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Challenges ahead for council

By SUZANNE HANSON

While many of the contentious issues facing Norwich Township council would appear to have been resolved in 1982, the coming year still holds its challenges for the newly elected council and its new mayor.

A major challenge for Mayor John Heleniak and his council will be to keep expenditures down in the township in an effort to limit increases in the taxes on its residents.

"I'm going to encourage council to hold the line (on spending)," said Mayor Heleniak, but he pointed out council has no control over the amounts levied by Oxford County or the two county school boards. He

did say, however, that if taxes do go up in the township it will be the fault of the boards of education and the county only. He pointed out the township portion of the total levy amounts to a very small percentage of the taxes levied in the township and council will be working to keep that percentage from increasing significantly this year.

That means major projects in the township will be put on hold with emphasis on maintaining the existing services and operations.

In spite of that philosophy of restraint, council has instructed its engineer working on plans for the proposed industrial park, to proceed with the more

detailed plans for the park in order to be ready for potential buyers interested in locating in Norwich. The industrial park planning is now free to proceed with the approval last fall of the official plan amendment and zone change that permit it to be developed on property north of the Norwich Township Community Centre.

Mayor Heleniak said there is already an individual interested in locating in the Norwich industrial park with the potential of 30 jobs to be created. While he is also examining other locations for his business, council's engineer on the project is proceeding with the plans for the industrial park to establish lot lay-outs and detail the servicing required for the in-

dustrial park.

Because of the limited funds available in the township coffers for new projects, Mayor Heleniak is encouraging council and other community groups and businesses to take advantage of all government funding available as one means of improving the township. Such groups as the senior citizens in Norwich should be encouraged to make use of whatever government assistance is available to them to carry out projects and keep the township's own expenditures down. Mayor Heleniak said he was pleased to see that council is also taking advantage of the government funds available and he

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Norwich Twp. fined for illegal burning

A charge of illegal burning at the Otterville (Ward 1) landfill site brought Norwich Township a \$1,000 fine in provincial offences court in Woodstock last Thursday.

The charge, laid jointly against Norwich Township, the operator of the site and Oxford County, the owner of the site, stemmed from an incident last February when the Otterville landfill site was set on fire, an act violating the certificate of approval for the site which prohibits the burning of garbage under the Environmental Protection Act.

M.L. Khoorshed, prosecuting the case for the ministry of the environment (MOE), called the act a "flagrant disobedience" of the environmental regulations.

Speaking on behalf of the township, Clerk-Administrator Bob Watkins entered a plea of guilty to the charge and in light of that plea, the charges against Oxford County were dropped.

In a council meeting last month, Mr. Watkins advised council that Mr. Khoorshed had indicated to him in an earlier conversation that the ministry

would ask for a token fine of 10 per cent of the maximum fine of \$2,000 for the offence, if the township pleaded guilty to the charge.

However, during the court proceedings last Thursday, Mr. Khoorshed stated the setting of the fire was a deliberate act and he asked for the maximum fine under the Environmental Protection Act of \$2,000.

James McRorie, an investigative officer for the MOE testified he was at the landfill site on the morning of Feb. 20 when he observed former township councillor Mel Smith arrive at the site to dump some garbage. He said Mr. Smith left the site but came back later with former Mayor Carman Sweazey.

Mr. McRorie said he didn't see who set the fire, but pointed out that neither council member present did anything to extinguish it and there were no other people at the site. He said there was no doubt in his mind that the councillors were aware of the regulations prohibiting burning at the site.

Mr. Khoorshed said the fact that the councillors were themselves present and

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will encourage council to continue making use of such government assistance.

One of the major expenses borne by council last year was the legal fees associated with the Holbrook landfill site battle. But the resolution of issues at the Holbrook hearing held in Norwich in November has meant there should be no further expenses related to the site this year.

As yet, no decision on the county's proposed extension of the site to June 1984 has been forthcoming from the environmental assessment board or the director of environmental controls.

Mayor Heleniak said the recent decision rejecting the Salford landfill site could have future implications for Holbrook, however. Should cabinet uphold the hearing board's decision rejecting the Salford site, Norwich Township may find the county's garbage back in its lap even after the scheduled closing date for Holbrook in 1984. The fact that an emergency certificate could be issued to allow the continued use of the Holbrook site beyond that closing date "is a very real possibility," and one both the mayor and residents living in the vicinity of the site are concerned about.

Because of the very real possibility the Salford site could be rejected by cabinet, Oxford County should be actively working to come up with alternatives, said the mayor. The problem isn't going to go away, he said, and Norwich Township council must do everything it can to make the county aware that Holbrook is reaching the end of its usefulness.

Mayor Heleniak said he is also concerned that the county may decide to make use of property adjacent to the existing Holbrook landfill site, owned by Ingersoll resident Mike McHugh, to expand the Holbrook site if no other alternatives are available. "I would be opposed to extending the site onto that area," he said. "It wouldn't make any sense to continue using that site because we know it's a bad site."

But if Salford is ultimately turned down there is really no other place for the county's waste to go except Holbrook unless the county decides to truck the waste outside of Oxford County. Mayor Heleniak said he would be interested in working with the county to come up with viable alternatives for the county's waste.

As mayor of the township, he sees his role as one of providing leadership for the council and maintaining the orderly conduct of meetings. With five new members sitting on council, he is optimistic about the goals it can achieve by working together.

"We have a good council and together we can do a lot to make Norwich an even better place to live," said Mayor Heleniak. He himself has been actively involved in politics for the past 12 years, now serving his third term on Norwich Township council. At 28 he is the youngest mayor the township has ever seen, but he is determined to provide full-time service to the residents of the township. He said it is important that he is always available to the people of the township to assist them in dealing with whatever problems they might have.

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burning their own garbage indicated a flagrant disobedience of the regulations. He said both the township and the county had been warned on several occasions in the past about the burning at the site.

Mr. McRorie presented as evidence photographs taken of the blaze which started with just one garbage bag but spread across the entire site.

Mr. Watkins said that since it was the township's first such conviction, a minimum fine would be in order and he suggested a \$50 penalty.

But Justice of the Peace Henry Cartier, in handing down the \$1,000 fine to the township, said the council members were present when the fire started and could have made an effort to extinguish the blaze. He said it almost looked as if they were egging on the environment people.

Mr. Watkins said Monday morning the \$1,000 fine "hit pretty heavy." Council must approve the payment of the fine which the township was given 30 days to pay.

Norwich Township Mayor John Heleniak said that in light of the stiffness of the penalty imposed, council may be considering an appeal of the decision and/or the fine. "I don't know if we can appeal when we pleaded guilty," said Mayor Heleniak, but he will be looking into it.

He said council made the decision to plead guilty in the belief that a token fine would be imposed and they would save the expense of the legal costs involved if they fought the charge.

"As far as I'm concerned it was no token fine," said Mayor Heleniak, adding that he didn't believe it was necessary to levy that heavy a fine for a first offence.

JANUARY 11, 1900 83 YEARS AGO

The re-opening of the Methodist Church Otterville after recent and extensive repairs took place. The debt of \$800 was all provided for Rev. R.J. Elliott of this town who assisted at the service.

Miss Whyte has resigned her position as organist and choir leader of the Methodist Church.

South Norwich council appointed J.B. Smith to the board of health, F.G. Bullock and C.A. Garthwaite auditors, I.J. Darling assessors and Charles E. Addison, collector.

75 YEARS AGO January 1908

Miss Minnie Mero has opened a Studio over McDonald's clothing store and will receive pupils in Painting, Drawing, Design and Leather Tooling.

Rosanna - The C.O.F. hall is nearly completed. Look out for their oyster supper and entertainment on the 17th inst.

Critical of hiring 'outsiders'

By SUZANNE HANSON

The method of hiring used by Norwich Township employees in selecting people to work for the township under the federal government's Canada Community Development Project were criticized by an unemployed township resident at Monday's council meeting.

Donald Freeman of RR 1, Otterville grilled council on the purpose of the federal job creation grant and the criteria used to determine

who would get the 11 jobs created with the \$67,228 grant awarded to the township by the federal government.

Mr. Freeman also wanted to know why four of the 11 people hired were from outside of the Township of Norwich. "You as a council should look after the taxpayers of this township," said Mr. Freeman who suggested those people from outside of the municipality employed under the program

should be let go and replaced with people from the township.

Municipal Inspector Doug Wilson, who oversees the operation of the program, said he was told by the project co-ordinator in London that those hired to work under the program could not be drawing unemployment benefits and they had to have been working in tobacco to qualify.

The program, referred to as Project Frost, is a

unique project created by the federal government to deal with the unemployment problems created by the early frost last summer. The project was designed to provide some employment for those people who would normally be employed in the tobacco harvest.

Mr. Wilson said all applicants for the jobs had to be referred from the Canada Employment Centre in Tillsonburg to be considered. He said Manpower sent the township 34 individuals to be interviewed and it was from those people that the 11 hired were selected.

Mr. Wilson said he and roads superintendent Ron Smith interviewed the applicants and, based on a point system, selected those to be employed under the program. He said two of the four individuals hired from the Tillsonburg area (outside of Norwich Township) had carpentry skills the township was looking for to do certain work in the municipal buildings and another of the four had 25 years as a supervisor with a construction firm and was hired as a project supervisor for the township.

Mr. Freeman said he had inquired about the program and was told by the Canada Employment Centre that applicants only had to be out of work for eight weeks to be eligible for the program and that it was not necessary that they be out of benefits. He also said that by working

through the Tillsonburg employment centre, many people in the tobacco areas in the north end of the township were excluded from the program as they, like him, were registered with the Woodstock office.

Mr. Freeman said his name was not on the list of referrals at the Canada employment centre in Tillsonburg because they did not know there that he had worked in tobacco.

He said the program should have been advertised in the newspaper so people could have known about it and made certain their names were in if they were eligible.

Mayor John Heleniak pointed out that it was a new program and the guidelines weren't fully established. Councillor John McNally agreed.

"This program is new to

all of us," he said. "Experience is the best teacher and this is our first experience. We could debate this for hours but the next time we'll be better informed."

Mr. Freeman said he is currently unemployed and out of benefits and he has five mouths to feed at home. "The jobs should have gone to the people with the most need," he said, pointing out that one individual hired under the program already has another township paycheque coming into their household.

But Mr. Wilson pointed out that it was Manpower's responsibility to send us the appropriate people.

"They (Manpower) must have felt those people were in need or they shouldn't have sent them to us," said Councillor Darrell Force.

Letters to the editor

ANOTHER COSTLY EXPERIENCE

Dear Editor:

Re: article entitled "Critical of Hiring Outsiders" in The Norwich Gazette, Jan. 12, 1983 issue.

When federal or provincial funds are allocated for job creation programs in the township, there should be a co-ordination at all levels of every governing body involved.

A recent job creation

program entitled "Project Frost" provided unemployed taxpayers of Oxford County with some additional employment funding due to work lost as a result of an early frost which ended the tobacco harvest abruptly.

In Project Frost there would appear to be a lack of co-ordination on the part of all parties involved, including the Woodstock and Tillsonburg manpower

offices, Norwich Township council and the project co-ordinator from the London office as well.

It appears that people in the north half of Norwich Township, who registered at the Woodstock manpower office, who qualified for this program were not even considered on the Tillsonburg manpower list of 34 people sent to Norwich Township council.

First, when job creation employment assistance is allocated to any area, all manpower offices in the area should be notified then they should publicly notify the people of that area as to the job prerequisites by placing ads in all local papers to inform the public of employment opportunities available.

Following this, a public notice in the local papers should be made of all participants who have been selected for any job

creation program funded by the federal or provincial governments.

Second in allocating job creation funds in Norwich Township, that council should consider only qualified residents. It would appear that as per "Critical of Hiring Outsiders" (from the Jan. 12 issue of The Gazette) that the point system used to select employees for the program isn't a democratically effective

one.

Statements from Norwich Township council such as "experience is the best teacher", "this is our first experience" and "maybe we'll be better informed on the next public funded program" are quite disturbing statements when one considers allocation of some \$67,000 with an apparent lack of consideration for local taxpayers.

Surely one could assume that in an elected position common sense and concern should prevail, coupled with a bit of homework, to account for the lack of "experience" especially when looking out for one's own constituents.

The new streamlined committee system used by Norwich Township council is in need of a little more inquiring, co-ordinated effort when they hire a supposedly experienced man from "outside" the township to oversee 10 persons hired by this publicly funded job program.

If, as stated by Mr. Wilson of Norwich Township council, an experienced construction supervisor and a skilled carpenter were needed, then most surely prime candidates from the township with the required experience could have been

selected instead of someone outside of the township and if not, perhaps Norwich Township council would do well to follow the example of the Norwich Historical Society where (as stated per the same issue of The Gazette, Jan. 12, entitled "Job Program helps archives") they train township personnel under the Canada Community Development Project. Local individuals are educated and given useful experience on an in-service training program so that they not only benefit financially at the present

time, but hopefully will be able to re-enter the future work force with some very valuable work training "experience".

Ignorance or lack of "experience" in Norwich council's position is not forgivable, it's very costly.

In closing, I trust that this article will be taken in a positively constructive way by all parties concerned.

Sincerely,
Les Ferris,
Norwich.

Relics of the past

By JOANNE MOULTON

If you've ever wondered where some nifty little gadget originated, you may be surprised to find that our own Oxford County generated numerous inventive minds.

John McFarlane, a blacksmith from Otterville in the 1860's was just one of many early inventors. On October 27, 1868, John McFarlane applied for a Letter of Patent for "The Improved Elliptic Solid Cast Steel Carriage Spring."

This new spring, shown in the diagram below, was constructed of two pieces of cast steel, elliptical in shape, fastened at each end by bolts. This new design of an upper and lower leaf of a single piece of steel made a vast improvement over the original spring of several pieces of spring steel, compiled to various thicknesses.

This new design of shape and metal type enabled the spring to have greater strength; thus prolonging its usefulness and creating a 'softer' ride as it acted as a form of shock absorber.

As inconsequential as a little thing like a carriage spring may be - well every invention has an inventor who deserves the credit and you may be sure many early pioneers thanked John McFarlane many times over for his carriage spring that, in his own words, made "travelling in carriages with springs more easy, pleasant and safe."

For more information on John McFarlane and his unique invention visit your local Norwich Archives on Stover Street North.

THE IMPROVED ELLIPTIC SOLID CAST STEEL CAR RIAGE SPRING



A THE UPPER LEAF
B THE LOWER LEAF
C BOLTS CONNECTING THE TWO LEAVES

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 January 1, 1983, the water rates will be increased to \$7.35 per month.

Mill lease soon ready to sign

A copy of the lease agreement to be signed by Norwich Township and the South Norwich Historical Society for the Treffry Mill in Otterville should be presented for council's approval at its next meeting on January 25.

Councillor Darrell Force raised the issue of the lease at Monday's council meeting, to question where the lease agreement stood as it has been several

months since the township and the historical society reached agreement on its terms.

Mr. Force was advised later that the matter is in the hands of the township's solicitor and the details agreed to are being incorporated into an agreement to be presented to council for approval, it is hoped, at the next meeting. Councillor Force, in

raising the issue, pointed out that the historical society has missed out on a couple of programs where grants were available to carry out work on the mill because of the absence of a lease agreement. He said the historical society is anxious to get the lease finalized so it can take advantage of the grants available to carry out the necessary work at the mill. Councillor Donald

Pettigrew said it was unfortunate the issue has dragged on as long as it has.

There was quite a bit of enthusiasm locally when the mill property was purchased, but some of those people are getting distressed and losing their enthusiasm as the delays continue, said Mr. Pettigrew.

"It's council's fault," he

said. "It's not been tied up, it's just been sitting."

The 138-year-old grist mill needs major repairs and renovations and the lease between the township and the historical society is needed before the society can get on with the repairs.

The township initially balked at signing a lease

with the society because it was not incorporated directly but through its association with the Ontario Historical Society.

But a compromise appears to have been reached on the agreement and a lease should soon be in place if it is accepted by both parties involved.

Possible Salford closing could extend Holbrook

By John Surgeoner
Staff Writer

NORWICH — Will the Holbrook landfill site ever close?

Norwich residents would be justified in thinking not, after a Consolidated Hearings Board disapproved Oxford County's proposal to extend the life of the Salford dump, thereby opening the door for yet another extension to the Holbrook site.

In a December agreement between Oxford and Norwich, Holbrook would close June 30, 1984. But Oxford was counting on being able to use the Salford

site at that time, an option which seems to have disappeared. Although Oxford has appealed the decision, Norwich Mayor John Heleniak does not hold much optimism for Holbrook being closed in 1984.

"If Salford is not approved, there is a very real possibility there will be another emergency certificate for the extension of Holbrook past June, 1984," Mr. Heleniak said. "It doesn't look good right now."

Norwich and Oxford had battled over the life of Holbrook for almost two years, Norwich wanting the site closed and Oxford campaigning to keep it open. The

climax came in November last year when Environmental Assessment hearings took place to determine which side was right. After eight days of the hearings, however, both sides reached an agreement which kept the site open until June, 1984, as long as safeguards were placed on the dump and it was monitored for contamination.

At the time the agreement was reached, Mr. Heleniak said there was a possibility Norwich would have to fight the same battle again in 1984 if Salford was not approved.

But at a regular council meeting, Monday, he would not predict what action

council will take, preferring to await the result of the appeal. The expense of such a confrontation must be taken into account, he said. The township accumulated more than \$130,000 in expenses in its most recent campaign.

"It's hard to say what council will do," Mr. Heleniak said. "We will just have to wait to see what the outcome of the appeal is."

"If the Salford site isn't a good one, waste shouldn't be deposited there. However, Holbrook is a bad site to start with and I don't think it should take any more either," he said.

William George McMullen

William George McMullen of 20 North St., Otterville, passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Sunday, January 2, 1983, in his 74th year.

Born at Otterville, November 11, 1909, he was a son of the late Arthur McMullen and the former Florence Wase. He was a member of the South Norwich Historical Society and a former member of the Otterville Fire Department for 32 years. Mr. McMullen was former proprietor of the McMullen Machine Shop, Otterville.

Surviving are his wife, the former Eva Lossing; one daughter Mrs. Ross (Jean) Dow of Otterville; three sons, Bill McMullen, Jr., Don McMullen and John McMullen, all of Otterville; and nine grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a brother.

