barrier. Failing that he is to take some other action suitable to the health unit. The deadline for action is June 5.

Flood relief

Norwich Township council approved a \$100 donation to the Hastings County Flood Relief Committee to aid victims of the February flood in that area.

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Norwich Township Council Briefs

Official proclamation

Norwich Township council has officially proclaimed the week of June 21-27 as Senior Citizen's Week in the township. The week of June 25 to July 1 has also been officially declared Canada Week.

Loan approved

Council approved a tile drainage loan in the amount of \$52,500 at its meeting last week.

Limits loans

As of July 1, 1981 all tile drainage loans in the township will be limited to 50 per cent of the cost of those drainage works. The new limit applies only to applications made after July 1 and replaces the present policy of covering 75 per cent of the cost. The new limit is designed to give more farmers an opportunity to borrow to get drainage work done.

New carpet

New carpeting has been installed in the upstairs area of the township offices in Otterville by Rick's Carpets at a cost of \$2,559. The carpeting was installed in order to cut down noise during council sessions below.

Grant approved

A grant of \$5 per registrant for organized minor sports including juvenile class in the Township of Norwich was approved by township council at its last meeting. It will be forwarded to the respective organizations when final registration figures are submitted to the township.

Playground program

A four-week playground program, supervised by Marilyn Buckrell and assisted by Bonnie Utter and Heather Lemon, was approved for operation within the township for 1981.

Township float

The Township of Norwich will be entering a float in the July 1 Canada Day parade to be held in Oxford Centre. The township will also provide a trophy to be awarded annually to the "Best Entry in the Parade."

Tender accepted

A tender from Cayuga Materials and Construction for asphalt paving repair work to be done in the township was accepted by council at its last meeting. The tender for asphalt at \$30.50 per ton was the lowest bid of seven submitted with the highest tender coming in at \$42.50 per ton.

Tax exemption

The Amish Meadowbrook Parochial School near Newark was granted an exemption from the property tax by Norwich Township council at its last meeting. Schools in the township are awarded the same exemption automatically but the Meadowbrook school is not situated on land zoned institutional and thus must request the exemption on an annual basis. There are three other Amish schools in the township that are exempt because they are properly zoned.

Drain report accepted

A drainage report recommending work totalling roughly \$43,000 was accepted by Norwich Township council at its meeting last week. The work is to be done on the Treffry Drain in the Hawtrey area.

Minor variance

A minor variance was approved by council last week enabling the refreshment booth at the Oxford Centre community park to be located eight feet from the rear yard instead of 30 feet.

Replacement house approved

A minor variance was granted by council to Charlie Mahu, RR 3, Tillsonburg, to permit him to construct a second dwelling on his farm. There are already two houses on the farm but the new house will replace one of those, to be torn down when the new home is completed. The minor variance was approved with the condition the existing house be torn down within six months after the new house is completed.

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Of times gone by

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

JUNE 1956

A meeting of special interest was held in the IOOF hall in Otterville when a 72nd year member was honored. George Parker, who is in his 93rd year, and believed to be the oldest in membership in the province of Ontario, was the honored brother. He joined the Lodge in 1884.

35 YEARS AGO

JUNE 6, 1946

Jack Keough rejoins the Gazette. Jack, who was a member of the Gazette staff for a great many years, rejoined the staff, and along with Doug Avey gives the Gazette an efficient and experienced staff.

The Revere Hotel, Otterville, has changed owners, the purchaser being Wilfred Lawson of Tillsonburg. He bought it

recently from Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Riste. Previous to that time Mrs. Riste's father the late Willson Young, operated the hotel for about 30 years.

Tailless calf. A purebred Jersey calf was born on the farm of Wilbur Morley, Burgessville. The calf, however, has no sign of a tail.

20 YEARS AGO

JUNE 1, 1961

Robert Stewart of London, Ontario fire marshal,

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

JUNE 1906

Mr. Charles Burkholder intends to build a forge room back of his factory on Harvey street.

Mr. E.V. Tillson has named his handsome new residence on Oxford street, "Seven Gables."

Mr. J. Loudon has leased the old brewery building at the foot of Oxford street for a term of years and will fit it up for a pork packing establishment.

Feather fanciers support pigeons

N.C. JUNE 10

By SUZANNE HANSON

Some might say Norwich Township bylaws are for the birds but in Paul Gauvin's case they're not.

Because of the wording of the township's bylaw Mr. Gauvin is not allowed to keep his domestic pigeons and doves on his rural-residential property located on the Old Stage Road, off Highway 59 south of Woodstock.

Mr. Gauvin has raised the birds for 16 years and now has 30 to 40 pigeons which he keeps in two six-foot by eight-foot coops at his RR 4, Woodstock home.

But complaints from neighbors about his feathered friends led to charges by Norwich Township police department for contravening the township's bylaw which prohibits the keeping of the birds on his property, zoned rural-residential.

The charge under the bylaw was upheld by the courts last year and Mr. Gauvin received a \$100 fine. It was ruled the coops were part of an aviary which comes under the farm designation of the bylaw. Such uses are prohibited in a rural-residential zone.

Mr. Gauvin was again charged on May 19 with using the coops as an aviary to house pigeons and doves in a residential area but he pleaded not guilty to the charge on Friday. It will be heard in court on July 10. In the meantime Mr. Gauvin, and residents who have risen to his support, are taking action of their own.

A group of concerned township residents, calling themselves the Feather Fanciers, have started a petition asking council to change its bylaw to protect the ratepayer who keeps pets for a hobby.

Bird fanciers' clubs and pigeon racing clubs have also thrown their support behind Mr. Gauvin who is a member of the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Incorporated and the Oxford Poultry and Petstock Association.

Mr. Gauvin's common-law wife Angela Griffiths said a delegation will appear before township council at its next meeting on June 23 to request the bylaw be amended "on the grounds it is vague and subject to any number of interpretations which can be used to harass or discriminate against an individual ratepayer."

She said the supporters are proposing the adoption of a bylaw similar to those in place in other municipalities such as Woodstock, London and Stratford, which permit the keeping of domestic fowl, pigeons and other animals as a hobby with certain conditions.

Ms Griffiths said there is no bylaw specifically prohibiting the keeping of pigeons and the existing bylaw in the township is vague and subject to interpretation.

"As it stands now, if someone complained about our dog we would have to get rid of it because it is not a permitted use."

She said she and Mr. Gauvin selected the rural area for their home as the property was large enough to accommodate the pigeon coops. She said the complaints last year were the first her husband had ever received regarding his hobby.

In response to the move by some neighbors to have the bylaw prohibiting the pigeons enforced, Mr. Gauvin has notified township council of his own complaint regarding 31 other violations of the same bylaw in his neighborhood.

According to Mr. Gauvin's complaint, presented to council in a letter Monday, the 31 individuals listed are breaking the bylaw by having vegetable gardens, flower gardens or for keeping of animals such as chickens, goats and pigeons, all considered as agricultural under the farm definition.

When presented with the complaint, council decided Monday to advise the bylaw enforcement officer Chief Robert Knight to investigate the complaints and take action if it is required.

Councillor John Eacott agreed with Mr. Gauvin the township's current bylaw is excessively restrictive.

"A person has the right to enjoy his own property provided it doesn't impinge on the rights of others."

Councillor Bob Pettigrew said the township should amend all its bylaws and "stop all these petty grievances."

Mayor Jack Burn pointed out that all township bylaws will be reviewed by the county in 1983. He said the whole problem comes back to the fact that rural severances should not have been granted to permit residences in areas designated as agricultural.

"We've unfortunately been put in the situation of trying to be judge in this thing," said Councillor Helen Smith. "It's a domestic squabble and we're in the middle of it."

Ms Griffiths said the homing pigeons Mr. Gauvin keeps for racing are well-trained and create no problems for the neighbors. Their buildings are kept clean and sanitary and the birds are only let out at sunset for a fly. They are raced on weekends from May through September.

Ms Griffiths said she has her own birds as does their five-year-old son who is also taking an interest in caring for the pigeons.

The two coops housing the birds are located about 50 feet from one neighbor, 30 feet from the other and 25 to 30 feet from the Gauvin residence, she said.

In 1934 a federal charter was granted to the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Inc. to promote the breeding and development of the racing homers, used in both the First and Second World Wars when total radio silence was imposed or communication was cut off.

Canada week

Norwich Township residents who are proud to be Canadian can stand up and shout about it at a variety of Canada Week activities planned for this week and next.

Canada Unity Week starts Thursday and runs until Dominion Day, July 1. It gives us a chance to get out our flags and wave them together to show everyone we can be just as patriotic as our southern neighbors in the great United States of America.

Canada is indeed a rich nation and we have much to be thankful for, despite the divisions and the differences. July 1 celebrates our birth as a nation and we should set aside all petty differences and rivalries and join hands in friendship to celebrate that historic event, not only as a township but as a nation of people.

As has been stated before in this space, we must, however, first work at overcoming the divisiveness that exists here at home if we are ever to be a strong nation of people. How can we pretend to work for national unity or pretend that is what we desire when we cannot settle our own differences?

A variety of events have been planned in the township to appeal to everyone during Canada Week with one major, culminating event on July 1. Let's get together as a township, as one group of patriotic Canadians, to hoist the flag and sing this country's praises for there are many to sing.

The celebrations planned for the Township of Norwich will mark the first such annual event in this area and it is hoped, with the support and enthusiastic involvement of the township's residents, it can continue to grow and become bigger and better every year.

One need only to look back to the Centennial year of 1967 to know that such community effort and involvement can work to produce fantastic results.

Let's prove once again we are people with a strong sense of national and community pride by getting out on July 1 and on the other days set aside in this special Canada Week to celebrate.

\$1,000 for Canada week

The planning committee for Canada Week activities in Norwich Township will receive a contribution of \$1,000 from the Canada Birthday Committee in Toronto to aid in financing the week's activities in the township.

The local committee had requested a contribution of \$5,000 to support activities organized for the celebration of Canada's 114th birthday. Norwich Township council also approved a loan of \$3,000 to the committee, to be repaid if money was forthcoming from the Canada Birthday Committee.

The Canada Week planning committee met last week to finalize all plans for Canada Week in the township.

The celebration of the week, which runs from June 25 through July 1, will mark the first such celebration in the township and it is hoped it will continue on an annual basis in succeeding years.

The first such celebration in Canada was organized by The Council for Canadian Unity in 1969, to maintain and promote the unity of Canada. Since that time it has come to be a meaningful birthday celebration for all Canadians who, like Norwich Township residents, have organized activities to commemorate the week across the country.

Locally, all plans for the week of celebration have been finalized and a wide variety of events from sports, to barbecues, to

dances, parades and even an old-fashioned garden party have been planned to take place throughout the township during Canada Week.

The events are kicked off on Thursday evening, June 25, with an outdoor concert by the Norwich Musical Society Band for the residents of Norvilla Nursing Home in Norwich.

On Friday evening, the Springford Lob Ball tournament gets underway, running on Saturday and Sunday at the Springford ball park.

A juvenile ball tournament hosted by the Norwich Juveniles at North Court park gets underway on Saturday morning, winding up with the presentation of

awards following the championship game Sunday. Saturday evening, township residents can kick up their heels a bit at the Spring-Otter Optimists street dance to be held in the township offices parking lot in Otterville, featuring music by the Maltby Family.

History buffs, can take in a relaxing afternoon in the pastoral setting of the Treffry Mill in Otterville on Sunday for a chicken barbecue put on by the South Norwich and Norwich and District Historical Societies. Some good, old-fashioned fiddle music will top off a sumptuous meal of lip-smacking good chicken.

TAKING ACTION ON PROPERTY

The Editor;

In reply to the article under the heading "Taking Action on Property," I, Floyd Kyte would like to reply to the article and perhaps I could inform the public the truth of the matter.

First of all, I ran a cookie factory in this property for years, hiring ten to twelve people. Then I decided to move the business to my plant at home. Then the vandalism started and I boarded this property three times and each time the vandals only tore them down until the property was in shambles, without any police protection. When I was a child I was taught to stay away from other peoples' property and leave it alone and if children or vandals were being taught the same today, this situation would never have happened.

Then I went and cleaned up this block, spending over \$1,000.00 and the Hardware people across the street complimented me for cleaning it up. I don't know how much we spent the three times we boarded it up. Once I know when the Police came out from Tillsonburg and asked me for a favour, I spent over \$200.00 at that time. Then we spent thousands and thousands on taxes - the same taxes as though it had been occupied.

Now there is one thing I want to make very clear and that is that when the inspector approached me, I told him I intended to clean that block up and rent it, but after another \$200.00 for perhaps three weeks time and said it must be done in a week and a half. For the last four years I have let the taxes go to see what might happen to folks - the taxes on that old building, with penalties, amounts to nearly a thousand dollars a year.

Now I only have \$40,000 a year coming in on two mortgages and eight farms capable of \$100,000 net profit a year and one of the finest businesses, so perhaps you can see that I would get more satisfaction seeing what happens to people than to have a few extra dollars. This year the township has dropped the taxes themselves - not by me from \$595.65 to \$170.00 and all the township has to do is drop the four years to the same amount and they will have a cheque and the place cleaned up, after all the vandalism that the township has allowed. On the other hand, I don't intend to pay nearly \$1,000.00 a year on that old building and the council will have a building on their hands and Floyd Kyte will have another illustration on how their business is carried on.

I have done quite a few things for the people. Several years ago the province was trying to put a bylaw on the farmers telling them how many pigs they could keep and how many cows. If they kept cows they couldn't keep pigs and the boys in our township appointed me chairman of the

committee and I had a petition out and had 1,500 names on the petition.

Then when the province wanted to destory three new schools and the group around Springford tried to save their school, and I felt sorrow for them and told them they were doing it the wrong way. The way was to get the voice of the poeple. So I organized a petition and the three schools got over 90 per cent of the rate payers to instruct the school board to do for them. This is what they signed:

"We the undersigned rate payers hereby instruct our school board of Oxford County to leave our schools alone and not borrow \$1,360,000 to build a school to take their place," and the school board ignored the wishes of 90 per cent of the rate payers and are building this new school.

Then to have a council of a town take and confiscate the property of thirty-one people so their deeds weren't worth the paper they were writing on and when a farmer who has worked hard all his life and wants to retire is told he can't even keep an acre of land to build a house on - we are in a mess.

Thanks to The Tillsonburg News for space for this article, I remain.

Floyd Kyte

Health unit orders clean-up

By SUZANNE HANSON

The former Spicer's bakeshop property in Otterville may finally get cleaned up if council follows a recommendation put forward by its public works committee on Monday.

The committee, after receiving a letter on the matter from the public health unit, voted to hire a private contractor to clean up the rubble around the building and erect a proper barricade as instructed by the health unit.

The property was placarded as unfit for human habitation by the Oxford County Health Unit last month and the owner Floyd Kyte of RR 3, Tillsonburg was advised to remedy the situation by June 5. No action was taken by him and there is no indication that he has any intention of tidying up the property on Otterville's Main Street, said Township Clerk Bob Watkins.

The property has been vacant for a number of years and has been steadily deteriorating. It has a collapsed roof, a bad floor and rubble littering the rear of the building. Council has been trying, unsuccessfully, for several years to get the property cleaned up.

The health unit advised council to proceed with the clean-up which should commence if approved by council at its next meeting on June 23. The owner would then be sent an invoice to pay the cost of the clean-up, said Mr. Watkins. If he fails to pay, the amount would be added to his tax bill.

The taxes on the property are already four to five years in arrears, however, and council has started tax arrears proceedings in an effort to collect the money on the property.

Under that procedure, the owner is sent a notice by council's solicitor that proceedings are underway. If he fails to respond, the property in Otterville will be registered for tax arrears.

The property will then be in a redemption period for one year. If during that year it is not redeemed either by the owner or another party, council can proceed to sell the property with approval from the ministry of intergovernmental affairs.

If the owner or another party, such as a mortgage company decides to redeem the property within that year, the back taxes, penalties and all other costs attached to the property must first be paid, said Mr. Watkins.

He said he expects council will adopt the public works committee's recommendation to proceed with the clean-up of the property.

Mr. Watkins said council is acting under the Public Health Act and the instruction of the health unit which suggested the hiring of the private contractor to clean up the property at the owner's expense.

However, Mr. Watkins said council cannot undertake a clean-up at Mr. Kyte's expense in excess of \$2,000, according to the

restrictions of the public health act. He said council is also not in a legal position to tear down the entire building.

John MacDonald with the public health unit in Woodstock said Tuesday the health unit's primary concern is to get the property properly barricaded to ensure no one gets inside.

"There is a possibility children could get inside now and get hurt," he said. The work done on the property will be supervised by staff from the health unit.



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LEE FAMILY PICNIC

To the Editor: The attached poem was read at the Charles Lee family picnic held in June at the Little Lake Conservation Area campground.

The poem was written by Lynn Crook of London (daughter of Laverne Lee).

While the poem is of particular significance to members of the Lee family, many of your readers might enjoy it as well.

"The Farm" referred to in the poem was the home of my parents - Charles and May Lee - and is located at Bookton.

Our picnic is held annually and this year was attended by about 67 family members.

Don Lee
Harrow, Ontario

"THE FARM"

There's a special place where our family would go
When I was a youngster, a lifetime ago

Up the driveway past the hedge of low evergreen trees
The old tire swing hanging from the big willow tree

To the white frame house and the old grey barn

There's Grandma and Grandpa, we called it "The Farm."

Into the kitchen, there's the wood-burning stove

To the big round grey table where we played crokinole

There once was a pump in that old corner sink

It was a real treat to pump for the water to drink

Remember the aroma, you knew from the start

Grandma was baking some maple syrup tarts.

At the head of the table sat Grandpa's wooden armchair

Waiting for the rest of the family that soon would be there

The aromas, the furnishings were all part of the charm

Dad called it "Our Home", we called it "The Farm".

The dining room was often filled to the rafters

With aunts, uncles and cousins, good food, fun and laughter

It was also the room where Grandma's cactus was kept

She was so proud one day, I'll never forget

You see the cactus had bloomed with a beautiful flower

She enjoyed the event for hours and hours

The big radio and the silver horse trophy all part of the charm

It was a great place to be, we called it "The Farm".

The living room held the fondest of my memories

Because Grandma would play the piano for me

I loved to hear Grandma play and sing the old songs

Especially when the family sang along

Mom sang so pretty and Dad sure could belt out a tune

When we all sang together it was my favorite room

The music and singing were part of the charm

Like the title of a song, we called it "The Farm"

Avey named Powell president

T.N.
JUNE 17

Robert W. Wilson, president of Rowe Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina, has announced the appointment of Howard H. Avey of Tillsonburg as president of Powell Agri-Systems Ltd. of Otterville.

Formerly the president of Powell Agri-Systems, Mr. Wilson relinquished this position but remains chairman of the board of directors and chief executive

officer. Rowe Corporation is the parent company of a group of companies, one of which is Powell Manufacturing Co. Inc. of Bennettsville, South Carolina, and Dunn, North Carolina, and Mr. Wilson also serves as president of it.

Both Powell Agri-Systems and Powell Manufacturing produce a wide range of tobacco handling equipment, including bulk kilns,

automatic harvesters, planters, sprayers and toppers. The Powell organization has pioneered tobacco mechanization since 1952, and built the Powell Agri-Systems plant in Otterville in 1968, a year after it had located in the village. This plant has since been substantially enlarged.

Besides moving up from vice-president to president of the company, Mr. Avey will

serve as chief operating officer and managing director.

J. Gerald Lynch of Norwich, treasurer and assistant secretary of Powell Agri-Systems was also appointed vice-president of the company at the meeting.

Plant manager Paul Story of Tillsonburg was named a director of the company. Julius Walthall, a director of Rowe Corporation who resides in Charlotte, N.C., is also a director of Powell Agri-Systems.



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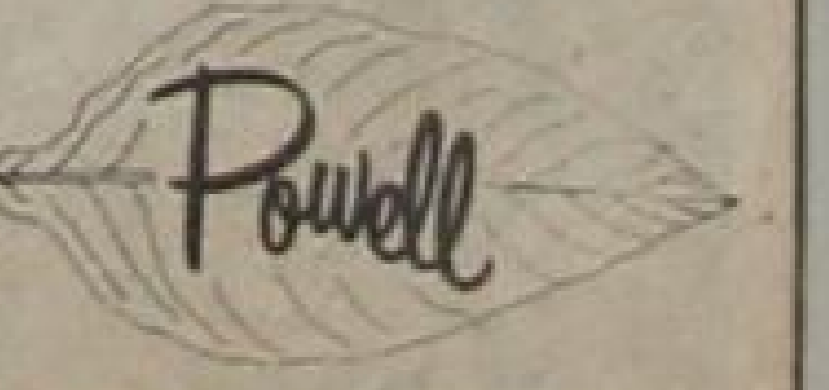
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OTTERVILLE, ONT.



Canada Week

You are invited to participate in the

FIRST ANNUAL CANADA DAY PARADE

Clubs, Individuals, Commercials, Etc.

EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Theme - "Happy Birthday Canada"
Place - Oxford Centre
Time - 2:30 P.M., July 1st

NAME _____

NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Entries should be returned to Mr. Rick Jones, President of Norwich Township Chamber of Commerce, Main St. W., Norwich, or Phone 863-3502.

Further details will be forwarded to those participating.
Deadline Wed., June 10th (if Possible)

There are lots of other little memories in that old house

Like playing with the Dagwood and Blondie cutouts

Oh and I remember, and I'm sure you do as well

Aunt Madeline's orange crate dresser with handles of shells

And Grandma's handmade quilts so cozy and warm

In the house we all loved, we called it "The Farm".

Our walks to the woods to see the wild flowers

Or looking for four-leaf clovers for hours

The old sugar shanty and gathering sap

That old wreckage of a plane, remember that

There once was a pony called Judy, and Grandpa's white rat

The goats and ferrets, dogs and cats

I bet there are still echoes

of our laughter and tears

In that old house even after all these years

We all have our own special memories, some

happy, some sad

I wish that my sons could share what we had

In that white frame house and that old grey barn

Oh how we miss it, we called it "The Farm".

By Lindy Crook

THE NEW MINIMUM WAGE RATES FOR AGRICULTURAL WORKERS IN ONTARIO

For persons employed in the harvesting of fruit, vegetables or tobacco, new Minimum Wage rates will go into effect June 1st, 1981. A further increase will go into effect April 1, 1982.

MINIMUM WAGE	Effective June 1, 1981	Effective April 1, 1982
Adult	\$ 3.30	\$ 3.50
Student*	\$ 2.45	\$ 2.65
*Students under 18 who work 28 hours per week or less during the school term or work full time during school holidays.		
ALLOWANCES (weekly)		
Room	\$15.00	\$17.00
Meals (each)	\$ 1.30	\$ 1.40
(weekly)	\$27.00	\$29.00
Room and Meals	\$42.00	\$46.00
Housing	\$36.00	\$39.00
Housing (serviced)	\$48.00	\$52.00

Plan mill barbecue

Due to inclement weather, the attendance was small at the regular meeting of the South Norwich Historical Society held on Monday, June 8.

President Rick Singer presided for the meeting. The minutes of the May meeting were read by Catherine Mann and Marj Pearce gave the treasurer's report, indicating a favorable profit on the

Society's food booth at the Norwich Steam Show.

A donation of \$200 was given to the Woodlawn Advisory Committee. It was suggested a picnic table at the Woodlawn site would be appropriate. Doreen Mountain donated the table.

A motion carried to purchase a used refrigerator for the food booth and Bill McMullen Sr. and Lorne Treffry are to obtain a grill

for the booth.

The barbecue at the Treffry Mill on June 28 was discussed. Advance tickets only are to be sold and may be purchased from Society members or Lorraine Downing at 879-6852. The serving time has been set for 5-6 p.m.

The first fall meeting will be held on Monday, September 14 at Woodlawn.

Following the meeting, Bill McMullen Sr. showed slides of Milldale, Otterville and other areas. Bill gave a very interesting and amusing talk with his slide presentation.

Chicken barbecue at Otterville Mill, Sunday, June 28, 5-6 p.m., adults \$5, children \$2.50, get tickets by June 22 from South Norwich Historical Society members, advance tickets only. 1



Bon appetit

Mary Margaret and Ted Church, of Otterville, enjoy barbecued chicken at the Treffry Mill, in Otterville, Sunday. The dinner was sponsored by the South Norwich Historical Society, with a helping hand from the Norwich and District Historical Society as part of Canada Week celebrations. The Church's were only two of many people who turned out for the event. (TN Photo).

Bluebird Club celebrates 33 years

Members of the Happy Bluebird Club held a special evening in honor of the Club's 33rd birthday. The members enjoyed a roast beef dinner at the Glide-Inn on 59 Highway where 14 members and guests were served.

The dinner was completed with a beautifully decorated birthday cake and along with this the members extended best wishes to Helen and Stanley Davis who had recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. The president Mrs. Ash on behalf of the club voiced

appreciation to the catering staff.

Mrs. Lillian Morris invited the members of her home for the remainder of the evening when a short business session was held.

It was decided the meetings would be withdrawn for the months of July and August and the meeting which would be held the fourth Tuesday in September would be held at the home of Evelyn Waring.

Games of cards were enjoyed after which the hostess was assisted in serving refreshments.

Otterville Leisure Club

honors local couple

before their move

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JUNE 17

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular business meeting of the Leisure Club was held at Woodlawn Adult Centre on Wednesday.

The president Annie Pritchard presided and the meeting opened with the singing of "O Canada".

Mrs. Fred Cole read the minutes of the last meeting and took the roll call, followed by the financial report. Letters of correspondence were read.

The president gave a splendid report of the Zone Rally which was held at Brantford earlier in the month. Cards were signed for Ethel Arthur, Grace Squance and Nellie Witts who had suffered bereavement.

An upcoming event is the Zone Rally picnic to be held in the Otterville Community Park, July 8.

Announcement was made of the annual Fall Bazaar and Bake Sale. The remainder of afternoon was spent in playing cards and a social time.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Robinson, members of the Otterville Leisure Club were honored guests at the regular meeting of the club, held at Woodlawn Community Centre on Wednesday, June 3.

The event started at 12:30 p.m. with a potluck dinner - the tables well filled with

tempting looking dishes, attended by 40 members and friends.

Following the dinner, the president took charge of the afternoon offering to welcome all who came and a special welcome to the ones who had been absent for some time through illness.

Mrs. Pritchard called on Evelyn Waring, a close friend of the Robinsons, for an address.

Mrs. Waring said it was an honor but not such a pleasure at that time as these folk were very close neighbors with just a row of peonies to separate their lots.

All will remember how Colin, while in power as president, favored bus trips and the club was always on hand to go. Colin was the key man when woodlawn was being restored. They had their camping programs, which they enjoyed and were also members of the Norwich Bowling League. Lately they have been deeply interested in the Diabetic Association which was of vital importance.

The members will not forget Alice, a member of the executive, Good Cheer Convener and convener of the kitchen.

The Robinsons have decided to move to a new area - Stoney Creek - which will be on the winning side and Otterville the losers.

They will, however, be nearer to their family and the best wishes for health and happiness go with them from their friends.

"It takes a lot of livin' side by side, to make a neighbor. It takes a lot of work and play, a-sharin' with our labor; It's the good old-fashioned neighbors; How's the crops? Now you don't say, It's the homey little chatter that goes on from day to day.

You don't borrow from the new ones, it's the old that you depend. And you feel sure it will be granted, when you

ask them for a lend. You never know how much you miss them, till they sell out and depart. Just how much they have woven in the pattern of your heart.

And though distance will divide us, just one thought I'd like to say. You will always be our members, they never really move away."

Harry Lee, past president of the club, presented the couple with a decorative English china plate to which they both replied giving the members a warm welcome and directions to their apartment in Stoney Creek.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in playing cards while others were entertained in the recreational room.

Install Norm Fidlin Lions club president

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the Otterville Community Hall on Monday evening, June 22. Lion president Gordon Shearer presided for the final meeting of the regular season. There were 37 members and one guest present.

Lion Don Pettigrew expressed the thanks of the members to the Eastern Star ladies for their outstanding service in catering to the Club.

Florence Church received special mention for having helped in catering to the Lions Club for the past 41 years.

Lion president Gord reported the annual chicken barbecue held in the park, Otterville, June 20 was again a success.

Lion president Gord also announced the band providing the music for the barbecue had made a substantial donation toward the purchase of new equipment for the park booth.

Governor Ken Sheppard presented awards to Lions, Fred Thompson, Andy Vanderberghe, Ron Oatman and Paul Wood for having sponsored new Lions into the club during the past year.

Lion Fred reported the Canada Day parade, to be held in Oxford Centre July 1, is fully organized. Lions will be meeting at Lion Jack Walther's farm at 10 a.m. July 1 to decorate the Lions fire truck.

Governor Ken Sheppard was in charge of the installation of the new executive for the coming year. They are as follows: past president, Gordon Shearer; president, Norm Fidlin; first vice-president,

Colin Cope; second vice-president, Les Dickson; third vice-president, Jack Walther; secretary, Les Dickson; treasurer, Paul Wood; tail twister, Murray Cornwell; lion tamer, Aloys Sanders; two year directors, Gary Walther and Don Miller; one year director, Ed McFarland and Tony Drescher; bulletin editor, Fred Thompson.

The convention draw was won by Lions Gord Shearer, Ed White, Don Miller, Fred Thompson, Tony Drescher and Tim Moore.

Agricultural society seeks council's aid

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JUNE 17

By SUZANNE HANSON
Members of the Springford Agricultural Society appeared before Norwich Township council at its meeting last Monday to ask council's assistance in obtaining the Springford Public School after it closes for a community centre.

The school is scheduled to close June 30 after which its students will be sent to the South Ridge consolidated school, now under construction in the north of Tillsonburg. The school in Springford will then be vacant and has been offered for sale by the Oxford County board of education.

Two agricultural society members, Dorothy Smith and Eleanor Turnbull, said the society is interested in purchasing the property but does not now have the funds to do so.

After next year, the society will be eligible to receive up to \$25,000 under a provincial grant to agricultural societies.

The societies must have been in existence for three years before they are eligible for such a grant, said Mrs. Turnbull. She said it is not known how much of the possible \$25,000 the society would receive, however.

Mrs. Turnbull said the society would work together with council to purchase property with the knowledge that some money would be available next year.

She said a variety of groups now use the school and if purchased as a community centre, those groups, plus senior citizens groups and a library could also make use of the school.

Mrs. Turnbull said if it is not feasible to purchase the entire property, it may be possible to obtain a portion of

it, on which the Women's Institute hall, now located down the street, or a portable classroom could be situated for use as a community centre.

Councillor Bob Pettigrew said the township is at present over-burdened with community centres but the Springford people do not have anything. He suggested if council purchased the facility, the people of the community be responsible for its care, upkeep and management, relieving council of that expense and responsibility.

Township Clerk Bob Watkins said the board of

education has set a purchase price on the school of \$70,000. A committee of council including Mayor Jack Burn, Mr. Watkins and Bob Pettigrew, was formed to meet with board officials to discuss the price and the possibility of purchasing the school or a portion of the property.

Farewell to Springford P.S.

June 20/81

"Remember when" was a popular phrase spoken by teachers and students, past and present, who attended the Springford Public School reunion, Saturday.

A variety of people, now from all walks of life, gathered to reunite, linked together by old, and not so old, memories of times spent in the classrooms of the school, which closes its doors forever this week.

The informal afternoon, organized by June Wallace and Barbara Williams, included some presentations to the eldest guest, the one who travelled the farthest to attend the event, and to the teacher with the most years experience at the school. Each received a small memento of the occasion, but all who attended received a fond welcome from old friends and teachers.

After the presentations, the guests were

left to reminisce on their own, and the afternoon finished off with a barbeque.

The reunion was planned to bring together, perhaps for the last time, those who were part of an institution which will no longer be operating in Springford.

As the school year comes to an end, principal Fred Brown said he does not detect any kind of anxiousness among the students about leaving the school. Instead, he believes the children have a very "neutral" feeling about the school's closure, and will attend South Ridge Consolidated School in September with "an open mind."

"Taking anything out of a community affects the morale," said Mr. Brown, but the closing of Springford School, he added, has

actually enhanced the morale of the village.

The Home and School organization, a group of parents who assist in school activities, have become very active since the closing was announced, out of a drive to see their children have the best type of education.

Mr. Brown said the parents have been an asset to the teachers.

"I certainly will miss the parents more than anybody," he said, "They had a lot of good workers in that group."

"Whenever something ceases to be you feel a bit sorry about it," said Mr. Brown, but he added that the move to South Ridge will be a "positive" move for the children, who will receive a greater spectrum of educational opportunities.

Closing four schools June 30 / 81

The Oxford County board of education approved Monday night the closure of four schools in the southern end of the county, effective June 30.

The four schools—Rotary Westmount, Delmer, Ostrander and Springford public schools—are being replaced by the South Ridge consolidated school being built now in the north end of Tillsonburg.

Norwich Township trustee Harv Cowan opposed the move to close the schools and asked the board to delay taking such action until the consolidated school is ready in September.

He questioned the board as to what will happen if the new school is not completed in time for the September opening.

Board Chairman Helen Dickson said the board has been advised by the contractors that construction of the South Ridge Public School is proceeding on schedule and it will be ready for occupancy in September.

Mr. Cowan asked if unexpected delays in the project would mean the students would be "bounced out of one school, into a temporary one and then into the consolidated school."

"We're doing this now because it is administratively convenient," said Mr. Cowan. "Will we be keeping these children in these schools (scheduled for closure) if the consolidated school is not ready?"

Mrs. Dickson said the board has been

assured the school will be ready two weeks before school opens and should any problems arise, she was certain students could be accommodated in the existing schools.

The closure of the four schools also meant the board was unable to fulfill a request made by the Springford Agricultural Society for the use of the school facility for their annual fall fair in September.

A resolution from the board said it was impossible to make a firm commitment at this time concerning the availability of the school premises this fall as it is not yet clear whether the board will still own the property then.

Mr. Cowan said he had been assured at an earlier budget meeting of the board that the school would not be sold this year, "and I see no reason why the school should not be available to the society."

Mrs. Dickson said the resolution merely takes into consideration the possibility that the school might not be available.

The procedure for disposing of surplus school sites first involves offering them to other area school boards, post-secondary institutions, municipal, provincial and federal government bodies. If none of them are interested the schools will be offered for sale or lease.

Agricultural past preserved in miniature farm implements

By SUZANNE HANSON

Lyle Cassidy's interest in farming did not cease when he retired from that occupation a number of years ago.

Even his hobby is farm-related as he spends many hours fashioning miniature farm implements reminiscent of a bygone era of agriculture.

A variety of the old-fashioned implements will be on display once again at this weekend's Norwich Historical Show.

Making the items is a time-consuming, and sometimes tedious task, the Norwich resident was forced to abandon a couple of years ago when he had heart problems. But he has recently taken his hobby up again and will return to the show this year after a two-year absence.

Mr. Cassidy has been working at this hobby for about 12 years altogether.

His interest in horses, horse-drawn farm implements, as well as his 12-year experience as a tinsmith, led to his involvement in the past-

time. His knowledge of tin work aids him in fashioning the minute details of the implements, created from scrap metal.

In addition to farm machinery, Mr. Cassidy creates various other items. Probably one of the most noted is his replica of the old-fashioned steam calliope from Stratford, seen at several previous historical shows in Norwich.

He said he doesn't work at the hobby full-time. When he gets frustrated with a particular item he just leaves it and comes back to it later.

Mr. Cassidy has been at nine of the 11 Historical Shows held in Norwich as well as a variety of other shows and fairs. The fact that so many people—young and old—derive so much pleasure from viewing the

fruits of his labor at such shows, gives him great satisfaction.

It is perhaps the older people who enjoy his implements the most for it is they who remember working

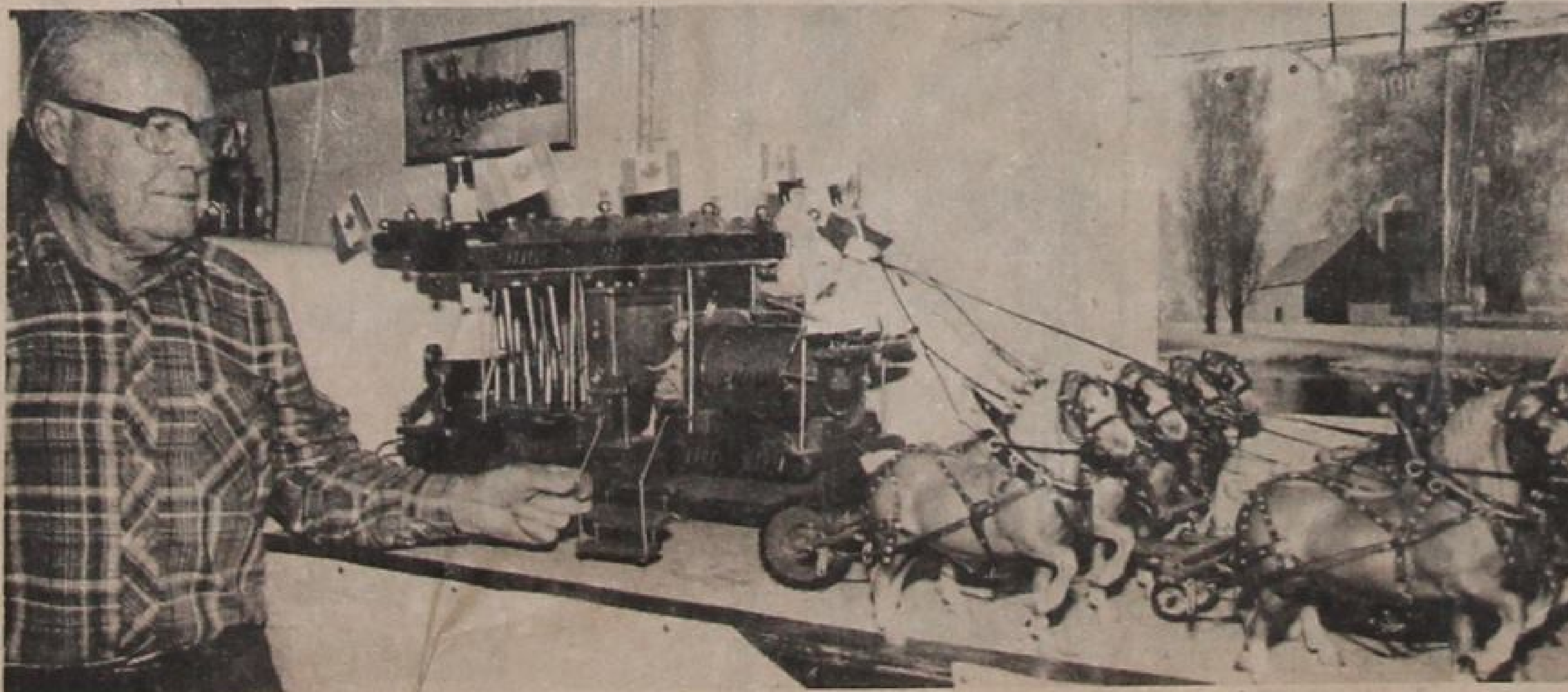
with them, he said.

Mr. Cassidy said he doesn't make the implements to sell but has sold some on occasion when individuals have come to him requesting a particular item.



Past preserved

The agricultural past is preserved in the miniature farm implements created by Norwich-area resident Lyle Cassidy. Many of his creations will once again be on display at this year's Norwich Historical Show. (NG Photo).



Minute detail

Lyle Cassidy of RR 3, Norwich from photographs and memory, created this replica of the circus wagon calliope seen for several years at the Norwich Historical Show.

Mr. Cassidy is returning to the show this year and will have the calliope and many other miniatures on display. (NG Photo).



The engagement is announced for Kathryn J. Mann to Stanley J. Dymczak. The marriage will take place on Saturday, June 20, 1981, in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivor C. Mann
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Kathryn Ilene

to

Mr. Stanley Joseph Dymczak
son of Mr. and Mrs. Ignacy Dymczak
on Saturday, June the twentieth
nineteen hundred and eighty-one
at three o'clock
St. Stanislaus Church
700 Barton Street East
Hamilton, Ontario

Reception at 6:00 p.m.
Place Polonaise
Gimsby, Ontario

Mr. and Mrs. John Toonen
and
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Groeneveld
request the pleasure of your company
at the wedding reception of their children

Carol Ann
and
Paul Julien

at nine o'clock in the evening
the twentieth day of June
nineteen hundred and eighty-one
at the Courtland Pavilion

Courtland, Ontario

Ceremony: 5:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church
Langton, Ontario



Mr. and Mrs. John Toonen and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Groeneveld are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Carol Ann and Paul Julien. The wedding will take place on Saturday, June 20, at Sacred Heart Church, Langton, at 5 p.m. (Photo by Wilson's Studio, Delhi)

Host Otters keep trophy at home

They finally did it. In the third annual Otterville Otters softball tournament the Otters finally went all the way in a very convincing manner with a 10-2 blasting over Burgessville Orioles, in the championship final, Saturday night.