Resting at the Ostrander's Funeral Home, Tillsonburg, where service will be held Tuesday, January 4 at 3:30 p.m. conducted by Rev. H.D. Herring of Norwich.

Interment in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

William George McMullen

Funeral service for the late William George McMullen of 20 North St., Otterville, who passed away on January 2, 1983, was held at the Ostrander's Funeral Home, Tillsonburg, on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. conducted by Rev. H.D. Herring of Norwich.

Pallbearers were Clark Bell, Art Moore, John Davis, George Davis, Lorne Treffry and Rick Singer.

Interment in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Nellie Betty McIntyre

Mrs. Louis Cyril McIntyre, formerly of Otterville, died at her home in Brodhagen on Saturday, January 29, 1983, in her 67th year.

She was predeceased by her first husband Howard Hussey in 1953.

Surviving, besides her husband, are one daughter Mrs. Ted (Betty) Oenema of Otterville; four sons, Howard Hussey of Embro, David Hussey of Otterville, Murray McIntyre of Sepringville and Brian McIntyre of Terrence, B.C.; a sister Mrs. Murray (Violet) Brown of Thorndale; two brothers Murray Peuela of Thorndale and John Peuela of St. Thomas; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a son Larry Hussey in 1956.

Rested at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich, where service was held Tuesday, February 1, at 2 p.m. conducted by Pastor Earl Cooper.

Interment in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Memorial donations to the CNIB, Diabetic Association and the Kidney Foundation or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

Police arrest Otterville man

A 58-year-old Otterville man was arrested early Saturday morning by a five-man team from the London OPP tactical rescue unit, after a four and a half hour standoff with police. JAN 21

Constable Frank Abbott of the Tillsonburg OPP reported that police received a call about 2 a.m. saying that a man with a gun had threatened family members and anyone else who attempted to enter the premises.

The tactical unit was then called to the scene where they negotiated with the person before finally entering the house at 6:30 a.m. and taking the man into custody.

No shots were fired and no one was injured but police said several firearms were seized.

The man is now in protective custody awaiting psychiatric assessment.

No charges have been laid. NIP CHRISTO

Jobs program helps archives

By SUZANNE HANSON

There are volumes of material to be indexed, filed and catalogued but three new workers at the Norwich archives should make a significant dent in that material over the course of the next six months.

The Norwich and District Historical Society was the recipient in November of a \$15,570 grant under the Canada Community Development Project to hire three people to carry out the work at the archives.

Last Tuesday, Joanne Moulton of Mount Elgin, Lorene Davis and Cathy VanVliet of Norwich, started to work under the program, which runs until the end of June, updating newspaper files, indexing census material and information from the numerous assessment rolls preserved at the archives.

All three of the women employed were unemployed before the program provided

them with jobs. Mrs. Davis and Mrs. VanVliet had both been out of the workforce for a number of years and were looking for a way to get back in. And that is just what the Canada Community Development Project was designed to do — to provide such people with some experience so it will be easier to re-enter the workforce when the program is finished.

Miss Moulton, who worked under the program at the archives last year, had been unemployed and her unemployment benefits had just run out so she was pleased to be hired on once again under the project.

While she has no career plans related to the work she is doing now at the archives, the work there has increased her interest in local history and in her own family history. She is hoping to return to school this fall to college to study in the field of laboratory technician.

Mrs. Davis, who has been out of the

workforce for almost nine years, saw the job as a means of getting some experience. She is also fairly new to the area and the job has helped her to get to know the area and its people better.

Mrs. Davis is hoping she will be able to find other employment once the program finishes.

Mrs. VanVliet is another member of the team that was looking for some practical work experience through the program. She had returned to school last year to complete her Grade 12 education but since September had worked only part-time as needed in an office. She wanted more experience to make it easier in her job hunt as "it seems that unless you're fresh out of school with great credentials, no one wants you anymore."

She said the typing and filing skills from the job at the archives should be of some use in finding other employment and it at

least provides her with some work experience.

While the work being carried out by the three-member team of workers can be somewhat tedious at times, poring over old census rolls and searching out relevant clippings in old newspapers, the job does have many bright spots and interesting tidbits of information can often be picked out of the reams of material, such as the story of the first woman hung in Oxford County, after she was found guilty of poisoning her husband.

The three women will be working five days a week, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the archives over the next six months. Coordinating their work is archivist Diana Smith who welcomed the extra help in sorting through the endless volume of material which continues to come in to the archives almost daily. Their help means a lot of time-consuming jobs get done that probably wouldn't get touched otherwise.

No decision yet on employment grant program

Norwich Township council has made no decision yet on whether it will be able to make use of the \$41,200 it has been allocated under the Canada-Ontario Employment Development program recently announced by the federal-provincial governments.

The program will, over the course of 18 months, hand out \$200 million to municipalities, business and industry and non-profit organizations across the province to create jobs for unemployed people who have exhausted their unemployment benefits.

But township clerk administrator Bob Watkins said council needs a few more details on the program before it can decide what it will do with the allocation. He said the township is already involved in another job creation program, the federal Canada Community Development Project, through which it was able to hire 11 unemployed people with a \$67,228 federal grant.

Mr. Watkins said that program has just got underway and should run through to the summer. He said council will have to find out more about the type of work that would qualify under the COED program adding that council doesn't know at this time of year just what funds would be available to operate the program. Under the guidelines of the program, the municipality must contribute a minimum of 10 per cent of the cost of any projects undertaken under the COED program.

The federal and provincial governments are contributing equally to the \$200 million required to establish and fund this job creation program. In hiring people for jobs under the program, priority will be given to workers who have been without UIC benefits for 10 weeks or more.

"It is the federal preference to limit the program to people who are unemployed and have exhausted their UIC benefits or who are in receipt of social assistance," said Ontario Treasurer Frank Miller.



UN delegation

This group representing Afghanistan was among the many students taking part in the annual mini United Nations Assembly put on at the Norwich District High School by its

History Club. The members of this delegation were: (left to right) Donna Butler, Tim Thompson and Trent Moore. (NG Photo)

Otterville Leisure Club

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Leisure Club met at the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre on Wednesday afternoon.

Two ladies from Tillsonburg spent a time with the members in the interest of explaining to the group how the members could get help when needed. They showed a film which pointed out the importance of "Home Help".

Annie Pritchard, president, presided over a brief business meeting

when it was unanimously decided that lunch would be served on the last Wednesday in the month when those who have celebrated birthdays through the month will be honored with cake and ice cream being served.

Games of cards were enjoyed by the ladies while the menfolk chose the recreation room for pool.

Due to ill health, Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hicks were unable to be present and it is the sincere wish all members will soon feel better from the flu and be back to Club.

Under the terms of the agreement, projects undertaken may cover a wide range of activities, must employ a minimum of three people and be located anywhere in Ontario.

Fellowship hears from Nigeria

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Otterville Baptist Church held their first meeting of the New Year in the Sunday school room of the Church recently.

The call to worship was from John 10:4 concerning the shepherd, the Lord Jesus who goeth before his sheep.

The president Wilma Butler advised that one should not be looking for yesterday but to be going toward the sunrise to advance spiritually in the New Year. She led in the singing of a chorus "One Step at a Time".

Some Christmas goodies were taken to shut-ins during the Christmas season. The ladies were reminded to bring their used stamps to the next meeting to be sent to the Leprosy Mission.

Mrs. Earl Cooper read a letter from the Children's Camp in the United States where she had helped during the summer months in the past. A letter was read from the Roy Hirons in Nigeria telling of quite a large number of baptisms there where they serve.

Mrs. Fred Hill and Mrs. Cooper led in prayer for the Missionaries.

Mrs. John Hansford, in charge of the devotional, opened with a poem entitled "Another Year Is Dawning". The Scripture lesson was from Philipians 3:14-31.

Resolutions were read by several ladies that all should be like some characters in the Bible such as Paul who relied on the Savior. Mrs. Paul Hill

gave a reading "New Year's Pie".

Mrs. Bruce Stover brought some thoughts about the New Year, saying it was a time of beginning and to delight ourselves in the Lord, Psalm 31:4.

Mrs. Ted Oenema closed the meeting with prayer.

Lion members to hold fish-fry

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Norwich - Otterville Lions

Club was held in the Community Hall, Otterville, on Monday,

January 24. Lion President Colin Cope presided.

There were 30 members present with four guests, including Lions from the Belleville and Tobee, Alberta Clubs and two representatives from the Canadian Cancer Society.

Lion Bob Scott introduced the Cancer Society representatives Carolyn Orth and Olive Cornwell. The history and purpose of the Society were outlined, including "The Seven Steps to Health". They also mentioned that this is "National Non-Smoking Week".

An explanatory film followed "I'm Not Superman You Know". Lion Leslie Dickson expressed the appreciation of the club to the representatives. A donation to the Society was given.

Following a spirited competition, it was decided that Lion Paul Wood should represent the club at the Dereham Centre Lions annual cross-country ski-athon February 5.

Lion Fred Thompson distributed tickets for the annual Fish-Fry to be held in the Norwich Community Centre Saturday, March 26. The draw for the A.T.C. will be held the same evening.

Lion John Leitch discussed support for the "Save the Children's Fund". The club has supported this project for several years, financing the education for the girls in foreign lands each year. The club decided to continue their support for the coming year.

The convention prizes were won by Lion Gloyne Cole and Lion Dean Donaldson from the Belleville Club.

OTTERVILLE UNITED

On Sunday, January 9, members of the U.C.W. conducted the service in the absence of Rev. Earl D. Moore. Mrs. Shirley White conducted the service, while Mrs. Elsie McSpadden read the sermon, "Light In People's Faces." Scripture lessons were: II Corinthians 4: 1-6 and St. Mark 17: 1-8.

Offering was received by Sunday school members, Stephanie Balcolm, Nancy Dow, Carrie Lewis and Kathryn Arthur.

Junior congregation was in charge of Elaine Arthur.

The flowers at the altar were placed by the family of the late William McMullen.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Rev. and Mrs. Moore, wishing them both returned good health.

Shares homeland with WI members

OTTERVILLE (C) — Inga Irie, a native of Germany and now a resident of Otterville for the past 10 years, was the guest speaker at the January meeting of the Otterville Women's Institute, held at the home of Orris Beecroft on Thursday morning at 9:30.

Vera Welsh was the convener of Cultural Affairs.

The speaker brought many post-card size pictures of her homeland with her to share with the members as she told of her many experiences in the countries of Germany and Brazil. Time did not permit her to tell the full accounts of these which was unfortunate for the members who were all intrigued with her talk.

Mrs. Irie, who is capable of speaking four languages: German, Portuguese, French and English, has been noted for translating languages and was employed with the

United Commercial Establishment.

The speaker was introduced by Miss Welsh who also thanked her and presented her with a gift.

The president, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, opened the meeting and graciously welcomed the members and visitor to the first meeting of the New Year.

The roll call was answered with the members naming "A Prominent Woman of Today". The minutes and treasurer's report were given by secretary-treasurer Betty Walther.

The Institute members donated many useful Christmas gifts to the Sunshine Cupboard in Woodstock and also gave a donation of \$25 to the Sick Children's Hospital in London. A donation was also given to the Good Cheer Convener for gifts, cards and stamps, whatever the purpose may be.

OTTERVILLE BAPTIST

The morning praise thought in the Otterville Baptist Church Sunday was Psalm 99:9 "Exalt the Lord our God... for the Lord our God is holy."

Bob Marshall led the song service and Wilma Butler was the pianist. Cheryl Hansford accompanied herself at the piano as she sang "When I Say Jesus". Betty Babcock was in charge of Children's Church.

In the absence of the pastor, Dr. Doug Schmidt from London Baptist Bible College ministered from Psalm 46, pointing out three truths about Jehovah.

At the evening service, Mr. Marshall led the meeting. Dave Pathy read Scripture from Ecclesiastes chapter 2. Bill Hansford spoke on "Vanity".

Pastor Cliff Taylor showed a film, "At Any Cost" at the Wednesday prayer meeting. He represents the work of Underground Evangelism.

On Saturday evening there will be a Gym Night at the Otterville Public School beginning at 7 p.m. All are welcome to join in the exercise and games.

This Sunday, the London Baptist Bible College Chorale and Ken Young will be ministering to members in the morning. Following the morning service there will be a church potluck dinner. All are invited to stay for a time of fellowship and sharing with the L.B.B.C. students.

In the evening, the Young Adult Fellowship will meet at 7 p.m. at the home of Bill and Cheryl Hansford (not the Spencer's) to study the first three chapters of the book: "Are These the Last Days?"

The annual business meeting and elections will be held at the church on January 19 and 26. Members should make a special effort to attend these important church meetings.

Legal Notices

FOR SALE BY TENDER

This business property, located at RR 1, Norwich, at the intersection of Highway 59 and County Road 19, (described as Part Lot 8, Concession 8, Township of Norwich) is for sale under Power of Sale by virtue of default on a loan secured by a realty mortgage.

The property comprises land (approximately 43,200 sq. ft.) and buildings together with all furniture, fixtures and equipment located on site and is a restaurant/gas bar facility.

Arrangements to inspect the realty may be made by contacting Mr. Dave Munro in London, Ontario, at (519) 434-2144 during business hours.

Written tenders, addressed to Mr. Dave Munro, 197 York Street, Suite 1000, London, Ontario, N6A 1B2, will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. on January 17th, 1983.

A certified cheque for 10% of the amount tendered must be included as a deposit (Payee to be designated) and will be returned without interest if the tender is not accepted and the sale not completed by the purchaser. Provincial sales tax to be paid by the purchaser. Highest or any offer not necessarily accepted. Assistance to finance the transaction may be considered.

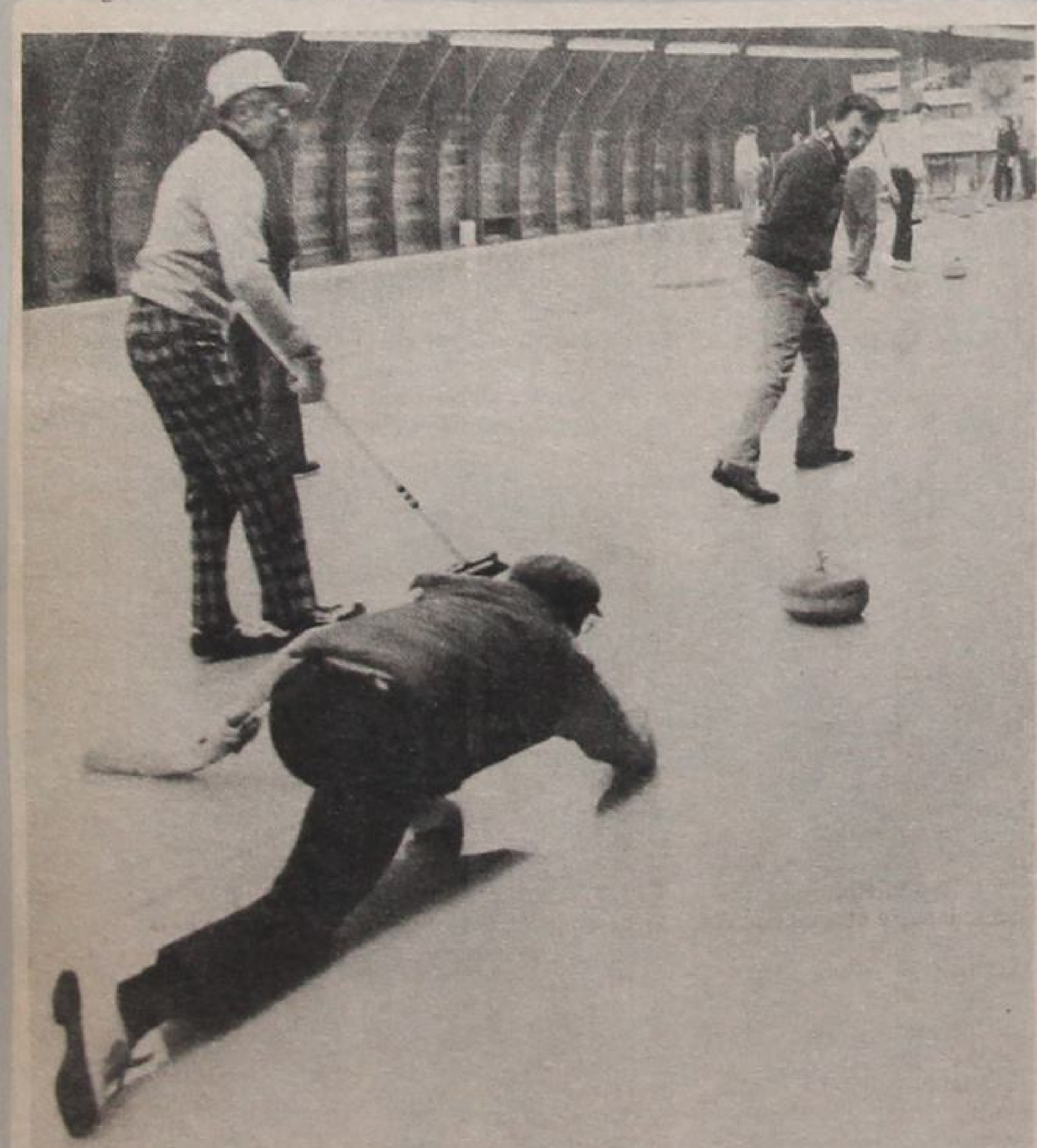
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Novice finalists

Members of the Norwich Novice II hockey team proudly displayed the medals captured in a recent house league tournament in Jordan. The Norwich team, winning four of five games played on two days, advanced to the championship game against Welland but came up on the short end of the scoreboard. Showing off their finalists medals are the team members with their coaches and manager (rear, left

to right) Jerry Zylstra, assistant coach; Rick Nickerson, coach, Rick Baxter, manager. The team members are: (rear row, left to right) Richard Samways, Michael Beam, Adam Hahn, Toby Taylor, Darryl Hughes, Daryl Vanbesien, (front, left to right) Tommy Williams, Michael Zylstra, Michael Payne, Bowen Cormier, Chris Clifford. (NG Photo) *JAN 12*



Making the shot

Joe Pindera of the Kingsville Curling Club joined Norwich Curling Club members John Davis and Ross Dow of Otterville to make up a rink during the United Co-operatives of Ontario bonspiel at the Norwich Curling Club on Saturday. Mr. Davis and Mr. Dow get ready to sweep as Mr. Pindera makes his shot directed, by their skip at the far end, John Brennan, also of the Kingsville club. (NG Photo)



Poster winners

Students from Otterville Public School were winners in a recent poster and essay contest organized by the Norwich branch of the Cancer Society and sponsored by the Norwich Optimist Club. The winners were: (rear, left to right) Joey Comeau, poster winner; David Cope, essay winner; Jennifer Arthur, poster winner; (front) Melissa Wilkinson, essay winner; Tina Irie, poster; and Marcie McMullen, poster. Presenting the prize money to the students was Norwich Optimist Club President Jeff Arn. (NG Photo)

Farmers want say on power line route

By SUZANNE HANSON

A group of Otterville area farmers are concerned that they are not getting adequate representation at the Ontario Hydro public working group hearings studying potential routes for two 500-Kilovolt transmission lines for across Southern Ontario.