Springford's Blues won a squeaker in the consolation final earlier in the day by a score of 3-2 over Woodstock's Kelsey Hayes.

Both winners decided their fate in the opening game of the tournament as the Otters shutout the Blues 3-0. Otterville advanced through the championship round with a 6-1 decision over Springford - Tillsonburg Bearings in the semi-final. The Blues advanced to the consolation final with an 8-1 romp over Port Dover.

Kelsey Hayes reached the final with an 8-3 win over Ingersoll and a 3-1 decision over cross town rivals Exide Overland.

The outcome of the championship game was never really in question as Otter pitcher Jim Miles easily handled the Oriole bats, allowing only four hits. His strong pitching performance was backed up by just as strong a hitting performance as the Otters cracked 10 hits off three pitchers.

Otters' Doug Furlong came across for the first run after Pierre Pinnoy sacrificed him home in the first inning.

Otterville kept putting people on base and in the second frame Ron Wells drilled a single to left field, scoring two more runs and causing the exit of Oriole starter Bill McKie. Reliever Brad Griffin had even less luck as the Otter runners took advantage of errors and walks to put the game in the bag.

Pat Pinnoy and Dave Davis led off the third with a single each. John Walther loaded the bases on a walk and another walk moved all

the runners up a bag and Pinnoy came in for the first run of the inning. Davis, Walther and Roy King all scored on errors and Doug Furlong came across for the eighth Otter run after Ron Wells doubled to left field.

Otterville refused to sit on their lead and in the top of the fourth Pat Pinnoy connected for a double that scored Pierre Pinnoy. Dave Davis and Walther singled to load the bases and Furlong walked to score Pat Pinnoy. Exit the second Oriole pitcher and enter the next victim, Steve Nobbs.

Nobbs held the mighty Otter offense off the board for the final three innings as his offence broke the Otterville shut-out in the bottom of the fourth.

Nobbs led the fourth off with a walk and moved to second on a single from Jim Hill. An error scored Nobbs and then Hill stole home for the second and final Oriole run of the game.

Otterville's Miles was named most valuable pitcher for his performance in the final. He fanned 12 batters while allowing only four hits and three walks.

The three Oriole chuckers struck out five, walked three each and gave up 10 hits.

Ron Wells earned his most valuable player award by leading the Otter bats with two singles and a double while Pat Pinnoy came up with a single and a double. Dave Felder, Dave Davis, C.D. Richardson, Walther and Bill Richardson each collected a single.

Burgessville were unable to get one extra base hit, Rick Fitch, Pat Corman, Nobbs and Hill each managing one single.

The consolation championship had an ironic ending considering the action throughout the game. The game was tied twice as the two teams played some excellent ball to end up tied at one after six of the regulation seven innings.

After Blues' Brian Silverthorne stole second and third disgruntled Kelsey Hayes infield threw the ball away and Silverthorne took home for the third and winning Springford run.

Springford took the lead early when Dale Prouse doubled and Pete Mowat brought him in with a single. Kelsey came back in the fourth when Larry Langdon singled and advanced to second on Dale Langdon's sacrifice. A single off Doug Patton's bat brought him in to tie the score at one.

Springford fought back in the sixth when Prouse got on with the help of an error and Fred Smith's double brought him home.

The slim lead was short-lived as Kelsey came back in the bottom of the sixth on a pair of walks, the first time Blues pitcher Greg Volkaert was ever in real trouble. Patton scored to tie the game up on Jim Nadalin's single poke. That set up the grand finale in the seventh.

Silverthorne used an error to get on first and then stole second and third. Some alert base running resulted in him crossing the plate for the winning run to make the final Springford 3, Kelsey Hayes 2.

In spite of losing, Kelsey Hayes had little trouble with the bats as Jack Carter led with a single and a double while Bob Atkinson connected for a pair of singles. Ted Lewis, Langdon, Doug Patton and Nadalin each connected for a single.

Blues bats were led by Prouse and Smith with a double each and Pete Mowat with a single.

Volkaert was named the most valuable pitcher as he went the distance for the Blues. He struck out seven, walked two and gave up eight hits.

Bob Atkinson went five and one third innings for Kelsey, fanning eight and giving up two hits. Jim

Nadalin finished the game, striking out four and allowing another two hits.

Kelsey Hayes' Jack Carter was named the outstanding player of the game.



Otters win own tourney

Winners of the Rob Davis Memorial trophy given to the best team in the Otterville softball tournament went to the hosts Otterville Otters, for the first time since the tournament began five years ago. Members of the winning club includ-

ed left, coach, Keith Howse; most valuable pitcher, Jim Miles; most valuable player, Ron Wells; and coach Bob Furlong. The Otters won the tournament with a 10-2 win over Burgessville in the final, Saturday night. (TN Sports).



Distinguished honor

The out-going president of the Ontario Historical Society Gerald Killan presented the Scadding Award of Excellence to Johan Hopkins who accepted the award on behalf of the Norwich and District Historical Society. The award, presented annually to the society that most effectively creates greater public awareness and appreciation of its community's heritage, was presented at the OHS annual banquet at Niagara-on-the-Lake Saturday evening. The Norwich society was selected for the award from 170 in the province. (NG Photo).

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Unity theme in Oxford Centre

OXFORD CENTRE (Bureau) — Unity, whether it's national or local, was what the July 1 celebrations were all about in this tiny community southeast of Woodstock Wednesday.

Nearly 1,000 spectators turned out to watch the first-ever Norwich Township Dominion Day parade.

Floats and spectators alike were appropriately decked out with Canadian flags. And so were the houses in this hamlet, which was heavily damaged by a tornado almost two years ago.

Just as noticeable as the flags and birthday greetings was the show of township solidarity. People came from the township's far reaches to

take part. Norwich Township Mayor Jack Burn and Oxford County MPP Richard Treleaven of Woodstock also attended. Even people from outside the township showed up.

Although the area of Norwich Township was settled before Confederation, the township itself is actually much younger than Canada. It was formed by the merging of four individual municipalities when Oxford County was restructured in 1975.

Wednesday's event was one of the first organized on a township-wide basis.

"I think it's really wonderful for Oxford Centre," said Mary Richardson, a former resident now living in Woodstock.

Richardson, a member of the Oxford Centre Senior Citizens Club, attended the parade wearing an antique costume left over from the hamlet's centennial celebrations in 1967.

In keeping with the spirit of township unity, the Dominion Day parade will be held in a different community each year. Otterville has already been chosen as the site of next year's events.

The parade was sponsored by the Norwich Chamber of Commerce and included more than 40 floats, ranging from historical steam-powered farm machines to fire trucks and imaginatively decorated trucks.

Appearances by a pack of Brownies from Norwich, costumed children on bicycles and Sesame Street characters also added to the festivities.

Later, spectators were treated to an antique car show, a barbecue and an evening garden party featuring professional and local acts, including a magician, singers and dancers.

As Richardson put it, "it's a nice, happy occasion."

W.P. Judge

Canada:

We are proud

Canada is a land that stretches far and wide,
It is full of people with national pride.
We are the people that build and strive,
To keep Canada well and alive.

Many years ago in small Charlottetown,
MacDonald and company began to gain some ground,
To build our confederation with the promise of rail,
With all these geniuses at work he couldn't fail.

From the Atlantic Ocean to the B.C. side,
The southern border and the northern tides,
Each province is different, each person too,
But all put together we are Canada true.

We are farmers who sweat and toil the land,
We are neighbors always willing to lend a hand,
This is a country of cities, the urban sprawl,
With important business and industry we will always stand tall.

Newfoundland they are

fishing on and off the dock,
In Alberta they keep the oil rigs going round the clock,
Our resources are many, our future is strong,
Our heritage is colorful and its length is long.

In Ottawa our government strives for patriation,
While Joe Who gives Trudeau great irritation,
Yet despite our trouble with Quebec and Levesque,
They'll still find time to keep inflation in check.

Canada's a mosaic of which we are proud,
The maple leaf's our symbol our voices loud,
From east to west we look to the light,
And pray for peace so that we'll never have to fight.

Now in the end I would like to speak,
About this most exceptional feat,
To say that Canada will continue to build and grow,
Under a blanket of summer sun and winter snow.

By Ted Briggs
Gr. 13 N.D.H.S.

An ode to the Springford Public School

Four country schools, with memories dear
Became Springford school in the 59th year (1959)

Yes, memories precious of friends near and away
Take us back to those schools still standing grey

There was Miller, Springford, New Road, Maple Dell,
Where we learned our lessons oh so well.

The teachers at Springford, here are their names,
To Springford school from near and far came,

There was Buchner, Babbey, Sorrenti, Brown
They came from Country, and came from town,
Stevenson, Jackson and Margaret Lee
Taught all pupils, some big, some wee.

Broad and Bailey, Karalis, Neale,
Always there when the bell did peal.

Locker and Hustler, Rigole, Lee
And for Kathryn Simmons we sang with glee.

Johnson, Ramsey, Monk and Wallace, June
With others supervised through the noon.

Butler, VanDonick, Coward, Fishback
Of good teachers we never lacked.

There was Ludwig, Young and Thompsons three
With Avey and Lupson, did well oversee.

There was Home and School, a hot dog day,
Also field days, and picnics gay.

To Easter's Bunny Bundle, a yearly gift
And to the Red Cross a welcomed lift.

There were many teachers through the years,
But none we hold in our hearts more dear

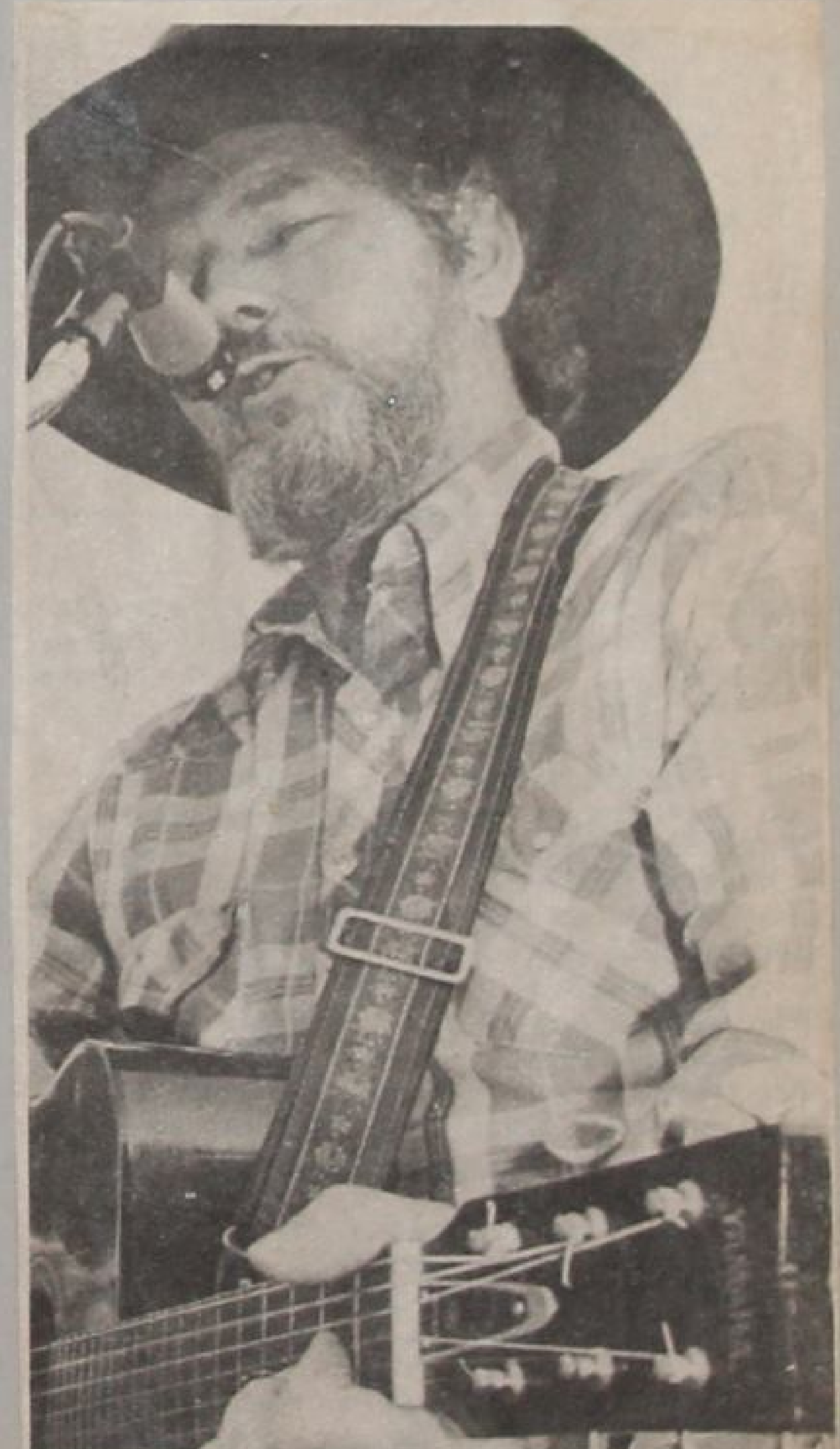
Than Barbara Williams who through many days
Taught us so much, with

endearing ways,
She's devoted her life to the young and fair
Who were always happy in her care.

We want for you Barbara bright sunny days,
Many friends, good health on your life's pathway

So please accept this gift with our good wishes true
For a pleasant journey 'neath skies always blue.

Mrs. Agnes McKenney



Otterville Street dance

Tom Maltby, shown here, and his family band, the Country Rockers from Curries entertained the crowd at the Otterville Street dance last Saturday night. The dance was sponsored by the Spring-Otter Optimist Club and was part of the Canada Week celebrations in Norwich Township. (NG Photo).

Norwich Township Council Briefs

Hawkers and peddlers

A motion to adopt Woodstock's bylaw regulating refreshment vehicles in the township was defeated by Norwich Township council at its last meeting and the matter referred to the protection of persons and property committee for further consideration.

At present no such bylaw is in existence in the township. A similar motion to adopt Woodstock's bylaw to regulate selling by hawkers and peddlers from such vehicles as chip wagons, was also referred back to the protection committee for further study.

Variance approved

A Burgessville area farmer, Jake VanDyk, was granted a minor variance of eight feet to allow him to build an addition onto his home, eight feet closer than allowed to the centre line of the road allowance. Norwich Township council approved the minor variance at its last meeting.

Clean-up approved

Norwich Township council approved the hiring of a local contractor to clean up the Kyte property in Otterville with the work to be carried out under the instruction of the public health inspector who ordered the clean-up.

"We are doing everything we can do right now and I'm happy something is being done with it (the property)," said Mayor Jack Burn.

The property, owned by Floyd Kyte of RR 3, Tillsonburg, has been in a bad state of repair for a number of years and has been ordered cleaned up by the Oxford County health unit.

Mileage rates

Norwich Township council set its mileage rates for employees and members of council at 30 cents per mile on township business.

Praise for police

A letter, received by Norwich Township council from Bank of Montreal manager J.P. Goldthorp, praised Constable Doug Smith and Chief Robert Knight of the Norwich police force for their work in apprehending, charging and obtaining restitution from vandals who damaged the bank premises on Good Friday of this year.

Mr. Goldthorp advised council the original call by the bank to the police was responded to in three minutes and the police department has always been courteous and co-operative "and in this case are to be highly commended."

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Township council approves tax levies

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A bylaw was passed by Norwich Township council at its meeting last week to set the rates for the township's 1981 tax levy.

The increase in the mill rate across the four wards varies from 2.2 per cent in South Norwich (excluding Otterville) to 23.5 per cent in Norwich.

In Otterville the mill rate went up 3.7 per cent and in Ward 3 it climbed by 6.8 per cent. In Ward 4 the mill rate increase is 9.2 per cent.

The increases mean that on a \$5,000 assessment in Ward 1 (South Norwich, excluding Otterville) the tax bill would be \$902.21. In Otterville and Burgessville the tax bill would be \$979.99; in Norwich \$969.80 and in North Norwich and East Oxford, excluding Burgessville, it would be \$902.21.

The assessments are calculated using the same base mill rate, said township treasurer Fred Lowes but the area rates are then added on top.

With the move to equalized assessment this year, the assessment base in each ward has also changed, said Mr. Lowes.

In Ward 4 there is the biggest tax increase effectively because the assessment went up drastically from last year, he said. The mill rate in-

crease doesn't really reflect that increase in assessment.

The assessment picture in the township shows Ward 1's assessment down 10.8 per cent; Ward 2 down 6.7 per cent; Ward 3 up 7.8 per cent and Ward 4 up 27 per cent.

Because of the change this year in both mill rate and assessment, some will notice a large variation, either up or down, in their tax bills this year.

Next year will provide for better comparisons because

the tax bills will be calculated on the same basis as they were this year, said Mr. Lowes.

He said the county levy this year was up 27.8 per cent; the elementary school levy was up 14.1 per cent, secondary school up 6.19 per cent; Oxford County separate school levy was down 11.7 per cent; Haldimand-Norfolk separate school levy was down 12 per cent and the township levy for township purposes was up only 11.5 per cent.

Resolution to clean up is approved by council

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In response to a letter of complaint received in June, Norwich Township Council passed a resolution Monday authorizing a health department inspection of the Sollinger Industries property in an attempt "to get the mess cleaned up".

Michael Ash, of Michael Ash Construction Ltd., filed a complaint with council stating that "the property is not only a mess in itself, but causes all other properties around it to be de-valued."

The property, on York Street in Otterville, has not been in use since the fertilizer plant was closed in the mid-70's. The plant later burned, and the property has not been in use since.

Mr. Ash said his main concern with the property is that it is a health hazard to

the children who use it as a pathway.

"The property is just sitting there, anybody can get onto it. There is a chimney which has been scheduled to be torn down for a long time that is leaning, and has bricks falling out."

Mr. Ash, whose own company is across the road from Sollinger, said he recently built a house in the development behind the property.

Mike Bragg, the Oxford County director of environmental health, said there will be an inspector sent to the property today (Wednesday) to inspect safety and health complaints. Such things as the structural safety and storage of garbage will be looked at, he said.

"Depending on what we find a barricade might solve the problem, or the building may have to be torn down."

He said it is not really a safety hazard if it is just considered an "eyesore."

Another attempt to clean up Otterville eyesore at Sollinger Industry

Norwich Township council has decided to try another avenue in the attempt to get an "eyesore" at the Sollinger Industry property in Otterville cleaned up.

At the request of council a public health inspector was sent to view the site July 15, but concluded that although the property is an eyesore, "our investigation revealed no immediate public health hazard."

On receiving the letter from the Oxford board of health, council recommended, Tuesday, that a

building inspector be sent to the property to see if a cleanup, or demolition of areas, can be legally ordered.

The health inspector was sent to view the property in response to a number of complaints, including a letter sent to council in June by Michael Ash. Mr. Ash's construction company is located in front of the Sollinger property, and he complained that the property posed a health hazard to children who often

cross the property.

Tom Pringle, public health inspector for Oxford County, said he investigated areas of concern including the possible harboring of rats by manure piles, and unsafe chimney, and unused silos "that are apparently climbed upon by area children."

He found the silos to be structurally sound, and no evidence of rats on the property. The manure piles on the property, he said, do not pose a health threat,

because they have been passed through drying kilns and have been composting for a number of years.

He said the chimney is leaning toward the east, but the board of health is not in a legal position to order the demolition of the structure "without an expert's report to the effect that it is so structurally unsound as to be unsafe to passersby."

The building, which produced fertilizer, has not been in use since it burned down in the late nineteen seventies.

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Fund-raising committee named for Treffry grist mill renovations

OTTERVILLE (Bureau) — A special committee has been formed to mount a fund-raising campaign for the historic Treffry grist mill as the deadline approaches for a decision by Norwich Township council to purchase it.

The township has an \$1,000 option which ends Sept. 8 to buy the property for \$60,000.

Deputy clerk John Gilbert said Wednesday the aim of the fund-raising campaign would be to finance the restoration and operation of the mill and recover some of the township's investment if the purchase is made.

The committee, due to meet next week, is to organize a public meeting to gather ideas and inquire about government grants to study possible uses of the property.

Committee chairman Colin Cope, a local businessman, said no money

can be raised for the mill until it is purchased. Grant applications and money for feasibility studies are also at a standstill until the purchase is made.

The South Norwich Historical Society has agreed to operate the mill after the township buys it, but its resources are limited, he said. Possible uses for the property include a museum, educational field study centre or a combination of these, depending on available grants.

The committee is made up of Cope, Gilbert, two historical society

members, four council members and one private citizen.

There is some division on council on whether the township should buy the mill before other money is found. A proposal to hold back on the purchase until a private organization came up with \$15,000 was defeated by council in a 6-5 vote Tuesday night.

Under that proposal the township would have bought the adjacent 39-acre dam and pond site for \$20,000 and contributed \$25,000 to the 4.8-acre mill site purchase.

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Advisory committee for Treffry Mill

By LIZ PAYNE

Norwich Township council has approved the appointment of a Treffry Mill advisory committee which will begin to investigate funding of the mill.

The committee, which will hold its first meeting August 5, will organize a public meeting to discuss the purchase, restoration and management of the Treffry Mill property.

Mayor Jack Burn said council hopes to raise about \$60,000 for the project. About \$10,000 of that would purchase the property and the remainder would be used for restoration of the mill and mill property.

The South Norwich Historical Society told council that it does not wish to fund the project, as a group, but several historical society members will sit on the advisory committee. The historical society is currently funding a centennial book.

Mayor Burn told council there should be no problem raising funds for the project.

"I am sure you will find funding is coming forth. The committee has proven they're anxious to get going."

He said council could have the first report from the committee by their next meeting, August 10.

The newly appointed mill advisory committee consists of Rick Singer, Joyce Pettigrew, Colin Cope, Bob Pettigrew, Lyle Davis, Jack Burn, John Gilbert and Lorain Downing.

Another resident of Mill Street moved from the village this past week, Mrs. Gladys Tomlinson who has taken up residence in the Senior Citizens apartments in Norwich. Best Wishes for health and happiness accompany her from her neighbours and friends in Otterville.

Mrs. Anna Skwibanck and daughter Sonja and Mr. Leopold Nierychlo and wife Maria of West Germany returned to their homes on Wednesday after spending a holiday with Mrs. Katie Mics and also spending a few days with relatives in New York.

Mrs. Harold Durkee and Mrs. Joyce Hanson attended the Keith Harvey and Dianne Nutkins wedding which took place in the Church of Our Redeemer London, Ontario on Saturday. The bride's mother was the former Velma Angell who was a former resident of Otterville.

Celebrates 90th birthday



Mrs. Eva Oatman of 215 Lisgar Ave., Apt. 114, celebrated her 90th birthday on July 22, 1981.

Mrs. Oatman has been a long time resident of Tillsonburg and is a member of St. John's Anglican Church. She is the widow of the late Lyman (Dime) Oatman.

Mrs. Oatman is still very active and maintains her own apartment and is in fairly good health. After her husband's death, she was a practical nurse until she was 81 years of age.

She was entertained at a family dinner and also by her friends at a coffee and cake party in the lounge at 215 Lisgar Ave.

Mrs. Oatman was the

recipient of many lovely cards and floral arrangements, also plaques from Premier William Davis, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, Governor-General Ed Schreyer, M.P.P. Dr. Bruce Halliday, and M.P. Dick Trelevan.

Unable to be present due to ill health, was Mrs. Oatman's twin sister, Mrs. Edna (Rice) Shipley of Marion Villa, London, Ontario.

Shown above in the picture is Mrs. Oatman and her family Mrs. Russell (Eva) Jackson of Tillsonburg, Mr. James Cooper of Simcoe and in back Mrs. Russell (Mary Ellen) Mabee of Tillsonburg. She also has eight grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

CARRIE EVELYNE MOORE

Mrs. Fred R. Moore of Otterville passed away at her residence on Friday, July 24, 1981, in her 84th year.

Born in Sarnia, June 5, 1898, she was a daughter of the late Chester and Jessie Lee. Mrs. Moore was a member of Bookton Presbyterian Church and Ladies Aid; a member of Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330; of the Otterville Women's Institute and of Otterville Leisure Club.

Surviving, besides her husband, are two daughters, Mrs. Donald (Velma) Schooley of Delhi and Mrs. Ted (Frances) Jenereaux of Waterford; five grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

She was predeceased by a son, Donald Roy Moore and by three brothers, Gordon Lee, Lorne Lee and Norman Lee.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held Monday, July 27, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Fred Cromey. Mrs. William A. McMullen played Hymns before and after the service.

Pallbearers were Don Ryder, Orton Kyes, Lloyd Lee, Bruce Addison, Wallace Kennedy and Harry Cayley.

Interment in Bookton Cemetery.

The funeral service was largely attended.

A memorial service was conducted by Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 at the Funeral Home Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

AIMIEE ELIZABETH (BETTY) KRAMER

Mrs. Gordon Kramer of Otterville passed away at Woodstock General Hospital on Wednesday, July 22, 1981, in her 72nd year.

Born in Wales, September 12, 1909, she was a daughter

of the late David and Elizabeth Davies. Her husband predeceased her.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Bill (Lenora) Hilliker of Tillsonburg; one son, Robert Slaght of Hamilton; four sisters, Mrs. Robert Weaver of Kitchener, Mrs. Harold Williams of Brantford, Mrs. Byron Letson of Preston and Mrs. Dereck Bibby of Cambridge; two brothers, Owen Davies of Cambridge and Arthur Davies of Otterville; and six grandchildren.

She was predeceased by three sisters, Mrs. Clifford Poag, Mrs. Eldon Bassett and Mrs. Gordon Thompson.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held Saturday, July 25, at 10:30 a.m. conducted by Rev. J.H. McAvany of Avondale United Church, Tillsonburg.

Pallbearers were Neil Davies, Charles Poag, Russell Letson, Ronald Davies, George Bassett and Guy Williams.

Mrs. William A. McMullen played Hymns before and after the service.

Interment in Windham Centre Cemetery.

Memorial donations were made to the Canadian Cancer Society, Ontario

Heart Foundation and to the Gideon Bible Society.

July Otterville

Mrs. Harold Waring
Otterville 879-6655

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Colin Robinson who have been highly respected residents of Mill St. Otterville have moved into the Ayasley apartments at 95 Barlake Ave. Apt. 10 Stoney Creek, Ontario. L8E 1R1. Best wishes go with them from their neighbours and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Scott of Brownsville who purchased the residence from Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have moved into their new home on Mill Street. Neighbours and friends welcome them to the village.

Otterville couple celebrate 60th

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. James Squance of Otterville, observed their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, July 5th and in honor of the occasion, their family held open house for 250 relatives and friends from 2-4 in the Otterville United Church parlour.

Mrs. Squance was the former Grace Harrison daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Harrison and Mr. Squance's parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. James Squance.

They were married on July 2, 1921, at Bookton Parsonage by Rev. William Ottewell, and following their marriage lived at the Norwich Gore where Mr. Squance was employed at the cheese factory.

For the past forty-eight years they have been highly respected residents of the village. They are members of the United Church. Mr. Squance is a member of Tecumseh Lodge 182, and Mrs. Squance is a member of United Church Women.

Violet Rebecca Lodge No. 330, and the Women's Institute. They are both members of the Leisure Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Squance have seven children, three sons and four daughters. Gordon, Brantford; Keith, Olliver, B.C.; Robert, Powell River B.C.; Jean, Paris; Marjorie, Springford; Dorothy, Sarnia; Shiela, Woodstock. There are 28 grandchildren, and 27 great grandchildren.

Following the open house

the rededication of the marriage vows was repeated in the church with their sons and daughters and respective husbands and wives as attendants, with Rev. Earl Moore officiating. The bride and groom entered the church to the strains of the traditional Wedding March, with Lila Freeland as organist.

The congregation was comprised primarily by grandchildren and great grandchildren of the happy couple and honored guests.

Following the church ceremony and reception a dinner was held for the family and guests at the Town Gate Inn Tillsonburg. The master of ceremonies was Robert Squance.

Toasts to the bride and groom were made on behalf of the different branches of the family by Glen Squance, Jim McClintock, Robert Miller and Rick Krohe. Greetings were read by their daughters from Her Majesty the Queen, Prime Minister Trudeau, Hon. William

Davis, Dr. Bruce Halliday (who also attended the afternoon reception) and the Hon. Joe Clark.

For the occasion the bride wore a street length pastel blue floral silk dress with white accessories. Her corsage comprised of white roses and carnations. The bride wore a diamond and white gold pendant, a gift from her children and matching earrings, a gift from the groom. The groom was attired in a light suit with striped tie to match,

accented with a diamond stick pin a gift received from his children.

Pouring tea in the afternoon were Mrs. Nellie Witts, Norwich sister of the bride; Una Frances, Franklinville N.Y.; Dora McDonald, Kitchener; Elsie Pottleburg, Tillsonburg; Billy Allen, Springford, and Verna White, Otterville. Guests were received at the registry table by their granddaughters and granddaughters-in-law.

Among the many lovely gifts were floral arrangements from the U.C.W., and neighbours. On behalf of each Lodge, Mrs. Lorne Nant and Mr. Alvin Rachar made a presentation of a lovely plant.

Scores of messages, cards and flowers were received by the happy couple.

For the afternoon reception, the tea table was adorned with a white linen tablecloth two silver tea services, white tapers and a floral centerpiece, a gift from the United Church Women who very capably prepared and served fancy sandwiches and cakes, with Mrs. Boyd Little as convenor.

Christo-Haggith wed

Norwich Baptist Church was the setting on July 18, 1981, at 6:30 p.m. for the wedding of Marlene Christo and Chris Haggith. Dave Houghland officiated and Belle Palmer of Norwich was organist. Kelley Houghland, friend of the couple, sang Sunrise, Sunset during the service.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Christo of 18 Main St., Otterville, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Haggith of RR 3, Norwich.

Escorted by her father, the bride chose a floor-length gown of sheer over taffeta with lace motif trim, styled with a short cap sleeve and rounded neck, worn with a lace motif bandeau which held her lace trimmed fingertip veil. She carried a bouquet of red silk roses mounted on a lace fan.

Matron of honor was Donna Murray of Otterville, sister of the bride and bridesmaids were Bonnie Pucula of Windham Centre, cousin of the bride, and Lisa Haggith of Norwich, sister of the groom. They wore identical, floor-length gowns of pale pink tricot with spaghetti straps and three-quarter length print jacket, worn with a touch of baby's breath in their hair. They each carried pink silk roses on a white lace fan. Junior bridesmaid was Hali Walters of Otterville, friend of the bride and groom. She wore a gown similar to that of the bridesmaids, only with a burgundy velvet sash.

Flower girl was Heidi Walters of Otterville, friend of the bride and groom, who wore a floor-length, white polyester gown with short

puff sleeves. She carried a white lace basket of red silk roses.

Wayne Murray of Otterville, brother-in-law of the bride, was best man. Ushers were Kevin Church of Waterford, friend of the bride and groom and Kevin Haggith of RR 3, Norwich, brother of the groom. Dennis Kleen of RR 3, Norwich, cousin of the groom, was ring bearer.

Reception for 200 guests was held at the Tillsonburg Legion Hall. Bride's mother received guests in a two-piece, blue, printed, street length dress with pleated

skirt worn with a corsage of yellow silk roses. Groom's mother chose a dusty rose, street length, sheer ensemble, worn with a corsage of pink silk roses.

Bride's gifts to the bridesmaids were necklaces and to the flower girl a glass ornament doll. Groom's gifts were wallets.

For her wedding trip, the bride wore a pale yellow, knee-length dress featuring a button down front and tie belt, worn with a corsage of blue and white silk roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Haggith are residing 164 Main St., Otterville.



MR. AND MRS. CHRIS HAGGITH



Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. James Squance of Otterville celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, held on July 5th.

Area man plays golf for fun

By LISA MCKNIGHT

It's not every day that a golfer makes a 35' putt on the last hole to win second place in a tournament and a \$200 clothes voucher as well, but Sunday, July 12, was a lucky day for Grant Mountain, who did just that.

Mr. Mountain of Otterville played his best in the Pro-Am tournament held in Ingersoll where 120 players from across Ontario participated. Each team consisted of a professional, and three amateur players of low, medium and high handicaps.

The teams are chosen at random, the second place team consisted of Professional Graham Gun of Pickering, Don Emms and Roy (Goose) Land both of Ingersoll and Mr. Mountain.

The first place spot was taken by professional Rob McGregor and his teammates who are all from Ingersoll.

Golf has been a sport of fun for Mr. Mountain for more than 30 years, however, he claims to have only taken the past several years seriously.

Besides enjoying the game himself he also teaches and has been doing so for the past three years.

"I am not a professional golfer, I teach because I like teaching and I feel I can teach well," he said.

He noted that it is a very difficult game to learn and that it takes a lot of practice.

"I've taken a lot of lessons myself but still I'm the same as everyone else ... you're always bound to make some bad shots, and they usually come at the least expected times," he said.

The object of golfing is obviously to put the ball in the hole but that object is not always easy to accomplish.

Each hole has a designated number of strokes called par which is measured by the distance between the tee and the hole. A far and straight shot of the ball is what most golfers are after when they are stroking down the fairway, said Mr. Mountain, noting that once the ball has reached the green one must have a sense of touch to putt the ball as close to the cup as possible.

Putting is the hardest part of the game for Mr. Mountain. He admits that he does not have the best touch and also he finds putting is the hardest part to practise.

He practices quite a bit at his home and when he is not busy in his barber shop in Norwich, you can find him puttering around in the back with his clubs.

He said it is very important to use all clubs when practising because each club is different in size and in performance. Woods, drivers, irons are all com-

mon terms to golfers; each are clubs which must be used for best results in the game.

One tip Mr. Mountain offers to beginner golfers is not to hit the ball too hard.

He said in most games the object is to slam the ball but in golf slamming the ball is

the biggest and most common mistake.

Otterville woman chosen to serve on prestigious historical society executive

By MARK S. SMITH

Joyce Pettigrew of RR 1 Otterville, the local historian who helped found the South Norwich Historical Society in 1975, has been chosen to sit on the executive of the prestigious Ontario Historical Society.

The 52-year-old wife and mother, a life-long resident of South Norwich, was honored with the appointment on the basis of her interest, dedication, and high level of activity, in the realm of local and provincial history.

The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) is an umbrella organization for approximately 200 local historical societies established throughout the province. The OHS often performs as a lobby group on behalf of member societies. The news of her appointment to the executive ranks of the provincial organization, was pleasant but unexpected.

Included in the personal history of the former elementary school teacher and graduate of Victoria College, is an impressive list of achievements that have preserved and illuminated much of the Norwich area's long and colourful history.

In an interview at her home this week, Mrs. Pettigrew said her efforts to help form the South Norwich Historical Society six years ago, were spurred by "an obsession to do something of knowledge"

of area history, a situation of which she became aware while editing the modest sesquicentennial historical booklet of South Norwich township, back in 1957.

Currently, the group has 55 members. Since its inception, it has organized and-or sponsored history fairs and exhibits, elementary school history contests, the research and writing of local history, and has erected two plaques.

In addition to her involvement with the historical society, Mrs. Pettigrew is a member of the Springford Tweedsmuir History committee, and serves as assistant curator of South Oxford-Tweedsmuir history for the women's institute. From its formation in 1975 until 1980, she was chairman of the township of Norwich Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC).

During her tenure with that organization, special projects organized to draw and photograph local historic buildings, brought the recorded "inventory" assembled by the club to over 100 entries. The successful efforts by her and her co-workers to publicize and preserve the area's architectural heritage, attracted unprecedented public attention.

Mrs. Pettigrew holds memberships in five local historical societies in order to keep abreast of their

activities. "Much local history overlaps", she explained. Her membership in the Ontario Genealogical Society reflects her keen interest in the tracing of family histories.

Currently in the works, is the production of a comprehensive history of the township of South Norwich by the local historical society, with the assistance of Canada Development and Experience '81 grants. The book, representing some extensive research done by Mrs. Pettigrew personally, is slated for publication in 1982.

Through the township of Norwich advisory committee, she is helping to promote public ownership of the Treffry Mill Property. The mill was built in 1845, on approximately the same site of the first mill ever to be built on the Otter River, back in 1807.

Mrs. Pettigrew's enthusiasm and dedication to historical research, was well represented by the "Ingenuity in Oxford" exhibit at the 1980 International Plowing Match, held near Woodstock.

While she is waiting to receive information from the OHS as to exactly what responsibilities her new job will entail, the modest but tireless crusader for the exposure and preservation of local history has no shortage of things to keep her occupied.

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Chosen for OHS executive

One of South Norwich township's most active and dedicated historians, Joyce Pettigrew of Springford, has been awarded a seat on the Ontario Historical Society executive. She is a founding member of the six-year-old South Norwich Historical Society. (TN Photo).

Once-over for Authority properties

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July 3

BY LINDA HULME

To a lot of people, a park is a park, a marsh is a marsh, and mucky water from a sandy field flowing across a road is a menace to a clean car. What seemed like ordinary features of the countryside on a summer's drive were transformed into naturalist and environmental concerns by officials of the Long Point Region Conservation Authority, during their annual bus tour, Tuesday.

Municipal representatives from Bayham, Norwich, South-West Oxford and Norfolk Townships, and Port Burwell, Vienna and Tillsonburg, joined with Authority members and officials from the ministry of natural resources to take an in-depth look at what the Authority is accomplishing with projects across the western portion of the watershed.

Spearheading the tour was Authority

general manager Jim Oliver, assisted by Larry VanLondersele, information and education co-ordinator.

Boarding at the Backus Conservation Area near Port Rowan, the bus trippers left for the lakeshore to their first destination, Port Royal, to view the Lee Brown Waterfowl Management Area. The "tourists" got a complete idea of the importance of the vast marshland in the area for the propagation of Canada geese, and were informed of the future plans for the property.

From there, it was along the Lakeshore Road (Regional Road 42) to view the severe erosion problems Lake Erie waters are causing along the shoreline, and over to Port Burwell, for a quick ride through the conservation area.

Mr. Oliver and conservation area

supervisor Tom Deming told the representatives of the Authority's money saving scheme by allowing free access to the conservation area. By removing park staff and negotiating an agreement with the village to have the grass cut, the Authority has managed to avert a growing deficit. By this time last year, said Mr. Deming, the costs amounted to \$1,800 while revenue was only \$700. This year, approximately \$600 has been spent on the park.

From the serenity of the Port Burwell Conservation Area, the bus travelled to Vienna, where matters addressed were more serious in nature. An inspection of the steep bank of the Big Otter Creek was taken, where a private property owner may be in danger of losing his house to erosion.

The cause of the erosion, which has left the home at the edge of the stream bank, were discussed and possible solutions reviewed.

It was also noted by Authority officials that the village of Vienna is threatened with severe flooding, should the Big Otter flood in the spring, from runoff or ice jams downstream.

After lunch, served at the Tillsonburg

Conservation Area, the bus ventured into Norwich Township, where the representatives viewed the success of an erosion control project on Ken Mann's farm.

The final stop, and an important one, was at a woodlot on Highway 3 east of Delhi, where a presentation was made for a well known conservationist.

The late Elmer McConnell, an Authority member of 17 years, was honored when a plaque, bearing his name and attributes, was unveiled, dedicating a 50 acre woodlot in his memory. The reforestation plot will be managed by the Authority through an agreement with Delhi Township.

It was a full day for all who attended, and while there were designated areas to cover, several stops were made to view a farmer's field where gully erosion was taking place, or recently completed Authority projects.

From the commentary Mr. Oliver provided, the municipal representatives received a brief education on just some of the areas of interest the Authority covers, and what work is actually being done with the annual levies the municipalities contribute.



Ken Mann, left foreground, explains the gully erosion project on his farm near Milldale to members of the Long Point Region Conservation Authority on their annual tour last Tuesday. Heavy water runoff from one of the fields was causing a loss of soil and dumping sediment into the stream bed, reducing its suitability as a trout habitat. The authority corrected the problem by constructing a 24" drop culvert to take the water down to the stream without allowing it to flow over the edge of the gully. A clay berm along the gully's edge acts as a dyke to pond up water.

July 3

Otters shutout Springford Blues

Otterville Otters kept their torrid Four County Fastball streak alive with a 4-0 shutout over the Springford Blues in Otterville Tuesday night.

Otterville's seasonal record now stands at 20-1, well ahead of second place Ingersoll's 14-5 record.

Otterville once again came up with a superb pitching performance as Jim Miles went the distance, fanning 14 batters, walking one and giving up five hits.

Otterville started off the first inning when Doug Furlong connected for a single. He moved up a bag on Roy King's bunt and then Miles helped his pitching cause with a hit that scored the first run of the game, however he was tagged between first and second.

Ron Wells took advantage of an error to get on base and bring King home for the second run of the game.

Pat Pinnoy got on base with a fielder's choice followed by a single from Joe Webb. Pinnoy came home for the third run of the inning on a hit by Dave Davis.

King collected the big hit of the game when he led off the second with a one-run home run to make the score 4-0.

From that point on the defences clamped down, keeping the next five innings clean. Otterville committed only one error while the Blues committed two in the final five frames.

King's single and homer led the Otters while Furlong, Webb, Miles, Wells and C.D. Richardson each connected for a single.

Blue bats were led by Carl Wilcox and Brad Schweyer with a pair of singles while Fred Smith replied with a lone single.

Greg Volkaert went the distance for the Blues striking out one and allowing seven hits without giving up a walk.

The Blues' next game will be Thursday when they host the Springford Bearings at 8:30 p.m. Otterville's next encounter will be with second place Ingersoll Thursday in Ingersoll at 8:30 p.m.

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Otters grind Bearings TN July 31

The Otterville Otters finished the regular Four County season off in style Wednesday night as they dropped visiting Springford-Tillsonburg Bearings 7-2.

A strong nine hit performance and the usual solid pitching gave the Otters a

quick 4-0 lead, enough to coast on for the rest of the game.

Otter, Doug Furlong started the game off in the first inning when he got on base with a single and Roy King took advantage of an error, to get on first.

A double steal put the two runners in scoring position and a single by Ron Wells made the score 2-0. Pierre Pinnoy capped the inning off with a home run that also scored Wells.

Neither team could alter the 4-0 tally in the next three innings but in the fifth Otterville gave themselves a more comfortable lead when Lynn Gehring led off with a single and then came home on a home run by Wells.

With the score 6-0 a determined Bearing team made a fight out of it in the sixth inning when Gary Seitz got on base with a single and Paul Rook took advantage of an error to get on base.

An error and a number of passed balls scored both runners to set the tally at 6-2.

Otterville squashed any ideas of a comeback when Dave Felder led off the bottom of the sixth with a double and then scored on a ground rule double by C.D. Richardson.

Felder went the distance on the Otterville mound, fanning eight, walking one and giving up five hits.

Brad Wencel went seven for the Bearings, striking out two and giving up nine hits without a walk.

Wells led the Otter bats with a single and a homer while Furlong and Joe Webb followed with a pair of singles apiece. Pierre Pinnoy followed with a single homer and Felder connected for a double while Gehring rounded out the hitting with a single.

Springford bats were led by Gary Seitz with a pair of singles while Blake Long, Zoli Horvath and Paul Weeks each nailed out a single.

Otterville dumps visitors

Otterville came up with three home runs Monday to rather easily dispose of Rainham Centre in the first round of ORSA play-offs. They won the first of the two out of three series 9-0 and Monday they completely humiliated their visitors with a 14-0 shutout.

Otters' Dave Felder is not their number one pitcher and yet he struck out 13 batters Monday, and gave up only two hits. With a pitcher like that, who needs hitters, but hit they did as seven Otters connected for a total of 12 hits.

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Doug Furlong led off the first inning with a walk and then stole second. An error on Roy King's hit scored him for the first run that turned out to be the winner.

A two-run homer by Ron Wells in the third inning broke the game open and another homer by Pierre Pinnoy capped off a big four, run fourth inning.

In the fifth C.D. Richardson knocked out the third homer to score two runs and five more runs in the seventh inning iced off the victory.

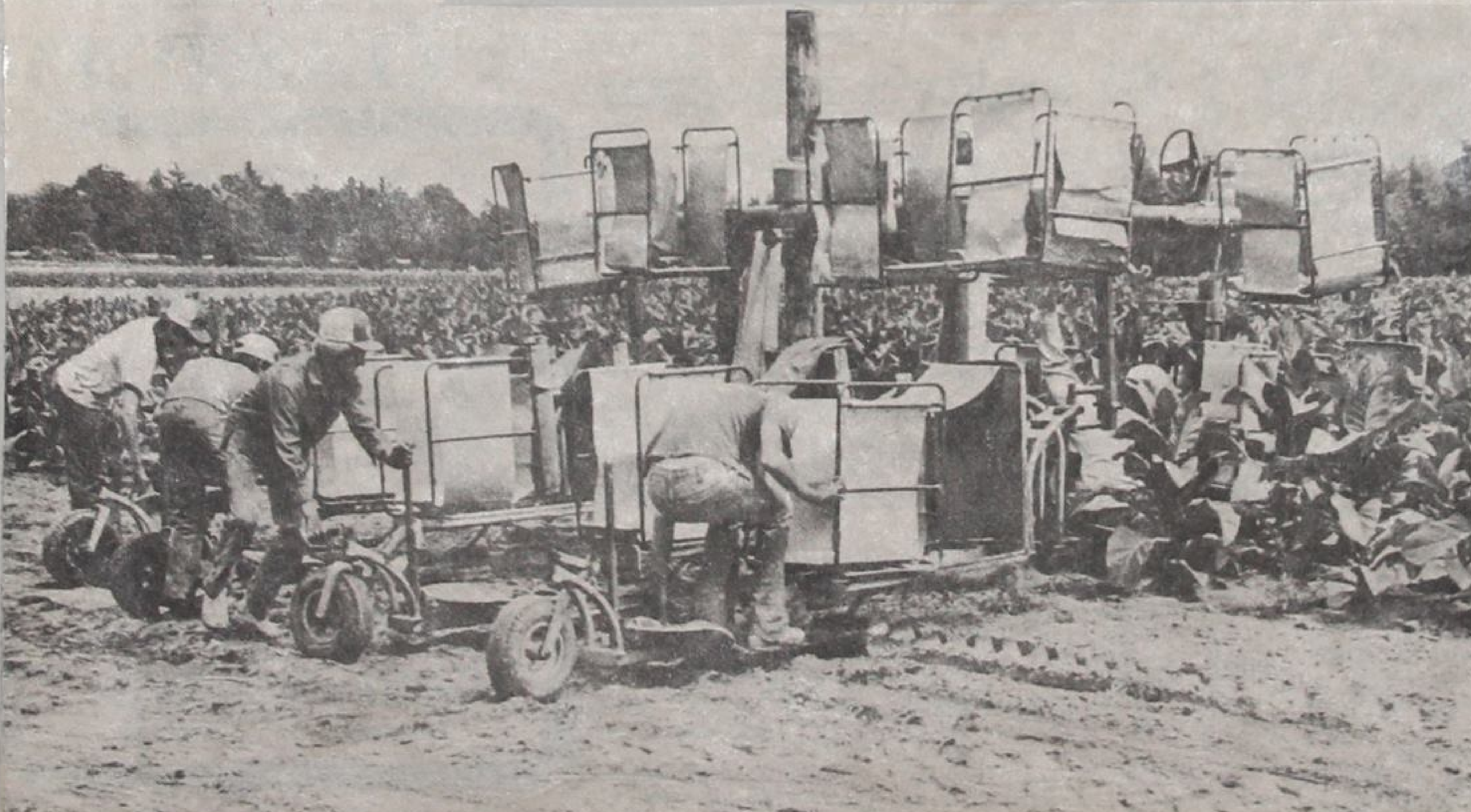
Doug Furlong led the Otterville bats with a pair of

singles and a double while Wells and Richardson followed with a homer and a single apiece. King came up with a pair of singles while Pinnoy managed his single homer.

Dave Felder connected for a triple and John Walther followed with a double.

Rainham's two hits were singles off the bats of Don Drehmer and Lynn Snider.

Otterville's next competition will be Highgate and although the first game will be played in Otterville it is uncertain when the game will be played.



Early harvest

For some local workers, the waiting is over and harvest season is well underway. Workers at John Gilvesy's farm north of Tillsonburg began

harvest earlier this week, while a few farmers near the lake started last week. Norm Sheidow, Delhi Research Station extension agronomist, said it is unusual to see harvest start before the 20th of July. (TN Photo)



Many fields were under water, including this one on a tobacco farm in the Burford area.

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Big bin boom now predicted by Powell

BY LISA MCKNIGHT

Powell Agri-Systems in Otterville is changing its tune for the summer months. Being the pioneers to tobacco mechanization since 1952, they have seen and been a big factor in the change from stick kilns to bulk kilns and are now taking a step farther.

"We are improving with the times to become more specialized in every aspect of tobacco harvesting," said Bob Rankin, the firm's assistant sales manager.

The innovation of the Big Bin occurred in 1976 when Powell manufacturers in North and South Carolina introduced them to United States farmers. Last year the first Big Bin system in Oxford County was used by Bill Farkus who seemed quite pleased with it.

Big Bins are giant containers that hold up to 2,700 pounds of green tobacco leaves. Eight to ten big bins are loaded with leaves and then are connected to a furnace section which is sealed off becoming a self-contained curing structure.

The system is designed to reduce labor and increase efficiency while maintaining quality in the bulk curing of tobacco.

They are efficient in that producers can handle additional acreage with their present labor crew doing less work.

Mr. Rankin said they will be producing 80 big bins in a five week period over the summer and then will return to manufacturing the regular bulk kilns.

To accommodate the structuring of the big bins, Powell had to install an

overhead pulley system to keep production in full swing. Mr. Rankin said for the first week they ran into quite a few bugs in the manufacturing system but now have them all worked out.

The bins are produced in a series of sub assembly lines explained Mr. Rankin, adding that much more welding is involved with the big bin manufacturing compared to the regular bulk kilns.

The sides of the bins, the roof and cap are made separately and are all urethane sprayed for insulation purposes. They are painted and dried then sent on to the assembly station. Here they are all assembled to form a complete big bin. The entire inside of the bin is urethane coated and rubber sealing is put on the doorways to make them air tight.

The equipment looks heavy, complicated and cumbersome but the method is simple Mr. Rankin said. The combine fills the big bins in the field where they are taken to the kiln yard and are hooked onto a furnace which sits on a cement pad.

Mr. Rankin explained the big bins do not have to be loaded by a combine and that not all the bins need to be filled before curing. If only two or three of the bins are filled the cap may be put on and the leaves cured.

Mr. Rankin explained other advantages to the big bin system such as the leaves are not handled by human hands until they are graded and baled for market. This prevents damage such as bruising of the leaves.

"This is just the next step after the bulk kilns" Mr. Rankin said, adding "We were the first to build the bulk kiln and others have copied us ever since. Now that we are the first to build the big bins, I imagine others will again copy us."

Competition manufacturers do not seem to pose any threat on the Powell company. According to Mr. Rankin, "Powell has always been the leaders. We may not have always sold the most but we always have the best product," he said.

Plans of expansion for Powell have once more been delayed, however this time it is the company's decision rather than the Ontario Municipal Board. The property across from the Powell plant which has been levelled for future expansion has been secured by Powell but there are no definite plans yet of what expansion, or when.

Drainage tile has been layed on the property which is being used for the storage of bulk kilns at present time.

Mr. Rankin said that since the interest rates are so high at this time farmers will not take out loans for new equipment, and therefore sales are low at this point in time.

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Country store has undergone five expansions

By LISA MCKNIGHT

Progress and expansion go hand in hand and the change and expansion the Country Store in Otterville has undergone proves progress is taking place.

This furniture store, owned by Bob Carney from Tillsonburg, has undergone five major expansions in the past six years after he purchased the building.

Mr. Carney, an auctioneer by trade, started the store up as Otter Valley Auctions. Furniture was sold by auction and on a retail basis including both new and used furniture. Two and one half years ago the auction was completely dropped and the new furniture business was well on its way.

Showrooms, featuring a large selection of couches, chairs, bedroom, dining room, kitchen suites, and much more, cover an area of 14,000 square feet. The five expansions have enlarged the building by 10,500 square feet.

Mr. Carney said the showroom has the largest selection of chairs in Oxford county and is the largest furniture store between Brantford, St. Thomas and London.

He and his wife Jean are the owners and operators of the store, employing one full-time and two part-time

workers.

He said 99 per cent of the furniture in the store is Canadian manufactured and most of it is picked up directly from the manufacturers. The furniture is selected by Mr. and Mrs. Carney.

The store is open from nine to nine each week and on Saturday it's open from nine till 5:30 p.m.

Furniture buyers deal directly with the owners of the store which makes shopping more personal. Mr. Carney said he feels the prices are fairly low in comparison.

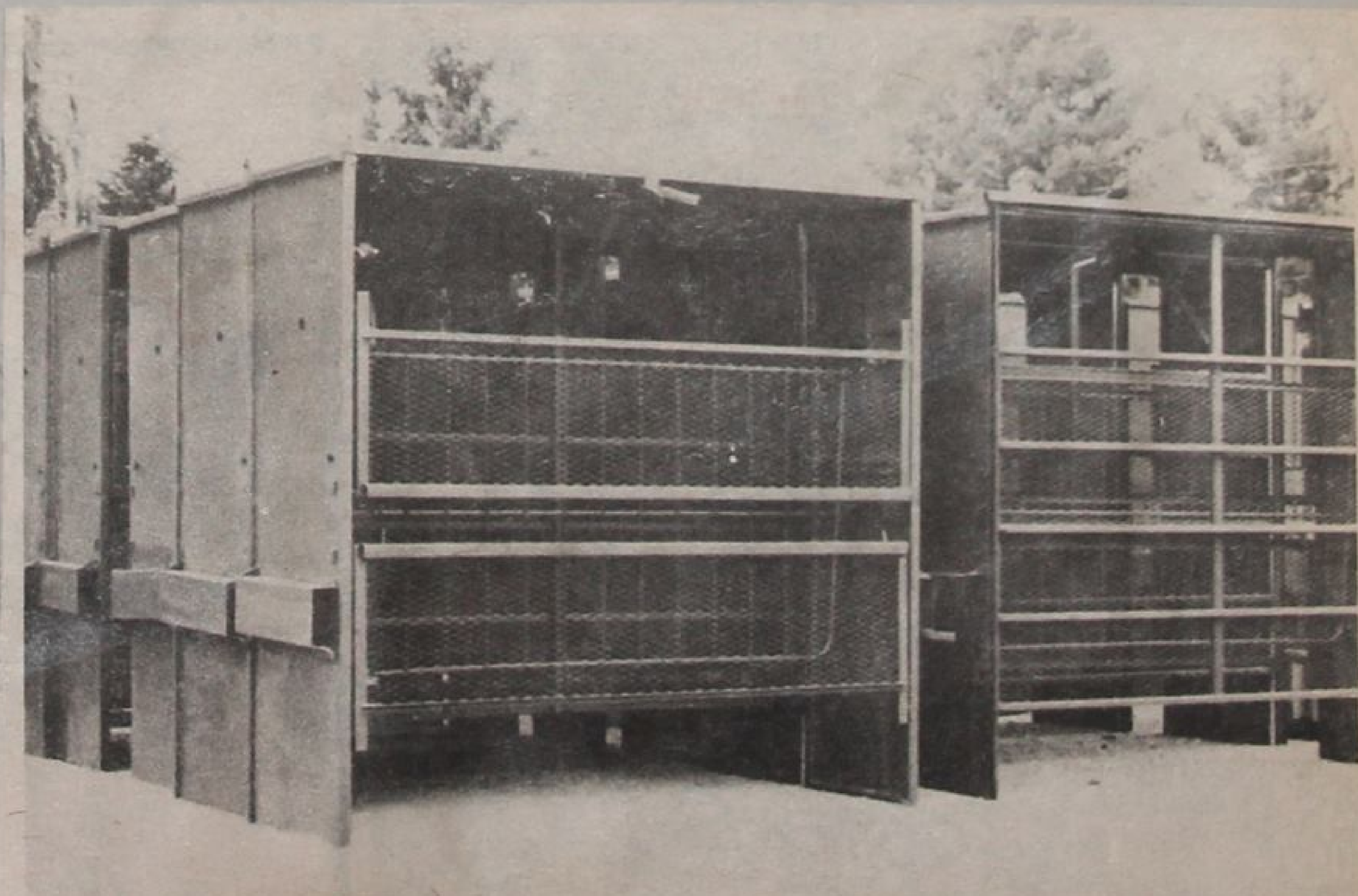
The store has been well received in Otterville, both as an auction and as the present furniture store he said.

"Otterville is a good little town. The auctions were always packed full tilt and the change to a furniture store has proven beneficial," he said.

He noted much of the business is from out of town and his truck delivers furniture across Southwestern Ontario.

Mr. Carney said there was no real slow time when the store changed over to a furniture store. It took him a short time to pick up clientele but soon after he opened, it made steady progress.

Powell Agri-Systems located on Dover Street in Otterville, in 1968 and now employs 105 people who manufacture various tobacco harvesting equipment such as sprayers, transplanters, toppers, combines, automatic harvesters, bulk curing systems and now big bin curing systems.



Big bins

The big bins are the newest and most advanced method of tobacco curing. Powell is presently manufacturing them

for a five week period hoping to make 80 kilns in all. Each kiln is made up of eight to 10 bins, attached to a furnace system. (NG Photo)

Confident of future

By SUZANNE HANSON

At the age of 28, Otterville-native Michael Ash is probably one of the youngest construction contractors in the business.

But don't let his age deceive you. He knows the trends in the construction industry and he definitely knows how to build. The rapid expansion of his business over the past five years is testimony to that fact.

The site of Michael Ash Construction Ltd., in the east end of Otterville, was formerly the site of his father's lumber business, operated as Butler and Ash Ltd. between 1956 and 1963. It became J. Ash Lumber in 1963 when his father took over the business but it was sold in 1974 on his father's death.

At that time Michael Ash was only 21 years old and not quite ready to take over the reins of the company. But after working for three years, until 1977, with Courtland Aluminum, Mr. Ash built his first house and sold it. After that there was no looking back.

That first summer he started out building one house and by the end of the summer he had six on the go.

In 1978 he bought the property where is now located after forming his

own company the year before. Michael Ash Construction went limited in 1978.

Mr. Ash said he had always been interested in the construction industry and "really enjoys building houses". He gets a great deal of pleasure out of the finished product and takes pride in doing every job as if he were building it for himself.

Over the years since his business was first established, Michael Ash Construction Ltd. has seen steady growth and expansion. Mr. Ash has expanded from residential construction into construction of commercial and farm structures, in addition to doing general renovations.

The construction in the housing industry has dropped steadily during the past year, he said. Last year, about three houses were constructed compared with 16 the year before, reflecting the poor economy and high interest and mortgage rates that currently exist.

But the slow-down in the housing industry hasn't meant a slow-down for Michael Ash Construction Ltd. His versatility in the industry has enabled him to keep busy with more than enough jobs.

The majority of his work is done locally but he is never

lacking for construction jobs.

"On the average, we'll have no less than 10 jobs on the go at one time," said Mr. Ash.

He tries to keep them within a 100-mile radius of Otterville in order that he can make his daily visits to each job site. He likes to supervise personally all of his jobs once he has sold them and hired the various contractors involved.

Most of the jobs are no farther than 45 miles away from Otterville and he usually travels to each job site at least once a day. With 10 or more jobs on the go at one time, that can mean a lot of travelling.

But quality workmanship and a job well done are what Mr. Ash prides himself on. His slogan is "good workmanship, competitive prices and service."

It's a competitive business, he said. It takes a shrewd businessman who does quality work to survive in it.

"I know before I start what I will make on a job," he said, and he keeps working it out on a daily basis.

The busiest months for the business are March through October with the winter months left for finishing up inside work on the various projects, said Mr. Ash's receptionist Deb Lee.

Central yard set for next year

The move toward a central patrol yard for the township's works departments was a good step for council to take, said Norwich Township Mayor Jack Burn.

The purchase of a 10-acre property south of Burgessville was approved by council in May and construction of the new facility should be underway next year.

The move to centralize the patrol yards will save the municipality \$90,000—money which can be applied to other areas such as roads which have not been receiving the attention they should, said Mayor Burn.

The same class of service will be provided but the overhead will be reduced by 10 per cent. The fact that the Ward 4 works department has operated efficiently out of Burgessville (Ward 3) since the August 1979 tornado, proves it can work, said Mayor Burn. And the idea has also received approval from the ministry of transportation and communications. A subsidy of \$25,000 has already been supplied to the township by the ministry to cover half of the \$50,000 purchase price for the Bailey property, located on the east side of the

Middleton line in Lot 14, Concession 3.

Mayor Burn said he has received far more positive responses to the move than negative from township residents.

"The numbers (figures) substantiate the moves we are making," he said.

Mayor Burn said it will be some time before it is fully implemented but no staff will be let go because of the move to centralize. Staff over time will be reduced, however, through attrition.

It only stands to reason that one can be operated cheaper than four, said Mayor Burn. The efficiency of operation is expected to be far superior to what it is now with four separate departments.

Mayor Burn said the \$90,000 saving will also become larger as inflation increases. The sum of \$90,000 is the minimum, he said.

The engineering on the project should be completed this year and the construction should be completed with the central yard's operation becoming a reality next year.

The cost of construction is estimated to be \$165,000 and is expected to be raised through the sale of the existing patrol yards.

63rd annual Fisher reunion

OTTERVILLE (C) — The 63rd annual Fisher family reunion was held recently at Springbank Park, London, with family members coming from Hamilton, London, Markham, McGregor, Mississauga, Otterville, Rexdale, St. Thomas, Tillsonburg and Toronto and from Livonia and Royal Oak in Michigan.

Following the usual bountiful smorgasbord dinner, President Dick Fisher presided over a brief business meeting when the following officers were elected; honorary president

Roy Fisher, Tecumseh; president Dick Fisher, Markham; vice-president Douglas Addison, Oakville; secretary Inez Fisher, Hamilton. Beulah Bodkin, Calara Cooper, Catherine Fisher, Zella Fisher, Irie Macklon, Gail Oliphant and Paulette Robinson were named for the table committee.

Regrets were expressed over the deaths of Myrtle and Wilfrid Addison, formerly of Otterville, and over their son Dick Addison, formerly of Bermuda.

There have been three weddings since the last reunion; Tom Trevail to the former Jennifer Backall; Matthew Villaire to the former Mercedes De La Terre and Paul T. Fisher to the former Margaret Barr.

A special welcome was given to Mildred Addison who was present, after having resided in Bermuda for the past 10 years.

Appreciation was expressed to Emma and Murray Porte who were again named to make the arrangements for the 1982 reunion to be held at Springbank Park, London, the third Saturday in June.

Congratulations were extended to Mrs. E.J. Porte of London on her 96th birthday which fell on the reunion day.



Growing business

One of the youngest in his field, Michael Ash construction contractor is moving ahead quickly in the field. The Otterville native prides himself on his quality construction and his personal interest in the finished product. (NG Photo)



Township of Norwich Celebrates

Canada Week

June 25 - July 1st - 1981.

Come and be a part of these events . . .

Norwich Musical Society Band
BAND CONCERT
 Norvilla Nursing Home
 Bring your own chairs
Thursday, June 25 - 7:30 p.m.
 — FREE —

Springford Old Timers Tournament
LOB BALL
June 26, 7:00 p.m.
June 27, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
June 28, 12:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 12 Teams Prizes 16 and Over \$1.00
 For Information - Gord Lonsbary 842-4340

South Norwich Historical Society
CHICKEN B-B-Q
 Treffry Mill Meadow, Otterville ✓
 Bring your own chair
Sunday, June 28 - 3:00 - 6:00
 Adults \$5.00 — Advance Tickets Only — Children \$2.50
 For Information - Rick Singer 842-3748

Norwich Minor Ball Tournament (Boys)
JUVENILE BALL
Sat., June 27, 8:00 a.m. - on
Sun., June 28, 9:00 a.m. - on
 Admission \$1.00 - 13 and Over
 For Information - George Amey 863-3408

Norwich Junior Farmers
DANCE
 Norwich Community Centre
Saturday, June 27 - 9:00 - 1:00
 Music by Rainbow
 \$4.00 per person Cash Bar
 For Information - Marilyn Buckrell 424-9166

Norwich Minor Soccer Tournament
SOCCER
 Official Opening of New Soccer Field
July 1st - 6:00 p.m.
 — Free Admission —

STREET DANCE
Sat., June 27 - 8 P.M.
 Held At The
 Township Office Parking Lot, Otterville ✓
 Live Entertainment
 Free Admission
 Sponsored By The Otterville Optimist Club

Burgessville Fire Department Demonstration
AUTO RESCUE
 Burgessville Fire Hall
Tuesday, June 30, 8:00 p.m.

Oxford Centre Celebrates July 1st

2:30 p.m. Parade, Band Concert, Firefighting Demonstration, Air Fly Past, Old Cars, Displays	4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Chicken Barbecue at Oxford Centre Hall Advance Tickets Only Tickets must be purchased by June 26th from any Council Member, Nor- wich Big V or Oxford Centre Village Market	8:00 p.m. Garden Party featuring Variety Acts, Magician, Professional and Local Talent. Bring the Family. Barbecue and Garden Party Tickets \$7.00 Adult, \$3.00 Child, or Gate Fee \$1.00
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Help Celebrate Our National Holiday!



Oxford Centre Canada Day celebrations

By LISA McKNIGHT

Canada Day festivities held at Oxford Centre were the attraction on July 1 for almost 800 persons, said Joe Hampson, festivities chairman.

"The last time we had this many people in Oxford Centre, the village itself wasn't here," he said, referring to the crowds that flocked to Oxford Centre two years ago to see the devastation of the tornado.

Last Wednesday that feeling of anguish and devastation was not present. Rather there was a feeling of strong Township and Canadian unity which provided for plenty of laughter and smiling faces throughout the day's ceremonies.

Festivities began at 2:30 p.m. when Oxford Centre saw its "biggest parade ever," said Mr. Hampson. The 39-float parade was sponsored by the Norwich and District Chamber of Commerce, with Rick Jones, Bob Scott and Fred Thompson directing it. Don Miller was the parade marshal and he entertained the crowds as Donzo the Clown. After the parade, the firemen of the township displayed their

capabilities in two games.

The first was to see which firemen could knock a set of pylons down the quickest with water spray from their hoses. Firemen used a 2 1/2 inch hose to blow down the first set of pylons and then attached a smaller hose to blow down a second set farther away. Burgessville, Norwich and Oxford Centre firemen battled it out with Burgessville capturing first place with a time of 62 seconds.

The second game showed off the skills of directing water up in the air. A bucket was hooked onto a raised cable, and firemen directed spray at the bucket, intending to push it to the opponent's side. This event was done in fun with no prizes awarded.

Six hundred tickets were sold for the chicken barbecue which was held at the community centre at 5 p.m. People lined up outside of the centre where they were served salads, beans, baked potatoes, rolls and plenty of chicken in a buffet style before entering the centre where everyone ate. Eden old-fashioned barbecue from Woodstock catered to the hungry festival goers.

An antique car show was held outside of the community centre, and the Norwich Musical Society staged an hour long musical production.

The Anglican and United Churches in Oxford Centre were open for visitors to browse through. The Anglican Church showed slide presentations on the history of Oxford Centre.

A garden party was held at

8 p.m. with fun and entertainment for everyone. M.P. Dr. Bruce Halliday, M.P.P. Dick Treleaven and Norwich Township Mayor Jack Burn were all on hand to give their regards to the community and the township for putting together such a wonderful day.

Entertainment included a magic show, singers, a chorus line and a comedian to name a few. Mr. Hamp-

son, the master of ceremonies for the evening, said there was a good variety of professional and amateur talent for the whole family.

At intermission trophies were given out to the best parade entries. The Christ Church Youth Group captured first prize for the best float theme. The best organization float trophy went to the Norwich-Otterville Lions club. Nor-

villa Nursing Home in Norwich took the trophy for the best commercial float, while the best overall float trophy went to the Oxford Centre senior citizens.

Grand champion trophy went to East Oxford Public School float.

Parade convener, Rick Jones, said he was pleased with the whole day and described it in two words-- "Just terrific."

Norwich Tp. to acquire Treffry Mill property

OTTERVILLE (Bureau) — Norwich Township council voted Monday to spend \$60,000 to buy the Treffry Mill property, 42 acres in the west end of Otterville, to ensure continued access to a park and a water supply.

The property runs along both sides of County Road 19 and, for more than 20 years, owner Lorne Treffry has allowed the township to use the north side for public utilities commission water lines and for public access to Otter Park.

Treffry, who is retired, decided to sell the property last year. The township, concerned about its access to the land, took an option to buy.

Although the township's main interest is in the 39 acres on the north side, the property also includes three acres on the south side where sits an old mill, built in 1845.

Council held a lengthy debate Monday over what to do with the mill if they bought the property.

Coun. John Eacott, who questioned why council was buying any of the property, said the mill would be of little value to the township and should be sold. He said his main concern was that the mill would be "a frivolous expense of the taxpayer's money" and would become a liability left "dangling in the hands of the township."

Mayor Jack Burn disagreed, saying the mill could play an important role as a tourist attraction and help "promote the Township of Norwich." He added it would be wrong to sell the deteriorating mill just to pass the insurance risks on to someone else.

"Why don't we keep it?" he asked.

"Then council will always be in the driver's seat."

Although "down the road, it will cost money for restoration," he said, members of the Norwich Historical Society "say they'll look after it."

Council voted 10 to 1 to buy the property and 6 to 5 against selling the south side.

On Sept. 27, a mill advisory committee appointed by council will hold a public meeting in the Otterville Community Hall to discuss the formation of a foundation to organize financing for the property.

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Council recommends Treffry Mill purchase

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After satisfying most councillors' questions as to how and why the Township of Norwich should purchase the Treffry Mill property, Township council passed a recommendation, Monday, to begin proceedings on purchase of the property.

Although councillor John Eacott questioned the action because of liability risks, and costs that might occur after the purchase, Mayor Jack Burn told council purchase of the mill property makes sense.

Mayor Burn said without the property the township does not have a legal right of way to the Otterville ball park or swimming. The township also does not have a legal right to water on the property which supplies west Otterville, he said.

"I think the water supply from that property is worth \$60,000 alone."

Coun. Eacott suggested that by using the property for water and P.U.C. lines for more than 20 years, the township has "squatters' rights," and "the suggestion that our right of way may be in peril may not be true."

He questioned whether purchase of the property could be justified until property rights were checked.

Councillor Hardee Richardson said although the township may technically have squatters' rights on the property, "Mr. Treffry has been a good citizen, and we should do him a good turn."

There were some doubts expressed by council about the amount of public support

for the mill, but Mayor Burn said the township and the historical society should support each other in the mill purchase and restoration.

"We thought the historical society had abandoned us, and they thought we abandoned them."

Any concerns about lack of support from the historical society, he said, are unfounded.

"To answer the concerns that the mill will cost us money for renovations down the road, I suggest that the South Norwich historical society has very generously said "we will restore the mill when funds are available."

Councillor John Heleniak noted if the township purchased the property, "we can be sure it will be preserved forever."

Although there was some question of what value the property would have for the township, Mayor Burn clearly stated his support for township ownership.

"It could play a very important role in tourism for this township."

Councillor Jack Lester proposed that council purchase the property, and sell the portion south of County Road 19 to a service group, but six of the 11 councillors voted against the proposal.

The firm of Harris and Harris has been instructed by council to take legal action so the township may purchase the property.

The Treffry Mill advisory council will hold a public meeting September 27, at 2 p.m.

Council opts for buying Treffry Mill

From the Aug. 11 edition of The Sentinel-Review
By BILL SCRIVEN

Sentinel-Review staff writer
OTTERVILLE. Norwich township will attempt to purchase the Treffry Mill property, situated on Highway 19, ending

speculation township fathers would clean its hands of the historical site.

After much debate Monday, councillors voted to acquire title to the property located in Otterville because it would be in the best interest for the township

and more specifically, the South Norwich Historical Society.

The lone negative response in a recorded vote came from Coun. John Eacott, who said pursual by the township to purchase the Treffry property was not sound.

Mayor Jack Burn said concern of restoration costs would be alleviated by members of the historical society, who have indicated they would make minor restorations to the building when acquired.

The historical society cannot own property.

The chance the township would purchase the property almost guaranteed Treffry Mill would be preserved, Coun. John Heleniak said. He cast doubt whether a private individual

who purchased the property would preserve it.

KEEP CONTROL. "If the township retains ownership, we'll always maintain control," said Mayor Burn.

Estimated total cost of the property is \$40,000.

Coun. Eacott questioned why the township would purchase something when it didn't know what to do with it. But Mayor Burn replied since it is designated an historical site, it

would have potential as a great tourist attraction for South Norwich.

Members of the historical society have scheduled a meeting for Sept. 27 to form a foundation to investigate means of raising money for the site and maintain the property.

Coun. Hardee Richardson claimed it would be wrong to ask

the historical society to raise between \$25,000 and \$30,000 for purchase of the property because it would deplete their funds.

"If we (the township) purchase the property, they (the historical society) can use the money they raise for renovation purposes," said Coun. Richardson.

A predicted \$61,000 operating deficit of Norwich arena cast further doubt on the township spending money for the Treffry property for Coun. Eacott, who said, "I like to limit our liabilities."

"Frivolous expenditure of taxpayer's money is my main concern," he said. "If we bought it, it'd just be there."

Propose mill feasibility study

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By LIZ PAYNE

The Treffry Mill advisory committee is wasting no time in bringing proposals to Norwich council concerning the purchase, restoration and management of the historical mill site.

The committee brought proposals to council Tuesday night from their latest meetings - including a recommendation that a feasibility study be done on the property, to be funded by the South Norwich Historical Society.

The study, which will be undertaken as soon as possible, is expected to cost about \$5,000. Fifty per cent of the cost will be

covered by a provincial heritage grant, and the other 50 per cent by the historical society.

The purpose of the study is to consider all structural aspects of the site itself, as well as possible end uses for the mill and property, advisory committee member, Rick Singer, told council.

It is necessary to reach an agreement about what the use of the site will be, he said, before any funding can be applied for. Provincial funding is categorized by the use of historical sites.

Oxford MPP, Dick Treleaven, who attended a meeting with the advisory com-

mittee, suggested to Mr. Singer that the use of the mill's water wheel as a power source may make the historical society eligible for funding under a provincial alternative energy grant. Whether the wheel would be feasible as an energy source, is another aspect of the overall feasibility study, he said.

The advisory committee also recommended that council have the mill designated an historic site as soon as possible.

There had earlier been some confusion over whether the mill had already been designated an historic site, but Colin Cope,

also representing the advisory committee, told council it had not. Council agreed to take the necessary steps, which include advertising the site as such.

Having the mill officially designated makes it eligible for heritage fund grants.

The committee also recommended that Lorne Treffry continue to maintain the mill, and train someone to assist him. They suggested an organizational meeting, involving the provincial government, the South Norwich Historical society, and Norwich Township council be held, and

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presentations be made concerning future use of the site.

Mr. Singer told council that as a member of the historical society, he had never really discussed possible end uses of the mill property.

"The building is worth saving, but we have never discussed an object of its use."

He suggested that whatever its use, it is invaluable as a "backscape" to the town of Otterville.

Mr. Singer admitted to council the historical society is "a bit nervous" about council's less than solid backing of the entire piece of property. He referred to council's six to five vote agreeing to the purchase of both the north and south sections of mill property. At the last council meeting, there was dissension on whether council should purchase the entire property, or sell the portion south of County Road 19 to a service club, or interested group.

"We want to be assured it won't be sold in the future," Mr. Singer said.

The advisory committee is scheduled to attend a township recreation and community services meeting, September 8.

Council approved all recommendations made by the advisory committee, including the feasibility study, to be funded by the historical society.

The historic mill and property includes

about 42 acres of land in the village of Otterville. The mill and property is expected to be purchased and restored for about \$60,000.

Members of the Treffry Mill advisory committee include Rick Singer, Joyce Pettigrew, Colin Cope, Bob Pettigrew, Lyle Davis, Jack Burn, John Gilbert and Lorain Downing. The committee will hold its first public meeting September 27, at 2 p.m.

Good decision

Otterville's historic Treffry mill will be preserved.

Norwich township council, at a recent meeting, agreed to proceed with purchase of the property, which includes the dam, mill pond and park access on the north side of the main street, plus the mill and a smaller portion of property on the south side. The property also includes a well that supplies water to part of the village and easement for water and PUC lines.

Mayor Jack Burn, speaking in support of the \$60,000 purchase, said he felt the well alone was worth the price, and, considering the cost of finding an alternate water source, he is probably right.

The South Norwich Historical Society and other interested persons have been working hard to bring the property into the public domain, and they have pledged to continue the work to restore the mill. They deserve generous support in their efforts.

The Tillsonburg News

Study planned on historic mill use

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OTTERVILLE (Bureau) — The South Norwich Historical Society has agreed to carry out a feasibility study, estimated to cost \$5,000, to find the best use for the historic Treffry grist mill property here.

The move follows Norwich Township council's decision to enter into a long-term leasing agreement between the township and the society for the property as well as having the site designated an historical site.

Council agreed this month to buy the 43.8-acre mill and pond site for

\$60,000 from owner Lorne Treffry and expects the purchase to be completed within two months.

Clerk Bob Watkins said Wednesday he expects the lease will put the responsibility of restoration and maintenance of the property in the hands of the society. Terms of the lease will be discussed before the next council meeting Sept. 14.

The society has already indicated it would take on the task with help from public donations and grants through the formation of a foundation. A public meeting to discuss

such a foundation is set for Sept. 27 at the Otterville community hall.

Society president Rick Singer said the historic site designation is necessary to qualify for grants from the Ontario Heritage Foundation to pay 50 per cent of the feasibility study's cost. The society has promised to pay for the study if the grant is received.

The study probably won't get under way until late this fall because the grant application can't be made until the historical site designation is done, possibly within six weeks.

Singer said the society requested the leasing arrangement because it fears a future council could decide to sell the 4.8-acre southern portion of the property containing the mill.

A motion to sell that portion was defeated 6-5 when council decided to buy the entire site.

He said the feasibility study will involve hiring an architect to find out what restoration work is needed and suggest uses for the site. Proposals have included a museum or education field study centre.

"The structure itself is sound," Singer said. "The building is certainly worth saving."

The township mill advisory committee plans to ask Treffry to remain as mill supervisor with another local person to be hired to operate and maintain the machinery. Treffry retired after closing the 139-year-old mill in April, 1980.

Norwich Township police negotiations

Negotiations for a 1981 contract settlement between Norwich Township and its police force will move to conciliation talks next Wednesday.

Negotiations broke down in early June because of disagreements over wage increases and provisions for stand-by time, said a spokesman for the town-

ship's protection to persons and property committee.

Stand-by time policy states that an officer must be on call for duty between 2 a.m. and 8 a.m. on weekdays, and 4 a.m. and 8 a.m. on weekends, hours when the department is closed.

Unless they are called for duty, the officers are not

paid for being on stand-by. They are asking to eliminate the stand-by requirement or to be paid for those hours even if they are not called to duty.

The officers primarily patrol the village of Norwich, but are responsible for bylaw enforcement throughout the township. Under their last contract, a

first-class constable is paid \$21,080 and a third-class constable receives \$17,605.

To help in the talks, Robert Wilson of the Municipal Police Authorities in Toronto, has been called in. It is a provincial association to which all municipal police commissions and committees belong.

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Norwich police, council agree to 2 year pact

By LISA McKNIGHT

A new two-year contract agreement between the Norwich Township and its five member police force was signed Monday after a settlement was reached last Wednesday after five hours of conciliation talks.

The contract gives the officers a 12 per cent wage increase this year and another 12 per cent raise in 1982.

The salary of a first-class constable, who now receives \$21,080, will rise to \$23,610, retroactive to January 1, 1981, and to \$26,443, in 1982. The Norwich force has four first class constables and one third class officer.

The contract also offers a call back clause which states that an officer would receive a minimum of three hours at time and a half if he is called out after duty.

The Police asked for the call back time to be omitted completely from their contract but Township council felt they could do nothing else.

"We either had to hire another man or men (police) to cover this time period, or it just wouldn't get covered at all," Bob Watkins, Township Clerk explained. He added the township could not afford to hire another police officer due to the population and the township felt it necessary for the town to be protected 24 hours a day.

"We don't have an officer on the street 24 hours a day but still, we always have one on call," he said.

The Norwich Police feel it could be dangerous to wake up an officer out of a deep sleep to respond to a call.

"It could put an officer in a dangerous situation because he is not efficient. It has happened before in this area where an officer has found himself in that situation," said Constable Roland Harrison of the Norwich force, adding "our citizens deserve a full 24 hours of police coverage if possible."

The daytime officer is responsible for covering the previous night's on call hours

which run from 2 a.m. until 8 a.m. during the week and 4 a.m. until 8 a.m. throughout the weekend.