Otterville tobacco farmer Dr. Hugh Zimmer appeared before Norwich Township council on Monday representing a group of about 12 persons to request representation on the working group. He pointed out that many of the delegates to the group have nothing to do with farming and pressed council for more public representation.

At present, council is

represented on the study group by Councillor Jack Lester with former councillor Lyle Davis as alternate. A motion was put forward during Monday's meeting to replace Mr. Davis on the study group but that motion was tabled to council's in camera session and no further action was taken on it.

Township Clerk-Administrator Bob Watkins said later Mr. Davis has been actively involved in the study process but that he had missed the last meeting because of difficulties in getting him on Hydro's mailing list. The notice of the meeting was sent to the township office and then had to be forwarded to Mr. Davis who by that time had other commitments at the

time of the meeting, said Mr. Watkins.

As alternate, Mr. Davis has no voting rights on the working group.

Mr. Lester pointed out at the council meeting Monday that he had attended all meetings with the exception of the most recent, adding he missed it because of another meeting he had to attend with the Long Point Region Conservation Authority.

As a county representative on the study group, Councillor-at-large Helen Smith said she has had difficulty getting to the meetings because they have conflicted on several occasions with county council meetings.

Mrs. Smith agreed with the idea of public participation on the study group, however. "The

people that are interested are going to come forward with the best briefs," she said.

"Everyone that's involved at this point are political people," she said. "The people themselves aren't able to speak and they're the people that should be speaking."

Dr. Zimmer is working with a Windham Township farmer, Wray Clement, to organize a united opposition to the Hydro lines. He said that group will need some strong representation on the working group studying the possible routes for the lines and he voiced concern that they are not getting that representation at present.

He said many Otterville area farmers are concerned that an existing Hydro line, just south of the village, is being considered as a possible route for one of the lines. That existing transmission line, he termed line 115, affects mostly farmers living under it and they have voiced concern that additional lines across their property could affect land values, inhibit irrigation of tobacco crops, tilling of land and other landuse practices.

But Dr. Zimmer said what is of major concern to the landowners is that Hydro's proposed transmission lines for Southwestern Ontario are not needed. He said the demand for power is declining because of the current recession and the accompanying plant closures.

Hydro claims the transmission lines are needed to carry power out of the Bruce Nuclear Power Development to Southwestern Ontario to meet the future demand for power. But Dr. Zimmer said Hydro has always over-estimated the load demand and said the major reason Hydro wants to bring the power down is because there is a surplus it wants to export to the United States.

And by looking at routes in the north and south of Oxford County, Hydro has effectively pitted the north against the south as neither area wants the line in their backyard.

"Hydro is dividing and conquering," said Dr. Zimmer. "We must get together on this to try and firm up the basics of why this thing shouldn't go." He said it is important to get all groups working together now before it is too late "to stop the express".

"We want to buy time because time will prove the load demand just isn't there," said Dr. Zimmer.

He said a group will be formed, made up of people living within three kilometres of line 115 south of Otterville, to present a united stand against the transmission lines. Dr. Zimmer said he has been following the route selection process for a number of years since the various proposals first came forward for the hydro corridors. He said he was one of the first to propose the idea of exporting power

to the United States through an underwater cable.

He also pointed out the fact that Hydro says the Nanticoke plant is not permanent and could be shut down in four to five years which would make the proposed lines obsolete.

He said the farmers in this area "sort of went to sleep" when Hydro selected the M1 plan initially that would have taken the transmission lines from Bruce south to London, touching only a corner of Oxford County. That route was effectively opposed by farm groups in

the Huron-Grey area and when the consolidated hearing board opted for the M3 route, it was supported by cabinet.

That meant two lines would pass through Southwestern Ontario, across some of the most expensive farmland in the province, said Mr. Clement.

About 40 people are involved in the farm group opposing the Hydro lines and have named themselves the Line 115 group.

The next meeting of the Hydro study group will be held at the Simcoe horticultural building on January 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Area farmers to fight power

By DOROTHY CLARK

About 150 farmers gathered Thursday night in Otterville to organize themselves in opposition to Ontario Hydro's proposed 500 kilovolt transmission line through the area.

The Line 115 group, made up of farmers living along the existing 115 kilovolt line, is prepared to "make it so damn hot for them they leave us alone," Otterville tobacco farmer Hugh Zimmer said.

Berry Murray, who helped organize the group, said, "somewhere along the line there was a mistake made and we just

want a fair chance to prove it.

"Our agricultural land is a resource that cannot be replaced," he said.

The group was formed because farmers in the area believe they are not getting adequate representation at the Hydro public working group hearings studying potential routes for the line.

Hydro has already admitted there are other routes better suited for the lines than this one, Mr. Zimmer said, but because people were led to believe the route would be north of Highway 401 they put up no opposition.

Mr. Murray said that even though the working group is opposed to the line coming through this area at the same time it is trying to find the "path of least resistance" for the line.

It is this group's intent to show we have the "path of most resistance," he said.

Mr. Zimmer said another of the group's objectives is to unite the whole area, north and south. "We have to quit fighting amongst ourselves - that's exactly what Hydro wants. We have to show them that they couldn't have picked a worse place to come across."

Many farmers present expressed concern over the lack of information available on the effects of such a high voltage line. Stories were told claiming stray voltage has caused problems with milk production, bulk kilns, weeds and computerized machines going out of control.

Les Gehring, a farmer in South-West Oxford Township, called Hydro insensitive. Problems with frost flying, aerial spraying, irrigation, liability in case of accident and land compensation are all

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real, but Hydro either can't or won't give any answers, he said.

When the lines are built the towers will cover 640 feet of property while four times the area of the tower will be lost in production, Mr. Zimmer said. "It's obvious Hydro doesn't understand that every inch of property is important in tobacco."

One of the group's major gripes is that Hydro already produces more power than they know what to do with. "Hydro is way over-built. They have 49 per cent more capacity than they need now," Mr. Zimmer claimed.

The concept of hooking into the Nanticoke generating station is just a "convenient excuse" to bring the line

through this area, Mr. Zimmer said. "Nanticoke has been a lemon from the start. It will probably be shut down in four or five years."

Mr. Murray said the group has two things in its favor. It has 11 months to sway the decision of a consolidated hearing board and it has the working group behind it.

Five delegates were appointed to head the group. They are: Mr. Zimmer, Mr. Murray, Mr. Gehring, Brian Edwards of Vanessa and Murray Stover of Delmer. Oscar Lava of LaSalette, was appointed alternate.

It was decided that a \$20 contribution to help with the expenses of preparing a brief to the hearing board would be made by each member of the group.

Lady peelers special group

By SUZANNE HANSON

They've put away their peelers and turned their thoughts to leisure activities instead but they're still "the ladies" and they're all special people to Evelyn and Ron Dennis.

The group of local ladies has worked together for years for Dennis Canning, peeling everything from tomatoes, to peaches, plums, pears and beets during canning season each year. But a recent decision by Mr. Dennis to close down his custom canning operation near Holbrook has meant the ladies have used their peeling knives there for the last time.

But while the decision to cease the canning operation has meant their work has come to an end, it hasn't meant the ladies (as they are fondly referred to by the Dennises) will all go their separate ways.

The group has, over the years, become a closely knit social club for the roughly nine ladies employed as peelers by the Dennises and they have enjoyed the annual get-togethers over the years.

Mrs. Dennis said she wasn't really sure when they became more than just a group of peelers, but she believes the social group came into being about five years ago when some of the members took a quilting course and all the ladies started coming out to quilt together.

The social get-togethers just continued, even outside of the canning season, and the ladies found they were getting together once a week year round for some fun and a visit. Those get-togethers are now held

once a month and on those days the ladies either work on a quilt, celebrate the birthday of the month, go on field trips or just out to dinner.

"We have a great time just being together," said one of the "ladies" Helen Cameron of RR 1, Burgessville, who has worked as a peeler for the Dennises off and on for more than 30 years.

Another member of the group, Selena Swance of RR 1, Salford, usually has a new craft to show the members and they all enjoy visiting over a cup of coffee.

Mrs. Dennis said she really doesn't know what it was that made some of the peelers become one of the "ladies" while others did not. They are of various ages and backgrounds, but one thing is certain. All those who have joined the regular get-togethers are glad they did and are certain they will always stay together as a group, even though the common thread of their work will be no longer.

The various members of the "ladies" all started working for the Dennis family at different times, but all agreed they enjoyed the work and their employers.

"Ev and Ron are great to work for," said another of the ladies, Dorlean Storey. "The coffee pot was always on and the cookie tin open."

The work was part-time and seasonal, declining gradually over the years. It used to last about six weeks at a time, but in the last three years, the volume has dropped off and the ladies worked only two or three days a week compared to the previous five.

That slowdown in business is part of the reason the Dennises decided to discontinue their custom canning operation, bringing a fading era to a close.

The 47-year-old business was started by Mr. Dennis' father Cecil Dennis to make vinegar and apple juice. During the Second World War the business was expanded to include the canning of corn, tomatoes, tomato juice and a variety of fruit juices. Mr. Dennis has always been involved in the business his father started, taking it over about 10 years ago.

The produce canned by Dennis Canning used to be available in stores in several centres under the Dennis label until government regulations on labelling made it too costly to continue and the focus of the business shifted to custom canning about seven years ago.

But even that business has been steadily dropping off in the past three years, said Mr. Dennis. He said it is hard to get the varieties of peaches needed for canning and the custom orders just aren't coming in like they used to. Many of their customers have traditionally been tobacco farmers but recent bad years with blue mould and frost have meant farmers haven't had to can large volumes of food to feed the help.

"We've had three poor years now," said Mr. Dennis. "The produce isn't coming in." He said the availability of cheaper "no name" and imported produce in stores, means people are canning less of their own. It's cheaper to buy it in the stores than it is to process it, he said.

The declining demand, combined with the poor economy, has meant business for Dennis Canning has dropped by about half in the past three years. But the costs associated with the canning have continued to rise and it is now getting just too expensive to continue, said Mr. Dennis.

He said he will continue to can their own produce and his annual stock of maple syrup but he won't get back into custom canning unless it is really necessary.

Retiring from the canning business will also afford Mr. Dennis more time to devote to farming and the operation of his sawmill.

He said he will miss a lot of the people coming in to get their canning done. "They were all good people and good customers," he said. And the Dennises will miss having the ladies working around each year during canning season.

The ladies themselves said they will miss the work which afforded them "that little extra" every year. "It was nice to do something," said Mrs. Swance. "It wasn't long but you looked forward to that little extra."

But while the ladies will no longer be working together they will no doubt continue having fun together at the monthly get-togethers of the "ladies" group.



The ladies

These lady peelers have all become very special to Ron and Evelyn Dennis, of Dennis Canning. While the Dennises will no longer be doing their custom canning, these ladies who peeled many bushels and baskets of produce over the years will continue to gather regularly to celebrate birthdays or just visit. The ladies

are: (rear left to right) Evelyn Dennis, Bonnie Hopkins, RR 1, Burgessville; Betty Maginnis, Woodstock; Helen Cameron, Leola Gilmore, Beatrice Hughes, (front) Doris Banbury, Dorlean Storey, all of RR 1, Burgessville and Selena Swance, RR 1, Salford. (NG Photo)



Allan Fish with his award last night.

— Picture by Ted Brellisford

School pioneer gets award

IT TOOK him 16 years to get his university degree, and he admits he was never very good at French because of his learning disability.

But, last night, Allan Fish was presented with the Premier's Award of Merit for his pioneering contributions to the elementary school system, special education and most especially oral French programs.

The presentation was made at the Halton board of education by Oakville MLA James Snow.

Much of the work the 78-year-old Mr. Fish is being honored for began after he joined the old Oakville public school board in 1953 as supervising principal and business administrator. He retired in 1969.

It was in 1958 that he persuaded the school board — with help from then chairman Jack Bedford — to become the first board in the province to offer oral French.

Mr. Fish credits the fact that he was out of school for seven years before returning to teacher's college, then teaching in a small one-room

school, for the perspective that he brought to education.

While teaching he spent 16 years earning first his BA and then his Bachelor of Pedegogy (now known as a Masters of Education).

"I see everything backwards, I had a terrible time in school, so I was very conscious of the problems kids have," he said.

Tribute to Bill Mc Mullen Sr

South Norwich Historical Society and the community in general have lost a valued friend. I'm not sure that the community at large realized just how much Bill contributed to its "well being" for many years, because he did so, quietly and without hesitation. However, those of us who worked with him in the society were well aware of his contribution.

Bill's responses at any meeting were unique in to-day's society, in which we tend to think first of ourselves, others next. Bill was ever quick with "Hey that's a good idea, we can do that" or "Yeah, I'll do that." And furthermore he did it while others were still thinking about it.

Through his efforts in establishing a museum in the basement of the municipal offices he made the community aware of its heritage.

He was a charter member of the society and its first president. He was also a member of the citizens group which restored Woodlawn. Without his enthusiasm and drive the society and the restoration might not have materialized.

Bill Mc Mullen was a story teller, and to be able to do that one must have a love of people, a sense of humour, and a keen memory. He had all three. Fortunately, because one of the society's chief aims was to record our history, some of Bill's wealth of knowledge of our heritage has been preserved.

No one ever accomplishes all that he hopes to, especially if one's ambitions are as enthusiastic as Bill's were, but he achieved much. For his contributions the area is indebted.

He will be greatly missed, but the greatest tribute that we can pay to him is to try to carry on with the work that was so dear to him, with the enthusiasm that he gave to us and heritage in general.



The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and
thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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CLERGY

Rev. H. D. Herring

INTERMENT

Otterville Cemetery

Complaints about hiring sparks Norwich to

From the Feb. 1 edition of The Sentinel-Review
By LINDA HULME
Sentinel-Review staff writer
A proposed bylaw to prohibit the hiring of immediate relatives of municipal employees may be considered by Norwich Township council, said Mayor John Heleniak Monday, but he admits he has mixed feelings about implementing one.

"I'm not sure how I feel about it," he said. "We have to serve the public in the best interest."
The proposal arose after Donald Freeman, a township resident, complained to council about its hiring practices. Among his concerns was the fact that a son and daughter of township clerk Bob Watkins were hired under the Ontario Employment Incentive Program last summer.

Heleniak confirmed the speculation, adding not only did Watkins' children obtain employment, but also a secretary's daughter and a common-law spouse of another township employee.

"People are wondering if they're being shown favoritism," said Heleniak. "It's unfortunate if we do have to pass a bylaw."

He said Watkins had nothing to do with interviewing or hiring people under the make-work program. When the township is seeking employees, either the council, a committee, or the department head where the employment is offered selects the people. In this case, municipal inspector Doug Wilson did the hiring.

Heleniak said he is going to talk to clerks of other municipalities in Oxford County to find out if they have bylaws prohibiting employment of municipal employees' immediate families.

Clerk Bob Watkins said he was instructed to obtain a bylaw passed by Elgin County council which doesn't allow the hiring of relatives up to the third generation in the same department.

He said he understands there have been inquiries about the bylaw to the Human Rights Commission, but as yet no one has vehemently objected to it.

WERE ELEGIBLE

Watkins defended the hiring of his children, students aged 18 and 20 years at the time. He said they were eligible for the

program and were listed at the Canada Employment Centre as unemployed. When the township sought help, they were looking for students specifically, and his son and daughter were among the referrals to the township.

"As far as I'm concerned, they were as eligible as anybody else," he said.

All Watkins said about the

proposed bylaw is that council will have to be careful about initiating it in the event it is found discriminatory.

But he plainly expressed his feelings about the entire situation.

"I'm just getting a little bit tired about minorities and individuals criticizing the council and staff," he said. "You're

damned if you do and you're damned if you don't. No matter

what we do, somebody takes offense to it."

New Norwich Mayor settling into office

NORWICH — It has been only three months since John Heleniak was elected Mayor of this Township, but already he is feeling very comfortable with the position and believes he has a firm grip on his newly-acquired responsibilities.

"I'm adapting quite easily," Mr. Heleniak said. "I find I'm enjoying the job and I seem to be fitting in. So far, it has been exactly what I expected."

Although only 28, Mr. Heleniak has several years experience in municipal politics.

His first venture into this area was not successful as he was defeated for a Councillor's seat in Ward three in 1976. Nonetheless, the loss was encouraging because he missed the spot by only five votes. In 1978 he was elected by acclamation and has been a cornerstone of Norwich

councils ever since, topping the polls in 1980.

He credits his speedy rise to the Mayoralty to hard work and a willingness to meet with his constituents.

"It's important to be available and assist the constituents in whatever concerns they have. I enjoy the work very much. It's self-satisfying knowing a constituent has a special problem and you can help them or direct them to the appropriate people," he said.

John became a full-time politician in 1978, working from his constituency office during the week and helping in the family meat-packing business during the weekends. He is the youngest Mayor ever in Norwich, and believes he is the second-youngest Mayor in the province at this time.

After such a speedy rise to the top in his own municipality, it would seem only natural that John would have his sights set on a higher office, but he is undecided about that at this time.

"I wouldn't rule out that I wouldn't seek a seat provincially and/or federally," he said. "I certainly have thought about making a career out of it, but I guess only time will tell."

If success in politics is directly related to the amounts of hours worked, Mr. Heleniak should be a shoe-in. Although he could not quote a specific figure, he said he works well above the average of 40 hours a week, being available both day and night.

He is also involved with many Township organizations outside of council activities, including the Children's Aid Society, the Thames Valley Health



John Heleniak youngest Mayor in Norwich history

other interests and he thinks it fortunate he is still single and free to pursue these matters.

But his main priority now is the smooth operation of the Township Council and he said his major objectives are to see the industrial park project completed and to curb capital spending by Council.