Conciliation talks become necessary after contract negotiations broke down in June because of disagreements over wage increases and provisions for standby time. The officers were asking for a 17 per cent wage increase in a one yer contract.

The mileage rate for police officers using their own vehicles went up from 26 cents to 30 cents a mile in the new contract, and \$15 spending money was allowed on the new contract for Police officers attending Police College.

Other benefits such as a 50 per cent minimum rate charged by Bell Canada on local calls is also enjoyed by officers who have a listed number.

A clause outlining the acting ranks of the Norwich Police officers depicts what would be done in the absence of the Chief of Police, Bob Knight.

The officer chosen as acting chief for a period of more than four days would receive the difference in salary between his rate of pay and the chief's rate of pay.

The Norwich Police are "reasonably satisfied," with the new contract as they claim it gives them a good starting point for 1983. A police spokesman said they are not 100 per cent satisfied with the contract as they hoped for a better wage package.

A clause in the contract was set aside for a set of guidelines for officers to follow in the case of a grievance. This is to ensure the defense of an officer if he has a complaint against an individual officer, the police chief, the whole force or even the police commission.

Five out of six township councillors on the protection committee were present at the talks along with the Police Chief of Norwich, Bob Knight, Robert Wilson representing the police governing authorities of Toronto, and experienced conciliator Vic Scott of the solicitor general's department, Toronto.

Letter writer draws ire of Norwich councillors

From the Aug. 27 edition of The Sentinel-Review

By BILL SCRIVEN

Sentinel-Review staff writer

OTTERVILLE — Cries of libel echoed through Norwich council chambers after several councillors took issue with a letter addressed to them.

Donna McMullen of Otterville complained in a letter of poor conditions of sidewalks in the village after she twisted an ankle in an incident on Aug. 13.

She argued poor conditions have existed three to four years and said: "Maybe it is time the councillors got off their asses and walk the streets of Otterville."

"As we are all aware they (councillors) are trying to

restore the past and dispose of the future and letting the present go to pot."

The letter further stated: "I realize I do not have a relative on the council as it seems they are the only people that get any co-operation or assistance."

Coun. Bob Pettigrew was livid when he read the letter and said there was libel contained in it.

"I want her to be more specific," he said. "She's not

entitled to her opinion."

When Coun. Mel Smith read that Mrs. McMullen would not vote for anyone on council in the next election, he declared: "I don't give a damn if she votes for me or not."

"If she wants to come to council and tell me to get off my ass, I'll tell her back," he said.

Council decided to invite Mrs. McMullen to the next meeting on Sept. 14 to respond.

Company interested in restoring plant

Representatives of the Sollinger Industries property in Otterville have requested a meeting with Norwich council to test the local waters for reopening of their company.

The company has not been in use for several years, since it was partially destroyed in a fire.

Councillor Mel Smith told council Tuesday, that representatives from Sollinger are interested in starting another fertilizer plant, but are not sure if it will be located in Otterville.

An American company is buying Sollinger out, Coun. Smith said, but it will still produce fertilizer.

Sollinger representatives were scheduled to attend Tuesday's council meeting, but cancelled their appointment. Coun. Smith said they intended to have a provincial government representative with them, and apparently could not find one for Tuesday's meeting.

Several local residents, who were informed about the Sollinger delegation, did show up at the meeting, however.

Most of the residents agreed to return to council when the company representatives could be present, but several expressed fears the industry would relocate in Otterville.

One resident told council the odor from the factory used to be "terrible."

"I lived about a mile away, and the smell was really awful," he said.

Acting-mayor, Carmen Sweazy, said council was not really sure what Sollinger was planning to do, but indicated local objections may prevent them from rebuilding their Otterville plant.

Norwich clerk, Bob Watkins told council that as far as zoning goes, it is legal for Sollinger to rebuild the industry, but added the zoning by-law specifies noise and offensive odor limits.

Coun. Smith told residents: "If you raise enough stink, I think they'll back off and not come here."

The company, a dehydrated manure plant, burnt down about 1976.

Recently, owners of the property have been under attack by council for the

"eyesore" left on the property. A public health inspector viewed the site earlier in the summer, but declared it was not a health hazard, just a public nuisance.

Coun. Smith said if the company planned to rebuild in Otterville they could build around all the old machinery. Most of it, he said, was not destroyed in the fire, and has been left on the site.

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Powell expanding

Due to an increasing demand for their big bin curing systems, Powell Agri-Systems in Otterville will be expanding their production facilities in early fall on two properties adjacent to their main plant.

The expanded plant will provide a more efficient production of bulk curing systems, as well as transplanters, which are also produced at the Otterville plant.

The first big bin system was introduced in Canada on a trial basis by Powell five years ago, and since then the Otterville plant began building its own big bin systems.

Since production of big bins began this year in Otterville, they have received "tremendous acceptance" from local farmers, and Powell representatives are optimistic about increasing sales in the next few years. They have plans to build 80 big bins over a five week period in the summer, and then will return to production of their regular kilns.

The complete system plants, sprays, tops, picks and cures tobacco, without being touched by human hands. Last year Bill

Farkus, on a farm near Langton, was the first local man to use the big bin system on his crop. Mr. Farkus and his son harvested their entire 52 acre crop by themselves. Since last year there have been 10 more big bin sets installed on local farms.

The big bin system divides a kiln into 10 or more sections which fit onto a combine, or can be loaded by hand in the field. Each section fits together and with a furnace and cover forms a complete, self-contained kiln.

Bob Rankin, Powell sales representative, said the bins are produced on a series of sub-assembly lines at the plant. The big bins involve much more welding than regular kilns, he said.

The entire Big Bin system "helps eliminate labor, and makes tobacco growing a little easier on the farmer," Mr. Rankin said.

He said the company is currently building more bins than they have orders to fill, but are optimistically looking toward selling more systems after this harvest is over.

Leisure Club plans fall bazaar

OTTERVILLE (C) — A special meeting for the Otterville Leisure Club was held at Woodlawn Community Centre on Wednesday afternoon. The president Mrs. John Pritchard presided for a brief business meeting and after the members made plans for the annual Fall Bazaar, Saturday, Sept. 12, which is fast approaching.

There will be tickets sold on an afghan and tables will be showing needlework, crafts, a bake table, plants and vegetables.

Following cards were played and the usual social time completed the afternoon.

The next regular meeting to start the fall and winter term will be Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m., Sept. 7th.

The annual Decoration Day in the former South Norwich Township was held on Sunday. There was no service at the cemeteries. Relatives and friends came with their flowers to remember their loved ones in their usual way. Flowers were not in great abundance probably due to weather conditions. However the Otter Cemetery made a nice showing.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fish of Bracebridge and Mrs. Leonard Lee of Oakville

called on Miss Gladys Nobbs and Mrs. Evelyn Waring on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey attended the Losee reunion which was held at Paris on Sunday.

Mrs. Rod Taylor of Otterville and her daughter Mrs. Julien Narancsik of London were guests on Friday afternoon at the birthday party for Mrs. Charles Kelly of Burgessville.

Mrs. Kelly celebrating her 85th birthday was pleased to meet her relatives, and friends from Otterville, Woodstock, and Burgessville.

A prettily decorated birthday cake, made in her honor coupled with ice-cream made the repast perfect on the very warm day.

Upwards of 15 ladies were present to extend Birthday Greetings and a pleasant social time completed the afternoon.

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Woodstock has place for a deputy treasurer

WOODSTOCK (Bureau) — The city is looking for a new deputy treasurer after deciding to increase manpower in its seven-member treasury department by one person.

Reginald Saunders, deputy treasurer since 1976, has been named manager of accounting. It is a new post, but Saunders said his duties are basically the same.

He said the new deputy-treasurer post, which pays between \$27,000 and \$32,000 a year, will have a greater emphasis on purchasing and control by removing some of the workload from him and the city's purchasing agent.

Acting mayor Joe Pember said the decision was the result of a study aimed at improving efficiency at city hall following the appointment of a chief administrative officer in December.

He said the treasury department was one of the most overworked areas, noting that former clerk Ken Miller, who resigned July 31 to take a job in the Township of Muskoka Lake, had long requested additional support staff.

A replacement for Miller is expected to be picked from 25 to 30 ap-

plicants in September.

Saunders, who formally was treasurer of South-West Oxford Township, said his new post is neither promotion nor demotion. His pay remains the same and he still reports directly to treasurer Tom Battram.

The city appointed its first full-time tax collector from existing staff in January and also has moved purchasing duties to the treasury department.

OTTERVILLE (C) — Dr. Julius Narancsik has returned to London after

having spent the month of August in the office of Dr. Murray Downing. Dr. Narancsik, formerly of Norwich, a graduate of the University of Western Ontario is completing his second year of Family Practice Internship at St. Joseph's Hospital in London.

Mrs. Mary Roy of Toronto and Mrs. Clarence Stover of Springford were recent visitors with Mrs. Evelyn Waring.

Mrs. Grenville Johnson of Toronto spent several days last week with her sister Mrs. Rod Taylor and family.

Mr. and Mrs. James Squance spent the weekend with their daughter, Mrs. Leo Krohe and Mr. Krohe in Woodstock.

EDITH WINNIFRED KENDRICK

Mrs. Edith Winnifred Kendrick of Norwich passed away on Thursday, August 27, 1981, at Norvilla Nursing Home, Norwich, in her 91st year.

Born in Vancouver, B.C., she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John McMullen. She spent most of her life in Norwich and area and was a member of Norwich United Church, the U.C.W., and the Happy Bluebird Club.

Surviving is one sister, Mrs. Wendel (Mabel) Hillier of California; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband Burwell Kendrick, September 17, 1976, by a sister, Mrs. Joe (Agnes) Graves, and by four brothers, Nate McMullen, Nean McMullen, Edward McMullen and Lester McMullen.

Rested at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich, where service was held Saturday, August 29 at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. David Houghland.

Pallbearers were Gary Thompson, Ken Mann, Ross McMullen, Allan Kendrick,

Douglas Kendrick and Howard McMullen.

Interment in Norwich Cemetery.



ANNIE ELIZA SILVERTHORN

Mrs. Clarence Robert Silverthorn of Kelvin passed away at Brantford General Hospital on Thursday, August 27, 1981, in her 95th year.

Born in South Norwich Township, she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Treffry. She had lived in Delhi, Kelvin and Brantford, and with her

husband owned and operated a general store in Kelvin for 18 years. She attended the United Church.

Her husband predeceased her in 1962.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Edna Mudge of Otterville; two sons, Howard Silverthorn of Brantford and Lloyd Silverthorn of Kelvin; eight grandchildren; 14 great-

grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Fred (Nettie) Hyndman of Mt. Pleasant.

Rested at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich, where the funeral and committal service was held Sunday, August 30, at 2 p.m. conducted by Douglas Brown, followed by cremation and interment in Kelvin Cemetery.

Mrs. Beth Ann Trottier

Born in Tillsonburg
September 11, 1953

Passed Away in London
August 24, 1981

*Lord make me an instrument of Your
peace*

*Where there is hatred -- let me sow
love*

Where there is injury -- pardon

Where there is doubt -- faith

Where there is despair -- hope

Where there is darkness -- light

Where there is sadness -- joy

*O Divine Master grant that I may not so
much seek*

To be consoled -- as to consol

To be understood -- as to understand

To be loved -- as to love

It is in giving -- that we receive

*It is in pardoning -- that we are pardon
ed.*

*It is in dying -- that we are born to eter
nal life*

Beloved wife of Denis Trottier. Dear mother of Miss Kathryn Belle Trottier. Beloved daughter of Lyle and Shirley Hearn. Beloved daughter-in-law of Georges and Aline Trottier. Dear sister of Miss Wendy May Hearn and Wayne Hearn. Beloved granddaughter of Mrs. Maggie Cook.

Funeral Mass will be said Wednesday morning, August 26, 1981 at 11:30 a.m. from St. Mary's R.C. Church, Tillsonburg by Rev. Fr. J.J. McCormick

INTERMENT

Tillsonburg Cemetery

Prayers will be said on Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m. from the

Ostrander's Funeral Home

Tillsonburg, Ontario

Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society will be gratefully appreciated by the family.

Herb garden holds fascination

By LISA McKNIGHT

Doreen Mountain has more than 50 herb plants in her garden which could be used for many different purposes including keeping moths out of woolens, shampooing hair, or even relieving indigestion.

Ginger, Oregano, Rosemary and Sage are a few popular herbs Mrs. Mountain grows along with Tansey, Wormwood, Lemon Geranium, and Santolia, a few of the unpopular brands.

Mrs. Mountain began growing herbs five years ago which she uses for cooking and scents around the house. She uses herbs in cooking food and claims they are much tastier than store bought herbs.

The herbs are given individual attention by Mrs. Mountain, most of them enjoying the summer's heat

and little water while a few prefer to be in the shade with plenty of water.

They are air dried hanging from a string and are tagged.

"When they're fresh they look different but when they are dried they are very similar," Mrs. Mountain said.

Although she has oven and microwave dried the herbs, she prefers to let them dry in an airy, dark room. A spare bedroom in the house suffices quite nicely Mrs. Mountain noted.

After they are dried they are cut and crushed for use. Some of the herbs such as sage are frozen until they are used. Growing and drying herbs cuts down cost of buying Mrs. Mountain said.

Mrs. Mountain also uses the herbs to make shampoo

which the whole family enjoys.

"It smells really nice and I don't need to use a conditioner," exclaimed her daughter Susan.

Mrs. Mountain agrees the shampoo is just as good as any brand name shampoo; the only difference is that it must be kept in the refrigerator.

Lovely smelling sachets are made to keep drawers and rooms smelling nice; also sachets of moth repellent are used by Mrs. Mountain.

Mrs. Mountain said although the herb's scent is present when the plants are fresh, the dried out plants hold a much stronger smell and the taste potency is much greater.

Mrs. Mountain said although the herbs can be used for medicinal purposes, she has never tried any of the

remedies, which supposedly cure anything from heartburn to baldness.

Although Mrs. Mountain's hobby is not a popular one, there is a magazine produced in the United States which tells of the many herb growers there.

Mrs. Mountain said the herb seeds can be quite expensive and are usually bought individually.

Mrs. Mountain said she grows herbs for personal enjoyment because they smell so nice.

"In the evening the scent of the herbs is quite pleasant. Especially the dill and the chamomile are distinct smells in the air," she said.

It doesn't take a green thumb to make the herbs grow Mrs. Mountain said noting that most of them have to be cut back because the smaller the plant the more concentrated the flavor and scent is. Several of the plants have to be reseeded yearly.

Mrs. Mountain said the herbs do not take a lot of work, however, much of her time is spent picking weeds out of the garden. After her hard work is done, she refreshes with a cup of herbal tea, in almost any scent and flavor she prefers.



Grows herbs

Doreen Mountain grows more than 50 varieties of herbs in her backyard which she often uses as household items. (NG Photo).

Otters win 10-0

The Otterville Otters just keep flowing along as they compliment outstanding pitching with solid hitting performances in their ORSA playoffs. Friday the Otters hosted the Highgate Merchants in the first game of their second ORSA round and two big, late innings gave them an easy 10-0 win.

In the opening series the Otters breezed by Rainham Centre with equally lopsided scores and equally good pitching. Friday, Otter pitcher Jim Miles hurled 19 strikeouts and gave up only two hits while his offence backed him up with 11 hits.

It looked like this series might be interesting after the board remained clean in the first three innings but the Merchants cracked in the fourth when Ron Wells connected for a double.

A long fly by Miles could have brought in two runs if not for a spectacular catch by Merchants' Ed Campbell, however, it was only a matter of time before the floodgates opened.

An error brought Wells home and although neither team could score in the fifth, the dam broke in the sixth.

C.D. Richardson led off the sixth with a single and Doug Furlong and Wells loaded the bases with successful bunts. Miles split the game open with a grand slam homer to make his pitching job a little easier.

Pat Pinnoy topped off the T.N. AUG 5

Otterville sweeps

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A's in semi-final

There appears to be no way of stopping the Otterville Otters as they finished off a two-game Four County Fastball playoff sweep with a 10-1 victory in Avon, Sunday.

The win moves the Otters into the North Division final against the Ingersoll McNabs.

A 0-0 score after the first two innings indicated a close scoring game, however, the Otters proved otherwise in the third inning, when Doug Furlong led off with a single.

Ron Wells followed up with another single and both runners moved into scoring position on a bobbled ball. Miles got on first when the A's made an unsuccessful attempt at catching Furlong at the plate. Wells came in from third when an error was committed on Pierre Pinnoy's hit, making the score 2-0.

A single by Roy King loaded the bases and a sacrifice fly by Joe Webb moved everybody up a base. Pinnoy and King came home

inning when he got on base and then scored on a triple by Roy King to stretch the lead to 6-0.

The win was preserved in the seventh when Richardson once again led off with a single and then stole second on a passed ball. Doug Furlong followed with a walk and Miles bunted to load the bases for the second time in the game.

Richardson scored on a sacrifice out by Pierre Pinnoy and Furlong and Miles came home on a triple by Pat Pinnoy. Pat Pinnoy came home for the final run of the game on a wild throw to third.

In going the distance Miles fanned 19, walked one and gave up two hits.

Wayne Balmer went five and a third innings for the Merchants, fanning one and giving up eight hits without a walk. In relief Glen Merdith struck out four, walked one and gave up three hits.

Miles' home run and two singles led the Otters while Wells followed with a single and a double. Richardson connected for a pair of doubles while Pat Pinnoy and King managed a triple apiece. Pierre Pinnoy and Furlong rounded out the hitting with a single apiece.

Kevir Rankin led the Merchant bats with a triple while Glen Speed tallied for a single.

The next game of the series will be in Highgate Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.

for the final two runs of the inning on Dave Davis' single.

In collecting the win, Miles fanned 10, walked one and gave up four hits.

Bob Brabant went the distance for the A's with two strikeouts, while walking three and giving up nine hits.

Otter bats were led by Furlong with a pair of singles while Miles and Webb tallied for a triple apiece. Pat Pinnoy, King, Ken DeRoo and Dave Davis rounded out the hitting with a single apiece.

Ray Morris led the Avon bats with a triple, while Daniel managed the only double of the game. Chuck Stratton and Murray Corless each struck for a single bagger.

Otterville stretched their lead to 9-0 in the fourth inning before the A's finally cracked the lineup

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Miles and Pat Pinnoy, Brabant and Stratton. W - Miles. L - Brabant.

Hot Ayr pitching . . .

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Otterville splits ORSA semi-final

Otterville's Otters may have run into a stumbling block on their way to the ORSA finals. Otterville started their semi-final series off Friday with a 3-2 victory over the visiting Ayr Vics, however the series was evened up in Ayr Sunday, when the home team coasted to a 5-1 victory.

Both affairs featured a pitching battle and for the first time in a long time Otter Jim Miles has met his match.

Vic, Bill Tilt pitched both games, collecting 10 strikeouts in his loss and 14 in his win. He gave up a total of 10 hits in the two games.

In the series opener, Friday a solid defence kept the scoreboard blank for the first five innings but in the sixth Doug Furlong led off with a single and then moved to second on a sacrifice out by Ron Wells. Miles scored him with a single and then came home for the second run of the inning on an error.

In the seventh the game turned around as Vics' Don Wells took advantage of an error to get on base. Another error on Tilt's hit resulted in two runners within scoring distance of home.

Doug Springall did the honors when he connected for a triple to score both runs and tie the game at two.

Otterville quickly squelched any ideas of a comeback when Furlong led off the eighth with a triple and then scored on an error.

Miles pitched the first eight innings for the Otters, fanning 10, walking three and giving up five hits. Dave Felder handled the final inning, collecting one strikeout.

In going the distance for Ayr, Tilt fanned 10, walked one and gave up five hits.

Furlong led the Otter bats with a single and a triple while Miles followed with a pair of singles. Roy King rounded out the hitting with a single.

Ayr bats were led by Don

Wells with a pair of singles while Springall sprung for a triple and Dan Vanderlip and Harry Chislette managed a single apiece.

In the second game of the series Ayr set the pace early when Springall led off the first inning with a walk. Harry Chislette brought him home on a long single that he managed to stretch into two bases. A single by Milt Snell brought him home to give Ayr an early 2-0 jump.

In the fourth Ayr took control of the game when Brian White led off with a ground rule double. Len Read brought White home with a single and then advanced to third on a double by Springall.

Vanderlip came up with a big single to score Read and Springall to up the lead to 5-0.

Otterville got in the last word when Miles led off the seventh inning with a single. Miles was caught at second on C.D. Richardson's bunt but Richardson came home for Otterville's only run on a triple by Wells.

Ayr put together a big 10-hit performance led by Springall's single and double. Wells and Read followed up with a pair of singles apiece while White tallied for a lone double.

Vanderlip, Chislette and Snell rounded out the hitting with a single apiece.

Ayr bats were led by Wells with a single and a triple while Richardson followed with a triple. Pat Pinnoy and Miles tallied for a single apiece.

Tilt recorded the win on the Ayr mound with 14 strikeouts, one walk and five hits against.

Felder went the first four for Otterville, fanning one, walking two and giving up seven hits. In relief Miles struck out five, walked one and gave up three hits.

Game three in the best of three series will be in Ayr Tuesday night at 8:30 p.m.

Ayr wins series 2-1 . . . T.N.

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. . . 3-1 win in deciding game

Otters bow out of ORSA

Ayr Vics' pitcher Bill Tilt kept his strikeout streak alive with 11 more to pace his team to a 3-1 win over visiting Otterville in the third and deciding game of their ORSA semi-final Tuesday night.

Tilt threw 14 strikeouts in an earlier 5-1 win in the second game of the series.

Otterville managed to meet Ayr's eight-hit performance however, the home town club did all the necessary damage in one inning to extinguish what had been a one run ball game.

Otter Ron Wells led off the game in the first inning when he dropped a shallow fly into

left field for a single and then stole second and third on passed balls.

A single by pitcher Jim Miles scored him for the first and last Otter run of the game.

Tight defence kept the next four innings scoreless however, the Vics made no mistake about putting the

ball game away in the sixth inning when Doug Springall led off with a single and then moved to second on a sacrifice out by Don Vanderlip.

Terry Knechtel went in to run for Springall and a single by Harry Chislette put him on third.

Chislette stole second base and both runners scored on a double by Mike Snells. Snells came home on another double by Don Wells, to make the final score 3-1.

Tilt collected his second straight win of the series with 11 strikeouts, no walks and eight hits against.

Miles went the distance on the Otterville rubber, fanning six and giving up eight hits without a walk.

Otter bats were led by Wells, Miles and John Walther with a pair of singles a piece while Pat Pinnoy and Joe Webb rounded out the hitting with a single each.

Don Wells led the Vic offence with a single and a double while Snell connected for one double. Springall, Vanderlip, Chislette, Tilt and Len Read rounded out the hitting with a single a piece.

Ingersoll takes game two . . .

T.N. AUG 29

Otters open North

The Ingersoll McNabs set the stage for what should be an exciting final when they held onto the Otterville Otters for 11 innings before evening the best-of-three Four County semi-final with a 1-0 win Sunday, in Ingersoll.

Otterville won the series opener 4-1 Thursday night at home. The winner of the third game, which is scheduled to go down in Otterville Tuesday night at 8:30 will be the North

Division champions. They will take on the winner of the Straffordville Intermediate-Springfield series to decide the overall Four County Fastball champion.

In Thursday's game a strong Otterville defence kept the McNabs off the board until the seventh and final inning, however, the two teams remained in a scoreless tie after two

Otter Joe Webb led off the third inning with a single and then moved up a bag on Doug

Furlong's single. Both runners advanced on an error and Webb came home on a passed ball.

Another scoreless inning went by before the Otters came back in their half of the fifth. Dave Davis started the inning off with a single and then stole second base. The catcher's throw went wild and Davis helped himself to third base.

Webb struck for his second single of the game and then stole second where the throw

once again went wild. Webb got on third and then came home for the third Otter run of the game on a single by Furlong.

Otterville kept the pace alive in the sixth when Pierre Pinnoy led off with a single and then scored on a long rolling triple by Pat Pinnoy.

Down 4-0, the McNabs got in the last word when Kirk Douglas led off the seventh frame with a triple and then came home for his team's

only run on a single by Bill Riddick.

Jim Miles collected the win for the Otters with 10 strikeouts, no walks and five hits against.

Riddick went the first five for Ingersoll, fanning three and giving up seven hits without a walk. Ron Forbes finished off the last inning with two strikeouts.

Otterville bats were led by Furlong and Webb with a pair of singles each while Pat Pinnoy followed up with

his triple shot. Pierre Pinnoy and Davis rounded out the hitting with a single a piece.

Douglas led the McNabs with his triple while Davis Landon, Riddick, Brian Routledge and Rick Hodgson tallied for a single a piece.

Statistics for Sunday's game were unavailable at press time.

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Miles and Pinnoy. Tilt and Chislette.
W - Tilt. L - Miles.

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Riddick, Forbes (6) and Landon.
Miles and Pat Pinnoy. W - Miles. L - Riddick.

McNabs

upset Otters in FCFL north division

Do statistics sometimes lie? Otterville's Otters went into the Four County playoffs with a seasonal record of 22 wins and one loss. In the North division final Otterville won the first game, and even though they lost the second game, it took the Ingersoll McNabs 10 innings to capture the 1-0 victory Sunday in Ingersoll.

A setback, but you couldn't help but expect the Otters to rebound with perhaps a double digit victory in the deciding game. It was not to be as the McNabs turned in a consistent performance to take the series with a 3-2 win Tuesday in Otterville.

Otterville easily disposed of Avon in the opening round and after defeating the McNabs 4-1 in the first game of the final it appeared that it would be just a matter of how close the McNabs could get, they could never win.

Win they did, but they did it the hard way. In Sunday's game McNabs' Rob Johnson pitched a no-hitter in a game that featured one of the most terrific pitching duels of the season.

Johnson threw 13

strikeouts without giving up a hit while Otter Jim Miles hurled 11 strikeouts and gave up only five hits.

It was a game where you hated to see a loser as the two teams remained deadlocked for seven complete innings. Two extra innings went by without a score and the players dug themselves in for what seemed to indicate a long night.

The fact that neither team could score until the tenth inning has to be due to a couple of strong pitching arms.

In the bottom of the tenth Otterville's defence finally cracked when Johnson cracked out a triple and then finished his show off by coming home on a sacrifice fly to centre field.

With the series tied at a game a piece the action returned to Otterville, a town that has not witnessed too many losses lately.

After two innings of scoreless play there had to be a few people getting ready to spend the night.

Once again it was Johnson

who struck first after leading off the third frame with a single and then moving to third when the Otters miscalculated a bunt by Max Lindsay. The second error of the inning put Ed Collins on first and scored Johnson for the first run of the ball game.

Errors played a key part in the ball game as the Otters committed six mistakes leaving much of the load on pitcher Miles. Miles was equal to the task, however his 10 strikeouts were not backed up by an effective offence until late in the game.

In the fourth inning McNabs' Mark Sloat received his team's only walk of the game and he took full advantage of the opportunity to steal second. A bobbled fly by Johnson brought Sloat home to make the score 2-0.

Things started to look bad when Sloat led off the sixth with a triple and Johnson continued to dominate play with another single rbi to make the score 3-0.

Otterville made their stand in the bottom of the sixth when Miles helped out

his cause with a single run homer to deep centre field.

Joe Webb and Dave Davis followed up that performance with walks and then John Walther got in the way of a pitch to load the bases and signal the exit of Johnson from the McNab mound.

Bill Riddick took over and threw the first pitch wild to advance all the runners up a bag and put the Otters within one run.

They could not bring their men off the bases and with their backs to the wall in the bottom of the seventh Otterville found themselves with men on second and third.

Once again they went to the well and came up dry, unsuccessful in moving up to the Four County final.

In Johnson's five and two thirds innings he struck out five, walked two and gave up six hits. In relief Riddick struck out one and gave up one hit.

Miles outpitched his opponents with 10 strikeouts and one walk while giving up five hits.

Johnson led the Ingersoll bats with a pair of singles while Sloat tallied for his triple shot and Lindsay and Landon replied with a single a piece.

Miles came up with the biggest offensive effort of the game as he totalled up a single, a double and a home run. Pierre Pinnoy collected a triple while Wells, Pat Pinnoy and C.D. Richardson rounded out the hitting with a single a piece.

Ingersoll will decide the Four County Fastball League championship when they take on the winner of the South Division. Currently the Straffordville Intermediates and Springfield are tied at a game a piece in that series. Their deciding game will be Sunday night in Springfield.

Miles and Pat Pinnoy. Johnson and Landon. W - Johnson. L - Miles.

TUESDAY'S GAME

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Johnson, Riddick (6) and Landon. Miles and Pat Pinnoy. W - Johnson. L - Miles. HR: Otterville, Miles.

SUNDAY'S GAME

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Ingersoll	000	000	000 1 - 1 5 0



Early harvest

Although harvest will not be finished 10 days ahead of normal, as tobacco officials at the Delhi research station first predicted, it should, depending on weather, be slightly ahead of schedule. About 600 farmers have their tobacco slated for early market opening, which should start in the middle of September. (TN Photo)



Table crew

The table crew at the Chromczak tobacco farm near Courtland is now well into another harvest, as are most tobacco workers in the area. (TN Photo)

Good flue crop expected this year

By LIZ PAYNE

This year's tobacco harvest, which started as early as two weeks ago on some farms, is now in progress in most areas, and tobacco officials say, depending on the weather, it should be a reasonably early crop.

Norm Sheidow of the Delhi tobacco research station said the crop looked last week like it was going to be ten days early, but due to cold nights last week the early forecast has slowed down slightly.

He said the heavy rain last week and early this week may have taken some of the nutrients out of the soil but have caused no damage otherwise.

"Heavy rain at this stage will do much less damage than early in the year."

Mr. Sheidow said this year's crop appears to be coming on well. "It appears to be of fairly decent quality, and there should be a good average yield."

The research station has received some calls about pole rot, which is found, to some

extent, every year. The high humidity, and conditions during curing contribute to this disease. It has been no more of a problem than usual, Mr. Sheidow said.

There have been continuing reports of leaf spotting, and brown spot is more widespread than usual, but tobacco officials do not feel it should cause any major problems.

Blue mold reports from the United States are about the same as they were a few weeks ago, Mr. Sheidow said. There has been no blue mold reported in Canada.

Damage from blue mold has been widespread in Kentucky where Ridomil is used as a soil treatment. There have also been reports of blue mold in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Ohio, Virginia and Tennessee.

Mr. Sheidow said there is some testing being done at the station involving the use of chemicals like Maneb and Zineb. These chemicals are used to treat blue mold in countries where Ridomil is not registered.

Norwich council asked to repair poor sidewalks

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By SUZANNE HANSON

The poor condition of sidewalks throughout the municipality continue to trip up Norwich Township council.

Council was faced with the problem again at its meeting Monday when Norwich merchant Gary Kunev came to council asking for repairs to the sidewalk in front of his Home Hardware store on Main Street.

The sidewalk in front of the store is in very bad condition, said Mr. Kunev. He said he has spent a considerable amount of money fixing up his store property on the corner of Main and Pitcher Streets but the broken sidewalk continues to be a source of irritation both to himself and to his customers.

Mr. Kunev said water accumulates in the centre of the sidewalk and during heavy rainstorms, leaks through the basement wall of his building causing quite a bit of damage.

Customers have also complained to him about tripping over the uneven sidewalk and Mr. Kunev told council he is afraid the water accumulating on the sidewalk will become ice in winter causing someone to fall and be injured.

"I would like to ask for a new sidewalk or new surfacing to make it more even," said Mr. Kunev.

"I'm concerned about someone getting hurt and also my water problem" he said.

Mayor Jack Burn said he quite agreed with the residents of the township "that our sidewalks are a

disgrace." He said council has paid so much attention to road construction in the township "that we have forgotten about the people who have to walk."

There was some discussion among the members of council as to whether the sidewalk in front of Mr. Kunev's store should be repaired with asphalt or the sidewalk replaced.

Councillor John Eacott approved of a temporary fix but said he would like to see the sidewalk repaired in concrete. "I question the aesthetics of putting asphalt down," he said. Councillor Darrell Force agreed that the sidewalk should be repaired properly the first time, but Mayor Burn pointed out if Mr. Kunev gets new sidewalk every other merchant in the village will want the same "and rightfully so".

But council only has \$10,000 in the budget for sidewalk work throughout the entire township, pointed out Councillor-at-large Carman Sweazey. That amount will only re-do about 2,000 feet of sidewalk in the whole municipality this year and there are 10 miles of sidewalk in Ward 2 alone, said Mayor Burn.

Mr. Eacott said the heavily travelled areas should get first attention when it comes to repairs.

A recommendation referring the matter to the public works committee was passed instructing the committee to consider the allotment of additional monies toward the repair of sidewalks in the municipality this year.

Council undertakes

By SUZANNE HANSON

It seems Norwich Township residents who don't have sidewalks are better off than those who do.

That was one of the conclusions drawn at Norwich Township council's meeting Tuesday night when the recurring issue of the poor condition of township sidewalks reared its head once again.

Donna McMullen of Main Street in Otterville appeared

before council Tuesday night to make her concerns about the condition of the sidewalks known in person. A letter on the matter was received by council at its August 25 meeting.

Mrs. McMullen said she has lived in the Otterville community for the past 18 to 20 years and has seen no improvement in the situation.

"I have walked the same stretch of sidewalk for

almost 20 years, four times a day and they (sidewalks) are bad," said Mrs. McMullen. In her letter to council she stated she had on one occasion tripped and fallen on the broken sidewalk on Main Street, receiving a twisted ankle and torn clothing.

On Tuesday evening she presented pictures of the bad, and in some instances almost non-existent sidewalks, to council as

evidence of their poor condition.

"Just because we are the end of the county and the township," said Mrs. McMullen, "don't make it look like a dead end." She said she has received 15 calls from other individuals in the community since she raised the issue who have received cracked ribs and twisted ankles as a result of accidents caused by the poor sidewalks.

"Some will never get over their injuries," she said.

Mrs. McMullen questioned council on where the \$10,000 budgeted for sidewalk work in the township this year has gone. Mayor Jack Burn informed her no work has yet been carried out but some projects should soon be underway.

Councillor Bob Pettigrew said the money budgeted last year for the Otterville sidewalks "never got here."

"It was spent in Norwich," Mayor Burn agreed the sidewalks throughout the township "are a disgrace."

But he said council could be spending \$30-40,000 each year just to catch up.

"We have been neglecting sidewalks in favor of other priorities," said Mayor Burn. But he added that the blame cannot rest entirely on the present council.

He did point out action taken by council earlier in the evening will attempt to correct the situation over the next five years.

A recommendation of the public works committee was accepted by council instructing the road superintendent to undertake a needs study on all

sidewalks in the township including the yearly cost to restore them to a suitable standard by 1986.

"With the study we will have a master program with repairs to be carried out on a priority basis," said Mayor Burn. "That program is in place now and I hope things will be improved over the next five years."

Mrs. McMullen warned council that if something isn't done she'll be back to see its members again.

Earlier in the meeting council also approved a recommendation in the public works committee report to repair with concrete, the sidewalk in front of the Home Hardware store on the Main Street in Norwich.

The owner of the store, Gary Kunev, had appeared

before council at its last meeting requesting the repairs because of the problems he has with water lying on the sidewalk leaking into his building. He said he was also concerned someone might trip over the sidewalk's uneven surface.

Neglected sidewalks to be fixed

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OTTERVILLE (Bureau) Norwich Township council has launched a program aimed at fixing all sidewalks in need of repair or replacement in the township by 1986.

The township's roads superintendent will prepare a report on all sidewalks now in poor condition and the repair cost.

Clerk Bob Watkins said Wednesday the move results from continual complaints from residents on the poor condition of sidewalks. In one case, a resident approached council to complain and submitted photographs of shabby sidewalks in the Otterville area.

Mayor Jack Burn admits sidewalks are a mess and attributes some of the neglect in regular repair to the township's \$80,000 burden from the August, 1979, tornado. "It just seems to be one thing after another."

He estimated \$30,000 to \$40,000 will be spent annually for the next five years to repair the sidewalks, compared to the \$10,000 budgeted in 1981.

Watkins said the focus on sidewalk repair follows completion this year of a five-year program to pave all streets in the village of Norwich. The sidewalk needs study is to be ready later this year.

Working on mill purchase

The purchase of the Treffry mill property in Otterville by Norwich Township council is in the works but the final paperwork has not been completed.

The chairman of the Treffry mill advisory committee, Colin Cope, said an investigation period was necessary after the option to purchase was exercised to determine clear title to the property before it is passed to the township.

Once the purchase is finalized, a lease agreement between the township and the South Norwich Historical Society will be signed.

Details of the lease were worked out by members of the advisory committee and members of the township's recreation committee. The details of the agreement provide for a 10-year lease, renewable at the Society's discretion, for the mill, raceway and access to the mill. Under the terms of the lease, the township would

agree to insure the building for loss and liability but the maintenance and restoration of the mill would be the total responsibility of the society. All of the property south of County Road 19 will be leased to the historical society for \$1 per year.

The society has also requested that someone other than the society be responsible for grounds maintenance at the site.

A feasibility study is being undertaken by the advisory committee with the cost of the study, expected to be about \$5,000, being born by the South Norwich Historical Society. Fifty per cent of the cost will be covered by a provincial heritage grant.

The advisory committee will be hiring a consultant in the near future to carry out the study, said Mr. Cope, but he is not certain how long it will take to complete.

He said the committee hopes to have it underway this fall.

The feasibility study is

necessary if the project is to qualify for grants. The purpose of the study is to consider all structural aspects of the site itself, as well as possible end uses for the mill and adjoining property.

A decision on the use of the site must be made before any funding can be applied for as provincial funding is categorized by the uses of the historical site.

Correspondence has been received from Ducks Unlimited advising township council the organization would be prepared to invest up to a maximum of \$20,000 in the rehabilitation of the site.

Ducks Unlimited's area manager D.G. West said the rehabilitation would primarily take the form of repair or reconstruction of the existing dam with the construction of a rock dam using the existing structure as a core.

The investment of the \$20,000 by Ducks Unlimited would be conditional upon receiving the necessary approvals from the various levels of government involved, said Mr. West. It would also require a signed agreement with the owners of the site for a minimum term of 21 years.

The interest of Ducks Unlimited in the area is for the establishment of the Treffry mill pond as a waterfowl management area.

Lawyer speaks to institute

OTTERVILLE (C) — William Weir, Q.C. of Tillsonburg, was the guest speaker at the September meeting of the Otterville Women's Institute on Friday evening, September 11. The meeting was held at the home of Evelyn Waring with a good attendance.

President Mrs. Harry Pickersgill presided. After the opening of the meeting, two minutes of silence was observed in memory of the passing of the late Mrs. Fred Moore. The roll call was answered with the members telling their point of view on "your responsibility toward landed immigrants". A thank-you note was read from Fred Moore and family and the president thanked the members for her card.

A brief business period followed. The members were reminded of the Fall Board meeting which will be held at Brownsville Community Hall, October 5 at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Durkee, convener of "Citizenship," introduced the speaker who chose the subject "The Movement of People" and took extracts from the book of Charles Dickens. Mr. Weir was very informative and was pleased to discuss the questions from the members. After the closing of the meeting, Mrs. Waring was assisted by Mrs. Fred Cole and Mrs. Durkee in serving lunch.

Otterville plans 175th celebration

The South Norwich Historical Society met at Woodlawn on Monday, September 14.

President Rick Singer opened the meeting and he reported on the latest developments regarding the Treffry mill. He said the Mill Fund, along with government grants, will cover the cost of the feasibility study. An executive meeting will be held at Woodlawn on September 27 at 7 p.m. to discuss the feasibility study along with the celebration of South Norwich Township's 175th anniversary of the founding of the settlement, to be held in Otterville in July, 1982.

A short discussion was held concerning the eventual outcome of the Negro

Cemetery north of the village of Otterville.

It was announced the plaque unveiling at the Quance Mill in Delhi was on September 19 at 3 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held at Woodlawn on Monday, October 12 with Terry Sanderson as guest speaker. Mr. Sanderson was one of the Experience '81 students researching and writing the South Norwich Township history this past summer.

The meeting adjourned and the guest speaker, Taye Chanyi, one of the Experience '81 students, spoke on her research of the former South Norwich Township with special emphasis on her writing of Cornell history.

Otterville UCW plan turkey supper

OTTERVILLE (C) — The September meeting of the Otterville United Church Women was held in the schoolroom of the United Church on Thursday evening with a good attendance.

The president Isabel Harris presided and opened the meeting with a reading "The Housewives Beatitudes," followed by all repeating the U.C.W. Purpose.

During the business portion of the meeting, plans were completed for the annual turkey supper to be held in the church hall October 26.

It was decided that the U.C.W. send a cash donation to Five Oakes and Alma College.

Mrs. Earl Moore read cards of appreciation which had been sent out to mem-

bers. Announcement was made that the 1982 United Church Calendars are available at \$2 each. A letter from the Leprosy Mission was read thanking the members for the used stamps which had been sent to them.

Vera Welsh, convener of the program, presided for the worship service following the meeting. She was assisted by Isabel

Harris and Mrs. Lorne Treffry.

The worship service opened with a hymn "Take Time to Be Holy." Mrs. Harris read a portion of scripture followed with a reading by Mrs. Treffry, she closed with a quote "Take Time".

Ruth Collver sang a solo "One Day at a Time," accompanied by Mrs. Jack Walther. Miss Welsh gave a

her talk "The Spirit of Fellowship and Church History". Each member told of the church their parents attended. Miss Welsh closed by defining the church crest.

The offering was presented by Laura Hooker and Anne Arthur and the service closed with the singing of the hymn "The Church's One Foundation" Mrs. Harris pronounced the Benediction.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, 1974, S.O. CHAPTER 122.

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Norwich intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address as a property of architectural and historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122.

PROPERTY - Treffry Mill - Lot 145 and 146, Plan 388, Otterville.

SIGNIFICANCE:

Frame, 3 storey, early 19th century grist mill of simple post and beam construction with field stone foundation. The ground floor posts are chamfered for decoration, some are 17 inches square. The purlins are 8 inches by 11 inches by 40 feet. Most of the windows are early 20 and 24 pane construction. The eaves have a wide overhang and returning cornices. The mill is operated by water turbine.

Built in 1845 by Edward Bullock as a grist and flour mill, it originally had 3 pairs of stone and an annual capacity of 20,000 bushels and was powered by a wooden water wheel. It is built near the site of the first mill on the Otter River - built 1807 by Earle and Avery. It is believed to be the oldest continuously operated water powered mill in Ontario.

The wooden augers and flour equipment are still in the mill.

The original owners were responsible for much of the early commerce of Otterville over a period of 55 years.

Any person may, within thirty days of the first publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Township of Norwich, notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received the council of the Corporation of the Township of Norwich shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED AT OTTERVILLE

this Second day of September, 1981.

ROBERT C. WATKINS,
CLERK.

Carnival a success

Organizers of the annual Norwich-Otterville Lions carnival are pleased with the results of the two-day event. Crowds who turned out Friday and Saturday evening at the community centre in Norwich were able to try their hand at games of chance, bingo, the dunk tank and for adults it was casino night on the upper level of the community centre. A variety of prizes were won both nights of the carnival. The big prize of a 1981 automobile was won by Cecil

Mingle of RR 3, Norwich. Four \$25 dolls were won by Mary Griswold of Woodstock, Edward Thomas of RR 1, Burgessville, Scott Gear of Burgessville and Fred Thompson of RR 1, Norwich.

The girls and boys bicycles were won by Tara McKay of RR 1, Norwich and Brent Thompson of RR 2, Burgessville.

Proceeds from the annual Lions event go to support various community projects.

Lions plan Oktoberfest

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the Community Hall, Otterville, on Monday evening September 28. Lion president Norm Fidin presided.

There were 41 present including four visitors from the Langton Lions Club. There was also a visitor, Lion Bill Hopkins, from the Coldbrook and District Lions Club, Kings County, Nova Scotia and one guest of a local member.

Lion Paul Wood introduced the guest speaker, District Deputy-District Governor Art DeWaele of Langton.

Mr. DeWaele outlined District A-2 objectives for the coming year. Increased membership remains a top priority.

Mr. Wood reported on the recent Lions carnival. Net proceeds appear to be very good and should go a long way toward fulfilling club community projects for the coming year.

An invitation was received from the Tillsonburg Lions

Club for all Lions' wives to attend a Friendship Night on Tuesday, October 20 in the Tillsonburg Community Centre. Judge Elaine Pensa, London, will be the guest speaker.

The annual Veterans Night will be held in the Norwich Legion Hall Monday evening, November 9.

The annual Lions Oktoberfest and Dance will

be held in the Norwich Community Centre on Saturday, October 24 featuring an outstanding German Orchestra from Kitchener. Tickets are now available from all Lion members.

The Convention prizes were won by Lions Fred Thompson and Gerry VanHooren, Langton.

Plan Christmas session

OTTERVILLE (C) — The first fall meeting of the Happy Bluebird Club was held at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Daniels in Norwich on Tuesday evening, September 22.

President Daisy Ash presided and the meeting opened with the Housewives' Creed followed with "The Lord's Prayer." Members sang "The Bluebird Song."

The roll call was answered by the members telling of how they had spent the summer holidays.

Readings were given and enjoyed. A memorial cash donation was sent to the Canadian Cancer Society in memory of the late Mrs. Edith Kendrick, a former member of the club.

Plans were made for the

Christmas meeting, which will be held at the home of Helen Davis. Members were urged to help with the program and to bring and share for the table.

The Otterville group was in charge of the social. The next meeting will be at the home of Evelyn Waring, Main Street, Otterville, the fourth Tuesday of October.

FERN VIOLET DOUGLAS

Mrs. Clarence Douglas of RR 2, Otterville, passed away at her residence on Monday, September 7, 1981, in her 65th year.

She was the former Fern Violet Pickersgill. Her husband predeceased her.

Surviving are eight daughters Mrs. Don (Eva) Anderson and Mrs. Doris Anderson, both of Tillsonburg, Mrs. Gerald (Ella) Trepanier of Cochrane, Mrs. Tom (Edith) McCauley of Brantford, Mrs. Al (Fay) Bigras of Woodstock, Mrs. Gary (Lorraine) Ketchabaw of Tillsonburg, Melanie Douglas at home and Mrs. Abe (Jessica) Siemens of

Langton; eight sons, Frank Douglas of RR 2, Otterville, Donald Douglas of Tillsonburg, David Douglas in Alberta, Peter Douglas, Elmer Douglas and Buck Douglas, all of Norwich, Hugh Douglas of Scotland and Murray Douglas at home; a sister, Mrs. Eva Jones of Springford; and four brothers, Ray Pickersgill of London, Bill Pickersgill of RR 2, Otterville, Harry Pickersgill of Otterville and Mack Pickersgill of Brantford.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held Wednesday, September 9, at 3 p.m. conducted by Pastor Earl

Cooper. Interment in Bookton Cemetery.

Rebekahs hold harvest euchre

OTTERVILLE (C) ^{Sept 9 1981} Violet Rebekah Lodge 330 held their regular meeting Monday evening with Noble Grand Ilah Nant and Past Noble Grand Jo Howse acting as Vice Grand. Roll call was answered showing six officers absent. Communications were read and dealt with. Final plans were made for the Harvest Euchre September 24.

Happy Birthday was sung to Sister Anna Treffry. Penny Deill conducted.

A very successful harvest euchre was held in the I.O.F. Hall September 24, sponsored by the members of the Violet Rebekah Lodge 330.

Luncheon was served buffet style at noon. Euchre started at 1:30 p.m. with nine tables in play. Winners were: of the door prize - Eva Deveney; from tickets sold on two log cabin aprons and a knitted purse - Edith Avey; Harry Pickersgill and Helen Davis.

A shower for bride-elect Mary Webb was held recently at the home of Lorraine Downing.

Friends gathered to extend

their best wishes and to present Mary with a variety of useful gifts.

Susan Mountain, maid of honor, Cheryl Polfliet and Joan Downing, assisted with the opening of the gifts.

Janet Forsythe and JoAnn Kapin assisted the hostess in serving lunch. Mary ex-

pressed appreciation to the gathering.

Evelyn Waring and Eva Deveney were Wednesday guests with Maude Hussey in Guelph.

The Otterville Women's Institute will hold the October meeting at the home of Mrs. Jean Gehring on Friday

afternoon at 2 p.m.

Helen Dickson Chairman of the Oxford County Board of Education will be the guest speaker.

The roll call will be "Name a member of the provincial or federal house." Jean Gehring is the convener of the education program.

Rebekahs drape charter

OTTERVILLE (C) — Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 held their first meeting of the season at the I.O.O.F. hall on Monday evening with N.G. Ilah Nant and V.G. Norma Wilson presiding. Roll call was answered and four officers were absent.

The charter was draped in

loving memory of the late Sister Carrie Moore.

Officers of Violet Lodge No. 330 will be installed by D.D.P. Sister Eileen Greig and staff of St. Thomas on Oct. 19th.

Correspondence was dealt with and several "Thank-you" notes were read. Birthday greetings were sung to

several members and a penny drill was conducted.

Final plans were made for the harvest euchre and luncheon to be held on Thursday, Sept. 24.

Lodge closed in regular form after which Sister Violet Howse and her committee served a dainty lunch downstairs.

McMULLEN - In loving memory of a dear father and mother, Edwin McMullen, who passed away September 13, 1945 and Gladys McMullen, who passed away September 4, 1966.

The years you've slept are many and long

Yet there's never been a day, Unsweetened by the memories You left when you went away.

— Always remembered and missed by Aeliane and Art. 9

McMULLEN - In loving memory of a dear father, Edwin McMullen, who passed away September 13, 1945 and a dear Gladys McMullen, who passed away September 4, 1966.

The date is here with deep regret It brings back memories we will never forget.

Death is a heartache that nothing can heal

But memories are treasures no one can steal.

— Always remembered and missed by Blanche and Lyle. 9

Local societies

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apply for grants

By SUZANNE HANSON

At least two local groups will be applying for funds under the federal government's Canada Community Development Projects.

Both the Norwich and District Historical Society and the South Norwich Historical Society indicated at a meeting Tuesday morning that they will again seek a grant under the program operated by the employment and development branch of Employment and Immigration Canada.

A project officer with the employment and development branch's London office, Judy Gay, attended the meeting held in the Norwich Public Library Tuesday morning to outline to various sponsor groups the federal priorities for the community development projects and the procedures for applying.

Mrs. Gay said a total of \$100,000 will be allotted to various projects in Oxford county for 1982. Applications for the project must be in to her office in London by October 9. A local advisory committee, made up of Oxford county residents appointed by the local Member of Parliament, then examines the feasibility and priority of the various applications. The advisory committee makes recommendations to the minister who makes the final decision on how the \$100,000 is to be allotted in the county.

Mrs. Gay said the \$100,000 could be used to finance five projects employing three people each for a total of 52 weeks. The winter program usually begins in January, she said, and can be broken down into projects running from a minimum of eight weeks to a maximum of 52 weeks.

The idea of the program, she said, is to create jobs for people who would otherwise be unemployed, such as youth, women, native people and handicapped individuals. The jobs created are to provide these people with the necessary experience to find other employment at the end of the project, said Mrs. Gay.

The two local historical societies applied jointly for funding under the program for the last winter project and employed three people for 12 weeks to do research and cataloguing of material at the Norwich archives as well as to research the South Norwich Historical Society's history.

The historical societies will again be applying jointly for funding under the priority of tourism development to employ two to three individuals to continue the work started last year. That work involves going through local newspapers and municipal records and cataloguing the information. The people employed will also continue researching material for the history of South Norwich to be published in a book for the 175th anniversary of South Norwich. It is hoped the book will be ready for the anniversary celebrations next year.

Joyce Pettigrew, a member of the South Norwich Historical Society, said the membership will also examine the possibility of utilizing the funding under the project to carry out the feasibility study on the Treffry Mill property.

Mrs. Gay said the grants can also be applied to community restoration and development, including main street restoration activities such as those carried out by the board of management of the Business Improvement Act (BIA). Chairman of the board of management, Ted Shrubbs, was present at the meeting Tuesday and said he will take the information back to the members of the board for discussion and consideration.

The money provided for the projects is not intended to cover heavy material costs or capital costs, however, said Mrs. Gay.

Individuals employed through the program received \$168 per week in wages plus benefits.

Mrs. Gay said five projects received funding in Oxford County last year and she should know by mid-December which will be approved this year. The county, she said, is receiving the same allocation -- \$100,000 this year but the individual allocations are affected because of the \$10 a week increase in the wages to be paid to those employed in the program.

Proposals the program is looking for must relate to the priorities established by the federal government and must create jobs that meet the requirements of the locally unemployed. The work must also have a continuing value to the individual and the community.



Gun safety

The safe handling and use of guns was outlined in a special hunter safety course conducted Saturday at the Otterville community hall by instructors Jim Countryman (left) and Dale Cheney. (NG Photo).

Ignorance, laziness cause gun accidents

By SUZANNE HANSON

Ignorance of the rules for gun safety and laziness in obeying those rules are major causes of gun accidents, said Dale Cheney, instructor at a hunter safety course in Otterville on Saturday.

Mr. Cheney said many hunters know the rules for safe hunting but are just too lazy to follow them. Some hunters do such things as climb fences with loaded guns instead of taking the time to unload them. The time it takes to unload and load a gun is minimal and hunters should never fail to follow such simple safety precautions, said Mr. Cheney in speaking to the 35 people who turned out for the course.

The hunter safety course, offered through the ministry of natural resources, lasted eight hours and covered such topics as gun safety, gun handling, their cleaning and storage as well as hunter-farmer relations in light of the new trespass to persons and property act.

Co-instructor for the course was Jim Countryman, Otterville. While recommended for anyone going hunting, the course is mandatory for all those under 21 who wish to obtain a hunting licence.

The minimum age for anyone taking the course is 15 but an individual cannot be granted a hunting licence until the age of 16 and a written examination from the ministry is passed.

More people are taking an interest in hunting as a sport now, said Mr. Cheney and

because of that increased interest, the ministry's examination for licencing is becoming more stringent.

The failure rate for individuals who have taken the hunter safety course is still about 60 per cent, said Mr. Countryman, but it would probably be about 85 to 90 per cent without the course.

He said a lot of material is covered in the eight hour course and people are bound to forget some of it.

Both instructors were pleased to see the number of young people in attendance Saturday. Many accidents involving guns in Ontario are caused by young people who are inexperienced in using a .22 calibre rifle, said Mr. Cheney.

A .22 calibre rifle is the most common gun used by a beginner hunter as it is easier to handle, less powerful, with a smaller range. For most experienced hunters, the 12 gauge shotgun is the most popular and most versatile gun, he said.

As well as the variety of young and experienced hunters, a number of females were also in attendance for the course. "A lot of females want to hunt with their husbands or boyfriends," said Mr. Cheney, and that explains their interest in the sport.

Mr. Countryman said he has been hunting since he took a similar hunter safety course at the age of 15 and Mr. Cheney said he has been an avid hunter for the past four years.

"A good hunter can do a lot for conservation," said Mr. Cheney. Hunters like to see

animals properly taken care of to ensure there will always be an adequate supply to hunt, he said. Hunting also keeps animal populations under control.

Mr. Cheney and Mr. Countryman usually conduct two hunter safety courses each year. They may offer another in October before the November deer season gets underway. The course this past weekend will help prepare hunters for duck season which gets underway Saturday, September 26.

Optimists operating television bingo

By SUZANNE HANSON

Bingo enthusiasts in the Norwich area can enjoy their favorite past-time in the comfort of their own homes now thanks to the Spring-Otter Optimists and Nor-Del Cablevision Ltd.

Last Wednesday night saw the first airing of the local Optimist club's TV Bingo on the cable company's community channel.

Both Optimist organizers of the program and Nor-Del Cablevision are excited about the program — the first of its kind to be aired over the community channel.

Each Wednesday evening, cable subscribers tuned into Channel 5 will be able to play four games of Bingo with cash prizes awarded to the game winners. Prize money totalling \$125 was won by participants in the games the first night and Optimist club member Dale Cheney said increases in the prize money will occur each week in relation to the bingo card sales.

Bingo cards are available for 50 cents each at a variety of locations in Norwich, Otterville and Delhi.

About 200 people played the games the first night, said Mr. Cheney. The four-game program lasts about 1½ hours with participants able to call into the station on a separate line when they get a Bingo.

Nor-Del Cablevision employee, Ken Baxter, said he is pleased to see the program get off the ground. The Optimist club members are responsible for setting up the program and physically getting it on the air. After several trial runs to familiarize themselves with the television equipment and procedure, four Optimists members actually produced the program.

That is really what the

community channel is all about, said Mr. Baxter. He and other members of his family, who operate the cable system, are available to train people to use the equipment, but the actual programming for the community channel is to be produced by residents in the community.

The Optimists are controlling most of the TV Bingo production with Mr. Baxter or his father available to give instruction or guidance.

Mr. Baxter said it is up to the residents in the community to come up the program ideas for the channel and to physically get them on the air. He will be attending a conference later this fall to get ideas on how to encourage more people to get involved in community programming.

Mr. Baxter said the TV Bingo is the first program to be completely produced in the studio. He said the Optimists are also the first group to take advantage of the availability of the system for such a purpose. He hopes other groups will follow suit.

After making it through their first live production, Mr. Cheney said he and the other three Optimists involved in putting on the program are much more confident. He admitted they all had a few "opening night jitters," but they all relaxed as the program progressed.

"It's been a real learning experience," said Optimist cameraman Russ Noel. He said none of them had much of an idea how television programs were produced when they started the project. He said the closest he'd ever been to a television camera was on the opposite side of the television screen as a viewer. But on Wednesday, he was zooming in and panning with the best of

them.

Mr. Cheney said Jim Countryman, Harold Walker, Mr. Noel and himself will continue to produce the program for the first few weeks but he expects other club members to learn the operation of the equipment in order to get the entire club involved in the project.

Mr. Cheney said all proceeds from the TV Bingo will go to support the Spring-Otter Optimist Club's community and youth projects. He reminds viewers also that in addition to watching the game, they may send in to the club at Box 247, Otterville, any public service announcements, birthdays, anniversaries or other special announcements to be announced each week live over Channel 5.

Mr. Cheney said the bingo program should be of special interest to senior citizens, shut-ins and others who prefer to play bingo in the comfort of their own homes on these bleak winter nights.

Mr. Baxter reminds area residents that the community channel is provided free to any groups or individuals in the community who would like to produce a program or series of programs to be broadcast on the cable system's Channel 5.

Equipment is available for in-studio or on location programming.



Ross Andrews

Tobacco harvest blues



Listening to a few stories about tobacco harvest blues this fall carried me back in memory to about the late 1940's.

The last couple of weeks in harvest have always been troublesome for the growers because of workers who have to go back to school. Some have to go back to regular jobs, the workers having hired out to handle tobacco during their holidays. A few years ago the tobacco wages were higher than wages in many regular jobs and people would take their holidays to earn money for some special project, a new second hand car, a refrigerator.

Workers have always been unpredictable, too. One extreme example was a man who hired on as a primer at our farm. He was picked up in Tillsonburg, spent the night at the farm, ate a ravenous breakfast, was sent to the pasture to bring in the horses, and has not been seen or heard from since. That was in the early 40's I think.

Others were homesick, being often young and miles from home, perhaps for the first time.

One who wasn't so young, and maybe not so much homesick as just disillusioned, worked a part of a day at a neighbour's farm. I happened to be there because in

those days we often helped each other during sandleaf picking. We had no machines to ride. We bent our noses to the ground and fumbled among the leaves and sand to pull the first three or four leaves which we carried tucked under the arm. When we couldn't hold any more we walked to the horse-drawn boat and dropped them in. It was a welcome relief to be able to straighten up for a few seconds. The men who tried to straighten up after each plant, and bend down to prime the next, rarely survived the day.

Anyway, to get back to the story, this fellow was one of a group of men from North Carolina. They often came to Canada to work in harvest after their own crops were off in that warmer climate. This lad had not been to Canada before. He wasn't used to the large crops and the steady slugging. Down there a five acre crop was leisurely picked in the cool of the day. Kilns were small. Shortly after noon the man pulled a wallet from his pocket, took out a slip of paper and looked at it longingly. "See that little ticket?" he drawled. "That little ticket is goin' to carry me home." And it did. He was on the bus and heading for the border before supertime.

One fall morning I remember heading for the field to start pulling a kiln of tips. There

was just me and the horse. I forget why the gang had disintegrated so unexpectedly, but it had. Dad was out scouring the area for new help.

After while, Max Stewart came along and the two of us went on picking leaves until Dad found enough men to make up the crew. I don't know what time we finished the kiln that day. I just remember feeling very small and lonely in that twenty-acre field.

No, it's not a new phenomenon that workers leave the job. Still, judging from the yarns circulating this year, it seems that the motives have changed, at least in some cases.

I heard about a gang telling their employer that they just couldn't pick those little tips for \$45 a day. They had to have \$55. I believe the employer let them go. Admittedly, tips are little, but the margin of profit on a kiln is getting lower all the time. A grower has to be wary of setting costly precedents like bargaining over the size of leaves.

In another case a couple of men announced that they had earned their goal. They had started out to make something like \$1,500 and they had it, so they were quitting. The employer wanted them to stay for another week to finish his crop but in spite of

the fact that they gave up about another \$1,000 in bonuses and the extra days' wages, off they went.

It seems at first glance to be a commendable quality, this ability to walk away from fairly easy money. That's the way we all should feel about filthy lucre. After all, the love of money is the root of all evil, isn't it?

Then second thoughts come nagging into the picture. Maybe the welfare system is too lenient, enabling people to thumb their noses at honest work. Maybe some have a scam going to avoid income tax. Work for a while here under one identity, move on before the employer has to begin deducting tax at the source.

From the employer's point of view, his crop is at a critical state, ripe and threatened by frost. Rising fuel, fertilizer, pesticide, and labour costs coupled with rampant interest rates have him by the throat. He'd welcome a little show of interest by his employees, if not some old fashioned loyalty. It's too much to expect strangers to realize all this, naturally, but we won't be surprised to see more and more farmers eyeing the mechanized harvesting equipment at the next trade show.



Early to market

Another batch of tobacco is made ready for shipment as a shipper ties some of the 600,000 pounds of tobacco already sold at the auc-

tion, so far. It is expected that some one million pounds of tobacco will be sold at Tillsonburg's tobacco auction. (TN Photo).



Auction underway

DAN VANESLANDER - DELHI

Tags are checked on the bales of tobacco as the tobacco auction gets into operation. Opening prices for the tobacco was around \$1.50.6, but both farmers and tobacco marketing board officials hope the prices will rise before the auction closes. (TN Photo).

Early market opening seems to be successful

The opening days of the early Tillsonburg tobacco auction are proving to be quite a success.

Ontario Flue-cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board vice-chairman Joe Prohaszka said about 600,000 pounds of tobacco have been sold so far and the one million pound mark is not too far off.

"The next two or three days will probably tell us just how successful the auction has been," said Mr. Prohaszka.

Both Mr. Prohaszka and local tobacco farmers expressed hope that prices would rise somewhat from \$1.50.6 but both parties were generally pleased with prices so far.

Expect decision soon on fire system

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OCT 14

By SUZANNE HANSON

A fire alert system should be approved for the Township of Norwich by the end of this month, said Norwich Township Mayor Jack Burn last week.

The proposal of a county-wide system has been in the works for more than two years but Norwich Township has yet to make a decision on whether to join that system or hire the services of a private company.

Mayor Burn said a meeting of the mayors of the rural municipalities was held with Motorola recently and a proposal was presented for the purchase of the dispatching and the pagers.

He said a meeting of council, the township's fire chief and deputy fire chiefs will be held with a representative of the private firm of Oxford Communications, on October 14 to consider that firm's proposal.

With that information available, council will then be able to make a decision on

whether to go with a private firm or to purchase the services of the county dispatcher in Woodstock. Mayor Burn said a decision will also be made on whether to lease or purchase the pagers for the fire alert system.

Mayor Burn said he assumes that if the services of each are equal, the decision made by council will be based on the cost of each system.

He said that while the system operated out of Woodstock has been tagged a county system, not all county municipalities are taking part in it and he questioned whether it is in fact a county system.

Ingersoll and Tillsonburg are satisfied with the systems they already have in place and see no need to join in the county system, said Mayor Burn.

South-West Oxford Township is already using the county dispatcher and Zorra Township has approved participation in the county system for 1982.

Mayor Burn said a decision will be made by Norwich Township council by the end of this month after which an order for the pagers and arrangements for the dispatching will be made.

It would then take about eight to 12 weeks, he

speculated, before the equipment would be received and the system in place.

"I would hope to see it in place by the end of this year," said Mayor Burn.

"The firemen have been waiting anxiously for this system for more than two

years."

Work began more than two years ago by county council to plan a county-wide system.

The county at that time put 38 radios in trucks in various municipalities throughout the county. The new fire alert system, when installed,

will mean all fire calls will be handled through a central dispatcher and all firemen would be notified of a fire and its location with a pocket pager worn at all times.

At present firemen in the township must rely on the unreliable telephone system to be advised of a fire in the municipality.



New sidewalk underway

Township workers, under the supervision of PUC superintendent G.A. McMillan (left), prepared the ground for a new section of sidewalk to be installed on the Main

Street of Norwich in front of the Home Hardware store. Norwich Township council approved the work last month. Township workers on the job Monday were (left) Ralph Huggins and (right) Harv Miller. (NG Photo).

IMPORTANT NOTICE OTTERVILLE WATERWORKS CUSTOMERS

The Norwich Public Utility Commission regret to advise, that due to increasing costs, on all bills rendered on and after October 1, 1981, the water rates will be increased to \$7.00 per month.

Convention policy examined

N.G.
OCT 21

The protection committee of Norwich Township council will look at establishing a policy governing the attendance of council members at the various conventions, conferences and meetings held for them throughout the year.

Discussion at the council meeting last Tuesday focused on whether it is necessary for all councillors to attend the various conventions as certain of them might be of limited value to some councillors.

"The good roads (convention), if I'm not on public works, is of limited value to me," said Councillor John Eacott. Council, should, however, attend as a group such conferences as those held by the municipal association, he said.

Councillor John Heleniak said the road superintendent and the chairman of the public works committee should attend the annual convention of the Ontario Good Roads Association in Toronto, but he added he did

not think the conference is of much benefit to other councillors.

Mayor Jack Burn said a policy should be in place to specify the number and the individuals who should attend conferences.

"I know very well in my business you don't send your whole staff to a convention or you'd be bankrupt," said Mayor Burn. A few representatives should attend in order to report back to the rest of council.

Mr. Heleniak said he believed it cost about \$5,000 last year to cover the expenses of those councillors who attended the good roads convention in Toronto.

Councillor Robert Pettigrew raised the point that the spouses of the councillors sit home many nights of the year while the councillors

attend meetings and the good roads convention is one instance where they are allowed to attend with their spouses.

"I don't see any reason for a policy. I would hope we would have enough sense to know whether you want to go or not."

Historical society member honored

The October meeting of the South Norwich Historical Society was held at Woodlawn with president Rick Singer presiding.

President Rick gave his report of attending the plaque unveiling of the Quance Mill in Delhi, and stated our Society may possibly this fall receive a structural assessment of the Treffry Mill. Rick congratulated Joyce Pettigrew the founder of the South Norwich Historical Society on her appointment as director of the Ontario Historical Society. Through her untiring efforts our own Society has grown and the history of the former South Norwich Township will be

written and preserved for future generations. All wished Joyce the best in the future and the honor this office holds. We are certainly fortunate to have Mrs. Pettigrew in our community. Joyce read the correspondence and reported on the Canada Development Project. There is more research to be done on the history of the former Township and any volunteers should contact her.

Mrs. Pettigrew introduced Terry Sanderson, Experience '81 student who researched this summer for our Society. Terry spoke on his extensive research of the former S.N. Township of Temperance and Roads.

GLADYS BERTHA NOBBS

Funeral service for the late Gladys Bertha Nobbs of Otterville, who passed away on October 15, 1981, was held at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, on October 17 at 1 p.m. conducted by Rev. Earl Moore.

Miss Nobbs was born in South Norwich Township, July 28, 1894, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nobbs. She was a member of Otterville United Church and of the U.C.W., also a member of Otterville Women's Institute.

Pallbearers were Max Nobbs, Allan Nobbs, Louis Nobbs, Donald Nobbs, Jack McNamara and Orvil Treanor.

Mrs. William McMullen played hymns before and after the service, which was largely attended.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

Sell school land to Norwich Twp.

By SUZANNE HANSON
The sun is finally starting to shine on the residents of Springford.

Nothing seemed to be going the way of the community which lost its only school this year after a two-year battle with the board of education to retain it.

But things are now starting to look up for this tightly-knit community.

The Oxford County board of education agreed at its last meeting in a closed session to sell slightly less than one acre of land from the Springford Public School

property to Norwich Township for \$20,000.

Community groups asked council last month to press the board of education again for the severance of the nearly one acre parcel to be used for recreational purposes and the annual agricultural fair after the board decided to close the school in June.

Secretary of the Springford and area agricultural society Bea Nunn, said the closure of the school "sort of tore the community apart" and the new project may help to

draw it back together.

The parcel of land purchased by the township, adjoins the township-owned ball park in Springford and will allow sufficient room for a community centre on the site.

Mrs. Nunn said consideration has been given to moving the Women's Institute hall to the site but no definite decision has been made. It is also a possibility that a school portable could be purchased and put on the property for community use.

"We're not going to jump into anything right this

moment," said Mrs. Nunn. It will be a winter project to go over all the possibilities and hold meetings with members of the community to determine which route should be taken.

Mrs. Nunn said a group made up of agricultural society members, athletic club members and other interested community groups would be formed to investigate the possibilities and the availability of grants for the project.

Mrs. Nunn said they would also raise the \$20,000 purchase price to pay back the township if council so desired.

"Springford has always paid back what we owed," said Mrs. Nunn. "The township has never had to go out on a limb for Springford like it has for some of the other communities."

She said there are grants available which may pay for a large portion of the property. The agricultural society is eligible for a grant of up to \$25,000 once it has been in existence for three years but that won't be until next year, said Mrs. Nunn.

Township clerk Bob Watkins said council saw the purchase as an opportunity to enlarge the park facilities in Springford.

Mr. Watkins said some time in the future council will probably entertain some proposals from the community's advisory committee regarding the property but council itself will be taking no action.

"I don't think the Springford group has any definite plans formulated yet," said Mr. Watkins.

He said council may make application to the ministry of culture and recreation for the grant of 25 per cent of the purchase cost, available to municipalities for parkland acquisition.

Mrs. Nunn had praise for the township's efforts on the

community's behalf. "Council has really been terrific. They've really gone to bat for us," she said.

The board of education has decided to list the remaining 2.2 acres of the school property with its six-room building for sale for six months. The board had originally called for tenders on the entire property as well as on the property without the severed portion sought by Norwich Township. But education director John Young would not reveal whether there were any other tenders for any portion of the property.

Lions make donations

OTTERVILLE (C) — speaker.

Prior to the regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club, members attended the annual Otterville United Church turkey supper on Monday, October 26.

Following the dinner, members adjourned to the community hall for their meeting conducted by president Norm Fidlin. Three guests were present from the Long Point Lions Club.

Lion Dave Dean, a newcomer, was inducted at the previous meeting on October 13.

Gifts were made to the following: \$500 to Oxford V.O.N.; \$110 to the Canadian Save the Children Fund; \$50 to the Lions effective speaking contest; and two \$150 prizes for graduation exercises at the Norwich District High School on November 15.

The annual Christmas

party will be held Saturday, December 5, at the Legion hall, with a gift up to \$3.

The park cleanup day was held October 18 and it was reported that the park booth has its most successful season yet with profits to be used for future park upkeep and new tables.

The annual Lions Hallowe'en party will be held in the community hall in Otterville at 9 p.m. on Saturday, October 31. Food and prizes will be provided.



Dressed for the occasion
Johnny Bouckhuys, 4, and Brian Gilmore, 3, weren't winners in the costume competition at the Otterville Lions Club's annual Hallowe'en party for youngsters Saturday

night but they did make the judges' decision a tough one. Both were competitors in the boys' eight and under category. The annual event has been hosted by the Lions for many years each Hallowe'en. (NG Photo).

Successful bazaar for Leisure Club

OTTERVILLE (C) — The members of the Otterville Leisure Club have done it again with a successful bazaar held in the Otterville Community Hall on Friday afternoon from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The event was conducted by the president and executive while many of the members assisted in placing the many items donated for sale.

The bake table was filled and quickly emptied with several of the ladies the attentive clerks.

Mrs. Fred Cole, Mrs. Max Avey and Mrs. Melville Beecroft had charge of the sewing, knitting and crafts. Tune McNally a senior member of the club, kept the sale of tickets moving.

In addition, there was a long table filled to capacity with houseplants and several baskets of vegetables. All these found ready sale. Clerks were Norman and Vera McIntyre, Max Avey, Sam Lucas and Mel Beecroft.

The ladies in the kitchen made tasty cups of tea and coffee and served the visitors who took time for a neighborly chat.

Before closing time, the president Annie Pritchard conducted the draw on the tickets. The draw made by Mrs. Pettigrew showed Mrs. Tony Kerston of Langton to be the winner. The footstool ticket drawn by Mrs. Florence Moore was won by

Marjorie Berlin from British Columbia. A pair of embroidered pillowcases, drawn by Edna Furlong, were won by David McKibbin.

A number of the members of the Leisure Club attended the Zone Rally held in the Hungarian Hall, Delhi, on Wednesday of last week.

Yule dinner planned by PNG club

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Past Noble Grands Club of the Violet Rebekah Lodge 330 held their first meeting of the season in the Lodge Hall with 11 members present.

President Ethel Arthur opened the meeting and all repeated the Lord's Prayer. Roll call was answered by something different you had done during the holidays.

Thank you was expressed to Helen Thompson and committee for having charge of the purchasing and laying of the new floor in the kitchen and washroom of the hall.

Our next meeting will be November 30. This will be our Christmas meeting and there will be a dinner out. Wilma Butler has invited the ladies to her home for the remainder of the evening.

The evening closed with the singing of "O Canada." An auction sale of plants and vegetables was held, making the evening very successful.



Examining the wares

Angela DeKlerck, RR 2, Otterville and her three-year-old granddaughter Tara DeKlerck, examined the wares on display at the Otterville Leisure Club's annual bake sale,

bazaar and tea, held last week at the community hall. Looking after the table of homemade articles were (left) Violet Cole and Edith Avey. (NG Photo).



Fall bazaar

Muriel Kozuck of Otterville was one of many who turned out for the St. John's Anglican Church first annual fall bazaar in Otterville, Saturday afternoon. As well as the colored Indian corn and pumpkins for sale outdoors, there were crafts and baked goods for sale in the Otterville hall. The winners of the various draws were: door prize - Katherine Zimmer; the decorated corn broom - Myrtle Riste and the baby quilt - Marion Dowds. (NG Photo).

Eastern Star installs new officers

The regular meeting and installation of officers of the Norwich Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star was held in the chapter rooms on Wednesday evening, October 14 with Worthy Matron Josephine Howse and Worthy Patron Carl Howse presiding in the East.

Guests were welcomed, including the immediate Past Worthy Grand Matron La Dickson of Scotland, Past Grand Patron Donald Rusing of Waterford, Grand Sentinel Keith Post of Port Dover, Edith Steedman of the Grand Chapter Estral committee, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 18 Irene Carter of Brantford and several Past District Deputy Grand Matrons.

The elected officers for the coming year are: Worthy Matron Josephine Howse; Worthy Patron Norman McIntyre; Associate Matron Delores Evoy; Associate Patron Carl Howse; Secretary Lillian Oatman; Treasurer Annie Pritchard; Conductress Florence

Saunders; Associate Conductress Katie Lowe; Chaplain Lloyd Peat; Marshall Audrey Barnim; Organist Lloyd Wettlauffer; Ada Rose Shrubbs; Ruth

Florence Church; Esther Marjorie Pearce; Martha - Edith Petch; Electa - Shirley McPherson; Warder - Vivian Peat; Sentinel - Vera McIntyre.

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Sunshine Club met at the home of Evelyn Picknell on Thursday, October 8.

Twelve members answered the roll call, which was suggested by Jean Dow.

Plans are underway for a new project for the club in preparing for a bazaar to be held in November.

An invitation was accepted to the home of Etta McSkimmings on October 22 for the next meeting.

This being the Hallowe'en meeting, the members are asked to come in costume or pay a fine of \$1.

The hostess was thanked by Margaret Shearer for having the meeting and to Dorothy Wardell for assisting the hostess.



Feasting

About 100 primary students, including their teachers and special guests, sat down to a delicious, home-cooked Thanksgiving dinner on Friday with food made by the students for the occasion. The dinner, consisting of roast turkey, vegetable stew, home-made rolls, fresh apple cider

and apple crisp was heartily enjoyed by the ravenous students. Joyce McMullen, one of the four teachers involved in the project, was kept busy filling glasses with the fresh apple cider the students had obtained from their visit to Davis Orchards. (NG Photo).



Mr. and Mrs. John DeKleyn of Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. S. (Ted) Oenema of Otterville are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Wendy Jean to Terry Sietse. The wedding will take place October 17 at Regina Mundi Church, Hamilton.

Get teeth into project

By SUZANNE HANSON

Most youngsters only see their Thanksgiving turkey after it has been plucked, prepared and sent to the supermarket where mother picked it off the meat counter.

But primary students at Otterville Public School picked out a live turkey from the Redling Turkey Farm on a visit there last week as part of their studies.

They then fully prepared the bird for their own Thanksgiving dinner held at the school last Friday afternoon.

The live turkey, presented as a gift of Richard Redling following his tour with the

children at the farm, was prepared for plucking by one of the children's mothers. It was then returned to school and many of the children got hands on experience plucking feathers and watching as Mr. Gobbler was cleaned and prepared for cooking.

On Friday afternoon, they "gobbled up" the finished product roasted and served with a variety of other dishes prepared by the students for the dinner, including home-made bread and rolls, with homemade butter, vegetable stew, apple cider and apple crisp for dessert.

The dinner was the culmination of a section of studies for four primary

classes and a joint project of the classes from kindergarten through Grade 4.

As part of their studies, one class visited the Davis apple orchards to see apples harvested and the making of fresh apple cider.

Another two classes remained at the school to make bread with county art consultant Ray Fullerton and the other class travelled to the Redling Turkey Farm to see turkeys from six weeks old to full-size birds—ready for the Thanksgiving table.

It was an exciting day for students and staff alike as all sat down to enjoy the fruits of their labor at their

Thanksgiving dinner Friday afternoon at the school.

It was the first such project attempted at the school, said Grade 1-2 teacher Jeanette Berenz but she said she and the other teachers involved: Anna Orth (Grades 3-4), Jane Campbell (kindergarten) and Joyce McMullen (Grades 2-3), are already looking forward to another special group project for Hallowe'en.



Let's bake bread

He may not be the dough-boy but the county art consultant, Ray Fullerton, does know how to bake bread and he demonstrated that ability to the Grade 3-4 class at Otterville Public School last week. The bread-making was part of the students' social studies on wheat and the bread and rolls made by Mr. Fullerton, with the students' assistance, was served to the primary students at their Thanksgiving dinner at the school on Friday. (NG

Otterville couple mark anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marshall of Otterville, whose 25th wedding anniversary was October 13, were taken out to a dinner by their daughter and son-in-law Ron and Brenda Novakowski of Delhi on October 17.

Following the dinner they were brought to Cornell hall where their children, brothers, sisters and friends had gathered to surprise them. The evening was spent with guitar music and songs by Donald and Nelda Rumble of Ingersoll, followed by a mock wedding. Nelda Rumble had played the music when the Marshalls were married 25 years ago.

The honored couple were escorted to the basement of the hall which was beautifully decorated with a bell-shape wedding cake, bells and streamers. They were assisted in opening their many gifts by Bill and Elsie Marshall, who were best man and matron of honor at their wedding.

Lunch was served by the family, brothers and sisters and congratulations extended for many more happy years.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall expressed their thanks for the lovely gifts and to all who had contributed to such a special occasion.

Lewis-Mountain vows exchanged

OTTERVILLE (C) — Susan Mountain and Richard Lewis exchanged wedding vows at St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, on October 24, 1981, at 4:30 p.m. with Rev. Grant Darling officiating. Traditional wedding music was rendered by organist Mrs. Lila Freeland.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Mountain of Otterville and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lewis of RR 2, Otterville.

Escorted by her father, the bride chose a floor-length gown of white French silk chiffon, styled with a high neckline, full cut Bishop sleeves, and a blouson bodice with front tucking and set in French silk lace. A full flowing skirt was caught at the back with a chapel train and she also wore a fingertip veil. The bride carried a nosegay of Forever Yours roses, baby's breath and ferns.