"That will certainly be a challenge, to keep spending down," Mr. Heleniak said, adding that he will do his best to meet the requirements of his constituents.

"I worked hard during the elections and I am pleased the people had the confidence to elect me," he said.

committee and the Oxford Social Services Division. With such commitments, he has little time to pursue

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 1908

Delmer - The storm of last Saturday and Sunday filled the middle town line with snow and in some places it is almost impassable.

Cornell - Robert Parks, who was carried on a grocery and apiary business here for 25 years, has disposed of his property to Loren Hicks.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 1883

Mr. John Wilcox, the genial proprietor of Munroe's old barber shop, has secured the services of Mr. Jas. Vaughan, of St. Thomas, a first class barber in every particular.

The basis of the Methodist Union was adopted by the C.M. Church of Otterville by a unanimous vote of the members.

February 1883

The "Tillsonburg Agricultural Manufacturing Company" received its charter of incorporation a few days since.

The Grand Trunk is building a new bridge across the Otter creek at Otterville.

Will pay fine, but may appeal

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By SUZANNE HANSON

Norwich Township council voted to pay a \$1000 fine imposed last month for illegal burning at the Ward 1 (Otterville) landfill site but they have not ruled out the possibility of appealing the amount of the fine.

After discussion of the matter "in camera" at Monday's council meeting, Mayor John Heleniak said council must pay the fine within 30 days of the disposition of the case and so it approved the payment of the amount on Monday. But he said council has contacted the director of the environment ministry's legal information services and is awaiting clarification of the matter.

Council members were generally surprised at the amount of the fine in light

of a letter, dated January 18, from the ministry's solicitor M.L. Koorshed which indicated a fine of only \$500 would be recommended by him if the township pleaded guilty to the charge of illegally operating the landfill site.

Mayor Heleniak said it was on the basis of that letter that council made the decision to enter the guilty plea on the charge, expecting a fine of only \$500 which, Mr. Koorshed said, amounted to 10 per cent of the maximum fine for the offence.

Mayor Heleniak said there was also some question now in the township's mind as to just what the maximum penalty for the offence is as it was stated in court to be \$2,000 and not the \$5,000 implied in Mr. Koorshed's letter.

Mayor Heleniak said council needs some clarification of the matter before taking any further action. "If we don't get the support of the ministry there would be no reason to appeal (the amount of the fine)," he said. "If they don't change their suggestion then there is really no point (to an appeal)."

It was during the court proceedings that Mr. Koorshed, on behalf of the ministry, asked the justice of the peace Henry Cartier to impose the maximum fine under the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) for the township's "flagrant disobedience" of the regulations.

The charge of illegal burning, laid jointly against Norwich Township, the operator of the site, and Oxford County, the owner of the site, stemmed from an

incident February 20 when the Otterville landfill site was set on fire, an act violating the certificate of approval for the site which prohibits the burning of garbage under the EPA.

In light of the township's plea of guilty to the charge, the charge against the county was dropped. Mayor Heleniak said earlier council might consider asking the county to share or assume payment of the fine imposed on the township since the county owns the site, but no recommendation has as yet come forward to that effect.

He said the township is awaiting further information from the legal services branch of the ministry before making a decision on whether to appeal the amount of the fine.

Says mill pond flushing shifts problem downstream

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Flushing the Treffry mill pond in Otterville would alleviate the problem with sediment build-up behind the dam, but it would also pass that problem on further downstream.

Jim Oliver, general manager of the Long Point Region Conservation Authority (LPRCA) told Norwich Township council at its last meeting that the dam has a very limited volume of water behind it now because of the build-up of silt in the mill pond, but he could offer no solutions as to how to remove the silt when questioned on the situation by Councillor Donald Pettigrew.

Council had been considering flushing the mill pond, purchased by the township two years ago with the Treffry mill property, to clear the silt out of the reservoir but Mr. Oliver said by draining the pond and washing the silt away, it would only be creating problems further downstream.

The dam has, over the years, provided a benefit to other areas downstream in that it traps the silt, preventing it from getting into the system further downstream. Mr. Oliver said he could see no immediate benefit to wildlife in the area from flushing the mill pond as a silt buildup allows vegetation to grow closer to the water's surface, giving ducks and other waterfowl a better habitat. However, in terms of fish, it would be better if the pond was cleaned up, said Mr. Oliver.

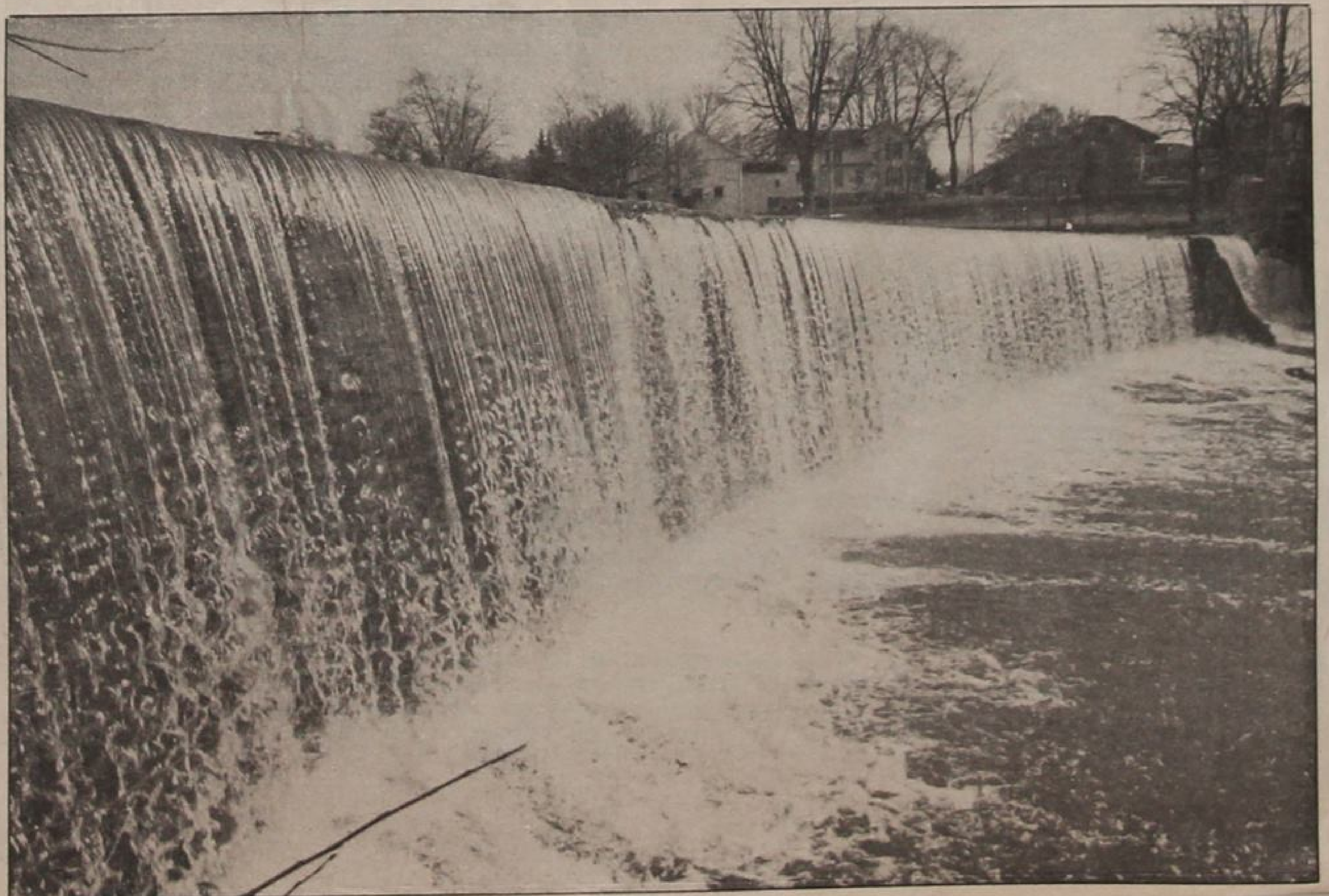
Mr. Pettigrew asked Mr. Oliver if the Treffry mill pond could have more importance placed on it in light of the LPRCA's increasing emphasis on water management. But Mr. Oliver said he

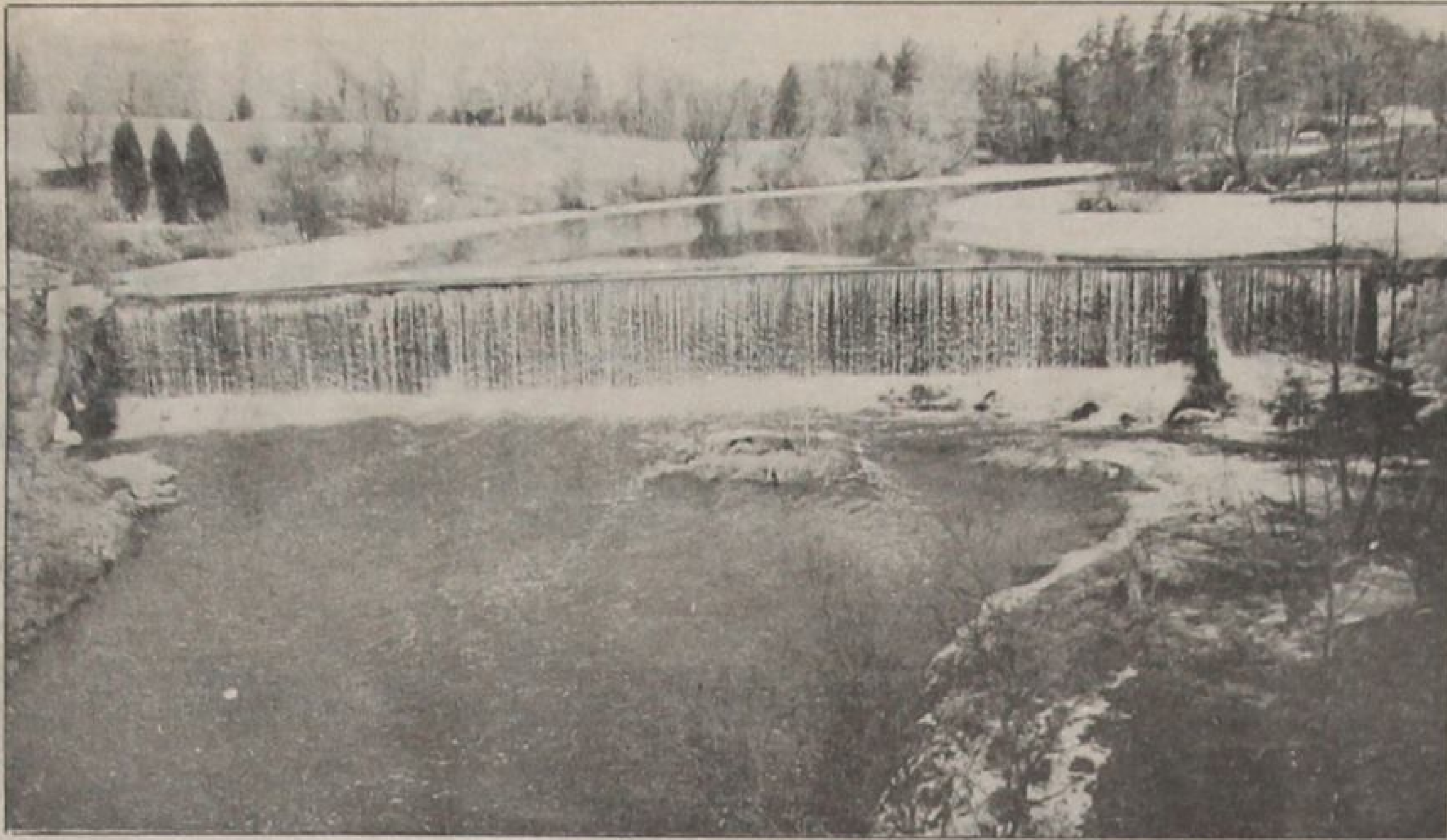
would be inclined to say no.

"We looked at it two years ago from the water management point of view and the message we received from the ministry of natural resources then was that the structure had very little value in terms of water management other than serving as a silt trap," he said. The Authority's priorities are coming more in line with water management and Mr. Oliver said he believed the conclusions on the dam and

mill pond would be the same today if studied again.

Mr. Pettigrew then questioned whether there would be any loss to the system if the dam wasn't there in Otterville, to which Mr. Oliver replied that there wouldn't, provided the silt was removed first. But he still offered no solutions for getting the silt and sediment out of there other than by flushing, which he pointed out again would be creating someone else problems.





Looks like spring

The Otterville dam, flowing quickly and glistening in the sunlight made it look more like it was spring than the middle of February on Sunday afternoon as sunny weather and warm, springlike temperatures prevailed. The ice and snow, also pictured from another winter, are what is normally found on visiting the dam at this time of year most winters. (NG Photo)



Photos by Suzanne Hanson

Mill lease gets approval

By SUZANNE HANSON

It's been almost four years since the issue of preserving the Treffry mill property in Otterville first came to the fore. And now, nearly two years after the mill property's purchase by Norwich Township, a lease has been signed by the municipality and the South Norwich Historical Society.

The historical society executive voted unanimously at its meeting Monday night to sign the 10-year agreement with the

township for the lease of the mill, the mill race and the accompanying lands south of Oxford County Road 19, said Rick Singer, chairman of the society's mill committee.

Norwich Township council approved a bylaw to execute the agreement with the historical society at its council meeting last month and the historical society executive and its mill committee gave approval to the lease after going over the terms of the agreement early this week.

With the lease in place, the historical society now has the mill restoration and preservation as its official project, under its control, and can concentrate on fund-raising projects to restore the grist mill built in 1845.

Because of the uncertainty surrounding the mill lease, the historical society was unable to make any long-term plans for the property, said Mr. Singer. The society also missed out on a few programs where grants were available to

carry out work on the mill because of the delays in obtaining an agreement with the township.

The township was initially reluctant to sign a leasing agreement with the historical society because the historical society is not incorporated directly, but through its association with the Ontario Historical Society (OHS). The society, however, has its own incorporation number through the OHS and should the South Norwich society disband, the OHS

would only hold the property until another historical society was found or formed to take over the mill.

Now that an agreement is in place, the mill committee has been broken down into four smaller sub-committees, each with individual responsibilities. One committee is in charge of fund-raising, another restoration, one in charge of grounds management and the other in charge of public relations and tours.

Mr. Singer said the mill committee is appealing to anyone in the township that might have any interest in the mill, or in helping in anyway, to get involved in the project. He can be reached at 842-3748.

He said some of the community's enthusiasm for the project has wavered because of the delays in getting an agreement and attention must now be turned to re-generating that interest in the project. One of the major projects already slated to raise funds for the mill's restoration is an auction of antique collectibles and other quality items, set for Monday, March 28 at 7:15

p.m. at the Norwich Township Community Centre.

The society already has \$9,000 for the mill restoration in a fund raised largely through the annual chicken barbecue held at the Treffry mill meadow. That barbecue will be held again this year on July 3.

Mr. Singer said he is now awaiting forms to apply for two federal government grants to carry out work on the mill.

Mr. Singer said the first year managing the mill will probably be pretty hectic and for that reason it will be open to the public on an appointment only basis. At present the society just wants to get a grasp on where they are going with the project and the work that needs to be done.

The 138-year-old wood-frame grist mill and accompanying property was bought by the township in 1981 for \$60,000 from its last owner Lorne Treffry. The purchase included the mill and its accompanying lands as well as the mill pond and dam north of Oxford County Road 19 which have remained in the control of the township.



Mill lease

A lease agreement has finally been approved by both Norwich Township council and members of the South Norwich Historical Society executive for the Treffry mill and accom-

panying property. The way is now paved for the society to undertake projects to restore the 138-year-old grist mill, believed to be the oldest in Ontario. (NG Photo)

THIS INDENTURE

made in duplicate this 10th day of September, A.D., 1982.

IN PURSUANCE OF THE SHORT FORMS OF LEASES ACT.

BETWEEN:

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF NORWICH,
Hereinafter called "the Lessor"
OF THE FIRST PART;

- and -

SOUTH NORWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
Hereinafter called "the Lessee"
OF THE SECOND PART;

WITNESSETH that in consideration of the rents, covenants and agreements hereinafter reserved and contained on the part of the Lessee, the Lessor doth demise and lease unto the Lessee all that parcel or tract of the land situate, lying and being in the Township of Norwich, in the County of Oxford and Province of Ontario and being that portion of those lands more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, lying south of "Main Street", Otterville, Ontario.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said demised premises for a term of Ten (10) Years, to be computed from the 1st day of October, 1982 and ending on the 30th day of September, 1992.

YIELDING AND PAYING therefore yearly and every year during the said term, unto the Lessor, the sum of ONE (\$1.00) Dollar to be payable on the 1st day of October during the currency of the within Lease, commencing on the 1st day of October, 1982.

PROVIDED HOWEVER that the term herein may be extended thereafter for an additional period of one-year by notice in writing from the Lessee to the Lessor, not less than 120 days prior to the date when this Lease would otherwise expire; such right to renewal to be successive from year to year until such time as such right to renewal is exercised or this Lease is otherwise terminated.

PROVIDED HOWEVER that the Lessor, after September 30, 1991, may on 150 days notice in writing to the Lessee, terminate this Lease together with any renewals thereof, said termination to be effective on the 30th day of September following the date of service of the notice to terminate. AND THE SAID Lessee covenants to repair, reasonable wear and tear and damage by fire, lightning and tempest only excepted; and not to cut down timber or trees of any kind, for any purpose whatsoever without the permission of the Lessor. AND THAT THE said Lessor may enter and view the state of repair, and that the said Lessee will repair according to notice in writing, reasonable wear and tear, and damage by fire, lightning and tempest only excepted. AND THE SAID Lessee will not assign or sublet without leave and leave may be arbitrarily refused by the Lessor in its sole and uncontrolled discretion. PROVIDED that the Lessee on the termination of this Lease shall not remove its fixtures. AND PROVIDED FURTHER that the Lessee shall use the demised premises as a historical site only together with such accessory uses as are normal thereto including sale of merchandise directly related to the site for fund-raising purposes only and for no other purpose. PROVISIO for re-entry by the Lessor on non-payment of rent or non-performance of covenants. IT BEING A CONDITION of this Lease, that in the event that the Lessee shall cease to exist, this Lease shall become void upon the Society ceasing to exist or in the event that the assets of the said Lessee shall immediately vest in the Ontario Historical Society, whichever event shall first occur. AND PROVIDED FURTHER that the Lessor makes no representations, warranties nor assumes any responsibility as to the availability of water to the hereinbefore demised premises.