Jane Furlong of Otterville, lifelong friend of the bride, was maid of honor and bridesmaids were Janice Lemcke of Tillsonburg and Josephine Mountain of Toronto, both sisters of the bride. They wore similar, floor-length gowns in two striking fall shades, the maid of honor in deep wine and the bridesmaids in glistening dusty rose. The gowns featured a sheer yoke and Bishop sleeves of point d'esprit. A ruffled Victorian neckline, etched in lace, added a traditional touch to the gowns. Falling from the raised belted waist was a flowing A-line skirt. Their headdresses matched their flowers, a nosegay of pink mini carnations, burgundy mums, daisies and baby's breath.

Reception for 150 guests was held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Norwich. Bride's table featured a wedding cake and the bridal flowers. Guests' tables featured hurricane lamps with pink candles and a flower base continuing the colors and flowers of the bridal attendants.

Bride's mother chose a gold, floor-length, two-piece, knit suit, worn with gold accessories. Groom's mother chose a floor-length, lavender, crepe gown with beaded neckline worn with an orchid corsage.

For a wedding trip to Chatham, the bride wore a two-piece suit with a maroon velvet jacket and maroon and sand checked skirt, worn

with beige suede shoes and bag and an orchid corsage.

Guests attended the wedding from Winnipeg, Man., Kingsport, Tennessee, Dundas, Fergus, Milton, Barrie, Lansing, Michigan, Toronto, St. Clemens, Mich., and the local area.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are residing in Tillsonburg.



Sticky business

Jeremy Pickering (left), a kindergarten student, and Gary Walther, a Grade 3 student at Otterville Public School, found plucking a turkey for their Thanksgiving dinner to be rather sticky business. The Grade 1 and 2 students were given the bird as a gift by Richard Redling following the classes' visit to the Redling Turkey Farm as part of their studies on the farm. The turkey was served at the primary students' Thanksgiving dinner at the school Friday afternoon. (NG Photo).

Honor bride-elect

OTTERVILLE (C) — Susan Mountain, a bride-elect of October, was honored at the home of her neighbor, Mrs. Nelson Gleason recently.

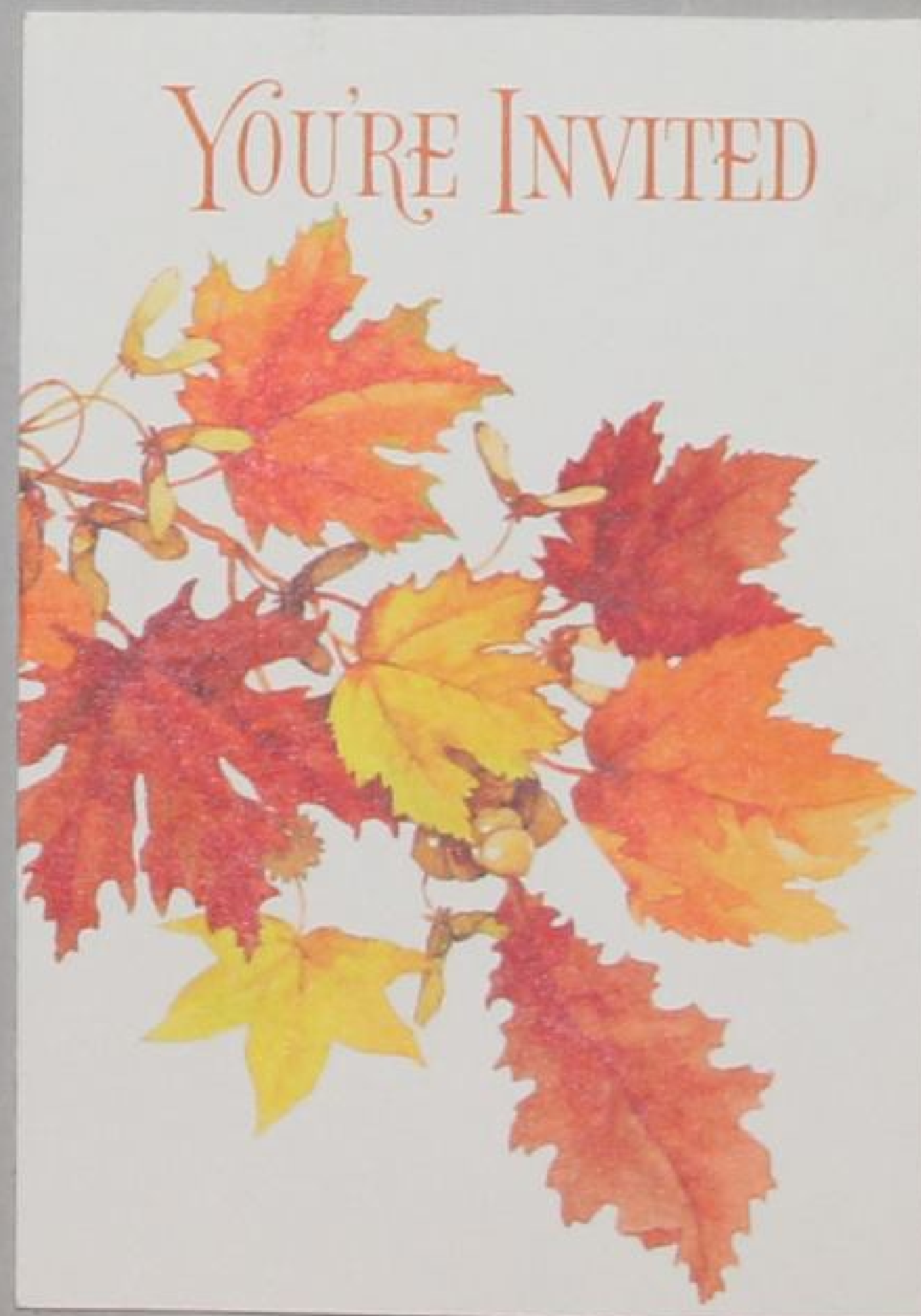
There were upwards of 30 guests present who came to present Susan with gifts accompanied with wedding wishes.

Mrs. Gleason conducted a couple of contests, the first one being "A Love Story" in

which Lurene McMullen and Evelyn Waring won the prizes. The second was the well-known game "Give and Take" which proved a lot of fun.

Susan was then presented with many useful gifts, assisted by Donna Butler and Christine Sanders.

Appreciation was expressed by Susan for all the many lovely gifts and also to Mrs. Gleason for her kindness.



Date Saturday, October 10th, 1981

Time 8:30 pm

Place Otterville Town hall

it's a surprise "25th"

anniversary party for

Bill & Lurene McMullen



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Arthur-Finch vows said in Otterville

White candelabra and fern in wicker baskets decorated Otterville United Church on November 28, 1981, at 7 p.m. for the wedding of Frances Eileen Finch, daughter of Mrs. Charles Bell of Tillsonburg and Mr. Frank Finch of Otterville, and

Howard Douglas Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Arthur of RR 3, Norwich. Rev. Earl Moore officiated and Lurene McMullen of Otterville was organist. Soloist was Doug Simmons of Tillsonburg. Musical numbers rendered were The

Rose, before the Processional, Sunrise, Sunset, and during the signing of the register, Follow Me.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a white satin gown with V-neckline, lace collar, yoke

and fitted sleeve and a full cathedral train with double flounce. A headpiece covered with pearls held her waist-length veil appliqued with white roses in place and she carried a cascade of silk dusty rose and burgundy roses accented with white stephanotis and baby's breath.

Maid of honor was Laurie Fitzpatrick of Tillsonburg, friend of the bride and bridesmaids were Pam Tisdale of Otterville, step-sister of the bride, Janet Iler of Tillsonburg, sister of the groom, and Carolyn Rachar of London, friend of the bride. They wore similar floor-length gowns of crepe sheer, styled with spaghetti straps and an A-line skirt and worn with a waist length jacket with bishop sleeve and pearl button back closing. The maid of honor wore a rose shade gown and the bridesmaids a berry shade. The maid of honor wore two miniature burgundy roses in her hair and carried a nosegay of burgundy roses accented with stephanotis and the bridesmaids wore two miniature dusty rose colored roses in their hair and carried a nosegay of dusty rose roses, burgundy roses and stephanotis.

Flower girl, Jodi Hopkins of Ingersoll, niece of the bride, wore a floor-length gown in berry shade with long gathered sleeves. A pinafore of white sheer lace, three-quarter length, covered the dress. She wore a single rose in her hair and carried a white wicker basket of rose and burgundy roses with a white lace ribbon and bow.

Murray Arthur of Norwich, brother of the groom, was best man, and ushers were Chris Michie of Brussels, nephew of the groom, Rick Iler of Tillsonburg, brother-in-law of the groom and Dave Finch of Otterville, brother of the bride. Steve Michie of Brussels, nephew of the groom, was ring bearer.

Reception for 200 guests was held at the Tillsonburg Legion. Bride's table featured a three-tiered wedding cake with small colored roses the color of the bridesmaid's dresses. Music was provided by Don Longthorne.

Bride's mother received guests in a floor-length gown of lightning blue, styled with an empire waist centred with a rose, V-neckline and three-quarter length sleeve. She wore a corsage of yellow roses and miniature carnations of silk. Groom's mother chose a street-length gown in navy with laced shoulders and collar, worn with a corsage of baby blue roses with white stephanotis.

Bride's gifts were pearl necklaces and Royal Doulton "November" cups to the bridesmaids and a gold necklace with a pearl and jewellery box to the flower girl. Groom's gifts were dresser valets to the best man and ushers and a gold chain with zodiac medallions to the junior usher and ringbearer.

For a wedding trip to Virginia, the bride chose a two-piece, clay-colored suit

worn with brown accessories and a corsage of beige roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur are residing at RR 3, Norwich.

Prior to her wedding the bride was honored at showers given by Marlene

Hopkins, Barbara Hulet and Sue Finch; one by Laurie Fitzpatrick and one by Mary McFarland. A party, honoring the couple, was given by Murray and Louise Arthur.



MR. AND MRS. HOWARD DOUGLAS ARTHUR
(Fred's Photography)

Celebrating S. Norwich 175th year

Grants for research

A Canada Community Development Project grant of \$16,442 has been approved for the two local historical societies to carry out research and cataloguing of material.

Acting archivist Eleanor Ryder said the grant was approved by the em-

ployment and development branch of Employment and Immigration Canada about two weeks ago.

The project is expected to get underway January 4, provided the necessary papers are filled out and individuals are found to fill the three positions provided for by the grant.

Mrs. Ryder said Thursday the project has been approved for 74 weeks and provides for the hiring of three people - two workers and a project manager - to carry out research work for the South Norwich and Norwich and District Historical Societies.

She said all three people will be working for the first few months on the completion of the South Norwich history book to be published for that area's 175th anniversary celebrations in July. When that work has been completed, they will be working on three projects for the Norwich and District Historical Society. The three projects are to research old issues of The Norwich Gazette to extract the births, deaths and marriages to be indexed for easier accessibility by researchers. The three individuals will also be working on indexing the information transcribed from stones in area cemeteries and copying the information from the Norwich Township 1851 census from the microfilm into book form to be more readily available to researchers.

Mrs. Ryder said the individuals for the three positions must be registered with and hired through the manpower centre. The qualifications for the job are an interest in local history, good reading comprehension and the ability to skim details from what is read, typing filing and indexing skills. Unemployed people in the area with such skills would be considered for the positions, said Mrs. Ryder.

This is the second time the two historical societies have

co-operated for the community development project grant. There is good co-operation between the two societies enabling the individuals hired through the program to carry out work for both.

The grant approved for the project will cover the wages of those individuals hired as well as the budgeted expenses of the historical societies.

Nor-Otter Lions give Yule aid

Needy families in the Norwich-Otterville area will still be able to enjoy a Christmas dinner thanks to the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club.

The annual Christmas basket project is again being sponsored by the Lions to aid families in the area. Grocery vouchers valued at \$50 will be distributed next week to families who have been identified as being in need of assistance this Christmas. These families can then take the voucher to the specified grocery store to fill their Christmas basket.

The chairman of the health and welfare committee in charge of the project, John Heleniak, said about 24 families were assisted by the Lions last year and he expects the list will be even longer this year with the present poor economic climate.

The Lions are assisted by the local churches in determining which families in the community are in need of aid but anyone who knows of others should contact Mr. Heleniak to have them included on the list.

Rebekahs host husbands ¹⁹⁸¹

The Violet Rebekah Lodge held its annual Christmas supper with their husbands and friends as guests on Monday, December 7.

Illness kept a few away but those in attendance enjoyed a sumptuous Christmas dinner before retiring to the lodge room to open lodge in the regular form with Noble Grand Norma Wilson and Vice-Grand Jo Howse presiding.

After a short meeting,

guests were invited upstairs for a euchre party. The winners were: Betty Adlington, Max Avey, Ann Arthur, Eva Hill, Norma Wilson, Greta Smith, Carl Howse, Esther Smith and Olive Pickersgill.

Tickets had been sold on a pine cone wreath made by Ruth Cullver and Winne McMullen drew the winning ticket. It was held by Anna Treffrey.

Columnist speaks

OTTERVILLE (C) - December meeting of the United Church Women was held in the schoolroom of the church. Mrs. Harold Arthur was convener of the meeting and presided for the worship service.

Rev. C.F. Waite of Simcoe, a writer of a column in The Tillsonburg News each week was the speaker.

Mrs. Jack Walther was pianist and played a

number of Christmas Carols. Mrs. Ethel Arthur and Gill Lewis took part in the worship. The speaker was thanked by the minister, Rev. Earl Moore.

Prior to the meeting, a delicious roast beef supper was served by the ladies.

Special "thank-you" was given to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walther who donated, cooked and carved the meat ready for the table. There were 55 present.

Club holds bazaar

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of the Sunshine Club held their first Christmas bazaar at the Norfolk Mall in Tillsonburg recently which was a great success.

Winner of the baby quilt, Miss Cheryl VanOoteghem of Langton.

Mrs. Ada Morley of

Burgessville spent Sunday with Mrs. Harold Waring. Mrs. Ethel Wiles of Norwich visited them in the afternoon.

The members of the C.G.I.T., the Pathfinders, and the Brownies held a most successful bazaar in the United Church Hall on Saturday afternoon.

Lions aid minor hockey

OTTERVILLE (C) - The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the Legion Hall on Monday evening, December 14 with Norm Fidin presiding and a good attendance.

Reporting from the executive meeting of December 7 the Club will be donating \$500 to minor hockey and \$1.50 per member towards the Lions C

A R E project.

Lion Everett Jenkins has been transferred from the Newcastle Lions Club to this club. Preparations also are underway for the club fish fry to be held in March and the club's 45th anniversary also in March.

Long service chevrons were awarded to the following Lions: 35 years - Alf Bishop, Nelson Gleason, Murray Downing; 30 years -

Mike Fidin, Alf Lossing, Bill Smith; 25 years - Bob Scott, Rolph Crittenden; 20 years - Jim McLaren, Jack Walthers; 15 years - Norm Fidin, Rene DeCooman; 10 years - Tony Drescher, Mel Smith and Gord Shearer.

It was decided that the Lions fire truck would take part in the Santa Claus parade in Otterville, Saturday, December 19.

Following discussion it was decided that the Lions

annual chicken barbecue would be held in the Otterville Park on June 19.

The Lions will also be in charge of the chicken barbecue on July 1 in conjunction with the Canada Week and Centennial Celebrations in Otterville.

The Club will donate \$250 towards the N.D.H.S. Youth Exchange, sponsored by Rotary International. The Convention draw was won by Lion Rick McKim.

BURGESSVILLE-NORWICH -OTTERVILLE

Electricity Costs to Rise

The Norwich Public Utility Commission approved a rate increase of 11% (overall) December 3, 1981. Ontario Hydro will increase its rates to municipal utilities by an average of 9.6% January 1, 1981. Subject to Ontario Hydro approval, Norwich rates will increase on all energy used on and after January 1, 1982.

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Township honors championship teams

Norwich Township honored its champions Friday night with a special banquet and presentation of awards.

The Norwich Jets ladies fastball team and the Norwich juvenile boys team both made it to their respective Ontario Championship finals and brought home the winner's trophy this season. Any team that achieves such an accomplishment is honored by the township with a dinner and presentation of a plaque.

In addressing those gathered for the celebration held in the Otterville community hall Friday night, Mayor Jack Burn commended the teams for their hard work and achievements.

"There are no free trips,"

he said. "When good things happen there are people there making them happen."

Mayor Burn also praised the recreational facilities in the township that are "second to none" in providing recreation for people of all ages. Such facilities, he said, help keep young people off the streets and out of trouble as well as aiding in the creation of good corporate citizens.

Following the presentation of the awards to the team members present, guest speaker Richard Picknell of Otterville talked to those gathered about the International Year of the Disabled from his point of view as a disabled person.

Mr. Picknell, 28, has been confined to a wheelchair

since 1974 when he was struck by a car and left paralyzed from the armpits down. He is classified as a low quadraplegic.

The federal government has undertaken many projects during this year to aid the disabled person but Mr. Picknell said the government should be looking more at assisting the disabled person to find employment and improving transportation facilities for them as well as improving access to public buildings.

He did admit that some disabled persons do not look quite as actively for jobs as they might but added that rejection because of one's disability is a problem faced by a great many individuals. Mr. Picknell said he is

fortunate that he does have a job, being employed as a tobacco allocator at IMASCO Inc. (Imperial Tobacco) in Delhi where he has worked since 1978.

Active in sports before his accident, Mr. Picknell still keeps up that involvement by managing the Otterville Otters fastball team.

In presenting the awards to members of her team with township councillor Carman Sweazey, team coach Pat Smith explained the victory achieved by the Jets.

The team, which closed out its second year in Norwich this season, played nine games to win the Tier Two provincial championship in Belleville in July.

The Jets then went on to play the top Tier One team in August in St. Thomas, playing off against the Kitchener Keiswetters. The Jets took the game after 14 innings and went on to play the team from Agincourt. The Jets were subsequently defeated but Agincourt went on to win all-Ontario and eventually the all-Canadian title, said Mrs. Smith.

She said she is looking forward to the day when a Tier Two team will take the Tier One championship and she hopes that team will be the Jets.

Mrs. Smith also pointed out that Jets' shortstop Vicky Smith was also chosen as the all-Ontario most valuable player for Tier Two and was to be presented with her award at the annual meeting of the Provincial Women's Softball Association Saturday night. Mrs. Smith said the association is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

The coach of the Norwich Juveniles, Randy Nobbs, assisted township councillor Helen Smith with the presentation of awards to his team players who captured the all-Ontario title by defeating Caledonia in

August.

The Juveniles beat out Richmond and Caistor Centre teams to get to the

finals, said Mr. Nobbs. The last time the juveniles captured the all-Ontario title was in 1977.

Elect Lorne Treffry historical society head

The annual South Norwich Historical Society supper meeting was held at Woodlawn on November 9 with a very good attendance. Following the delicious meal prepared and served by Juanita DeRoo, Bill McMullen, Sr., Lila and Jack Freeland and Anna and Lorne Treffry, the president Rick Singer conducted the meeting. Secretary Catherine Mann read minutes; treasurer Marjorie Peace gave her report; Rick Singer reported on the progress of the Mill; Joyce Pettigrew read correspondence, a letter from the Ontario Historical Society requesting in-

formation on patients of local industry and crafts. Joyce also reported on the progress of the research and writing of the South Norwich Township history. More volunteers are urgently needed to read old newspapers and minute books in order to have a book published in conjunction with the 175th anniversary of settlement of the former Township. Anyone interested please phone Joyce Pettigrew 842-4388 or Catherine Mann 879-6412.

Bill McMullen, Sr., presented the slate of officers for 1982: past president, Rick Singer; president, Lorne Treffry; vice-president, Ed Moore; secretary, David Hussey; assistant and corresponding secretary, Kathy Davis; treasurer, David Hussey; directors: 1 year, Doreen Mountain and Delmer Clinton; 2 year, Bill McMullen Sr., and Ed Moore; 3 year, Catherine Mann and Marjorie Pearce; newsletter, Boyd Little, membership chairman, Carl Howse; program convener, Joyce Pettigrew; food booth, Anna Treffry and Lila Freeland; Miss Committee, Rick Singer, Lorraine Downing, Bill McMullen, Sr., and Joyce Pettigrew; auditors, Stuart Harris and Wilma Butler.

Don McPherson thanked the supper committee for all their work.

Next regular meeting will be held at Woodlawn on Monday, January 11 at 8 p.m.

Joyce Pettigrew thanked Rick for being president for the past two years, for the extra curricular time spent and for his amusing commentary as president.

She introduced Dr. Colin Reid who is teaching Canadian History at U.W.O. and has published several histories. Dr. Reid spoke on the 1837 Rebellion of which his research will be published in March. He gave a very interesting and fascinating talk focusing on the local aspects of the Rebellion.

Lilian White thanked Dr. Reid and presented him with a small token of appreciation for which he replied he was delighted to come to "rebel" country to speak.



All-Ontario champs

Norwich Township honored its champions Friday evening with a special dinner in Otterville for the Norwich Jets and Juvenile boys baseball team. Both captured the all-Ontario championships last season. Township councillor Helen Smith presented the team with plaques on behalf of the township. Receiving their awards were: (left to right) Wayne Longthorne, team manager; Randy Nobbs, coach; Mark Stubbs, pitcher and Blair Chambers, pitcher. The coach and manager were also presented with plaques from the team in appreciation of their efforts throughout the season. (NG Photo)



Award winners

The coaches and team members of the Norwich Jets ladies fastball team were presented with plaques by Norwich Township councillor Carm Sweazey in recognition of their outstanding achievement in winning the all-Ontario title in their division last season. Members of the team receiving the award above are: (left to right) coaches Pat Smith and Doug Lampkin, pitcher Bonnie Lampkin and shortshop Vicky Smith who was also named most valuable player in her team's division. (NG Photo)

ANNUAL SUPPER

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Otterville WI

OTTERVILLE (C) — The November meeting of the Otterville branch of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Betty Walther on Friday afternoon. Convener of the program was Vera Welsh.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of a valued long-time member Gladys Nobbs.

The roll call was responded to with "A Hobby for retirement years" which brought forth many good ideas. The Motto and Talk was given by Edith Petch "Those who have a hobby own a mental island of refuge" said Mrs. Petch.

She dealt with this topic very well drawing on her own experiences. She has enjoyed many and varied kinds of needlework and quilting and brought a beautiful crewel picture with her.

As convener of consumer affairs, Mrs. Petch also gave an excellent summary of ideas from the Consumer magazine dealing with energy saving devices.

Pamela and Kelly Walther played several piano selections which were well received.

Lorraine Downing gave a thorough report of the London Area 67th Annual

Convention. Hearing the results of activities by Women's Institutes, whether they be local or further afield, makes one proud to be part of an organization with its Motto "For Home and Country", said Mrs. Downing.

The 85th Anniversary of F.W.I.O. will be celebrated August 12, 1982 with the speaker to be Mrs. Westebing-Nuller the A.C.W.A. president.

The F.W.I.C. Convention is to be in Fredricton, New Brunswick, in June 1982. The H.C.W.W. Triennial Conference is to be in Vancouver in 1983.

A portrait of Adelaide Hoodless is now in the Agricultural Hall of Fame in the Ontario Agricultural Museum at Milton.

Mrs. Walther gave a report on the Oxford County Conference. This is the one occasion of the year when W.I. members from the County come together for an interesting day of fellowship.

The Otterville Women's Institute is offering a basic quilting course to be conducted early in the New Year. Anyone interested in taking the course please contact Mrs. Downing or Mrs. Walther as soon as possible.

Violet Rebekah Lodge

OTTERVILLE (C) — for their support during her year. Violet Rebekah Lodge 330, Otterville, held its last regular meeting in the I.O.O.F. Hall with Noble Grand Ilah Nant and Vice Grand Norma Wilson presiding.

It was reported that flowers were sent to Sisters Jessie Beck and Grace Squance, in hospital also Brother Ab Byers.

V.G. Wilson gave an excellent report on her work of the year with sick and shut-ins.

The annual report was given by Sister Anna Trefry. Financial secretary, Sister Eva Deveney gave her report from Assembly and thanked the Lodge for sending her.

Communications were read and dealt with. An invitation was received from Fidelity Lodge, Delhi, to attend their installation. A carload is to go. Birthday Greetings were sung to Sister Josephine Howse. Penny Drill was conducted.

A special note of thanks was extended to our Noble Grand for her gifts to her officers.

She also thanked everyone

Lodge closed in regular form. Cards were played and winners were Brother Carl Howse; Low Sister Emma Strudwick.

District Deputy Sister Eileen Gregg and Staff of East St. Thomas District 17 installed the following officers in a most dignified manner:

Noble Grand, Sister Norma Wilson; Vice Grand, Jo Howse; Recording secretary, Jean McClintock; Financial secretary, Anna Treffry; Treasurer, Wilma Butler; Chaplain, Margaret Kitchen; Warden, Bro. Carl Howse; Conductor, Esther Smith; Musician, Betty Adlington; Colour bearer, Ann Arthur; Inside guardian, Eva Deveney; Outside Guardian, Violet Howse; R.S.N.G., Greta Smith; L.S.N.G., Ruth Collver; R.S.V.G., Olive Pickersgill; and L.S.V.G., Helen Thompson.

The floor work, which was inducted by the D.D.P. Brother Carman Greeg P.D.D. G.M. was reverently inducted. Congratulations.

Celebrate 50th anniversary

OTTERVILLE (C) — The family of Stanley and Muriel Gehring entertained at an Open House in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary on November 22. The event was held in the Otterville United Church.

The grandchildren attended the guest register while over 250 attended to congratulate the bride and groom. Each was presented with a piece of wedding cake. The guests then proceeded through the rooms decorated with beautiful floral arrangements, to the tea tables and then on the tea room where they were served a tea lunch by the United Church Women.

The guests lingered to visit at length and also to enjoy a display set up which proved to be of great interest.

The display consisted of Mrs. Gehring's wedding gown also worn by her mother in 1912. The flower girl's dress of crushed coral velvet, worn by Merna Beck Bennett was also displayed. Both of these garments are still in prize condition. There was also an original invitation to the wedding, a group photograph and one of Stanley and Muriel pictured alone.

After a delightful af-

ternoon, the family, consisting of 29 members including the groom's brother Harry and Mrs. Gehring who came especially to attend from British Columbia, proceeded to the Woodlawn Community Centre where they were served a turkey dinner by the members of the Summerville Women's Institute. The mistress of ceremonies was Merna Beck Bennett. Toasts and speeches were made.

Hundreds of cards were received, many beautiful gifts, floral arrangements and plants.

The couple have been active members of the Otterville community for many years, Mr. Gehring as past district deputy and a member of Tecumseh Lodge, a member of County Council for 15 years, Warden of Oxford County in 1970, a member on Tillsonburg and Woodstock hospital boards and various other committees too numerous to mention. Mr. Gehring is also chairman of the ex-warden's committee in 1982.

Mrs. Gehring is a charter member and is still active in the Summerville Women's Institute and is also a member of the South Norwich Historical Society.

Santa Claus is coming

The Otterville Santa Claus parade just keeps on growing every year and this year is no exception.

The organizer of the parade, Mary Lou Pickering, said there are already 26 floats entered for the Saturday, December 19 parade which promises to be one of the best ever.

Trophies are again being awarded for various categories in the parade, including an annual trophy for the best all-round entry; two trophies for the most original floats and two trophies for the best winter scenes.

The parade is scheduled to get underway in Otterville at 12 noon with form-up time 11

a.m. at the township shed in the east end of town. Santa will also be making a special appearance in the parade after which he will be on hand at the Otterville Public School to give out goodies to the youngsters.

Entries are also coming in well for the Norwich Santa Claus parade, said its organizer Al Munro. He said many people tend to wait to the last minute to commit themselves, however.

The date for the Norwich parade is fast-approaching as it takes place on Saturday, December 5, less than two weeks away.

The parade is scheduled to get underway at 1:30 p.m. with entrants forming up at

the firehall in the west end of town at 1 p.m.

Santa will also be on hand downtown after the parade to greet youngsters and take down their Christmas orders. Trophies for the best entries in various categories will be presented following the parade at the Norwich Public School where youngsters will also be treated to hot chocolate and something to eat.

Anyone interested in entering a float in the Norwich parade on December 5 can contact Mr. Munro at 863-2404.

Those interested in information or entering in the Otterville parade on December 19 can contact Mrs. Pickering at 879-6455.

Marks 80th birthday

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Annie Pritchard of Norwich was honored on her 80th birthday at Woodlawn Community Centre on Sunday, November 29.

Relatives and several friends, numbering 50, greeted the guest of honor with birthday wishes.

Mrs. Pritchard is a busy lady with church activities, president of the Otterville Leisure Club and having an

office in the O.E.S. 1981

During the afternoon, a dainty lunch with many goodies, including white cake and chocolate cake made by her daughters, Mrs. Mary McKee and Mrs. Melbourne Smith, were served by Mrs. Mary McKee, Mrs. Violet Smith, Jan Charman, Barb Rosinski, Deborah Lee, Darlene Smith and Marty Smith.



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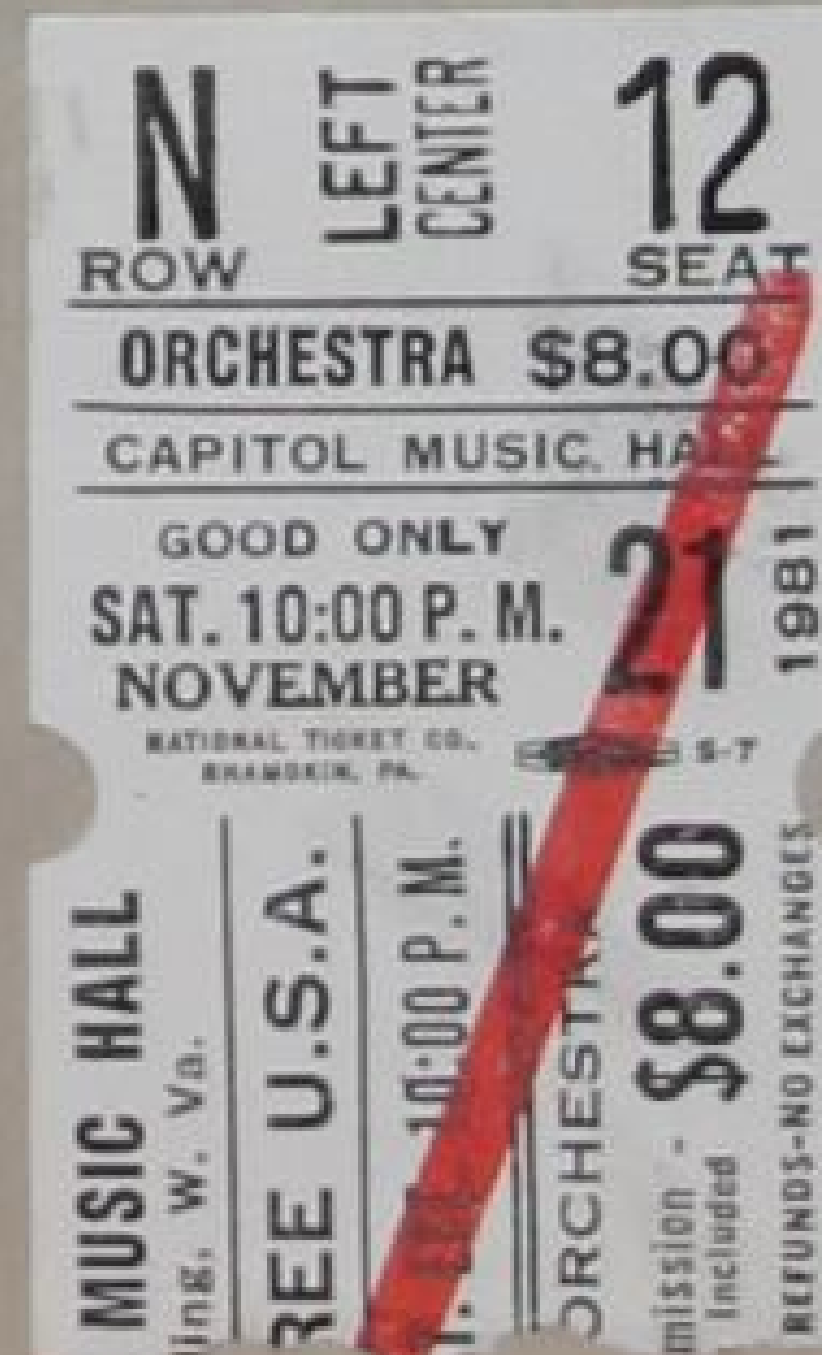
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Plans proceed on works department

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Nov 11

By SUZANNE HANSON

Planning is proceeding for the construction of a central works department to serve Norwich Township.

Council voted Monday to hire Leonard Dickson as the architect to prepare plans for the central department with six unheated bays, four heated and an office, washrooms, and storage space in another bay.

Council was urged by the ministry of transportation and communication's (MTC)

district engineer from London, Howard Greenly, to make up its mind as to what type of building it wants and "get your plans completed and in to me by March 31."

Mr. Greenly said it is important for council to get moving on the project to finalize its plans so he has a complete understanding of what council wants. He said there might be three other works department sheds proposed for the region that are also vying for provincial

subsidies from the ministry. Council must therefore prove to him that they are prepared to proceed with the project next year if the subsidy is granted by the MTC.

Mayor Jack Burn said council hopes to have the shed, to be located south of Burgessville on the Middletown road, completed by

next summer.

"If there's any hold up it won't be on our end," said Mayor Burn.

Mr. Greenly said the MTC shares 50 per cent of the cost of the project as long as the project is within reason. "You're within reason for the amount of equipment you have," he told council. The total cost of the project has

been estimated at \$250,000. The township has already received 50 per cent of the \$50,000 purchase price of the property from the MTC.

Mr. Greenly said he will do his best to get the township the 50 per cent supplementary subsidy for the building's construction next year but he would not guarantee council would get

it, "because the ministry puts the final say on supplementaries. There's a good chance of getting a certain amount of subsidy for it," he said, but the MTC does not yet know what its funding will be for next year. It thus cannot make a commitment now on what supplementary

Township to tender contract

Norwich Township council agreed at its last meeting to put the contract for maintenance of dump sites in Wards 1 and 4 up for tender at the urging of Councillor Mel Smith.

Mr. Smith said there are other parties who have requested an opportunity to bid on the service being supplied and it is "only fair to the taxpayers and in the interest of good business to tender this service."

The maintenance of the two dump sites hasn't been tendered in four years, said Mr. Smith.

Councillor John Eacott

argued against the move stating it was the feeling of the protection committee that there would be no advantage to such a move at this point. He said the township is receiving good value for its money now.

"I don't see the need to tender since we're satisfied with the work being done now," said Mr. Eacott. "I don't think there's any savings to be made."

It was pointed out to council that prior to the existing contract with a local firm, the job being done to maintain the sites was lacking. The present service

has been a great improvement and some councillors could see a reason to change.

But Mayor Jack Burn pointed out to council, there has been a request to council that the service be re-tendered and council should do so. That does not necessarily mean the service will be changed, however, he said.

"I don't see any problem with gathering information," said Mayor Burn. Councillor Darrell Force agreed that tendering is a very democratic way of doing things as long as the same quality of work

Meeting held on rental housing

OTTERVILLE (C) — An open meeting for the public to discuss rental housing for the Senior Citizens and families in the area will be held in the Community Hall, Otterville, on Wednesday, November 25 at 2 p.m.

This was announced at the regular business meeting of the Otterville Leisure Club last Wednesday.

Other announcements were of the annual Christmas dinner to be held in the Otterville United Church on Wednesday, December 16. Following the dinner, members and guests will go to the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre for a program.

The meeting was in charge of the president Annie Pritchard and was well attended. It opened with "O Canada" after which the financial report was given by treasurer Fred Cole. It showed the club had sponsored a very successful bazaar.

Cards were enjoyed after which Katie Mics and Alice DeGraeve acted as hosts for the afternoon.

Sunshine Club

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Sunshine Club met at the home of Marjorie Pearce on Thursday, November 26.

Final plans were made for the Christmas meeting which will be held at the home of Nancy Batson. At this time secret pals will be revealed. Plans were also completed for the Christmas Bazaar to be held later.

Sandra Hussey opened the meeting and gave the roll call. There were 11 members responding.

A delicious lunch was served by Lily Chisholm and appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Pearce, by Evelyn Picknell who thanked her for opening her home.

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subsidies will be available.

He said council could approach the project over a period of two years if all the supplementary funds were not available in the first year.

But he said he hopes to be able to subsidize the township's project. "To me you're one of the top priorities."

He said the whole concept of centralization of works departments is to create "a more efficient type of operation." He said the township's overhead costs, in comparison to other municipalities, have been high. A central department would reduce those as well as give the township's road superintendent more control than he now has with three different departments.

Councillor Darrell Force questioned whether there was a need for four heated bays in view of the cost of heating and the desire to reduce costs with a central department. Mr. Greenly said he does not think the township's preliminary plan for the building is overbuilt.

Councillor John Heleniak said the council does not want to underbuild and "we're certainly not overbuilding." He said it's cheaper to do the construction now than to have to add to it some time in the future.

Councillor Jack Lester said he was in favor of the proposed plan as "most

people underbuild" and wish later they had built larger.

The roads superintendent Ron Smith also pointed out the additional heated bays are needed to work on equipment inside during the winter.

Councillor Robert Pettigrew suggested if the proper heating system were installed, individual bays could be blocked off when not in use, cutting down on the heating required. Mr. Force agreed that would solve the problem and gave his support to the plan.

It is estimated the move to centralize the patrol yards will save the municipality \$90,000 a year which will become larger over the years as inflation increases. The service will remain the same, says Mayor Burn, but the overhead will be reduced by about 10 per cent.

In discussing the possible effect centralization might have on service at Monday's council meeting, Mr. Greenly said he generally doesn't hear complaints about poor service due to centralization.

"I suspect you probably will but the township has to deal with that," he said. "The worst thing will probably be with the snowplowing first thing in the morning," said Mr. Greenly, and that problem can be remedied if an operator in the area takes a snowplow home with him when there are major snow storms.

Otterville UCW

OTTERVILLE (C) — The November meeting of the Otterville United Church Women was held in the schoolroom of the church on Thursday evening with a good attendance.

Vicky Walther convener of the meeting, opened her program with a talk on "Advent" and how the members should prepare for Christmas. Nancy Walther followed with a story on "The Gift of St. Andrew."

Scripture readings were read by Ethel Arthur and Grace Gehring gave a reading on "Christmas, Getting in Touch." The Advent prayer was offered by Kathy Davis.

The committee in charge

presented a humorous skit entitled "Madame X and the U.C.W." featuring Madame X, a fortune teller; Mrs. U.C.W., a president, Rev. W.G. Man, a minister and Buddles Withit, a new girl in town. This skit was well received.

The offering was then presented and a lively song was sung by all. Isobel Harris, president, opened the meeting with the members reading the U.C.W. Purpose in unison followed with a hymn. The Christmas meeting will be preceded with a "Bring and Share" dinner, the meat being provided.

A mini bazaar was held and this was well patronized.

Norwich supports authority on floodplain regulations

Nov 13
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By SUZANNE HANSON

Norwich Township council agreed Monday to support the Long Point Region Conservation Authority (LPRCA) in its efforts to implement fill, construction and alteration to waterways regulations in its watershed. General manager of the authority, Jim Oliver, said such regulations are a means of implementing the flood plain policies adopted by the conservation authority last February. If adopted by the authority and approved by the province, the regulations would control construction within the flood plain of all rivers and streams within the LPRCA's watershed as well as regulating the placement or removal of fill along those designated streams and rivers.

Mr. Oliver said the province has asked all conservation authorities to put such regulations into effect. The Long Point authority is the only one without them.

Mr. Oliver said authority representatives have been meeting with all municipalities in the watershed to explain the regulations and elicit support for them. The recent move to implement them was sparked by a request from the Haldimand-Norfolk region to have the regulations put in place, said Mr. Oliver.

He said the authority feels that it should not bring the regulations into one area of the watershed only but that they should be offered to all municipalities within the authority's area.

The chairman of the authority, Roger Orth, was also in attendance at Monday's meeting and pointed out the fill and alteration to waterways regulations are already in place. These regulations will merely add control over construction, he said.

With the regulations in place, a landowner would first have to apply to the conservation authority for approval before undertaking to alter any watercourses, either by straightening, diverting or interfering with an existing channel of a river, creek stream or watercourse. The landowner

would also have to receive authority approval to construct buildings or to place or remove fill from flood plain areas.

If the construction regulations are put in place, they will apply wherever the authority has regional flood lines in place. In Norwich Township that would affect the former village of Norwich where flood plain mapping has been carried out by engineers. Fill-line mapping has been carried out in other areas of the township, said Mr. Oliver.

In Norwich, the flood plain mapping identified the critical flood areas, the depth of water and the rate of flow that would result in the event of severe flooding. The regional floodplain identifies the area that would be flooded in a regional storm.

Mr. Oliver said because of the greater risk in the critical flood areas they should be more closely controlled. "The fringe area is considered to be less critical and therefore the controls in those areas are less stringent," he said.

Development would be allowed in the fringe areas of the flood plain but with certain controls and conditions in place.

While Mr. Oliver admitted the municipality already has adequate controls in its zoning bylaw over flood plain development, he said the authority would be able to implement the policies more consistently and objectively if the regulations were adopted.

Mayor Jack Burn questioned Mr. Oliver as to whether he was pointing out deficiencies in the county's official plan in regulating such matters.

"That is not the case," said Mr. Oliver. "If the municipality asks us to proceed with this approach we would not have to rely on the County of Oxford or the Township of Norwich to implement these policies. We would do it on our own," he said.

Township clerk Bob Watkins said the authority is offering to provide the township with regulations and advice. "It would seem they would be the authority in these matters," he said.

County planning director Peter Atcheson, commenting later in the afternoon to council on the regulations, said in the matter of flood plain control "the authorities should have their act together well enough that they can carry it out (regulation of flood plain) and if that's the case I think that's terrific."

He said the conservation authority is the group that should be taking care of such regulations and the county has been trying to get it to accept that responsibility.

Mr. Watkins said there are very few properties in the regional flood zone that would be affected by the regulations and "whether by good planning or by accident, there are no buildings in that critical flow area" of the flood plain in Norwich.

Councillor John Eacott said he "would like to think people have enough sense not to build houses where they shouldn't but obviously they don't so we have to protect them."

Matrons, patrons elect new officers

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Delores Evoy, Norwich, was hostess for the November meeting of the Past Matrons and Past Patrons Club of Norwich, Chapter 175 O.E.S. on Sunday, November 1 at her home with a good attendance. Following the potluck supper at 5:30 p.m. a short business session was held with president Dorothy Durkee presiding.

Several cards were signed for members unable to be present. The next meeting will be the Christmas meeting at the home of Harold and Dorothy Durkee, Sunday, December 6 at 5 p.m. in Otterville. There will be an exchange of gifts, not to exceed \$2. Joyce Hanson

will convene the program. Enid Morley presided for the election of officers for 1982. The slate of officers will be: president, Delores Evoy; vice-president, Florence Church; secretary-treasurer, Edith Petch; card convener, Florence Saunders.

Mrs. Petch convened the evening's entertainment. Courtesy remarks were extended by Katie Lowe.

Happy Bluebirds have dinner

OTTERVILLE (C) — The annual Christmas party of the Happy Bluebirds was held on Saturday evening, November 28, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Davis and family.

Everything was in order at the Davis home through the preparations made by the family and assisted by Mrs. Davis's mother, Mrs. Jenny Mitchell.

Following the dinner, Christmas carols were sung with Mrs. Raymond DeMontmorency at the piano. Then the program was underway with Mrs. Lillian Morris reading a Christmas story, accordion selection, Nancy Davis; Mrs. Dorothy Daniels, a solo, "Silver Bells"; Mrs. Tune McNally, readings, "I Said a Prayer for You Today", "A Prayer for Those Who Live Alone" and "The Road of Life."

Mrs. Josepha Rosehart gave a reading, "The Special

Gift of Christmas," and a piano solo, "Star of the East," was played by Mrs. Nellie Taylor. Mrs. Merla DeMontmorency played several Christmas numbers.

Mrs. Lillian Morris gave a reading, "It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas". Readings were given by Mrs.

Katie Lowe and Mrs. Tune McNally. An organ selection was played by Anne Davis.

President Daisy Ash gave a reading. Mrs. Dorothy Daniels sang a solo, "An Evening Prayer".

Mrs. Lillian Morris and Mrs. Daisy Ash both ex-

pressed thanks to the Davis family for the very pleasant Christmas evening. Appreciation also was expressed to Merla DeMontmorency for her assistance, and all who made the interesting program. There were 19 members and visitors present.

Missionary speaks

OTTERVILLE (C) — The November meeting of the Missionary Fellowship of the Baptist Church was held at the home of Mrs. Dwight Davis last Tuesday evening. The call to worship was from Isaiah 26:3. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee because he trusteth in thee." It was given by the president Mrs. Fred Hill.

The ladies then joined in singing the hymn "Blessed Quietness" followed by prayer. A thank-you note was read from the social committee Hilda Stockmans and Mrs. John Hansford thanking the ladies for their help with the meal served to the Young Couples in Oc-

tober. Mrs. Hill welcomed the guest speaker Mrs. Roy Hiron, a Missionary home on furlow from Nigeria. Missionary prayers were offered by Wilma Butler, Mrs. Bruce Stover, Mrs. William Hansford, and Mrs. Hill. Mrs. David Hill read the scripture lesson from Hebrews II: 32-40.

Mrs. Hiron said she had been a missionary in Africa before she met her husband in 1975 and they returned to Africa in 1977. Mr. and Mrs. Hiron both teach the Bible in a government school. There are about 600 native girls in the school, half of whom are Christians and the other half Moslems.

She said one day a rumor came to her that a riot in the school was brewing. She was very frightened and asked the Lord for peace of mind and was led to read Psalm 147: 5-6. Later the news came that the chief of the city had died and she felt it was an answer to her prayer, verse 6: "He will, casteth the wicked down to the ground." The rest was forgotten and peace reigned.

She concluded by saying she missed the fellowship of women of her own kind in Africa and asked for our prayers.

The meeting closed with the hymn "For You I Am Praying" and prayer by Mrs. Hansford.

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Drug bust follows shots, wild chase

OTTERVILLE — Two area men were in custody Wednesday facing drug charges after 100 pounds of marijuana — with a street value estimated at \$64,000 — were seized here Tuesday following a chase in which police fired three shots at a fleeing vehicle.

Police said John Barnum, 34, of RR 3, Tillsonburg, and Randy Damm, 24, of RR 3, Norwich, will appear in provincial court in Woodstock this morning on charges of possession of narcotics for the purpose of trafficking. Det.-Sgt. Bernie Crane of London OPP said charges are pending in connection with the pursuit.

Crane said three shots were fired at a vehicle after it narrowly missed hitting two OPP officers at a roadblock on Main Street about 7:30 p.m. He said the officers were trying to hit the tires of the vehicle as it sped away. One bullet struck the rear of the car.

Crane said about six OPP officers from the London detachment were involved in the pursuit and seizure in which two police cars and the pursued vehicle were heavily damaged. No one was injured, he said.

Crane said members of the London OPP drug squad were attempting to make a drug seizure from a vehicle in Otterville when the two men in the

car drove off. In the pursuit, Crane said the police car struck a hydro pole and the vehicle being chased. He said two police cruisers set up a roadblock on Main Street which the pursued vehicle attempted to elude, narrowly missing two police officers on foot who then fired at the vehicle.

He said the vehicle made a U-turn, took off in another direction and finally came to a stop when it collided with another police car. Police said the marijuana was recovered from the vehicle.

Crane said the chase, which covered about one mile, lasted about two minutes.

Marijuana charge

An investigation by the London detachment of the OPP has resulted in an Otterville man being charged with possession of narcotics for the purpose of trafficking, after about 60 pounds of marijuana were seized, Monday (November 9).

Ronald James Hill, 28, appeared before a justice of the peace and was remanded to the Elgin-Middlesex detention centre. The ac-

cused appeared in provincial court in London Tuesday. The case was adjourned until December 2, when the charges will be spoken to.

Constable Tim Skinner of the London OPP, the officer in charge of the investigation, said Hill was arrested in the parking lot adjacent to the Towers department store, on Wellington Road south in London.

Sentenced to 6 months

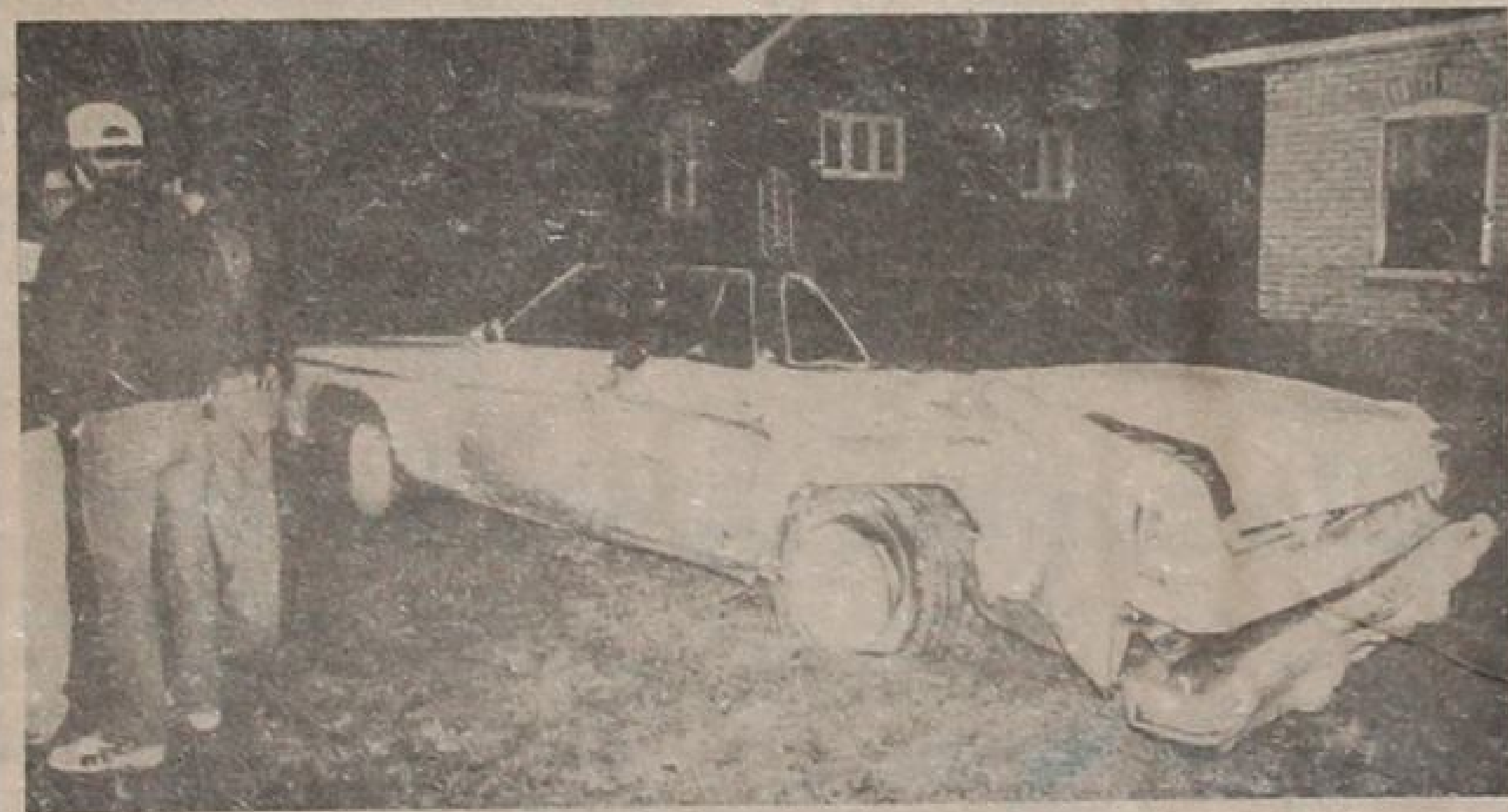
Ronald James Hill of Otterville pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six months in jail Wednesday for possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking.

Hill attempted to sell 50 pounds of the drug to an undercover policeman in

London November 9. Another 10 pounds was also in his possession. Street value was estimated at \$24,000.

The judge rejected a request for a stiffer penalty because, he noted, Hill had no previous drug record.

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Otterville crash

These are two of the cars involved in a three-car collision that occurred last evening in Otterville during an Ontario Provincial Police investigation. (Suzanne Hanson Photo).

Chase ends in crash

A drug seizure by law enforcement officers northeast of Tillsonburg Tuesday night ended with a spectacular crash in the village of Otterville, involving two police cruisers and one civilian vehicle.

There were no injuries.

According to a release from the Tillsonburg detachment of the OPP, two area men were charged with possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking, after approximately 100 pounds of the drug, with an

estimated street value of \$64,000, was seized.

Officers of the London-based OPP regional drug squad were attempting to make the drug seizure from the suspect vehicle, when a chase began. The vehicle was pursued by police into the Otterville area, where a roadblock was set up.

The suspect vehicle narrowly missed

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A police chase ensued, ending in a mass collision at the intersection of John Street and Main Street in Otterville, at approximately 8:05 p.m.

An estimated total of \$10,000 damage was

sustained by two police cruisers and the suspect civilian vehicle. A 34-year-old Tillsonburg man and a 24-year-old Norwich area man were placed under arrest in connection with the drug seizure.

At press time, no charges had been laid as a result of the vehicle collisions, which were still being investigated by Tillsonburg OPP.

N.G. WEL DEC 2

Man arrested in Otterville jailed on previous drug charges

WOODSTOCK (Bureau) — A man arrested in a drug raid in Otterville on Tuesday was sentenced here Thursday to three months in jail and two years' probation for charges resulting from another drug raid last January.

John Barnim, 34, of RR 3, Tillsonburg, was sentenced after being convicted in a Sept. 30 trial of possessing marijuana and possessing narcotics for trafficking.

He was to have been sentenced on those charges in Tillsonburg on Wednesday but missed his court appearance because he was in Woodstock facing another charge of possessing narcotics for trafficking.

Police seized 45 kilograms (100 pounds) of marijuana, with an estimated street value of \$64,000, following a short chase in Tuesday night in which they fired three shots at a fleeing vehicle after it went through a roadblock on Main Street.

Federal prosecutor Bernard Calder of Woodstock said slightly less than two pounds of marijuana was seized by OPP during a search of Barnim's residence last Jan. 12. A set of scales was also seized.

Court was told there was no evidence Barnim had sold marijuana to anyone, but provincial

Judge R. G. Groom said he believed the man was about to embark on distributing the drug commercially.

Defence lawyer Thomas Heeney said the marijuana seized in January was Barnim's own "substantial" use. He noted his client's history of heavy drug use, which included a cultivation charge in February, 1979, and a simple possession charge in August, both of which resulted in fines.

Earlier Thursday, Barnim was denied bail on the latest trafficking charge and remanded in custody to appear in Tillsonburg court on Dec. 16.

Randy Damm, 24, of RR 3, Norwich, who was arrested with Barnim Tuesday, was released from custody Thursday on several conditions.

Damm is also charged with possessing marijuana for trafficking and is also to appear in Tillsonburg court Dec. 16.

18 month sentence

John Barnim, of RR 3, Tillsonburg was sentenced to 18 months in jail in Woodstock court Monday for possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking.

Mr. Barnim was arrested while in possession of about 100 pounds of marijuana, December 1, 1981.

The arrest came after a 1.6 kilometre car chase that ended in Otterville. Two police cars were damaged in the chase and three shots fired at Barnim's car before the episode ended.

Undercover police had arranged to buy the drugs for \$17,000 and were leaving for the site of the purchase when Barnim realized something was wrong and tried to escape, leading to the chase.

Barnim had also pleaded guilty to a trafficking charge February 15 stemming from the sale of 1 kilogram of marijuana to police on November 7. He was sentenced to six months in jail concurrent, on that charge Monday.

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Questionnaires being sent

Norwich studies housing aid

Questionnaires will be sent out next week by Norwich Township to all senior citizens and tenants in the township to assess their interest in a government-assisted rental housing complex.

The action was urged by a request some months ago from senior citizens in Otterville who requested some senior citizen units there. The township then approached the ministry to conduct the survey to determine how great the need is.

Township clerk Bob Watkins said about 1,200 questionnaires will be circulated to all senior citizens and families currently renting facilities in the township. The questionnaires must be returned to the ministry of housing by December 1, after which the ministry will summarize them and make a report on the need for such a housing complex and its possible location.

Mr. Watkins said at the time the request came to council from the Otterville senior citizens there were vacancies at the Winston Manor senior citizen complex in Norwich but the seniors prefer to remain in their home communities.

He said the process of gathering data

through the questionnaire is similar to the process carried out for the 30-unit Winston Manor complex in Norwich.

After the questionnaires and material have been sent out, a public meeting will be held in Otterville on Wednesday, November 25 at 2 p.m. in the Otterville community hall to discuss the proposal with a representative of the ministry and answer any questions residents might have.

At one time, seniors and families were dealt with separately but the questionnaire is now sent to both, said Mr. Watkins. The questionnaire may be answered by seniors, by people interested in housing who can pay the full rental value or by families who need some assistance.

Under the government assistance program, there could be a combination of units for senior citizens, geared-to-income units for families and those who can afford market-value rents. Total funding for such housing would come from the ministry.

If the demand is sufficient to warrant developing a housing complex, township council has several options open, said Mr. Watkins. It can develop a rental housing

project on its own and appoint a non-profit housing agency to operate the building or it could get the ministry to find some private organization to operate it. The township could also get a non-profit organization,

such as a service club involved, to look after the operation.

Winston Manor in Norwich is managed by the Oxford County Housing Authority in Woodstock.

Norwich objects to extending council term

Norwich Township council agreed at its last meeting to inform the provincial housing minister Claude Bennett that it is opposed to extending the term of office for council to three years.

Council unanimously agreed it is in favor of retaining the present two-year system for municipal politicians.

"The major reason is that we have to confront the electorate more frequently (with the two-year system) and it gives more people a chance to participate," said Councillor John Eacott.

While he admitted the present two-year system may limit somewhat the councillors' opportunities to get deeply into matters, it is "awfully important that people do have a chance to participate."

He said there may also be savings to be gained in going to a three-year term of office but "municipal governments are more responsive if they have a two-year term."

Councillor Hardee Richardson blamed the larger centres for pushing for the three-year system. For politicians in larger centres, serving on council becomes a full-time occupation.

"In the smaller centres I would support a two-year term," he said.

Mayor Jack Burn also favors the two-year term. He said the taxpayers shouldn't be saddled for three years with a politician. The two-year term makes councillors more responsive to the people, he said.

The housing minister, Mr. Bennett favors the three-year system as it would allow for more long-term planning. T.N. Nov 30

Township to study housing demands

OTTERVILLE (Bureau) — A housing needs study will be conducted in Norwich Township to determine if there is enough demand to warrant building a government-assisted rental housing complex.

Township clerk Bob Watkins said Monday that about 1,200 questionnaires will be sent out next week to all senior citizens and tenants in the township, asking if they would be interested in moving to such a complex.

The results will be sent directly to the provincial housing ministry where the answers will be analysed to find out how large a complex — if any — is needed.

The township asked the ministry to assist in the survey after several councillors were told by local seniors that a complex is needed. The only other senior citizens' home in the township is a 30-unit building in Norwich, but some seniors are reluctant to leave their home communities, Watkins said.

A public meeting on the proposal is scheduled for 2 p.m. Nov. 25 at the Otterville community hall.

If the demand warrants building a complex, township council can set up a municipal non-profit housing corporation to run it, seek service clubs or local groups to operate it or ask the ministry to seek private involvement in its operation, Watkins said.

Under the government assistance program, there would be a combination of units for senior citizens, geared-to-income units for families and those who can afford market-value rents.

NOTICE

SENIOR CITIZEN APARTMENTS FAMILY RENTAL HOUSING

— IF YOU ARE SIXTY YEARS OF AGE OR OVER

OR

— IF YOU HAVE ONE OR MORE CHILDREN

OR

— IF YOUR PRESENT ACCOMMODATION IS INADEQUATE

— IF YOUR INCOME IS MODEST

THIS

IS OF INTEREST TO YOU!

Your municipal council is trying to determine the need for assisted and market rental housing for senior citizens and families in your community.

Questionnaires are being distributed to senior citizens and tenant families as part of a survey to determine the interest in this type of housing.

ONLY BY COMPLETING A QUESTIONNAIRE CAN YOU HELP TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS A DEMAND FOR ASSISTED AND MARKET RENTAL ACCOMMODATION FOR FAMILIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS.

Families and seniors interested in obtaining more information should contact:

MR. ROBERT C. WATKINS,
Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Norwich,
Otterville, Ontario

Roads deficit

A 40 per cent increase in the cost of fuel has been cited as the major cause of a \$30,000 to \$40,000 roads budget deficit in Norwich Township this year.

The rising fuel costs and some unexpected equipment costs were the major factors in the over-expenditure and the effect will be a freeze on major road projects in the township this year.

The remaining money in the budget will be used only to pay wages and operate trucks. Equipment repairs

will also be put off and road crews will focus efforts on grading and clearing brush along roadsides.

Township clerk Bob Watkins said the majority of major work planned for this year has already been done. The freeze will therefore mean last-minute road repairs such as additional graveling won't be done this year.

Mayor Jack Burn said the deficit in the roads budget may be absorbed through surplus money in other budgets.

Seniors' housing needs studied

By SÜZANNE HANSON

If the interest in a government assisted senior citizen complex is high, the turnout last Wednesday for a presentation by the ministry of housing on the subject didn't indicate it.

A modest number of individuals, numbering about 25, attended the meeting held at the Otterville community hall to answer questions about the current survey and

the possibility of establishing a government assisted rental housing complex in the township.

The township had approached the ministry some months ago to request the survey after senior citizens in Otterville asked council to investigate the establishment of senior citizen housing there.

The survey, conducted through a questionnaire to

determine if there is sufficient demand for such housing, is only one part of a more comprehensive housing study being carried out by the ministry for the township, said ministry representative Dave Cowan.

Questionnaires to assess the interest in and demand for seniors housing in Norwich Township went out to 1,200 seniors and about 600 tenant families in the

township earlier this month.

Mr. Cowan, a housing analyst with the ministry, said responses have been received from about 105 seniors and 20 families so far. And of those 105 about half wouldn't be interested.

He said most of the interest in the government assisted housing comes from seniors but if the demand warrants it, facilities could be provided for families who

cannot afford to pay market value rents.

The other ministry representative, Gordon Hickery, said if the need exists for family accommodation, it would be considered as a separate project. There are one or two projects in existence where families and seniors live together in the same building but it does not work that well, he said.

"It works out better if senior citizens' buildings remain as such," said Mr. Hickery. There are however, exceptions for the disabled and those individuals should be identified in the questionnaire.

Mr. Hickery said there is also the possibility if a seniors complex is approved and there is not enough demand for a separate family building alone that those families (four to five) could be accommodated on the same site as the seniors' building in a separate building if there was enough land.

Mr. Cowan said it will probably take a year to complete the entire process of gathering the information through the questionnaires, compiling it and making a decision as to whether interest warrants the approval of a project for the township.

If the demand exists for such a facility and a project is approved, a location would then have to be determined. Mr. Cowan said determining a location is one of the biggest problems in establishing such a housing complex.

The questionnaire must be distributed over the entire township and while there may be sufficient demand

for accommodation, there may also be a lack of agreement on where it should go.

Many people, particularly seniors, are reluctant to move from their home community to a seniors complex in another centre, said Mr. Cowan.

He said there may be 10 people in one centre and 15 in another, which make up the required number for a building. But the question then is: "Will the people move to sustain one unit or will the whole thing go out the window?" asked Mr. Cowan.

Mr. Hickery pointed out there are some problems now in filling the existing senior citizen complex in Norwich which is not a good sign.

The problem again is that people do not want to move out of their home community to such a facility.

Mr. Cowan said the ministry will probably know next fall if a building is approved for the township. It would then take another year for its construction.

The total capital and operating costs for the project would come from the provincial and federal governments with no direct cost to the municipality.

The municipality would, however, look after the management of the facility through the appointment of a non-profit housing agency or the township could also get a non-profit organization, such as a service club, to look after the operation. The other alternative would be to allow the ministry to find a private organization to operate the facility.

Urge seniors to respond

Ministry of housing officials at an information meeting in Otterville last Wednesday afternoon urged those senior citizens and tenant families who received a housing survey questionnaire to return them to the ministry by the December 1 deadline.

The questionnaire is part of a housing survey to determine the interest in government assisted rental housing in Norwich Township. Such housing would be available to senior citizens and families, depending on the demand.

While operated by the municipality or its appointed group, the funding for the project and its operation would come from the provincial and federal governments.

The housing for seniors would be rented in two ways, said the ministry's housing analyst Dave Cowan. A minimum of 15 per cent of the apartments in the building have to be rented to geared to income tenants (those who require government assistance to pay their rent) and at least 50 per cent of the units must be rented to tenants who can afford to pay the market value rent.

Mr. Cowan said the market value rent in the

township has been estimated to be in the area of \$150 to \$210 a month, including the cost of utilities.

The idea of splitting the population in a building between rent-geared to income occupants and those who can afford the market value rent is to integrate the people, said program co-ordinator Gordon Hickery. "It avoids the segregation of people."

He urged those who received the questionnaire to complete it and return it to the ministry, regardless of whether they are interested in such housing in order that the ministry will have a complete picture of the township. Mr. Cowan stressed that by answering the survey, people are not committing themselves to anything but are merely aiding in the information gathering process.

In order for such a project to receive approval there must be enough interest to sustain at least 25 units in a complex.

If there aren't sufficient people interested in applying for residence in such a facility, "the whole thing goes out the window," said Mr. Hickery.

"The hardest thing to do is to establish the need."

Seniors' home may be ready by mid 1982

From the Feb. 5 Sentinel-Review 1981

By NANCY GALL

Sentinel-Review staff writer DRUMBO — A 30-unit senior citizens apartment building in nearby Innerkip could be ready by the summer of 1982 if all goes well, a member of the committee spearheading the project said Wednesday.

Edward Meadows, of RR 2, Innerkip, told Blandford-Blenheim Township council the building is proposed for a two-acre property in the east end of Innerkip "a stone's throw" from

the senior citizens centre.

Work on a feasibility study is now under way by a Toronto consulting firm in the Innerkip area and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, which will finance the construction and most of the operating costs of the building, is "behind us 1,000 per cent," Meadows said.

Meadows, a former Blandford Township councillor, began groundwork for the project two years ago when he did a survey of the Innerkip area to determine if a senior citizens apartment building was needed.

Seniors' housing

Consultants hired to conduct study

From the Dec. 24 edition of the Sentinel-Review 1980

By BILL SCRIVEN

Sentinel-Review staff writer Ed Meadows, president of the Innerkip Seniors Housing Association, says the newly

formed group has hired consultants from Toronto to study the need for seniors' housing in the village.

Meadows has already undertaken a survey of area residents and discovered there's an apparent need for housing.

The non-profit organization received a \$500 grant from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to hire consultants to carry out an official survey.

"We're compiling lists of 55 year-olds and up in Innerkip and surrounding area who are interested in such housing," said Meadows. He said the group's starting at the 55 year-old range

"because some of these people at this age are old."

Meadows stated earlier this month the group is planning to construct a 20-unit apartment building for seniors, estimated to cost \$500,000.

The consultants will meet with Meadows and his association on Jan. 7 at the senior citizen's home in Innerkip.

Home site project under way

INNERKIP (Bureau) — Construction of a senior citizens' housing project officially got under way here Saturday with a sod-turning ceremony at the Balsam Street site.

The home, which has been in the planning stages for five years, is being built at a cost of about \$1.2 million by the Innerkip Senior Citizens Apartment Inc. and Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corp.

Edwin H. Carter, president of the seniors group, said he will contact residents interested in taking apartments in the building in the new year.

Donwest Construction Ltd. of St. Thomas is constructing the home which should be finished by July, 1982. The two-storey brick building will have one convalescent unit, 22 one-bedroom and six two-bedroom apartments.

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Firemen getting pagers ^{Nor}

Norwich Township council last week approved the purchase of 65 pocket pagers for its firemen and is now seriously contemplating joining the Oxford County fire alert system.

Mayor Jack Burn said there is a good chance the township will decide to go with the county system but it wants to know the cost involved first.

Norwich Township council at its meeting Thursday night, agreed to ask the city of Woodstock to present a contract for the fire dispatch service. It is based on the number of calls received and Mayor Burn has estimated that cost to be around \$8,000 annually.

Council also decided to send a letter to county council advising them that the Township of Norwich is contemplating joining the county dispatched fire alert system but when the township joins the system will depend on when the county installs repeater stations to boost the signal to reach all areas of the township.

The county system as present serves Woodstock and South-West Oxford Township and Zorra Township has indicated it will also join the county system if the repeater stations are installed, said Township clerk Bob Watkins

at the meeting, Thursday.

The towers have not yet been ordered, despite prodding from the county fire co-ordinator Charles Young. Mayor Burn said the township won't join until the towers are in place as several areas in his municipality might receive unreliable service without them.

The lack of towers has made pagers unreliable in South-West Oxford's Brownville area and Mayor Burn could foresee similar problems in Norwich Township as some of the distances are comparable.

The 65 pagers approved for purchase by council from Oxford Communications Ltd., are very compact, small pagers with a monitor feature. They are Canadian-made and will cost the township \$375 each, to be delivered in 1982. Mayor Burn said careful study of the matter showed it is more economical to buy the pagers than to lease them.

Mayor Burn said it would appear the new fire alert system would be "go", probably within a couple of months after the new year.

Council had earlier deferred joining the county system and was considering an offer from a private dispatching firm. He said the offer is still open but council preferred the county system

as it is a more positive step and provided a chance for better service.

Mayor Burn looks forward to seeing the new system in place as it will "provide better protection, quicker protection that should improve the system considerably and allow our firemen to enjoy a more normal daily way of life."

on camera

Council sessions continue

By SUZANNE HANSON

They may not be topping the ratings, but Norwich Township council sessions will continue to be carried on the local community channel of the Nor-Del Cablevision system.

A motion put forward by Councillor Mel Smith to terminate the tapings after the first of the year was defeated by council.

Councillor Smith admitted the televising of council sessions has both good and bad points. "It keeps everybody on their toes," he admitted. But he also feels: "People say more what they mean when that TV camera's not on. I think it has more drawbacks than it has good points," he said.

Coun. Smith said he has had a lot of people question him as to why the television camera is in there.

Councillor Carman Sweazey said he is in favor of televising the sessions as there are a lot of people who cannot get out to see how council is carried on. "I think there's a lot of interest in it."

Councillor John Heleniak agreed that since the sessions have been televised there has been a lot more interest in council in both Otterville and Norwich. He said a lot of people don't want to take the time to come to council personally but they do like to watch it on television.

Councillor Helen Smith said the camera shouldn't make any difference in what the councillors say. "If you can't say what you think in front of a camera then you shouldn't be here," she said.

But Councillor Robert Pettigrew disagreed. "You'll never have the same council here that you'll have without it (television)," he said. He added that it is not the best thing for a council to have in that "it inhibits what you might say about some things."

Councillor John Eacott said council is a group of citizens elected to carry out the work of citizens in the township and council cannot deny those citizens their right to public information. He also said the television camera also has the benefit of disciplining councillors in their discussions.

Mayor Jack Burn agreed. "It keeps us from wandering." He also pointed out that council has "a responsibility to get our news out to the people on the streets. If this assists us to get the truth to the people then I'm all for it."

Mayor Burn also questioned whether council had any legal right to bar the cable company from televising the sessions.

Norwich Township Council Briefs

Donate to parade

Norwich Township council agreed to donate \$50 toward the annual Otterville Santa Claus parade to be held on Saturday, December 19.

BIA bylaw updated

Council passed a bylaw last Thursday evening to amend its previous bylaw regulating the Norwich Business Improvement Area. The amendment updates it to the current provincial legislation contained in the Municipal Act. The township's amended bylaw now permits an individual, nominated by a businessman or corporation, to serve on the BIA's board of management on that business' or corporation's behalf. The previous bylaw allowed only individuals who were personally assessed on lands within the BIA to serve on the board.

Approve appointment

Norwich Township council accepted a recommendation that Reg Black be appointed to the BIA's board of management subject to council's notification of his official nomination as representative of the Otter-Dorchester Insurance Company Limited.

Request for signs

A recommendation was passed by council to ask the ministry of transportation and communications to erect Township of Norwich population signs at the entrances of the township on Highways 59 and 53.

Support Woodstock chamber

Norwich Township council gave its support to the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce in its request for the early completion of Highway 403 from Rest Acres Road at Paris through to Highway 401 at Woodstock. The completion of this portion of highway will have many beneficial effects to industry in Woodstock and the surrounding district, said a letter from the chamber of commerce.

Township review begins ^{N.G. No. 25}

A study aimed at improving the municipal operations in Norwich Township got underway this week beginning with interviews of township councillors and administration staff.

The study, being carried out by representatives of council and its administration, in conjunction with the ministry of intergovernmental affairs, was agreed to by council in May.

The study will analyze the township's operations, including organizational structure, staff functions, needs and records management.

Keith Glaze, local ministry advisor from the Cambridge field office, is working as an advisor to the township task force involved in the study. He said when the study was

approved that such internal examinations are becoming standard management practice in many Ontario municipalities, particularly those which have amalgamated or restructured over the past five or six years.

Norwich township was restructured in January, 1975.

Township clerk Bob Watkins said Mr. Glaze met with the task force that is carrying out the study a few weeks ago to outline the steps it would follow.

The first step is to interview the councillors and administration staff throughout this week and part of next in order to garner both negative and positive aspects of the municipality's operation.

Once the interviews are completed, Mr. Glaze will

prepare a summary of the information to be presented to the task force. That special committee will then present recommendations for solutions and alternatives or improvements to the system of operation.

Mr. Watkins said the entire process is expected to take about three months.

The task force carrying out the study is made up of Mayor Jack Burn, Councillors Helen Smith, John Eacott, Darrell Force, treasurer Fred Lowes, roads superintendent Ron Smith, Mr. Watkins, deputy-clerk John Gilbert with Mr. Glaze serving as a technical advisor to the group.

The service is provided by the ministry of intergovernmental affairs free of charge to those municipalities who wish to avail themselves of it.



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January 29, 1981

Mr. Robert C. Watkins
Clerk
The Corporation of the Township
of Norwich
P.O. Box 100
OTTERVILLE
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Dear Mr. Watkins:

A copy of your letter of December 16, 1980, and the resolution passed by Council requesting the Ministry of Housing to investigate the possibility of developing a senior citizens project in Otterville, has been referred to this office for acknowledgement.

As the Township of Norwich has not completed a Municipal Housing Statement this is the first step that has to be taken.

As the enclosed outline details, Ministry funding or staff assistance is available to you to complete a Municipal Housing Statement. Upon completion, this statement, when approved by both your Council and the Minister, will allow Norwich to select from a variety of programmes to provide for its own specific housing needs.

Additional information on Statements is available from the Surveys Branch, (416) 965-9834.

Once your municipality has reviewed the enclosed material and have discussed any problems you may have with the Ministry staff, Council is required to pass one of the following resolutions:

"Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Municipality of request the Ontario Ministry of Housing to provide funding to enable them to prepare a Municipal Housing Statement to determine housing needs within the municipality."

Seniors' home study requested

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OTTERVILLE (Bureau) — Norwich Township council wants the housing ministry to conduct a township-wide study to determine if a senior citizens' home is needed here, Mayor Jack Burn said Wednesday.

The senior citizens' home in the village of Norwich is the only complex in the township. The complex was expanded to 30 units last year from 11 units.

Township clerk Bob Watkins said the township could have sought a grant to conduct the study itself, but it qualified only for up to \$7,500, according to population. He said he doubted much of a study could be carried out for this amount.



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NORWICH TOWNSHIP

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'Township misled'

Council approves bylaw

By SUZANNE HANSON

After a five-hour session with their lawyer Monday night, Norwich Township council members unanimously approved the passing of a bylaw to regulate waste disposal in the township.

The bylaw, which was given first and second reading, will give the township strict control over its three landfill sites, including the Holbrook site, through on-site inspections to ensure government regulations are being met. The bylaw provides for fines of up to \$1,000 to be enforced by its provincial offences officer.

The township's Toronto lawyer Harry Poch, said Tuesday morning notice of the bylaw's third reading will be given and he expects it to be formally passed by council at its next meeting on Monday. He said several minor amendments were made to the bylaw during closed sessions Monday evening. Those alterations in the wording of the bylaw serve only to make clear the definition of industrial waste to exclude waste from agricultural operations.

The bylaw amendments also stress that the provincial offences officer not be hampered in carrying out his inspections of the township's landfill sites.

Once the bylaw is given third reading at

Monday's council meeting its requirements will become law at that point, said Mr. Poch, with the exception of some sections at the end of the bylaw that will come into force in two to four months.

He said the bylaw was requested by Norwich Township council out of concern for the health and safety of its residents and the environment around the Holbrook landfill site.

He said in a press conference before council voted on whether to pass the bylaw that: "The township feels they've been misled" by the ministry of the environment and its representatives.

He said Norwich Township council was previously assured by environment minister Keith Norton that the ministry would only consider the issuance of an emergency certificate of operation for the Holbrook site if it could be proven to be environmentally sound.

Mr. Poch said the ministry then turned around and agreed to grant the emergency certificate of operation to the operator, Superior Sanitation Ltd., (recently renamed Laidlaw Waste Systems) before those conditions guaranteed to the township were

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met.

A letter from the ministry's director of environmental approval, Tom Cross, dated November 12 said the ministry was concerned about ground water quality in the vicinity of the Holbrook landfill site. Mr. Cross said in that letter the site would be considered as a viable interim alternative only if it can be demonstrated that sufficient safeguards have been employed to prevent environmental problems.

"In fact what we have is a fait accompli," said Mr. Poch. "The township in their opinion has been misled." He said: "There has been in fact a defacto issuance of an emergency certificate and there are no grounds at this time to even consider an emergency certificate."

He said emergency certificates of operation should be issued to sites that have already been approved as safe depositories for waste such as the landfill sites in Southwold and Westminster Townships.

Mr. Cross himself admitted there are problems at Holbrook, said Mr. Poch. He said what the ministry is doing "is in my mind premature." Without a public hearing into the matter, the evidence on the site garnered by the operator's consultants has not been properly tested.

"It is premature at this point to consider the extension of the (Holbrook) site without a public hearing," said Mr. Poch.

The township has requested such a

hearing from the ministry but has yet to receive a response.

Mr. Poch said there is already some contamination from leachate at the Holbrook dump site and council feels the regulatory bylaw necessary to protect its citizenry.

"The bylaw is not out of the ordinary," he said. "It is a reasonable bylaw." It reiterates requirements contained in the environmental protection act governing waste management which the township does not feel are being implemented by the ministry.

Oxford County Warden Ross Livingston, in addressing council at the meeting Monday night said the bylaw is contrary to the county's official plan (Bill 95) which clearly states the county is solely responsible for the regulation of waste disposal sites in the county.

"I appreciate council's concerns regarding the extension of Holbrook but there is no other alternative," said Warden Livingston. "The ministry of the environment has taken extreme precautions to ensure there is no danger to extending the site."

He warned Norwich Township council that should the bylaw be passed, county council would be forced to take the necessary legal steps to contest it in court. "That would involve much time and money," he said. He also warned the township that should it win

its battle, the township and the county would be left with no place to dispose of their waste.

Oxford County is attempting to establish a vironmental assessment hearing is to be held on that matter.

"If the Salford site is not approved and we are not assured it is a safe or sound site"

Pay spouses' expenses

By SUZANNE HANSON

Norwich Township councillors will be able to take their spouses to two conventions a year with the township picking up the bill.

A recommendation providing the spousal allowance for the two conferences per year was approved, but not unanimously, by council at its last meeting. Two councillors, John Heleniak and Mayor Jack Burn, voted against the recommendation put forward by the township's protection committee.

Mayor Burn said it is "not a reasonable approach for the ratepayers to pay for this." He said he doesn't think council "has any more right to take our spouses on a paid holiday than any of the ratepayers in the municipality."

But Councillor John Eacott pointed out the allowance, which basically amounts to the cost of the spouse's registration, would only

be available to the councillors for two conferences or conventions a year. He said many councillors like to take their wives to such conventions, adding that spouses play a major supportive role in the work of a councillor.

"It's a policy that seems to be generally acceptable in most areas," said Mr. Eacott. He said the amount of money would not be great and there are often parallel activities organized for the spouses of councillors attending conferences.

Mr. Heleniak said he doesn't mind if spouses attend conventions but "I don't think council should pay for their registration or their banquet."

"I don't see why councillors can't pay out of their own pocket if they want their wives to attend instead of taking it out of the taxpayers' pockets," said Mr. Heleniak.

Mayor Burn voiced his agreement. "I don't think council has a right to ask the taxpayers of the Township of Norwich to pay for the councillors to take their wives on a paid holiday."