AND PROVIDED FURTHER that by way of additional rent, the Lessee shall pay the Lessor upon demand that portion of the Lessor's blanket insurance coverage as established from time to time by the Lessor's Insurer, said Insurer to be chosen solely in the discretion of the Lessor.

IT IS HEREBY declared and agreed that this Indenture shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, respectively.

AND IT IS FURTHER AGREED that wherever the singular and masculine are used in this Indenture they shall be construed as if the plural or the neuter or feminine had been used, where the context or the party or parties hereto so require, and the rest of the sentence shall be construed as if the grammatical and terminological changes thereby rendered necessary had been made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said Corporation has hereunto set its Corporate Seal under the hands of those officers duly appointed.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED)	THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
)	OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH
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)	SOUTH NORWICH HISTORICAL
)	SOCIETY, as affiliated
)	with The Ontario
)	Historical Society
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)	Per:

ALL AND SINGULAR those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being

FIRSTLY: Composed of parts of Lots Ten and Eleven in the Eighth Concession and part of Lot Number Eleven in the Ninth Concession of the Township of Norwich, formerly the Township of South Norwich, in the County of Oxford and Village Lot One Hundred and Thirteen and part of Village Lot One Hundred and Fourteen, on the north side of Main Street, in the said Township of Norwich, formerly the Village of Otterville, in the Township of South Norwich, according to Ure's Plan No. 388 of the said Village, more particularly described as follows:-

PREMISING that the northerly boundary of Main Street as shown on Plan 388 has a bearing of $S78^{\circ} 30' W$ and relating all bearings herein thereto.

COMMENCING at the south-west angle of said Village Lot Number One Hundred and Fourteen, which is the angle formed by Main and Church Streets, in the said Village of Otterville;

THENCE Northerly along the east side of Church Street and the western limit of said Village Lot Number One Hundred and Fourteen to a point which would be located by the production easterly in a straight line of the south side of North Street to the east side of Church Street and the western limit of said Village Lot Number One Hundred and Fourteen;

THENCE Easterly one hundred and fifty-three feet to the high water mark of the Mill Pond, as shown on Plan 388, in the eastern limit of said Village Lot Number One Hundred and Fourteen;

THENCE Northerly fifteen hundred and seventy feet more or less along the westerly and southerly limit of high water mark of the Mill Pond, as shown on Plan 388, to Church Street;

THENCE Northerly across Sweet's Creek to the northerly limit of high water mark of Sweet's Creek, as shown on Plan 388;

THENCE in an easterly direction following the northern boundary of high water mark in Sweet's Creek down stream to and along the northern boundary of high water mark of the Mill Pond and to and along high water mark of Otter Creek up stream 3960 feet more or less to the western limit of the right of way of the Woodstock and Port Dover Railway as shown on Plan 388, which is near the eastern limit of said Lot Number Ten;

THENCE Southerly $11^{\circ} 30'$ Easterly across the said Otter Creek to the southern side of high water mark in the said Otter Creek as shown on Plan 388;

THENCE Westerly following high water mark along the southern side of the said Otter Creek and to and along high water mark along the south side of the Mill Pond 3630 feet more or less to the eastern limit of high water mark in the raceway leading from the said Mill Pond to the grist mill upon Lot Number Eleven, in the Ninth Concession of the said Township of South Norwich;

THENCE in a southerly direction following high water mark as shown on Plan 388, along the eastern side of the said raceway 132 feet more or less to the rear of the said Eighth Concession and the northern limit of Main Street;

THENCE Southerly $78^{\circ} 30'$ westerly along the northern limit of Main Street and the southern limits of Village Lots One Hundred and Thirteen and One Hundred and Fourteen, 264 feet more or less to the place of beginning,

EXCEPTING THEREOUT that part of Lot 114, Plan 388, in the Township of Norwich, formerly the Village of Otterville, in the Township of South Norwich, described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point in the westerly limit of the said Lot (being

the easterly limit of Church Street) which point is 255 feet northerly from the south west angle of the said Lot;

THENCE Easterly parallel with the southerly limit of the said Lot a distance of 100 feet more or less to the high water mark of the Mill Pond in the eastern limit of the said Lot;

THENCE Northerly along the south westerly limit of the high water mark of the Mill Pond to a point which would be intersected by a line drawn parallel with and 417 feet from the southerly limit of the said Lot;

THENCE Westerly parallel with the southerly limit of the said Lot a distance of 125 feet more or less to the westerly limit of the said Lot;

THENCE Southerly along the said limit 162 feet to the place of beginning.

AND SECONDLY: Part of Village Lot Number One Hundred and Forty-five on the south side of Main Street, Village Lot Number One Hundred and Forty-six and part of Village Lot One hundred and Forty-seven, on the west side of Albert Street and north side of Queen Street, according to Ure's Plan No. 388 and part of Village Lot Number One on the north side of Mill Street; ^{Plan 43} all in the said Township of Norwich, formerly the Village of Otterville, in the County of Oxford more particularly described as follows:-

COMMENCING at a point in the northern limit of said Village Lot Number One Hundred and Forty-five, which is the southern side of Main Street formed by the intersection of the said northern limit of Village Lot Number One Hundred and Forty-five with the easterly side of the aforesaid Mill Race at high water mark, as shown on Plan 388;

THENCE Southerly following high water mark along the eastern limit of the said Mill Race to a point sixty-six feet northerly from the southerly limit of said Village Lot Number One Hundred and Forty-five and the northerly limit of said Village Lot Number One Hundred and Forty-six;

THENCE Easterly parallel with the southern boundary of said Village Lot Number One Hundred and Forty-five and the southern boundary of said Village Lot Number One on the north side of Mill Street to a point in a direct line northerly from the west side of Albert Street in the said Village of Otterville;

THENCE Southerly to the southern limit of said Village Lot Number One and along the west side of Albert Street and the eastern limit of Village Lots One Hundred and Forty-six and One Hundred and Forty-seven, to the southern limit of Village Lot Number One Hundred and Forty-seven;

THENCE Westerly along the said last mentioned boundary to the western limit of said Village Lot Number One Hundred and Forty-seven;

THENCE Northerly along the western limit of said Village Lots Numbers One Hundred and Forty-seven, One Hundred and Forty-six and One Hundred and Forty-five, which is the line between Lots Eleven and Twelve in the Ninth Concession of the said Township to the northern limit of the said Lot One Hundred and Forty-five and the southern side of Main Street;

THENCE Easterly along the said last mentioned boundary to the place of beginning,

EXCEPTING THEREOUT that part of said village Lot Number One Hundred and Forty-seven formerly conveyed by Deed No. 14533 and more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the south-east angle of said Village Lot Number One

Hundred and Forty-seven;

THENCE Westerly along the southern boundary of said Village Lot Number One Hundred and Forty-seven, one hundred and seventy-three feet, more or less to the eastern high water mark of the east branch of the Otter Creek, as shown on Plan 388;

THENCE Northerly along the eastern high water mark of the said Otter Creek, one hundred and seventy-three feet;

THENCE Easterly to the eastern limit of said Village Lot Number One Hundred and Forty-seven;

THENCE Southerly along said last mentioned boundary, one hundred and seventy-three feet more or less to the place of beginning, said excepted parcel containing by admeasurement twenty-nine thousand, nine hundred and twenty-nine square feet.

Treffry Mill restoration can begin

NORWICH — At last, the South Norwich Historical Society has been given the green light to proceed with restoration of the Treffry Mill property in Otterville. At a meeting last Monday, the society's executive unanimously approved a 10-year lease agreement with the Township governing the mill

and accompanying property in the area. The agreement comes almost two years after the site was purchased by Norwich Township, Rick Singer, chairman of the mill committee, said.

The mill dates back to 1845 and the matter was first brought up about four years ago, Mr. Singer said. After the purchase, Norwich

Township needed some specifics cleared up before they would grant the lease to the society.

The dispute revolved around how the property would be handled should the Norwich society disband. As it stands now, should this happen, the Ontario Historical Society, of which the Norwich

society is an affiliate, will hold the property until another suitable society is formed.

Unfortunately, during the two-year dispute, the society was unable to take advantage of some grants which applied to their project. Consequently, they will now have to organize a series of fund-raising

projects to help pay for the necessary restoration. One such project is an auction of antiques at the Norwich Township Community Centre, March 28 at 7 p.m.

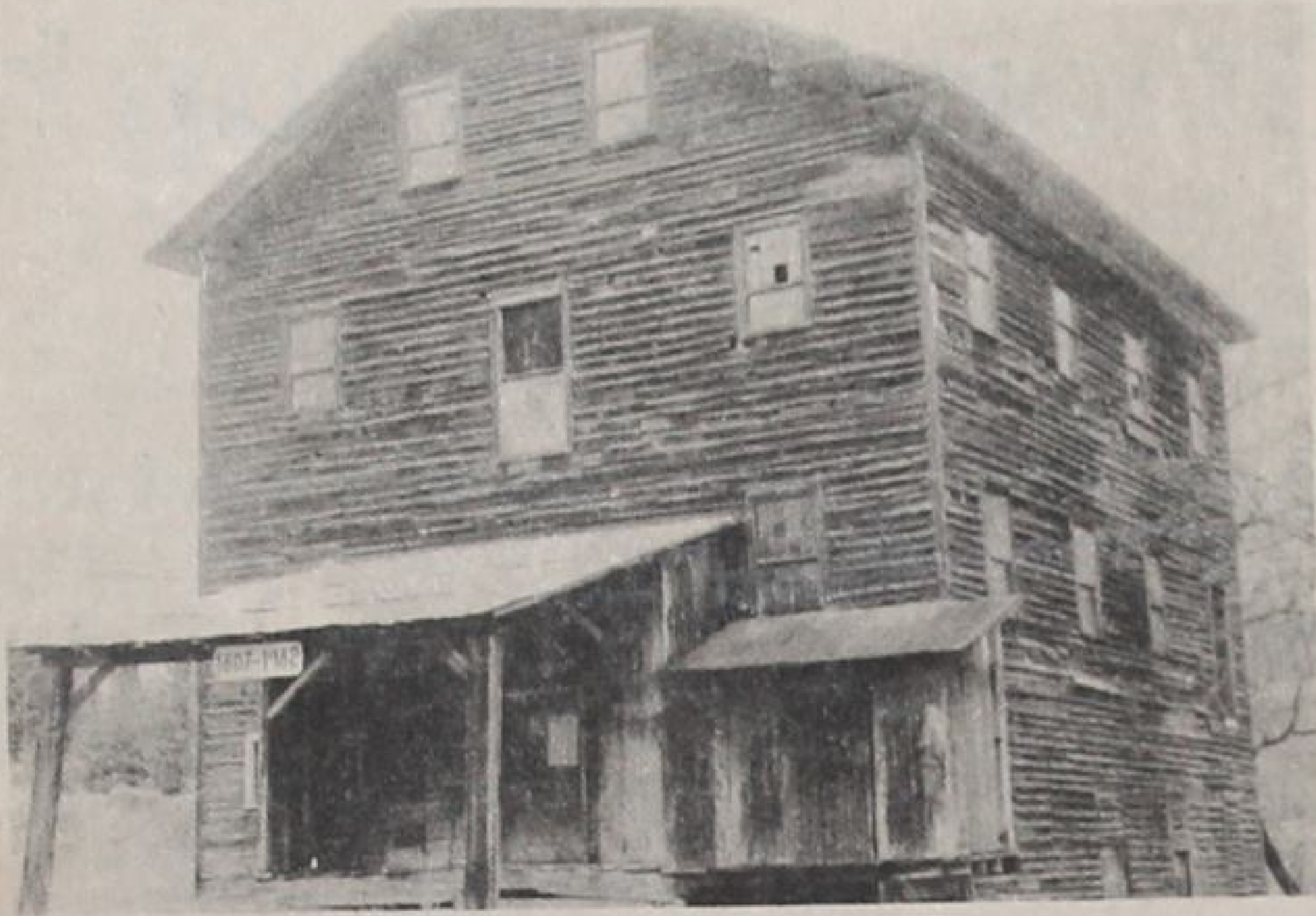
Another project will be the annual chicken barbecue at the Treffry property. This event is always a major

^{D.N.} success and contributed greatly to the society's \$9,000 reserve for the project. This year's barbecue will take place July 3, Mr. Singer said.

Anyone interested in offering their services to the society is urged to contact Mr. Singer at 842-3748.

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The Treffry Mill has finally been turned over to the South Norwich Historical Society after two years of debate with Norwich Township. The Township and the society have signed a 10-year lease agreement, meaning the society can now set about restoring the landmark. (Staff Photo)



Finally signed

It's been a long time coming but a lease agreement between Norwich Township and the South Norwich Historical Society for the Treffry mill in Otterville, has finally been signed. After working for two years to have the lease drawn up, the historical society representatives put their signatures to the lease, already signed by township officials, this week. Witnessing the signing were Rick

Singer (standing left) past-president of the historical society and chairman of the mill committee and Carl Howse, recording secretary of the historical society. Historical society president Lorne Treffry (seated, left) and treasurer Dave Hussey were first to put their signatures on the lease documents. The historical society now assumes responsibility for the mill's restoration and upkeep. (NG Photo)

Highlight railroad development

An interesting account of the development of the railroad in the Norwich Township area was recounted by Joyce Pettigrew at the regular meeting of the South Norwich Historical Society held Monday, Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. at the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre in Otterville.

Mrs. Pettigrew, a member of the local society as well as an executive member of the Ontario Historical Society, in

speaking of the history of the railroad highlighted the colorful life of Samuel Zimmerman who was the centre of a controversy surrounding the building of the Woodstock to Lake Erie line.

Following Mrs. Pettigrew's talk, historical society president Lorne Treffry presided over the business portion of the

meeting. Among the topics discussed were the presentation to be made to students at the Otterville Public School on Feb. 23 in honor of Heritage Day and a bus trip being planned for early October.

The society is also conducting a membership drive and each member was asked to try to find two new members for the

society in honor of Heritage Day.

The mill committee, which is overseeing the Treffry mill project, reported that their membership has increased slightly since the signing of the mill lease with the township but more new members are still more than welcome. Those interested can contact Rick

Singer or Dave Hussey. The mill committee's next meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. at Woodlawn.

The South Norwich Historical Society will meet again on March 14 at 8 p.m. at Woodlawn with Ken Peers guest speaker to talk on the history of the Stage Road and East Oxford.

Lions cease operating community park

OTTERVILLE (C) - The regular meeting of the Norwich - Otterville Lions Club was held in the community hall, Otterville, Monday evening, Feb. 28th. Lion president Colin Cope presided.

There were 45 in attendance with seven visitors from Langton and three from the Waterford club.

It was announced that the Lions club has ceased the operation of the community park in Otterville, in compliance with the recent task force recommendation to the Norwich Township council.

Lion Paul Wood outlined plans for the fall carnival. There will be a draw for a 1983 Buick Regal made at that time. The Lions were informed that the South Norwich Historical Society will be holding an auction sale of antiques and clean saleable articles in the Norwich community centre, at 7:15 p.m., Monday, March 28.

Lion Fred Thompson announced that plans are complete for the annual fish-fry, to be held in the Norwich community centre, Saturday, March

26. There are still some tickets available from any Lion member. The Lions ATC Honda draw will be held at this time.

Deputy District Governor Chester McNall, from the Waterford Lion's club spoke to the club asking for support in his bid for District Governor.

Lion Don Robertson from the Langton Lion's Club was also in attendance, speaking to the club asking support for election as Zone chairman of Zone 4 West.

Nominations for executives for the coming year were as follows: - Past president - Colin Cope; president - Les Dickson; 1st vice-president - Jack Walther; 2nd vice-president - Paul Wood; 3rd vice-president - Gary Walther; Secretary - Grant Orth; treasurer - Bill Orth; one year directors - Ray O'Neill, Art Van de Byl; two year directors - John Sandham, Fred Thompson; Tail Twister - Jim Poole; Lion Tamer - Dave Beam.

The convention draw prize was won by Lion Ted Gignac of the Waterford Club.

Special activities for Girl Guides

OTTERVILLE (C) - The Otterville Brownies and Guides parents' committee met Thursday, Feb. 10, to arrange upcoming events. President Bonnie Smith presided.

The Thinking Day program will be incorporated with the Anglican Church Service on Sunday, Feb. 20 at 9:30 a.m.

Parents were also invited to attend World Friendship Fashions at the Town Centre Mall, Friday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 26, with shows at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. This will be a fashion show of Girl Guide and Girl Scout uniforms from other countries around the world. Music will be provided by a combined choir formed from district units.

A Spring Bake Sale was planned for Saturday, April 23, in Otterville, and the Mother and Daughter Banquet was set for Monday, May 9, to be held at the Anglican Church,

Otterville at 6:30 p.m.

Information on a Summer Camp and a Wonderland excursion was also passed on.

Parents were reminded that orders were now being taken for Girl Guide cookies with deliveries to be made at the end of April.

Sunshine Club

OTTERVILLE (C) - Ten members of the Sunshine Club met at the home of Lily Chisholm's.

The roll call was "If I had my life to live over again I would." Cards were read, thanking the Club for remembrances.

Pancake luncheon plans were finalized. It will be held on Feb. 15 at the Anglican Church.

Marge Pearce thanked the hostess and Dorothy Wardell for the lovely lunch.

The next meeting on Feb. 24 will be held at Marg Shearer's with Inge Irie on lunch and Nancy Batson on roll call.

Dinner success

OTTERVILLE (C) - Eleven members of the Sunshine Club held their regular meeting at the home of Margaret Shearer on Thursday evening.

Roll call, suggested by Nancy Batson, was responded to by members sharing a piece of memory work enjoyed at school. Cards of thanks were read, as well as the minutes of the last meeting. A new press reporter was

selected, the post going to Marion Pettigrew.

The Sunshine Club, who sponsored the pancake dinner in the St. John's Parish Hall recently, was delighted with the response from the town and country.

Proceeds will go towards the playground in the community park. Special thanks to President Sandra Hussey, and all members involved.

Change meeting date

OTTERVILLE (C) - The members of the Otterville Leisure Club held their regular meeting at Woodlawn Community Centre last Wednesday with a small attendance.