He said such a practice has been around for several years but in years past, councillors were paid "next to nothing for doing their job." Mayor Burn said when he first took his seat on council members were paid \$300 a year and that little extra would have been more acceptable then. "But now we are well-paid - in fact we are over-paid - for the job we're doing," he said, and he could not now approve of the spousal allowance.

Councillor Darrell Force said he thinks "we're making a mountain out of a molehill." He said it is usually possible to get a double hotel room at the same price as a single and the extra cost to take a spouse to a convention would not be that great.

Councillor Robert Pettigrew said he would not go to any conferences if a motion, put forth later by Mr. Heleniak to remove the spousal allowance, was passed. "You can just stick 'em," he said.

Councillor Jack Lester said he has taken his wife to conferences on several occasions and paid her own way "and I will continue to do so."

Mr. Heleniak asked for a recorded vote on the issue. "I feel very strongly about this," he said.

Letters to the editor

PROTEST NEW BUILDING

Dear Sir:

As a taxpayer in the Township of Norwich, I do not think our council should proceed with the building of an equipment building south of Burgessville at this time and have distributed a petition which reads as follows:

To Township of Norwich Council:

We the undersigned taxpayers of the Township of Norwich do not agree with our council members, plan to build a new equipment yard south of Burgessville at this time.

pense not warranted, and also that our snow removal equipment will not be operational when needed under this system. Travel time for this equipment to North or South of the township will be excessive. We feel our council should follow a program of monetary restraint at this time.

We feel that if you need more barn space, use money from the insurance that was received when the barn at Oxford Centre was destroyed and build onto an existing barn.

Respectively
Norm Marshall
Norwich

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Prepare for move

Norwich Postmaster Gordon Shearer is getting his Christmas present early.

Mr. Shearer received word last week that he and his staff will definitely be able to move into the new post office facility on Main Street on or before December 12.

That is the news he has been waiting to hear for some time and although work will still be underway to put the finishing touches on the interior after the staff move in, Mr. Shearer doesn't care. Anything is better than the situation he has now working out of cramped and inadequate temporary trailers.

Mr. Shearer said he expects the move from the trailers to the new facility to be made on Saturday, December 12 but did not rule out the possibility that it might occur before that date.

He and his staff have been working out of the trailers since a fire in November, 1978, gutted the existing post office.

Santa in Otterville

The Otterville Santa Claus parade just keeps on growing every year and this year is no exception.

The organizer of the parade, Mary Lou Pickering, said there are already 26 floats entered for the Saturday, December 19 parade which promises to be one of the best ever.

Trophies are again being awarded for various categories in the parade, including an annual trophy for the best all-round entry; two trophies for the most original floats and two trophies for the best winter scenes.

The parade is scheduled to get underway in Otterville at 12 noon with form-up time 11 a.m. at the township shed in the east end of town. Santa will also be making a special appearance in the parade after which he will be on hand at the Otterville Public School to give out goodies to the youngsters.

Entries are also coming in well for the Norwich Santa Claus parade, said its organizer Al Munro. He said

many people tend to wait to the last minute to commit themselves, however.

The date for the Norwich parade is fast-approaching as it takes place on Saturday, December 5, less than two weeks away.

The parade is scheduled to get underway at 1:30 p.m. with entrants forming up at the firehall in the west end of town at 1 p.m.

Santa will also be on hand downtown after the parade to greet youngsters and take down their Christmas orders. Trophies for the best entries in various categories will be presented following the parade at the Norwich Public School where youngsters will also be treated to hot chocolate and something to eat.

Anyone interested in entering a float in the Norwich parade on December 5 can contact Mr. Munro at 863-2404.

Those interested in information or entering in the Otterville parade on December 19 can contact Mrs. Pickering at 879-6455.



Christmas themes supplied ideas for many of the floats in the annual Otterville parade, held Saturday. Although temperatures were brisk, spectators and parade participants were in ample supply. (Staff Photo)

Parade welcomes Santa

Despite brisk temperatures and a raw wind, many Otterville and area residents braved the elements Saturday afternoon to line the street for the fourth annual Santa Claus parade.

About 27 floats were entered in the parade, sponsored by the Spring-Otter Optimists and the Otterville businessmen's association, making it the largest ever for the small community.

In addition to the variety of local floats entered by area businesses, industry,

community and church groups, there were also some entries from outside the area from Delhi and Tillsonburg.

The parade, which got underway at noon, proceeded down Main Street, winding up at the Otterville Public School where participants were treated to hot chocolate and doughnuts by the Sunshine Club.

Santa himself even took time from his busy schedule to appear in the parade and was on hand at the public school afterward to greet youngsters and give out gifts.



On Santa's knee

These two brothers, David Grim, 3, and his brother Aaron, 2, of Otterville, were among many youngsters who came to greet Santa at the Otterville Public School following the annual Otterville Santa Claus parade on Saturday afternoon. (NG Photo).



The annual Otterville parade was held on a sunny Saturday with more entries than ever and lots of fun and candy for the kids who turned out in droves. (Staff Photo)

Missionary Fellowship elects new officers

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Otterville Baptist Church held its Christmas meeting in the Sunday School room of the church, recently.

The meeting was preceded by a Christmas dinner, convened by the social committee Wilma Butler, Betty Walters and Shirley Lee.

The president Mrs. Fred Hill opened the meeting by reading Isaiah 9:6 and the ladies joined in singing the hymn "If Jesus Had Not Come."

The slate of officers was presented and accepted. They are as follows: past-president, Mrs. Hill; president, Mrs. Butler; vice-president, Mrs. Ted Oenema; secretary, Mrs. Charter Davis; pianist, Mrs. Bill Hansford; social committee, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Dwight Davis, Mrs. Walters and Mrs. Lee; good cheer convener, Mrs. Hilda Stockmans; telephone convener, Mrs. Bruce Stover; stamper collector, Mrs. Dwight Davis.

Mrs. Stover was in charge of the devotional program which opened with the singing of carols. The roll call was answered by each lady reading a verse from Matthew 1:18. The Christmas offering will be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pollard and Dr. Hazel Wigglesworth.

Mrs. Butler gave a reading "Christmas Bells" before presenting a medley of Christmas music on the piano.

Mrs. Stover mentioned various important events which had taken place at Bethlehem throughout history, including the birth of Jesus. She also warned us not to let any obstruction separate us from Jesus as Peter and the innkeeper did.

Mrs. Dwight Davis read a poem "No Room." Mrs. Murray Treffry favored with

a solo "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem." Mrs. Ted Oenema gave a reading "More is Yet to Come" and Mrs. Stover concluded that we should let the gifts of Christmas remind us of God's gift - Jesus Christ - the Savior of the World.

Mrs. Earl Cooper closed with prayer and Mrs. Paul Hill gave the courtesy remarks.



Father and son

David Arthur, of RR 2, Otterville, looks on as his four-year-old son Jeff tries his hand at writing on a slate during the Christmas open house held Sunday afternoon at the Oxford

County Museum School in Burgessville. Hundreds of people attended the annual event to view the school decorated in the style of a late Victorian Christmas. (NG Photo)

MARLENE ANN SMITH

Mrs. Tom Smith of Otterville passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Saturday, December 19, 1981, in her 44th year.

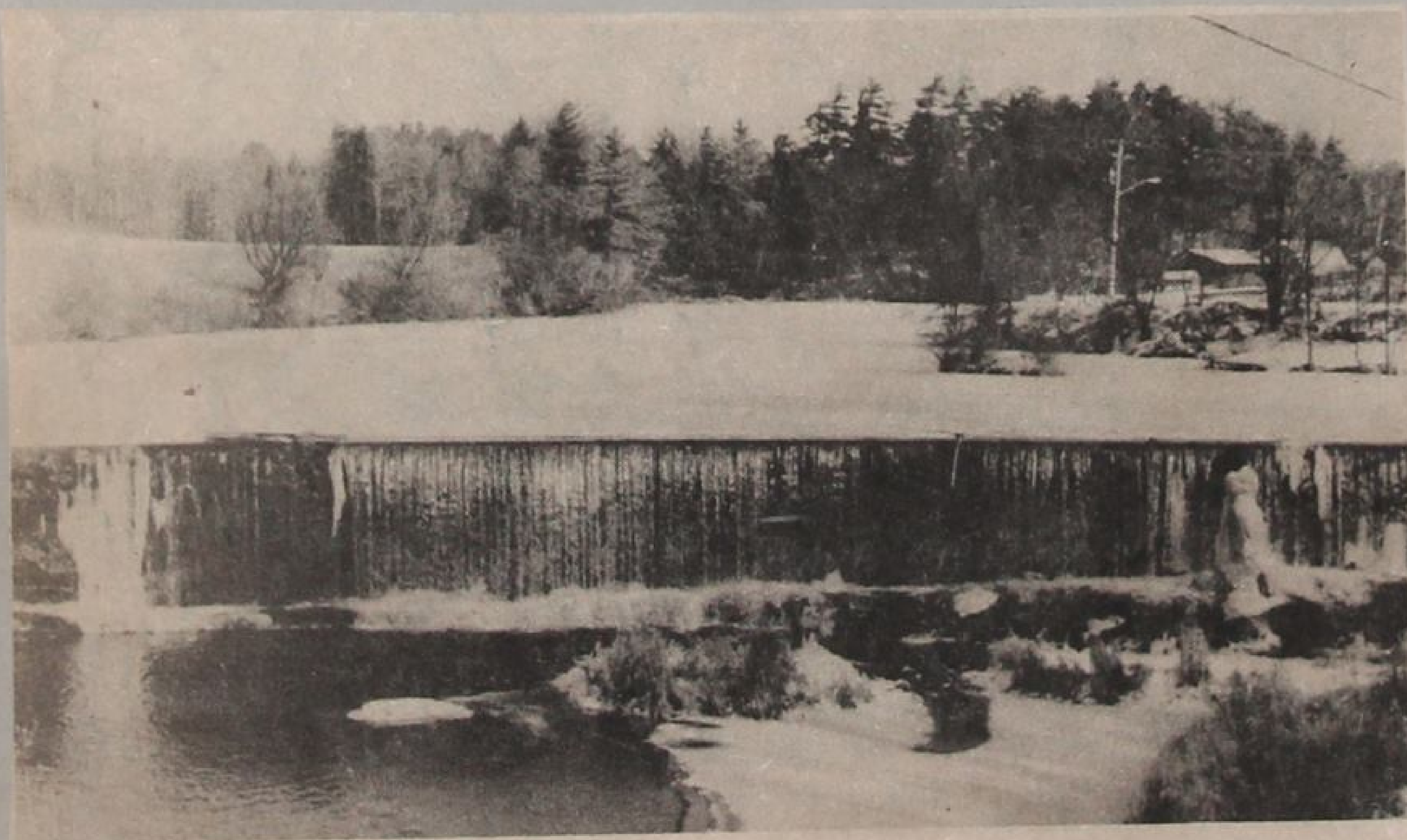
She was the former Marlene Ann Crawford.

Surviving, besides her husband, are two sons, Michael Smith and Tommy Smith, both at home; her father, Mr. Fred Crawford of Windsor; two brothers, Marvin Crawford of Windsor and James Greenwood in British Columbia; and a sister, Mrs. Joe (Karen) Rosic of McGregor, Ont.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held Monday, December 21 at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Dr. Albert Bailey.

Pallbearers were Donald Cronkwright, Gordon Hamilton, Robert Hamilton, Wallace Kennedy, Don Broad and Claude Lee.

Interment in Bookton Cemetery.



Throughout winter when beset by snow and ice or at any time of year the Otterville dam, across the road from the Treffry Mill, is a picturesque site. The area supports hockey, fishing, boating and is an attractive spot for naturalists. (Staff Photo)

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Decorations made easily

You don't have to be an artist to create your own Christmas decorations.

All it takes is a few simple touches with materials that may already be right at your

fingertips.

Shirley White, of White's Flowers in Norwich, said there are a variety of Christmas picks available such as holly, berries and fruit, that can be used to dress up green plants for Christmas. The pick, pushed into the soil of the plant, gives it color and that Christmas touch. Bows and pine cones can also be used to dress up ordinary plants said Mrs. White.

While the demand for fresh and dried flower arrangements increases at Christmas, there are still many people who enjoy creating their own, said Mrs. White. But the most popular Christmas plant is still the poinsettia.

The poinsettia is a perfect winter plant, said Ed White. Even if the plant dries out in the heat of the home, it won't die on you, he said. The flaming red leaves of the poinsettia add color to any corner of the house and it is still popular as a Christmas gift.

The requests for poinsettias usually start about the end of November and they start selling about the first week of December, said Mr. White.

But about 75 per cent of those sold go during the last two weeks before Christmas. The poinsettia is also popular in a mixed garden arrangement with chrysanthemums and other plants to set it off.

Plants are becoming more popular as gift ideas, said Mr. White, as they are still



Christmas flower

The poinsettia is still the most popular Christmas plant and hundreds are sold this time of year. Ed White, of White's Flowers in Norwich, shows the flower that one should look for when buying the plant. (NG Photo)



Easy decorations

Shirley White of White's Flowers in Norwich shows how simple materials available around the home such as apples and greenery can be used to create attractive Christmas candle holders. (NG Photo)

affordable and appeal to most tastes. The prices on plants haven't gone up as much as many other products, he said, and it is still possible to buy a nice plant for under \$15. "It lasts, it's useful and everyone seems to enjoy one," he said.

Other plants popular at Christmas are the red azalea, known as the Christmas rose, and the Christmas cactus which challenges everyone to get it blooming on the correct date.

The month of December is about the heaviest month for the sale of plants and flowers, said Mr. White, followed closely by Mother's Day and Easter.

A poinsettia on the table and a few simple touches around the home can create a festive Christmas atmosphere with little effort.

Mrs. White suggested Christmas tree baubles in a brandy snifter as another simple decorating technique and sprigs of fresh holly on a food tray can also give that Christmas touch.

"You don't have to be creative," she said. Even apples can be used in the decorating scheme as candle holders. The candle fits into the apple and with a bit of greenery around it, you've created a Christmas candle holder.

What you can do is limited only by your own imagination.

Changes coming for downtown Norwich business

Changes are in the air for downtown Norwich.

Ed White, owner of White's Flowers in Norwich, has recently purchased the property on the south side of Main Street, offered for sale by the Canada Great Lakes Conference of the Free Methodist Church, and has plans for its development.

Mr. White wants to turn the former movie theatre, most recently known as the Light and Life Centre, and the adjoining stores into active businesses.

The offer to purchase the property has been accepted, said Mr. White, and he expects to close the deal by the end of December at the latest. Included in the package is the store property now occupied by Jeans and Fashions, the theatre-church property, the store property formerly occupied by Alex's

Barbershop and the Lighthouse property, for a total of about 6,000 square feet.

Mr. White said Friday his tentative plans are to rent or sell his existing flower shop property on the north side of Main Street. He then plans to divide the inside of the theatre into two long shops to house a men's clothing store and an expanded flower shop.

He said he will continue to rent out the two stores that front along each side of the theatre property and he hopes to be able to sell the most westerly property.

Mr. White said he will eventually be putting his home in Otterville up for sale

and moving to Norwich where he and members of his family will take up residence in the two apartments above the Main Street property.

He and his family are looking forward to the move

to Norwich but are at the same time sad to be leaving Otterville where he and his wife have lived for the past 20 years to raise their family.

But Mr. White said he feels "there's a good future here (in Norwich) for us." He said the move was necessary as their present store is too small "to really make a go of it" with the economy being in the condition that it is now. A larger business is also needed as his wife and two sons Wes and Ben are actively involved in the flower shop business.

"Our idea is to develop a good solid family business," said Mr. White.

The development of the two new businesses in Norwich will also provide more variety in shopping for area residents.

The theatre property comprises about 5,000 square feet and shouldn't take much renovation to turn it into two new stores. The washrooms and service rooms are already in place, said Mr. White.

He expects he and his wife will be running both of the new stores.

"I expect, if we can sell the existing properties and things go the way we anticipate that we would be open for business around the first of March," said Mr.

Looking back on '81

It certainly cannot be said that the year just ended -- 1981 -- was a dull one. Several major issues were in the news consistently throughout the year and there were many achievements by local citizens worthy of recognition.

The following list highlights the major events of the past year, with some of the headlines from each issue of the Norwich Gazette publishing during 1981.

JANUARY

- 7 - The Norwich police department warns motorists who fail to stop at the new traffic lights - erected at the main intersection in Norwich they will be charged. The Norwich Public Utility Commission announced a 17 per cent rise in water rates in Ward 2, a 20 per cent increase in Ward 1 and a 7.5 per cent increase in hydro rates. Otterville resident Bob Hussey received a reply to his balloon message from Pennsylvania.
- 14 - The Woodstock Navy Vets clinch first place in the Niagara and district Junior "C" hockey league. The newly-formed East Oxford-Oxford Centre Optimist Club holds its first meeting in Oxford Centre. A local group plans to meet with the provincial ministry of natural resources to discuss the Treffry mill property. Norwich Township council approves an \$80,000 loan to the North Norwich Municipal Telephone System for upgrading its equipment. The loan is to be recovered through the issuance of debentures.
- 21 - The waste disposal dilemma tops Oxford County council's list of priorities for 1981. Burgessville-area resident Grant Smith is re-elected as vice-chairman of the Ontario Milk Marketing Board. Assessment open houses are held for Norwich Township residents to discuss equalized assessment.
- 28 - The Oxford County board of education votes to extend French language instruction to Grades 4 and 5. A March launch is confirmed for the Emily Stowe commemorative stamp. Police find 290 dead

calves on Norwich Township farm owned by Derek Eringa.

FEBRUARY

- 4 - Mike Vankerbroeck receives the outstanding player award at minor hockey night. Norwich District High School student Sylvia Grieco departs for a three-month long French exchange to Quebec. Ducks Unlimited offers financial assistance for improving the Treffry mill dam.
 - 11 - Norwich Junior "C" Merchants are dropped from the Niagara and district playoffs by Hagersville. Two Vietnamese refugee families arrive in Otterville. Burgessville resident Will Cohoe marks 90th birthday. Norwich Township council votes a 12 per cent raise for township employees. First council session taped by Nor-Del Cablevision Ltd.
 - 18 - John Finlay to lead Oxford Liberals in upcoming provincial election. Dick Treleaven chosen to carry PC banner in provincial election. Township council asks ministry to carry out seniors housing survey. November completion date set for new Norwich post office.
 - 25 - Famous trumpeter Johnny Cowell performs for Norwich audience. Tom Daley of CFPL-TV addresses chamber of commerce ladies night.
- ## MARCH
- 4 - Norwich District High School holds annual United Nations assembly. Election candidates address high school students. Concern voiced about dropping of Grade 13. Frank Sumsion, RR 4, Woodstock, honored by Red Cross Society for

- willingness to give blood. He gave blood 75 times or more. Norwich Township council hears objections to Hawtrey street closings. Springford residents continue fight against local school closure.
 - 11 - Norwich Figure Skating Club hosts Carnival '81 with Wizard of Oz and The Four Seasons as the themes. Township council refuses Hawtrey street closings. Emily Stowe commemorative stamp launched in Norwich on March 4.
 - 18 - Norwich public school girls' basketball team wins Oxford County championship and the boys' team wins the consolation championship. Local arena manager Marcel DeWitte in charge of ice-making for upcoming Silver Broom curling championships in London. Otterville resident Laura Pettigrew celebrates 90th birthday. Industrial park proposed for Norwich meets opposition from area residents. Home of Norwich refugee family attacked by youths.
 - 25 - Dick Treleaven wins election race in Oxford County. Committee is organized to plan for Canada Week celebrations in Norwich Township. Curries residents want area woodlot saved because of historical significance.
- ## APRIL
- 1 - Former Norwich police officer, Dave Vivian, is awarded \$11,000 in damages for wrongful dismissal from the Norwich police force. Real estate market opens up. County council voices opposition to a central ambulance dispatch.
 - 8 - The Norwich Jets warm up for another season. Tenders are received for the new Norwich post office. West Oxford maple syrup festival attended by 2,000.
 - 15 - Chicago Black Hawks'

- Chico Maki guest speaker at Norwich minor hockey banquet and awards night. Norwich BIA presses for sidewalk repairs. Chamber of commerce voices support for industrial park in Norwich. Oxford County secondary school teachers get 11.99 per cent wage increase.
 - 22 - South Ridge Public School chosen as official name for consolidated school in south end of county. Health food store opens in Norwich. Norwich township in good shape financially for 1981 says auditor.
 - 29 - Rev. Burton Crowe retires as Norwich United Church minister and moves to Centralia. Alternate school proposed by area parents rejected by board of education. Cancer riders raise \$2,000 locally.
- ## MAY
- 6 - Norwich Township council sets aside \$3,000 to aid with Canada Week celebrations in the township. Council includes \$60,000 Treffry mill purchase price in 1981 budget. Area parents look at privately-funded school.
 - 13 - Kari Crittenden of Norwich wins an honorable mention for her essay, Proud to be Canadian, entered in the Canadian Heritage Writing Competition. Norwich police hold first bicycle rodeo for youngsters. Norwich police force praised by public inspection panel. A new "no parking" zone is established on Main Street but with public opposition. Council cuts \$41,900 from its budget in budget session.
 - 20 - Council further pares budget, putting increase at roughly 12 per cent. Area police forces visit schools for police week. Victoria Day fireworks display put on by Norwich-Otterville Lions Club.
 - 27 - Norwich Township to undertake internal review of structures and operations. Norwich and District Historical Society wins prestigious Scadding Award of Excellence. Work gets underway on Norwich post office. Township buys property south of Burgessville for

- new central works yard
- ## JUNE
- 3 - Demolition of the Norwich post office is suspended while the clock tower is reinforced. Oxford County council adopts 1981 budget with a 23 per cent levy increase. Norwich Township council approved budget with an 11.75 per cent increase. Tests for corn head smut controls continue.
 - 10 - Norwich Township council approved placement of planters and benches along Main Street by the Norwich BIA. Conservation area being abused by dirt bikers. Feather Fanciers support local pigeon raisers. The 11th annual Historical Show is a huge success - the main attraction was a mechanical elephant.
 - 17 - Springford Agricultural Society requests council's aid in obtaining the Springford public school property for the community after the school closes. Oxford County board of education opposes dropping of Grade 13 in a close vote. Post Office tower is stabilized. Health unit orders clean-up of Kyte property in Otterville.
 - 24 - Historical Show proves to be a financial success. Organizers are pleased with plans for Canada Week celebrations in Norwich Township. Teacher Barbara Williams retires after 35 years in the profession. Holbrook landfill site scheduled to close in August. Battle to get parking spots back on Main Street continues.
- ## JULY
- 1 - Armyworms present in Oxford County. Norwich Presbyterian minister Rev. Fred Cromey and his wife Mollie retire from the ministry and move to Guelph. Principal Brian Rice says farewell to staff and students at North Norwich Public School. Moving to new post at Northdale public school in the fall.
 - 8 - Soccerland park officially opened on Canada Day, July 1.

- Six Ontario scholars are named at Norwich District High School: Tracy Miller, Shelley Kempf, Lenora Pollet, Alex Story, John Pathy and Judy Fidlin. Oxford Centre Canada Day festivities attract nearly 800 people. No post office strike in Norwich.
 - 15 - Norwich Jets capture PWSA senior tier two title at tourney in Belleville. Local historian Joyce Pettigrew chosen to sit on executive of the Ontario Historical Society. Henderson Recreation Ltd. donates playground equipment for installation in the Norwich conservation area.
 - 22 - Norwich Diggers win consolation trophy at tourney in Norwich. Norwich Township farmer Derek Eringa found guilty in death of calves. Junior Farmers hold successful bottle drive.
 - 29 - Garbage problem mounts - talk of extending Holbrook landfill site. Treffry mill advisory committee formed to investigate mill finding. Attempts made to clean up Sollinger Industry property in Otterville. Exchange student Cathy Nethercott returns from Mexico.
- ## AUGUST
- 5 - Angers entering OASA Intermediate "A" playdowns. Norwich PUC increases local hydro wattage to Ontario Hydro standard. Norwich Township police salary negotiations move into conciliation talks.
 - 12 - Angers down Grimsby in OASA opener. Interest rates on overdue taxes jumps from 15 per cent to 1 1/2 per cent over prime lending rate which is currently about 22.75 per cent. Norwich police and township sign new contract giving 12 per cent wage increase. Township okays purchase of Treffry mill property.
 - 19 - Murray Paton, Woodstock, named as new coach of the Norwich Junior "C" Merchants. Tobacco harvest underway. Norwich Credit Union sale to Rochdale Credit Union approved by directors. Good turn-out for chamber of commerce pork barbecue.

26 -- Norwich Jets win playoff opener in MWOLFL final in Norwich against Goderich. Light and Life Centre closes doors after 75 years of service. Oxford Centre neighbors help Bill Riach after barn fire. Sollinger Industries' representatives indicate interest in re-opening fertilizer plant. Norwich Township losing canine control services.

SEPTEMBER

2 -- Norwich Jets take MWOLFL best-of-five final series in three games straight. Norwich born opera singer John Avey thrills local audience in concert. Public access to Oatman conservation area closed by Conrail. Sale of Credit Union to

Rochdale gets official approval.

8 -- National Campers and Hikers come to Norwich for camping event despite rainy weather. New principal, James Mathews, takes on position at Norwich Public School. County checks other options for garbage dump.

16 -- Norwich Township hires lawyer to fight extension of Holbrook landfill site. Battle lines drawn over Norwich industrial park - two petitions circulating, one for, one against. Norwich Township council asked to repair poor sidewalks in Norwich. Former fire chief Basil Baines dies at age of 85.

23 -- Norwich Township council undertakes sidewalk study following citizen complaint.

American cyclists pass through Norwich on 4,000-mile cross-country bicycle trek.

Springford residents fighting to obtain parcel of public school property for community centre.

Norwich Branch 190 of the Royal Canadian Legion marks 50th anniversary.

30 -- Deadline today for decision on extension of Holbrook landfill site. Oxford County board of education considering Norwich Township proposal to purchase portion of Springford school property. Brush pick-ups in Ward 2 reduced from once a month to twice yearly. Local historical societies apply for Canada Community Development Project grants for local research.

OCTOBER

7 -- Ministry of the environment wants more tests at Holbrook landfill site - evidence on water contamination inconclusive. Plaque dedicating Oxford County museum school in Burgessville unveiled at annual fall open house. Local Norwich public school student Elizabeth Smith to be legislative page.

14 -- Workers endeavoring to ensure new post office completed in time for Christmas. Fire alert system for Norwich Township should be approved by the end of the month.

Norwich residents to be featured on New Faces television program.

21 -- Poor turn-out for Norwich BIA meeting. Post office changeover to crown corporation has little effect here. Test drilling resumes at Holbrook landfill site. Mayor Jack Burn takes hot seat at Norwich Township Chamber of Commerce dinner.

28 -- Norwich Credit Union changeover to Rochdale Credit Union becomes official Saturday. Decision on fate of the Holbrook landfill site delayed.

Feathers still flying over pigeon bylaw. Residents approach council requesting bylaw amendment to permit pigeons.

NOVEMBER

4 -- Norwich Township lobbying environment minister to reject extension of Holbrook landfill site.

Few Hallowe'en problems locally.

Increase in cost of fuel cited as major cause of \$30,000 to \$40,000 deficit in roads budget.

Norwich Township council considering joining county fire alert system. Seniors housing survey to get underway next week.

11 -- Planning proceeds for construction of central works department for the township.

Norwich Township council rejects system where county planning department would take over administration of township's committee of adjustment.

Conditional extension granted to Holbrook landfill site for six months.

18 -- Norwich graduates honored at commencement exercises.

Blood donor clinic best ever held in Norwich - 194 donors turn out.

Reports on Holbrook extension premature, says township's lawyer.

Post office construction progressing.

Local PUC commissioner David Chambers retiring this year.

25 -- Alternative education proposal adopted by Oxford County board of education.

Internal township review underway.

Historical society reports successful year financially.

DECEMBER

2 -- Planning is the key for Norwich BIA, says Delhi BIA member.

Spectacular crash in Otterville climaxes drug seizure.

No problem with rabies locally.

Norwich Township council rejects extension of term to three years.

Ingersoll resident offers property to extend Holbrook landfill site.

9 -- Norwich Township council approves first readings of bylaw to regulate waste disposal sites.

Local historical societies get Canada Community Development Project grant of \$16,442 to conduct local research work. Canada Week planning already underway.

16 -- Council gives final approval to bylaw to regulate waste disposal sites in the township.

Post office staff celebrates move into new quarters.

Former Norwich minister, Rev. Robert (R.D.) Duncanson, dies at age 76.

Police complaint procedure bylaw passed by council.

23 -- Township bylaw to prohibit use of 50-acre parcel of land adjacent to Holbrook landfill site passes.

New crime prevention program, Neighborhood Watch, launched in Burgessville.

Outbreak of head lice at East Oxford Central and Sweaburg public schools. Gordon Powell named as new PUC commissioner.

30 -- Old-fashioned Christmas observed at Norwich museum open house.

Norwich Township council votes to pay spouses' expenses for two conventions a year.

New men's store to open soon in Norwich.

Car sales outlet approved for Burgessville.

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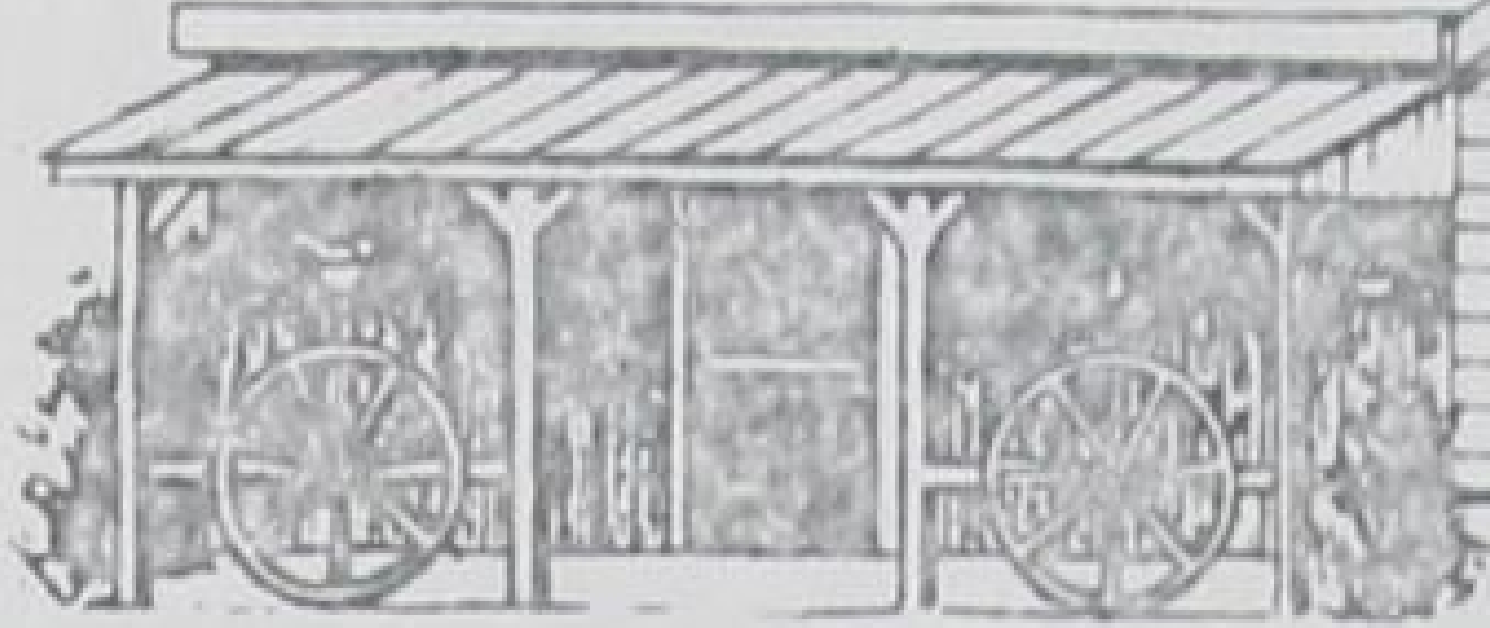
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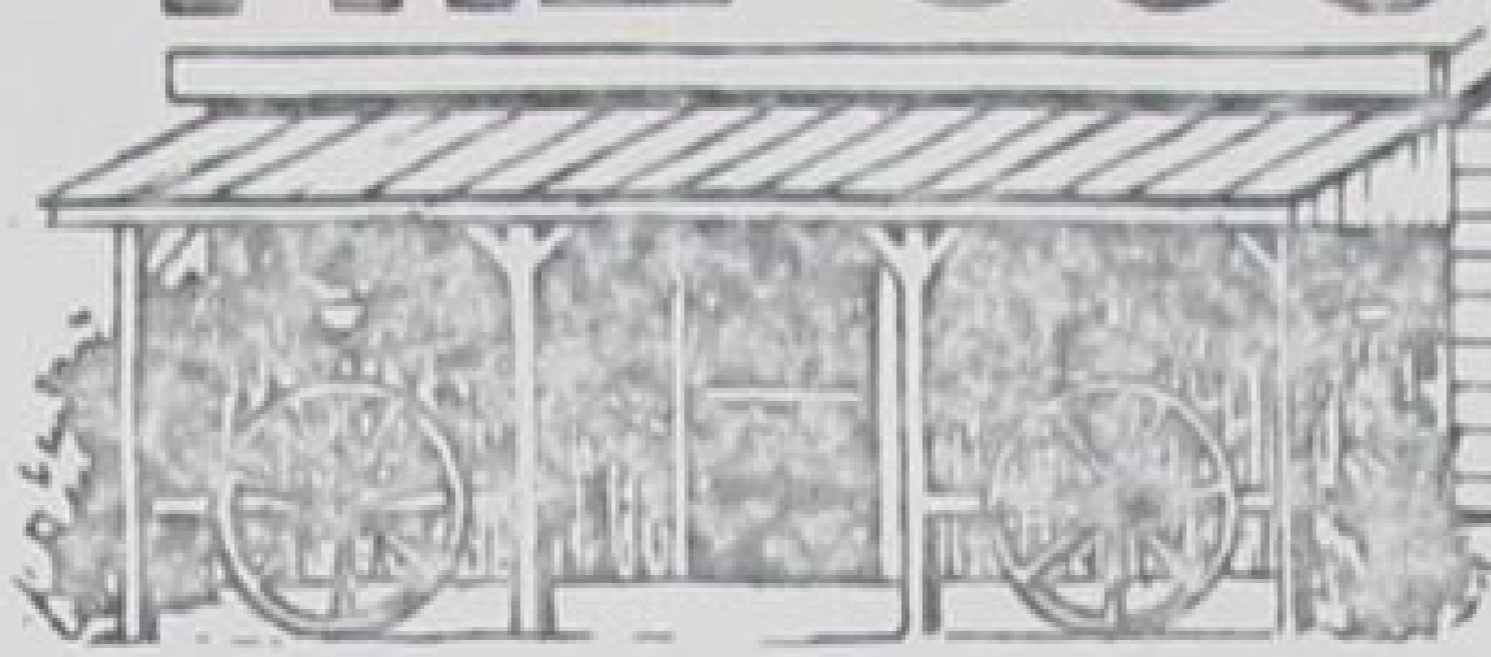
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15. (1) Every individual is equal before and under the law and has the right to the equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination and, in particular, without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability. (2) Subsection (1) does not preclude any law, program or activity that has as its object the amelioration of conditions of disadvantaged individuals or groups including those that are disadvantaged because of race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability.

Official Languages of Canada

16. (1) English and French are the official languages of Canada and have equality of status and equal rights and privileges as to their use in all institutions of the Parliament and government of Canada. (2) English and French are the official languages of New Brunswick and have equality of status and equal rights and privileges as to their use in all institutions of the legislature and government of New Brunswick. (3) Nothing in this Charter limits the authority of Parliament or a legislature to advance the equality of status or use of English and French. 17. (1) Everyone has the right to use English or French in any debates and other proceedings of Parliament. (2) Everyone has the right to use English or French in any debates and other proceedings of the legislature of New Brunswick. 18. (1) The statutes, records and journals of Parliament shall be printed and published in English and French and both language versions are equally authoritative. (2) The statutes, records and journals of the

legislature of New Brunswick shall be printed and published in English and French and both language versions are equally authoritative. 19. (1) Either English or French may be used by any person in, or in any pleading in or process issuing from, any court established by Parliament. (2) Either English or French may be used by any person in, or in any pleading in or process issuing from, any court of New Brunswick. 20. (1) Any member of the public in Canada has the right to communicate with, and to receive available services from, any head or central office of an institution of the Parliament or government of Canada in English or French, and has the same right with respect to any other office of any such institution where (a) there is a significant demand for communications with and services from that office in such language; or (b) due to the nature of the office, it is reasonable that communications with and services from that office be available in both English and French. (2) Any member of the public in New Brunswick has the right to communicate with, and to receive available services from, any office of an institution of the legislature or government of New Brunswick in English or French. 21. Nothing in sections 16 to 20 abrogates or derogates from any right, privilege or obligation with respect to the English and French languages, or either of them, that exists or is continued by virtue of any other provision of the Constitution of Canada. 22. Nothing in sections 16 to 20 abrogates or derogates from any legal or customary right or privilege acquired or enjoyed either before or after the coming into force of this Charter with respect to any language that is not English or French.

Minority Language Educational Rights

23. (1) Citizens of Canada (a) whose first language learned and still understood is that of the English or French linguistic minority population of the province in which they reside, or (b) who have received their primary school instruction in Canada in English or French and reside in a province where the language in which they received that instruction is the language of the English or French linguistic minority population of the province, have the right to have their children receive primary and secondary school instruction in that language in that province. (2) Citizens of Canada of whom any child has received or is receiving primary or secondary school instruction in English or French in Canada, have the right to have all their children receive primary and secondary school instruction in the same language. (3) The right of citizens of Canada under subsections (1) and (2) to have their children receive primary and secondary school instruction in the language of the English or French linguistic minority population of a province (a) applies wherever in the province the number of children of citizens who have such a right is sufficient to warrant the provision to them out of public funds of minority language instruction; and (b) includes, where the number of those children so warrants, the right to have them receive that instruction in minority language educational facilities provided out of public funds.

Enforcement

24. (1) Anyone whose rights or freedoms, as guaranteed by this Charter, have been infringed or denied may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction to obtain such remedy as the court considers appropriate and just in the circumstances. (2) Where, in proceedings under subsection (1), a court concludes that evidence was obtained in a manner that infringed or denied any rights or freedoms guaranteed by this Charter, the evidence shall be excluded if it is established that, having regard to all the circumstances, the admission of it in the proceedings would bring the administration of justice into disrepute.

General

25. The guarantee in this Charter of certain rights and freedoms shall not be construed so as to abrogate or derogate from any aboriginal, treaty or other rights or freedoms that pertain to the aboriginal peoples of Canada including (a) any rights or freedoms that have been recognized by the Royal Proclamation of October 7, 1763; and (b) any rights or freedoms that may be acquired by the aboriginal peoples of Canada by way of land claims settlement. 26. The guarantee in this Charter of certain rights and freedoms shall not be construed as denying the existence of any other rights or freedoms that exist in Canada. 27. This Charter shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with the preservation and enhancement of the multicultural heritage of Canadians. 28. Notwithstanding anything in this Charter, the rights and freedoms referred to in it are guaranteed equally to male and female persons. 29. Nothing in this Charter abrogates or derogates from any rights or privileges guaranteed by or under the Constitution of Canada in respect of denominational, separate or dissentient schools. 30. A reference in this Charter to a province or to the legislative assembly or legislature of a province shall be deemed to include a reference to the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories, or to the appropriate legislative authority thereof, as the case may be. 31. Nothing in this Charter extends the legislative powers of any body or authority.

Application of Charter

32. (1) This Charter applies (a) to the Parliament and government of Canada in respect of all matters within the authority of Parliament including all matters relating to the Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories; and (b) to the legislature and government of each province in respect of all matters within the authority of the legislature of each province. (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), section 15 shall not have effect until three years after this section comes into force. 33. (1) Parliament or the legislature of a province may expressly declare in an Act of Parliament or of the legislature, as the case may be, that the Act or a provision thereof shall operate notwithstanding a provision included in section 2 or sections 7 to 15 of this Charter. (2) An Act or a provision of an Act in respect of which a declaration made under this section is in effect shall have such operation as it would have but for the provision of this Charter referred to in the declaration. (3) A declaration made under subsection (1) shall cease to have effect five years after it comes into force or on such earlier date as may be specified in the declaration. (4) Parliament or a legislature of a province may re-enact a declaration made under subsection (1). (5) Subsection (3) applies in respect of a re-enactment made under subsection (4).

Citation

34. This Part may be cited as the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

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