President Annie Pritchard opened the meeting and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read by the secretary Violet Cole.

Correspondence was also read, which included a thank you note from the

Salvation Army, Tillsonburg, thanking the Club for its donation of canned goods and cash donations at Christmas.

An invitation was also read from the family of Colin and Alice Robinson of Stoney Creek inviting the Club members and friends to share with them in celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary of their parents to be held at Stoney Creek, March 6. Partial plans were made for this in regard to

transportation.

Due to a change to be made in the day of meeting, it was decided members have their club meeting on Tuesday starting Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 1:30 p.m.

Plans were finalized in regard to the social part of the meeting.

Following the business, a few games of cards were played by the ladies while the men played pool in the recreation room.

Church ladies plan spring fling luncheon

OTTERVILLE (C) - The Otterville United Church Women held an evening meeting on Feb. 17 in the church Sunday School rooms. President Jean Gehring opened the meeting with a poem, "A Little Bit of Heaven" and the U.C.W. Purpose.

The business dealt with concerned the Otterville U.C.W. "Spring Fling", a Luncheon and Bake Sale, which is to be held on April 28. Another date to be

remembered is March 4 when World Day of Prayer will be celebrated through a service held at the Otterville Anglican Church at 8 p.m.

Donna and Mary Murray, conveners of the meeting, conducted the devotions. Edith Petch read a poem, "Friend or Acquaintance" and Donna Murray followed with "Conversation With A Muddy Boy". Everyone joined in the hymn "Take

Time To Be Holy" accompanied by Jean Little at the piano.

An interesting Bible Study, on the topic of "Controlling Your Anger", was directed by Jean Stewart. Mary Murray then briefly spoke on her work at the Norwich Archives.

The meeting was closed with the hymn "Just As I Am" and prayer.

A social hour over coffee and cookies followed.

Missionary fellowship

holds family night

OTTERVILLE (C) - The Women's Missionary Fellowship of Otterville Baptist Church held its annual Family Night in the Sunday School room of the church on Friday evening, Feb. 4.

The program opened with the playing of several games and relays including all ages.

The president Wilma Butler opened the devotional part of the meeting by reading I John 4:10 and 21 and 3:18 which told about "love," the theme for the evening. She quoted a saying - "The badge of a loving heart is a life full of loving acts and services."

Mrs. Butler welcomed the families and friends of the church and said this was the 22nd Family Night the ladies group had had. With Dwight Davis at the piano, in place of the regular pianist, Cheryl Hansford, several choruses were sung followed by prayer.

The next meeting is March 1 at 8 p.m. with Audrey Finkebinder of Christian Service Centres as guest speaker. Letters were read from our missionaries - the Roy Hiron's and Herbert Pollard's.

The beautiful love story, from the Old Testament about Naomi and her two

daughters-in-law, was acted out by Mrs. Fred Hill, Mrs. David Spencer and Mrs. Dwight Davis.

Mrs. Earl Cooper gathered the small children around her and told them a story entitled "The Three Wishes," followed by the singing of "Jesus Loves Me" and "Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World." Everyone joined in singing favorite hymns of "Love."

Mrs. Butler asked everyone to join in serving themselves to a delicious buffet supper, prepared by the ladies under the direction of the social committee Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Ken Lee and Mrs. Jack Walters.

Making ribbon corsages demonstrated to WI

OTTERVILLE (C) - Elaine Oliver was the guest speaker at the February meeting of the Women's Institute, held at the home of Lurene McMullen last Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Mrs. Oliver, devoted in her work of making ribbon corsages, gave a brief prelude of her work stating how she started this work as a very young child. Being encouraged by her mother and relatives, and later on in life taking a course in this work at Fanshawe, she accomplished her desires and for the past few years has been a very busy lady.

Though Mrs. Oliver has always been active, especially with her hands, she attends Woodstock market regularly as well as receiving numerous invitations to Institutes and other group meetings. In showing the members how these dainty pieces could be made, the ladies were given the opportunity to make one for themselves.

The speaker was thanked by the president who presented her with a container for flowers.

The president Olive Pickersgill opened the meeting with the Ode Collect, followed with the Lord's Prayer. Roll call

was also answered by "naming your favourite flower."

Coffee and muffins awaited the members on their arrival, served by Orris Beecroft who assisted Mrs. McMullen.

In the business hour, Anna Treffry announced the March meeting on Agriculture would be held at Woodlawn on the second Friday, March 11, at 8 p.m. The guest speaker will be Gary Stephens from the ministry of agriculture and food, Woodstock. He will speak and show pictures on erosion. The meeting will be open to anyone interested.

obituary

MICHAEL FURLONG

Thomas Michael Furlong, president of Huron Park Secondary School student council in 1978, died Thursday in Edmonton as a result of a traffic accident. He was 24.

The Edmonton resident was born in Otterville and had lived in Woodstock. He was a graduate of Huron Park, and attained a marketing degree from Fanshawe College.

He had been employed with the A.C. Neilson Company in Edmonton.

Surviving are his fiance, Heather Gregory; parents, Thomas and Alma Furlong, Woodstock; one sister, Mrs. Colin (Mary Lynn) Hutchinson, RR 1, Burgessville; one nephew, Matthew Ryan Hutchinson; grandparents, Mrs. Rose Kumm, Tillsonburg and Mrs. Mary Furlong, Otterville.

Also surviving are several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Resting at the Ostrander's Funeral Home, Tillsonburg for funeral service on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. with Rev. Grant Darling of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, officiating.

Interment at the Otter cemetery, Otterville.

Visitation to commence on Sunday at 2 p.m.



MICHAEL FURLONG

Thomas Michael Furlong

Funeral service for the late Thomas Michael Furlong of 17728, 81st Ave., Edmonton, Alta., formerly of Woodstock and Otterville, who passed away on February 3, 1983, was held at the Ostrander's Funeral Home, Tillsonburg on February 8 at 1:30 p.m. conducted by Rev. Grant Darling of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville.

Pallbearers were Greg Richardson, Randall Pettigrew, David Davis, Brian Mooreland, Larry Hargreaves and Joe Webb. Interment in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

LEWIS - Rick and Sue are happy to announce the safe arrival of their first child, Sarah Emily Mary, weighing 7 lbs. 11 ozs. at T.D.M.H. Proud grandparents are Grant and Doreen Mountain and Clarence and Barb Lewis. We'd like to thank Dr's. Narancsik and Ort and all the girls on 3rd floor. 5

Farmers lose in blue mold suit

A ruling that "all responsible parties appear to have acted in good faith to the best of their ability and without negligence on the basis of knowledge available at the time," came as a blow to the 102 uninsured tobacco farmers who filed suit against the government for compensation after an outbreak of blue mold destroyed their crops in 1979.

Mr. Justice Allison Walsh found in a ruling issued Wednesday that while the outbreak which destroyed \$75 million worth of the Ontario tobacco crop may have been caused by seedlings imported from the U.S., he could not establish any neglect in the federal government's handling of the seedlings.

He said that for the farmers to win damages under the Crown Liability Act "there must be evidence of fault or negligence in order to make the defendant responsible and there is no such evidence in the present case."

The farmers maintained the blue mold originated from contaminated seedlings brought in from the U.S. and that the government, knowing the plants came from an area of contamination, should have banned or at least quarantined the shipment. The shipment entered Canada at Windsor on June 3, 1979 without being inspected and was sent on to a Delhi Nursery where the plants were distributed to farmers before any government in-

spectors arrived.

Walsh ruled that while the inspection "was somewhat handicapped" by the nursery's premature delivery of the seedlings, the check carried out by government inspectors in the fields "appears to have been orderly and thorough ... and it appears very doubtful that any wrong advice was given in the light of the situation that prevailed in 1979.

"It would seem to be an excessive exercise of discretion by an inspector to order the quarantining of the entire truckload of plants which were being legally imported, in the absence of any regulation preventing this, merely because they originated from an area

where the existence of blue mold is known," he said.

Crown lawyer A.C. Pennington had argued the blue mold outbreak was not caused by the imported seedlings at all but by windblown spores which travelled north from Cuba.

Walsh said that while no one will be able to prove with complete certainty what caused the epidemic, he found it difficult to accept the crown's theory that the source was windblown spores.

Growers, notified by phone that the judge had ruled against them, are waiting to hear from their lawyer, Mr. Alan Lenczner who is studying the 54-page federal court decision to determine if an appeal is possible.

Tobacco board's first chairman dies

Jesse Frank Gray of RR 2, Tillsonburg, associated with the tobacco industry since 1935, passed away at University Hospital, London, on Friday, February 25, 1983, in his 76th year.

Mr. Gray was born in Danville, Va., November 11, 1907, son of the late John Gray and the former Lucy Goodson. He came to Canada in 1930, to Kingsville, and worked for 13 years as grader for Consolidated Leaf. In 1945 he purchased a farm in the Tillsonburg area. He was associated in founding and was first chairman of the Ontario Flue Cured Tobacco Growers Marketing Board, 1957-58. He was a director until 1960 and was instrumental in designing the auction warehouse plans and in the actual construction of the tobacco warehouses in 1957. He resigned to found and be president of Delta Leaf Tobacco Company, Tillsonburg. Mr. Gray was a member of St. Mary's R.C. Church, Tillsonburg; a charter member of Tillsonburg Knights of Columbus Council 3212 and was very active in community work. He was on the committee of the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital building fund.

On October 26, 1982 he celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary.

Surviving are his wife the former Gertrude Pearce; two daughters Mrs. Kevin (Patricia) Martin of London and Mrs. Allan (Frances) Warden of Hamilton; two brothers Henry and Tom of Danville, Va.; three sisters, Mary Merricks and Ruby Blankenship, both of Virginia and Myrtle Preston of Mississippi; and four grandchildren Kelly, Stephanie and Jacqueline Martin and Clara Warden.

He was predeceased by three brothers James, Clyde and Lester of North Carolina and by two sisters Mable and Kitty.

Resting at the H.D. Verhoeve Funeral

Home, Tillsonburg, until Tuesday, March 1, thence to St. Mary's R.C. Church for Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. said by Rev. Fr. Mike Langan.

Interment in Tillsonburg Cemetery.

Prayers were said Sunday evening at 7 o'clock and K of C prayers will be said tonight (Monday) at 7:30 at the Funeral Home.

Memorial donations to the charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated by the family.



JESSE FRANK GRAY

Jesse Frank Gray

Funeral Mass for the late Jesse Frank Gray of RR 2, Tillsonburg, who passed away on February 25, 1983, was said at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Tillsonburg, on March 1 at 10 a.m. by Rev. Fr. Mike Langan.

Prayers were said at the H.D. Verhoeve Funeral Home, Tillsonburg on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock by Rev. Fr. Langan. Knights of Columbus prayers were said Monday evening at 7:30 by Rev. Fr. Eordogh, Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Tillsonburg Council 3212.

In attendance at the Funeral Home on Monday evening were Most Rev. J.M. Sherlock and Fr. Jim Drouillard, both of London. Priests attending the Funeral Mass were Fr. A.P. Spencer of Sacred Heart, Langton, Rev. Fr. Fred Doll of Kingsville and Msgr. F.J. Lavery of London. Members of the Knights of Columbus and past presidents and buyers connected with the Tobacco Marketing Association stood a Guard of Honor for the largely attended services at the Funeral Home, Church and Cemetery. Honor Guard members included Remi Miggins, Joe Mooney, Julius Koteles, Steve Matisz, Harry Demarest, Andrew Zei, Rene DeLodder, Roger Vermeersch, Walter Zamecnik, Karl Van-Moerkerke, Jim Gysbers and Paul Van Wynsberghe.

Pallbearers were Ken Emerson, Ralph Vuylsteke, Philip Pearce, George Demeyere, Ed Storey and Harry VanDen-Biggelaar.

Interment in Tillsonburg Cemetery.



from province

Township wants more funds

By SUZANNE HANSON

Norwich Township may be getting shortchanged by the province on the amount of subsidy it is getting in comparison to other municipalities.

Councillors are hoping a meeting with ministry of transportation and communications (MTC) representatives will shed some light on the matter. In considering the 1983 roads budget, presented by roads superintendent Ron Smith at last Wednesday's council meeting, it was decided to withhold final approval of certain budget items until after the meeting with MTC officials.

The preliminary budget presented by Mr. Smith totalled \$919,500 with \$369,000 of that amount provincial subsidy. Mr. Smith said the MTC sets the amount of subsidy the township will receive and "most of the time we argue that it wasn't enough." He said the township needs more to operate properly and hopes the meeting with the MTC will mean a change in that subsidy which hasn't changed in recent years.

"It's not keeping up with inflation," said Mr. Smith, and that has meant the township has had to keep

tightening its belt and concentrate more on just maintaining what it has.

He said other funds are available in supplementary funds from the MTC but they are only available for new construction, equipment, or housing for equipment. Last year no subsidy was applied for by the township as a proposed project for a central shed for the township was scrapped, said Mr. Smith.

This year the township will be making application for a \$20,000 supplementary grant toward the purchase of a new dump truck, already purchased by the township. But a further request for supplementary funds totalling \$30,000 for construction of a new hard top road was tabled until council can further study the budget.

In the present budget, \$852,000 goes toward maintenance projects and \$60,000 is earmarked for new hard top resurfacing. Mr. Smith pointed out that without the \$30,000 supplementary funds he was suggesting in the budget, the paving would not be carried out this year.

Other areas of the maintenance budget included \$20,000 for spot improvements, small jobs

throughout the township, with \$7,000 to cover the overhead costs. Another \$120,000 was set aside for gravel road resurfacing.

An additional \$210,000 covers the overhead for staff wages, benefits and equipment, representing a decrease from last year's \$237,000. The budget also includes \$30,000 for municipal drain work and \$45,000 for snow removal.

Mr. Smith pointed out that the township's portion of the maintenance budget amounts to \$483,500 while the MTC puts in only \$369,000 in subsidy money.

There was also considerable discussion by council on the merits of paving versus gravelling the side roads in the township.

While councillor Donald Pettigrew felt the rebuilding and paving of the Cornell Road should be a priority included in the budget Councillor John McNally felt money already set aside for hard top resurfacing would be better used in gravelling the concession roads.

"How do we arrive at the priorities for resurfacing," asked Mr. Pettigrew. He pointed out the Cornell Road had the second highest traffic count of any township road and felt it should take priority over the hard topping of other roads in the township. "Why are we talking about hard topping a road that carries 130 cars when we have a road carrying 500 cars that's in bad condition?" he asked.

Mr. Smith said in an interview later, one-third of the work (the cheapest part) has been done on the Cornell Road. The next

phase will involve the removal and replacement of the existing road and will cost between \$70,000 to \$100,000. For that reason it would have to be done in phases. He said the road has been in the same shape for the last five years, but he admitted the need is there if council wants to reexamine the project. Proposed work on the road in last year's budget was shelved because of the cost.

Mr. Smith said during the budget discussion with council that some patching will go on the Cornell Road as required, but that is all that has been budgeted at present.

"I know the dollar situation is tight but because it is tight we should be spending our dollars where they are required," said Mr. Pettigrew.

Councillor Hardee Richardson said he only learned that day in council that one piece of hard top is to be placed on the Middletown line which runs in front of his farm. "Before I was on council it was always tradition that the councillor has his road paved and that's the part that bothers me," said Mr. Richardson. He said council should work on priorities.

The chairman of the public works committee

Jack Lester pointed out that in the last two years, all of the hard top work has been done on the Cornell Road and very little elsewhere. "Personally it seems it's not necessary to spend money throughout the township but it's not a bad thing," he said.

"If you've got something, don't let it go down," he said. "You have to do the roads that are ready for pavement." However, Mr. McNally pointed out there are a lot of concession roads that are going backward in the township and he suggested putting the \$60,000 slated for hard top into gravelling those roads. The roads that are already built up aren't going to go

that quickly, he said. "That \$60,000 would just about double our gravelling program and instead of 17 miles you could do about 30 miles."

Mr. Smith told council that the MTC would only approve the extra money under new construction and not maintenance. And since gravelling qualifies as maintenance, the extra \$60,000 would not be eligible for supplementary funds.

Councillor Larry Martin said he agreed the money would go farther for gravel "but if we don't get the subsidy for maintenance and we can get the subsidy for hard top, maybe we should look that way."

Mr. Pettigrew further suggested a roads tour be planned so all councillors

could see the roads in the township and "take a look at what we're spending the

money on." That tour was tentatively set for early in March.

Looking Back

March 28, 1968
15 years ago

There were nine tables in play at the Legion sponsored euchre. The winners - ladies high, Jean Know; runner-up Marion Ward; lone hands Betty Pollard; ladies low Katie Cayley; men's high Tom Guadrigh; runner-up, John Thompson; lone hands Allan Carroll; men's low Doug Smart.

Economics and Development Minister Stanley J. Randall announced that \$369,000 in loans will be granted to Powell Agri-Systems Ltd., of Otterville, under the Provinces equalization of Industrial Opportunity Program.

March 26, 1953
30 years ago

Messrs. Byers and Wenn have disposed of their property on Main Street East, to Andrew Forbes and in future will display their light hardware and trim at their west end yard.

There is considerable sickness in the village and district. Many are suffering from flu and it is of a rather savage nature. All doctors in the district are being almost driven off their feet.

Roger Hinde, a Grade 13 student has been chosen as Norwich District High's representative to this year's Leader's Club.

Drawing plans

The engineer for the Norwich Township industrial park will be drawing up plans for the partial servicing of the park in anticipation of purchasers' interest in buying sites in the 7.5 acre park.

According to Clerk - Administrator Bob Watkins, the engineer is preparing plans for a partial servicing of the first two lots which would take the road, sewers and water supply to those first lots only.

Mr. Watkins said the engineer does not believe there will be any problems with such a proposal and is now preparing to present it to the county council and the ministry of environment for approval. He will then bring the designs to council before proceeding any further.

The mayor and clerk - administrator have also met with an industrial planning consultant who has advised them that he is

very receptive to the idea of partial servicing.

Councillor Jack Lester agreed with the idea of partial servicing but questioned whether council wouldn't be limiting the lots that are for sale by doing so. Mr. Watkins replied that the first four lots would be available for sale, with two to the east and two on the west side of the road into the park.

Later in the meeting council entertained a request from Norwich and District Historical Society director Don MacPherson regarding the vacant barn on the site of the industrial park.

Mr. MacPherson informed council the historical society will be losing its present storage location by the end of April and asked whether they would be able to make use of the barn at the industrial park for storage purposes.

No decision was made by council on the request.

Old Otterville bakery problem for council

Pressure from local residents has prompted Norwich Township council to take a positive step toward resolving the problem of the former

Spicer's Bakery property on the Main Street of Otterville.

The property, now owned by Floyd Kyte of Tillsonburg, has deteriorated to the point where it could be considered a fire hazard. The property was registered more than a year ago for tax arrears and now that the redemption period of one year has expired, council is proceeding to take action to obtain the property's clean-up.

At their council meeting Monday, councillors approved a motion to instruct the township fire chief to inspect the property and advise the present owner (Mr. Kyte) to remove any material considered to be a fire hazard to make the property safe within a time period to be suggested by the fire chief after he completes his inspection.

Councillor Bob Carney, who voiced concern earlier in the meeting with regard to the township's position on the property, urged that the action be taken to clear up the property and make it safe.

The township's clerk-administrator Bob Watkins said after the meeting, the Kyte property is only one of three in the township in similar situations, all three having been registered for tax arrears at the same time. The other two properties are the Sollinger Industries property, in the east end of Otterville, which is now in the hands of the public trustee, and the Eastwood trailer park in the north end of the township.

Once the redemption period has expired, the normal proceedings would be to apply to the ministry of municipal affairs and housing asking permission to dispose of the properties either through sale or the township's acquiring ownership if there is a need for the property to be owned by the township.

However, because of a unique problem with each of the three properties, the matters have been placed in the hands of the township's solicitor to avoid any potential legal problems with the properties' dispositions.

Norwich wants updating on road needs study

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By SUZANNE HANSON

Norwich Township will have to update its road needs study if it wants to try and get more money from the ministry of transportation and communications (MTC).

In speaking to township council at its meeting

Monday the district municipal engineer for the MTC, T.A. Hickey, told council the township's provincial roads subsidy is based on the needs outlined in the Road Needs Study carried out for the township in 1977. If those needs are increased, the allocation of funds in-

creases with them, said Mr. Hickey, but the present needs study indicates the township roads are in good shape.

"The only way to get the allocation up is to do a complete review of your road needs," said Mr. Hickey. And one of the major factors in a review of road needs involves updating the traffic volumes listed for the different areas of the township.

Mr. Hickey said at the time the road needs study was carried out in 1977 the study indicated there are a lot of roads with a low traffic count, particularly in the north end of the township. Roads with traffic volumes lower than 100 in the average annual daily traffic count (AADT) are relegated to the status of a maintenance position only and many of those roads are in the north end of the township.

However, Councillor Hardee Richardson pointed out that a mall has developed north of Oxford Centre since the 1977 study and they are now getting more traffic in the area. He said there has also been concern voiced to him by residents that the Stage Road, linking Oxford Centre to Highway 59, is a historical road and the only link from the highway to the village, suggesting the road should be improved.

Mr. Richardson said he would like to see the traffic count redone across the township because there have been changes in the past six years.

And referring to the statement by Mr. Hickey that suggested township roads are in pretty good shape, Mr. Richardson responded that "maybe you should take our road tour."

While Mr. Hickey agreed some of roads labelled as deficient in the road needs study might now be in the "now" position as far as their needs go, he didn't think there were enough such situations to greatly affect the township's allocation.

Mr. Hickey said another way to free up more funds for maintenance and construction would be to reduce the township's overhead in the roads department. "I have a running comparison of your overhead charges per kilometre," said Mr. Hickey, "and they are relatively high."

By amalgamating the present three garages into one, the township would save on equipment and staff and reduce the overhead. The general overhead includes the cost of equipment, staff and maintaining the garages and the cost per kilometre in Norwich Township is relatively higher than in other municipalities, he said.

Norwich Township Council Briefs

Request for funds

A request for funds from the Norwich Golden Age Club will be considered at budget time Norwich Township council decided at its meeting Monday. The request for \$5,000 was made to aid the senior citizens building project, planned for Norwich.

Minor variance

A minor variance requested by Joseph and Margaret Bradford of Norwich was approved by council at its meeting Monday. The minor variance which allows the Bradfords less than the required frontage and area requirements, is a condition of severance approved by the county. The lot being severed by the Bradfords, located on Stover Street North and North Court Streets, has seven feet less than the required frontage and is deficient by 77 square feet in its area.

Zone change

Township council approved in principle a zone change Monday for Ivan Cunningham, to change the zoning on a 1.6 acre parcel from agricultural (A-2) to special industrial (M-2) to permit the property to be used as a farm drainage contractor's drainage yard. The property, located in the former North Norwich Township, southwest of Norwich, is in an agricultural area, and more or less isolated from neighbors.

Tourism promoted

A ministry of tourism representative, Chris George, will be invited to some future council meeting to present a film to council on Municipal Tourism Awareness. Groups from the community will be invited to attend the meeting to view the 12-minute film and presentation showing how tourism can be promoted.

Consider funds

Norwich Township council is to give consideration to providing \$3,000 in its 1983 budget to aid in bearing the expenses incurred in advertising and promoting the township's annual Canada Week celebrations. Money has been allocated by the township the past two years for the celebrations, which this year focus on Burgessville for July 1.

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Route to the past

By JOANNE MOULTON

In the year 1863, a John Aikman of North Norwich Township patented an invention for "a Rocker for the more convenient pouring of liquids out of large pots or vessels." Mr. Aikman felt it would be of "great practical utility, in its application to the pouring of tea or coffee, when necessary to be made in large quantities." The creation was to be known as "Aikman's Rocket."

It was the opinion of Aikman that to lift a heavy pot or liquid-filled vessel required a great deal of exertion. The object of the invention was to save this labor by simply tilting the pot letting the liquid escape rendering "easy and pleasant what has heretofore been toilsome and troublesome."

This was accomplished by placing the vessel on a stand or foundation and affixing a crossbar with grooves to the stand allowing the vessel to be tilted for pouring; the crossbar providing support and accounting for the Rocker motion in order to pour out its contents.

Aikman's patent also included an iron drawer under the stand to house a heater or charcoal fire to keep the liquid warm. However, the drawer was not essential and could easily be removed if not needed.

Aikman also pointed out that the pouring vessel could be constructed of any form and size and need not be confined to the pouring of tea or coffee, but any other liquid whatever "and will be found of great service in Groceries, Stores, Taverns and all other places wherever it may be necessary, to keep any larger quantity of any kind of liquid on hand for the purpose of being dealt out in smaller quantities."

The peculiar principle that made this invention different consisted in the crossbar and grooves, which constitute the Rocker, distinguishing it from any other pouring apparatus at that time. Over 100 years ago this item would certainly have been considered a luxury, albeit for some a most convenient and useful luxury but a luxury nonetheless. Today, however, such a contraption would seem cumbersome and tricky, what with our quick convenient pour spouts and dispensers. How quickly and easily we take life's little luxuries for granted.

Aikman's rocker



Bad year for H.S.

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By SUZANNE HANSON

This year is shaping up to be a bad one financially for the Norwich and District Historical Society as it struggles to maintain its operations with declining funds.

A change in the system for awarding provincial grants has meant the grant to the historical society has dropped to less than \$400 in comparison to the \$11,000 the society received last year to aid in the staffing

and operation of the museum complex and archives in Norwich.

"The past year has been rough on us," said historical society director Don MacPherson at a Norwich Township council meeting Monday. "The province has changed the rules and cut our operating grants considerably," he said. Combined with that fact was a bad year for the society's major fund-raising event - the annual historical show - which just managed to break even due to poor weather last year.

Mr. MacPherson informed council Monday that up until last year when the criteria were changed, the historical society applied for grants on the basis of their income.

That system left the historical society "fairly comfortable" in terms of the assistance they received from the province, he said.

But the change meant the grant this year had to be based on the complex's operating expenses which could not include the running of the historical

show as the province considers it to be a self-supporting event. That, combined with the fact that last year's grant of \$11,000 had to be deducted from the current grant, meant the historical society received less than \$400 from the province this year, leaving the historical society in the position where it is operating on a day-to-day basis.

Mr. MacPherson said the archives and museum have also lost four or five of their staff due to health and other reasons and they are now down to about two staff members who will stay on. One of those is only staying on to train a new person, however, he said.

And the work at the complex is also getting to be more than casual, part-time help can handle, said Mr. MacPherson. The society is thus seriously considering the creation of a full-time position to handle the management and curatorial duties of the museum complex.

That full-time position would also require more funds and Mr. MacPherson approached council Monday to set out the society's position and ask for council's support. At present the part-time museum and archives staff only receives an honorarium.

He said the society's president Lavern Irving has applied on their behalf for funds under the Canada-Ontario Employment Development program (COED) but he said he may have applied for more than the society can handle at this point in time. Mr. MacPherson said the society initially viewed the COED program as a means of getting some funds to carry out the essential work around the museum complex but Mr. Irving applied for substantial funds for such things as major building

projects and renovations. "I don't see much possibility of getting the capital for it (a major building project)," said Mr. MacPherson but he is hoping the society will be able to obtain funds to hire some people to carry out labor intensive jobs that will require little in the way of funds for materials.

It was pointed out that Mr. Irving also approached county council, without the backing of the society's directors, to ask for \$10,000 to help make up the society's portion should the COED grant receive approval. Under the grant of \$229,000, he applied for 10 men would be hired to carry out a variety of building projects at the museum complex, said Mr. Irving.

But Mr. MacPherson said Monday he doesn't think the society is prepared for a major project although the ideas suggested by Mr. Irving are in the long-range plans of the historical society. Mr. MacPherson said the society needs money this year just to carry out the normal operations of the museum complex.

Councillor-at-large Helen Smith, who is also a director of the historical society, agreed that funds from the COED program could go toward hiring three or four people to do the things that need doing without undertaking any major projects as the historical society just doesn't have the money for materials.

The COED program is a federal - provincial job creation program designed to create employment for persons who've exhausted unemployment insurance benefits. The federal funding for the project comes through the New Employment Expansion and Development (NEED) program.



Prize possession

Lorraine Downing of Otterville adjusts the dials on this Marconi console radio for what may be one of the final times before the family heirloom goes on the auction block in the Otterville mill restoration committee's antique and auction sale this month. The radio, which has been in the Downing family for more than 50 years, belonged to Dr. Murray Downing's father. It is one of the early shortwave radios and is in excellent condition. It is only one of several unique antiques, collectibles and other items that will be auctioned off on March 28 at 7:15 p.m. in the Norwich community centre to raise funds for the mill restoration. (NG Photo)

Letters to the editor

OUR APOLOGY

To the Editor:
As chairman of the Book Committee of the South Norwich Historical Society, I wish to extend our apology to those awaiting publication of the history of the former South Norwich Township for the extended period of time which we have asked you to wait for the actual

production of our book.

The volume of material finally collected, including written articles, maps and photographs, has mushroomed our publication to nearly double its originally anticipated size. As a result, it has taken more time in all areas of publication than we had ever an-

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ticipated.

To those who have purchased by advance order, we extend our assurance that the publication is on its way, and that you will receive more than adequate recompense for your patience in waiting.

We thank all those who have expressed interest in the actual date of production of the history, and appreciate your un-

derstanding and support during this period of difficulty for us. We trust that you will be most pleasantly surprised and pleased with the final production. A note will be inserted in the newspaper as soon as the publisher is able to give us an exact date, which we expect at this point to be sometime in the following two months.

Juanita DeRoo,
Publications Chairman,
South Norwich
Historical Society

Society's auction sale to raise funds for mill

The South Norwich Historical Society is going treasure-hunting. It's looking for a wide assortment of antiques, collectibles and other clean, saleable items (no clothing please) to be auctioned off on Monday, March 28 at 7:15 p.m. in the Norwich Township Community Centre.

Through the auction sale, the historical society's Otterville mill restoration committee hopes to raise funds to aid in carrying out restoration work on the Treffry mill in Otterville. The mill is on part of the property purchased by Norwich Township two years ago and the recent

signing of an agreement by the historical society and the township for the leasing of the mill has enabled the society to proceed with its plans for the mill's restoration and preservation as a historic structure.

Articles for the auction sale are already coming in and include such unique items as a Marconi console radio, at least 50 years old and an antique black umbrella which belonged to Mrs. F. Abraham of Norwich. The umbrella, of black silk, has a carved brass handle with pearl inlays. Other items of interest include a pine cupboard, a one-piece wooden rolling pin, several trunks, books and a crib quilt.

All items for sale in the auction will be presented for advance viewing the

day of the sale between 2 and 4 p.m. but it is expected that another display will be set up in advance of the sale in Otterville next week as more items come in.

Those donating items to the auction sale that are sold for more than \$10 will be issued a receipt for income tax purposes, said one of the auction sale organizers Catherine Mann.

There are also several drop-off points where people may leave their items to be sold at the sale. Those locations are as follows: in Otterville David Hussey, 879-6549 or Jean Davis 879-6625; in the Hawtrey and Summerville areas Rick Singer 842-3748; in Springford Bryce Smith 842-3019; in Norwich Grant Mountain's Barbershop; in Cornell Peggy Adlington 842-7494; in Milldale Charles Bradford 863-5509 and in Burgessville Pat Smith 424-9176.

The funds raised through the sale will be used solely for the restoration of the 137-year-old grist mill, said Mrs. Mann.

Auction Sales

AUCTION SALE

ANTIQUES, COLLECTABLES, MISCELLANEOUS

Monday, March 28th

Beginning at 7:15 p.m.

Norwich Community Centre

Sponsored by the

South Norwich Historical Society

Walnut wash stand (1870's); walnut drop leaf table; Boston rocker; hump back trunk; oil painting; large iron stone platter (1889); woodplane; silver cream pitcher; Belgian crocheted bedspread; monogrammed umbrella with brass handle with pearl inlay; sewing table; collectable tumblers (1920's); child's oak school desk; child's pine lift top desk; cabinet sewing machine; electric vegetable warmer; pine cupboard; left-handed golf clubs; Admiral solid state stereo with 2 speakers; automatic slide projector with 3 trays; new crib quilt; old wooden chair; 50-60 year old quilt, not been used; crafts; games and many other articles too numerous to mention.

Items on view 2:00-4:00 p.m. day of sale only.

Terms: Cash or known cheque.

(Proceeds for Restoration of Treffry Mill)

Carmen Denton - Auctioneer

Antique auction planned by Historical Society

By SUZANNE HANSON

A 1915 crank wall telephone in excellent condition, an 1870 Victorian walnut wash stand, a Boston rocker and a Marconi console radio about 50 years old are only a few of the numerous antiques that will be auctioned off along with an assortment of collectables and other items on March 28 at the Norwich community centre.

The auction sale, sponsored by the South Norwich Historical Society's mill restoration committee, is being held to raise funds for the restoration and preservation of one of the oldest, continuously operated grist mills in the province -- the Treffry Mill in Otterville.

The auction sale gets underway at 7:15 p.m. in the community centre auditorium on Monday, March 28 with Carmen Denton auctioneer. The goods being sold will be set up for advance viewing that Monday afternoon between 2 and 4 p.m.

While numerous items have already come in for the sale from the community, one of the organizers of the sale, Dr. Murray Downing of Otterville said items will still be accepted on the sale day. And any person donating items which are sold for more than \$10 will be issued a receipt for income tax purposes.

The funds raised through the sale will be used solely for the restoration work to be carried out at the mill property in Otterville. Believed to be among the oldest mills in Ontario, its foundation is slowly sinking into the waterlogged ground of the mill meadow and needs to be replaced. Repairs to broken windows and warped siding are also required in addition to the other work at the mill.

Since the purchase of the mill and the accompanying property and mill pond by Norwich Township two years ago, the historical society has looked after the maintenance of the property and now has a lease with the township to allow the society to operate and restore the facility.

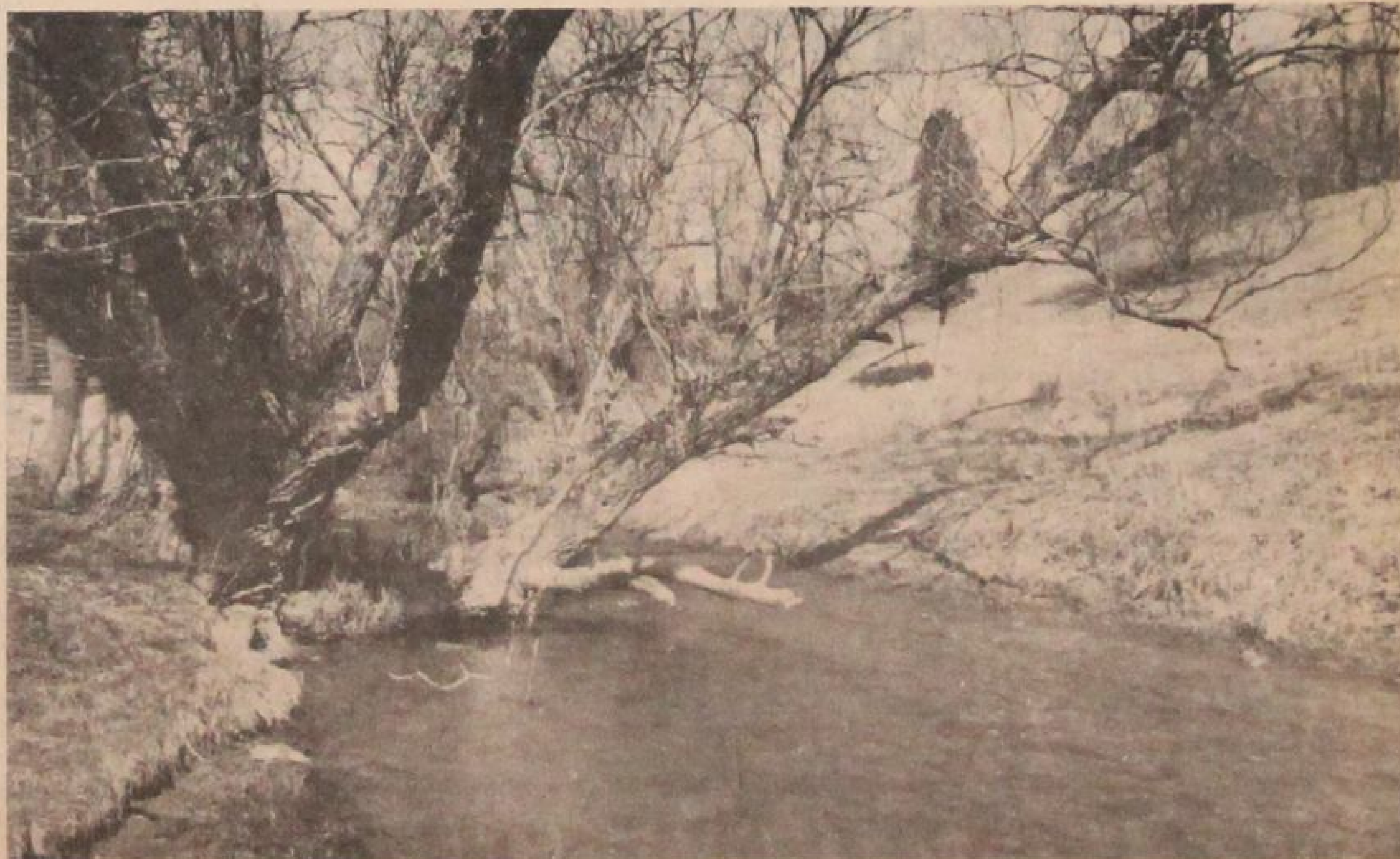
The 138-year-old wood frame grist mill was built in 1845 and is one of the few reminders of an earlier era which saw numerous such mills located in Otterville due to its location at the junction of the Otter Creek and Sweet Creek.

In the 1850's such mills were the economic and, to a lesser extent, the social nuclei of this region. Today the mill is still the focal point of the community, existing as a picturesque reminder of the important role it has played in our heritage.



Auction block

South Norwich Historical Society vice-president Ed Moore shows off one of the many items that will go on the auction block on March 28 to raise funds for the Treffry mill restoration project. The 1915 crank telephone is in excellent condition and will be auctioned off with numerous other antiques, collectibles and good serviceable items at 7:15 p.m. in the Norwich community centre on March 28. (NG Photo)



Down by the old mill stream



Historic structure

The South Norwich Historical Society is holding an auction sale of antiques, collectibles and other serviceable

goods on March 28 in order to restore and preserve this historic Treffry mill in Otterville, built 137 years ago. (NG Photo)

Hold auction for mill restoration

By KATHY DAVIS

The work of the Treffry Mill Restoration Committee was a major topic of discussion at the South Norwich Historical Society's March meeting, held March 14 at the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre, Otterville.

The Committee's antique and household articles auction will be held at the

Norwich Community Centre March 18 at 7:15 p.m. to raise funds for that committee. Committee chairman Rick Singer also reported that plans are being made regarding the upkeep and restoration of the mill building and property.

Joyce Pettigrew and Russell Stangel visited Otterville Public School on behalf of the Society during the month of February to speak with the students in Grades 4 through 8. The Society hopes to continue involvement with the schools in order to promote student interest in local history.

Members present voted to forward to the Norwich and District Historical Society a letter of support regarding their interest in developing a County Archives.

Following the business portion of the meeting, Ken Peers addressed the members concerning the early history of the former Township of East Oxford and the Stage Road.

The Stage Road, which followed closely some of the early trails of the Neutral Indians, led from Hamilton to London, and was a primary means of travel between the two centres prior to the advent of rail transport. It saw much use during the War of 1812 on the part of both American and British forces.

Mr. Peers also discussed some of the area's more noteworthy citizens, and brought with him various documents and artifacts from the local area.

Doreen Mountain thanked the speaker on

his colourful account of the history of the northern part of our Township, after which the group adjourned to lunch.

The Society will meet again on April 11 at 7:15 p.m. at Woodlawn for a trip to visit the Aylmer Museum.

Pupils entertain seniors

OTTERVILLE (C) - The regular meeting of the Leisure Club met at the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre on Tuesday afternoon.

Upon the arrival of the meeting pupils from the

Otterville Public School came to treat the club to some musical selections. The Recorder Band, composed of students from Grades 6, 7, and 8, were led by the school's music teacher Irene Clark. They played well-known favorites which were enjoyed by the members. The president Annie Pritchard thanked the students for coming and on

behalf of the club treated them to candy. In response Mrs. Clark thanked the club for their interested attention.

Five tables of cards were enjoyed. This being the birthday month for several members, birthday cakes made by Ella Weidrick and Stella Myerscough were served with ice cream and beverages. Members celebrating birthdays were

Nellie Taylor, Florence Moore, Fred Moore, Evelyn Waring, Doug Carroll, Anne Arthur, Norm McIntyre, Harry Lee, and Erie Hicks. All sang Happy Birthday to the celebrants.

A brief business meeting declared that the club would return to its former day and time of Wednesday at 2 p.m. on April 6.

Holding spring fling

OTTERVILLE (C) - The March meeting of the Otterville Church Women was held on Thursday evening, March 17 in the Sunday School room.

The president Jean Gehring presided and opened the meeting with a reading. The hymn "Oh Jesus I Have Promised" was sung. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read.

The members were reminded of several church events. The Spring Fling, sponsored by the members and a noon luncheon and bake sale will be held in the

church hall April 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The United Church Women's Conference, May 13, 14 and 15 will be held at Woodstock Central United Church. The United Church Conference, to be held at Sault Ste. Marie, will be on April 18 and 19.

Jean Carney was convener of the worship service and opened with the call to worship giving a reading, "Five Minutes A Day." The Scripture lesson was read by Cheryl Doneff and followed with prayer by Mrs. Carney. Betty Walther and Mrs. Don

Neale presented the offering. Mrs. Walther gave a reading "Why I Can't Go To Church," after which "I Am The Church" was sung. Mrs. Walther was pianist for the meeting.

The members were divided into groups and discussion was based on the topic "The Age in which We Live" or "The Permissive Society." Following this period Mrs. Carney gave a summary of the subject which was studied and noted interesting facts.



On the auction block

This trunk was one of the many items that went on the auction block Monday evening at the Norwich community centre to raise money for the Otterville mill restoration fund. Holding up the trunk while auctioneer Carmen Denton took the bids were Ernie Gyori (left) and Richard DeRoo. The auction brought in more than \$6,000. for the South Norwich Historical Society's mill restoration committee. (NG Photo)

Mill fund auction overwhelming success

Members of the South Norwich Historical Society's mill restoration committee were overwhelmed by the success of their first auction sale held Monday evening at the Norwich Township community centre.

According to one of the organizers of the event, Catherine Mann, over ~~\$6,000~~ ^{\$5,000} was raised through the auction sale to go into the Otterville mill restoration fund. "We were really pleased with the results (of the sale)," said Mrs. Mann, and the historical

society appreciates the support of the many people throughout the township who donated antiques, collectibles and a variety of other goods for the sale. She estimated there were about 300 lots of goods donated to help out the society in its efforts to restore and preserve the historic Treffry mill in Otterville.

More than 300 people turned out for the event, with Auctioneer Carmen Denton auctioning off the items on the auction block.

Norwich-Otterville Lions club annual family meeting held

OTTERVILLE (C) - The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the Legion hall, Norwich, on Monday night, March 14. Lion president Colin Cope presided.

This was a special meeting - the annual family meeting - with Lions' children as guests. There were 33 Lions and 24 children present.

The Dermo family band was also present to entertain the children. The Dermo's presented a lively

entertainment of a variety of songs, all much appreciated by those of all ages. The troupe was introduced and thanked by Lion Paul Wood, the organizer of the evening.

Lion Deputy District Governor Jack Morrettie of Chippewa Lions Club was present and addressed the club asking for support in his bid for the position of District Governor of A2.

Lion Rene DeCooman reported that sales for tickets on the Honda ATC have gone well. The draw will be made at the annual fish-fry, Saturday, March 26, at the Norwich Community Centre.

The club was reminded that the South Norwich Historical Society will be holding an auction sale for antiques and clean saleable articles in the Norwich Community Centre, Monday evening, March 28.

Winners of the childrens'

draws were Chris McFarland, Phillip Sanders, Gary Walther, Pam Walther, Heather Hagerman and Angela Wood.

Lions support CPR fund

The regular meeting of the Norwich - Otterville Lions Club was held Monday, March 28, at the Otterville Community Hall with Lion Chief Colin Cope in charge.

After the roll call, Lion Andre Vandenberghe reported on a Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) meeting held in Tillsonburg. Funds are being raised to provide supplies for use in training personnel in administering CPR treatment. Lion Vandenberghe ended his presentation by moving that the Norwich - Otterville Lions Club participate in the program, seconded by Lion Murray Cornwell. The motion was carried and an amount of \$50 per club member will be donated to the project.

Lion Vandenberghe was appointed as a member to the Lions Heart Save

Committee, which is promoting the CPR program.

A \$100. donation was approved to the Norwich District High School student parliament toward the purchase of gym equipment.

A Rock Concert is to be held in the Norwich Community Centre, April 22, to be of particular interest to young people. Age of majority cards will be required and no jeans allowed.

Lion Rene DeCooman reported on the fish fry held on Saturday, March 26, as being successful. The Honda ATC vehicle was won by Dan Freeman of Tillsonburg, a member of the Dereham District Lions Club.

Lion Secretary Aloys Sanders reported on the Effective Speaking Contest finals held in Simcoe. Mark

Sackrider and Elaine Arthur from Norwich District High School were finalists. The speak-off will be held at the South Brant Lions meeting on April 12.

Lion Les Dickson reported on plans for a Lions Ladies Night to be held April 21 for dinner at the Plainsman followed by attendance at a "Hello Dolly" show.

Lion Chief Cope reported on the nominations of executive for the 1983-94 club year. The report was accepted as read.

Tentative plans were made for holding the annual Fireworks display to be held on May 23 in Otterville Park. A new car will be drawn for at the annual Lions Carnival to be held in September.

The convention draw was won by Lions Cornwell, Murray Wardell, Norm Fidlin and Fred Thompson.

Fashion show held was great success

OTTERVILLE (C) — Thursday evening, March 24th, the presence of winter may have been evident with snow on the ground, and cold temperatures but spring had definitely arrived inside the Otterville Community Hall.

Soft grey pussywillows, blossoming, bright flowers, and colorful balloon trees set the stage for the Anglican Church Women's Fashion Show. The audience, eager to see the latest in fashion, filled the hall to capacity. The show featured designs from Christina's Boutique located in the Simcoe Mall.

Mrs. Cathy Furlong, president of the organization, welcomed all present and introduced Christina who commented the show, pointing out interesting facts about her fashions. Soft, background music was provided by Mrs. Lila Freeland at the piano.

The first half of the display featured Lounge Wear and Casual Wear, clothes suitable for travel, shopping, or leisure around the home. New colors for spring such as ecru cream, purple, pink, canary yellow, and pastel shades of wedgewood blue and mint green were seen in various designs. Deck pants were noted as being a new versatile look which is casual but also can be made dressy for any social event.

Intermission then followed during which Mrs. Cathy Furlong and Mrs. Evelyn Picknell drew names for the many beautiful door prizes. Shelby and Jennifer McMurchy and Julie DeWachter assisted the ladies. The recipients as well as sponsors of the door prizes were as follows: Evelyn Walters — Davis Bros. Plumbing and Heating; Bette Heggie — John Heleniak; Marion Pettigrew — Don Broad Carpentry; Debbie Moe — C.L. Finch and Son Hardware; Shirley

Rachar, Sharon Cattryse, Suzanne Smith, Orris Beecroft — Carney's Home Hardware; Sylvia Addison — Elaine Oliver Creations; Etta McSkimming, Lorraine Downing — Paul Groeneveld and Sons Garage; Eva Purtil — Dorene Howse; Violet Smith — St. John's A.C.W.; Anna Teffry — Janny's Superior Market; Ruby Purdy — Speedy Electric; Roberta McMurchy — George Forsyth Plumbing and Home Heating; Lila Freeland, Cheryl Neale — Fred Zaharchuk Heating and Service; Kelly Davis — Bud Webb Aluminum; Patty Davis, Janet Gysens, Violet Howse — Avon Representative; Joyce Leeming — Michael Ash Construction Limited; Jean Stewart — Kramer Tool and Die.

Mrs. Furlong thanked all the merchants and business

men who donated so generously in providing the door prizes presented. As well she reminded everyone of the upcoming Anglican Church Turkey Supper to take place Mother's Day, May 8th. Settings will be at 4, 5, and 6 p.m., with pre-schoolers admitted free, adults — \$5 and children — \$3.

Casual, dressy, and formal wear highlighted the second half of the show. Shadow prints, crepes, and tricot knits featuring knife and accordian pleated skirts, were some of the fabrics seen in these designs. The new look of pink and grey as well as the tuxedo look were shown and it was pointed out that bows and lace are still very big this year. There were fashions for everyone, since petite, regular and half sizes as well

as the Rene Christine line for larger sizes were shown.

The models were applauded at the conclusion of the show for their display of the fashions and Christine thanked all those in attendance. Models for the evening were Debbie Davis, Dawn Morints, Brenda Barnim, Kelly Davis, Robin Davis, Wenda Smith, Ila Howse, Janet Naranscik, Dianne Lambert, Barbara Ecker, and Kay Darling.

Mrs. Furlong then drew the final two door prizes, flowers donated by the A.C.W., which were won by Laura Kilgour and Dorothy Wardell. She thanked Mrs. Freeland for playing during

the evening and the audience showed their appreciation.

Everyone was invited to enjoy coffee and lunch prepared by the A.C.W. It was an entertaining and interesting evening for all.

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Officers named at A.C.W.

OTTERVILLE (C) The ladies of St. Johns Anglican Church, Otterville, met in the Parish hall Tuesday evening.

Rev. Grant Darling opened the meeting with prayer. After much discussion it was decided to form an Anglican Church Women's group. Officers named were: president Cathy Furlong; vice-president Lila Freeland; secretary Janet Ryerse; treasurer Wanda Smith.

Plans are underway for a fashion show to be held March 24 in the Otterville community hall at 8 p.m. The turkey supper will be at a later date.

The first meeting of the Anglican Church Women was held in the Parish hall Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. with 14 ladies present.

The president Cathy Furlong opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present. Mrs. Furlong read the Scripture which was followed by

prayer.

Lila Freeland gave the story, "The Coming of St. Patrick to Ireland." The ladies then joined in singing some Irish songs.

Plans were completed for the fashion show which will be held in the Otterville community hall, March 24th at 8 p.m. The annual turkey supper was also discussed and will be held Mother's Day, May 8 in the Parish hall.

The meetings of the Anglican Church Women will be held on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m., in the Parish hall. The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 7 with a guest speaker present.

All ladies are welcome and are encouraged to bring a friend.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Girard and their children, Rhys and Kira have returned to Ontario to live from Vancouver Island. They

are presently staying with Mrs. Girard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walther.

Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. James I. MacNeil of 54 Mill Street, Otterville, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on March 29th. They renewed their marriage vows at Holy Mass, Saturday, March 26, at Our Lady of LaSalette Church, with Rev. George F. Childs officiating. There was an after reception held at their home for neighbors and relatives. Congratulations and love Mom and Dad from Germaine, Glenna, Kelis and grandchildren.

Otterville NIHL consolation champs

Otterville clinched the consolation championship in the Norwich Industrial Hockey League Sunday night winning the best of three series in two games straight.

OTTERVILLE VS TILLSONBURG

There was no dramatic finish to the series Sunday night as Otterville pounded the lifeless Tillsonburg Bruins 9-2 to take the game and the consolation championship.

Otterville kept the Bruins scoreless throughout the game until the last five minutes in the third period when Tillsonburg finally got on the scoreboard with a goal by Doug Beattie, followed with another about a minute later by Wayne DeBuck.

Otterville opened its scoring in the first period

at 11:42 with a goal scored by Dave Davis, assisted by Joe Webb followed with another by Webb, assisted by Davis. Otterville pumped in four more goals in the second period to head into the third with a 6-0 lead.

Scoring in the second period were John Konigshofer, with two goals, Fred Gehring and Murray Roswell, with one each. Earning assists were Lynn Gehring, Fred Gehring, Rick Mudge, Brent Stewart, Konigshofer and C.D. Richardson.

Otterville led off the scoring early in the third period to put in the final three goals of the game that clinched the win with a 9-2 score.

C.D. Richardson led the attack, followed by Davis

and Konigshofer scoring one more each. Assisting on those goals were Roswell and Richardson and Roswell and Fred Gehring.

Assisting on the final two goals scored by Tillsonburg's Beattie and DeBuck were Paul DeCloet, Beattie and Terry Bond.

Turning the shots aside in net for Otterville was Joe Konigshofer with Steve Smith between the pipes for the Bruins.

GREENSHIRTS VS DELHI

In the first game Sunday night, the Norwich Greenshirts moved another step closer to the league championship as they won their second game in the best-of-five series against the Delhi Gators.

One more win for the Greenshirts will give the team the league championship in three games straight. That next deciding game will be Sunday evening at the Norwich Community Centre at 7 p.m.

In Sunday night's game, it was a hard-fought battle to the finish that saw the Greenshirts come away with a 9-7 win over Delhi.

The Greenshirts opened the scoring in the first period with a goal by Lambert Schaafsma, assisted by Pat Sprague and Wayne Warboys. Delhi came back with one of their own, scored at 6:09 by Allan Verkindt, assisted by Rene DePoorter but the Greenshirts replied with one more before the end of

the period to take the lead heading into the second. That goal was scored by Ted McPherson, assisted by John Scholten and Dale Lee.

The Greenshirts totally dominated play in the second period pumping in three goals and keeping the Gators scoreless. Scoring for the Greenshirts were Schaafsma, Sprague and Hans Scholten with assists going to Warboys, Barry Robillard, Schaafsma and John Scholten.

Delhi bounced back in the third period to put in the first two goals off the sticks of Bryan Cairns and Ed Ens, assisted by Ens and Michael Dertinger but the Greenshirts put in four more of their own by the end of the period. And

while Delhi also scored four more times before the end of the game, it wasn't enough to close the gap on their opponents.

Scoring the other Greenshirt goals were: Martin Wylie, Warboys, Schaafsma and Louis Szabota, with assists going to Lee, John Scholten, Schaafsma, Sprague, Steve Nobbs and Danny Robillard.

Scoring all four of the final Delhi goals was Cairns, assisted by Michael Stefan, Gerry Lembrecht, Ens, Verkindt and Marius Bouw.

Going all the way in net for the Greenshirts was goalie Darrell Robillard while Dwayne Daniel turned the shots aside for Delhi.

MILL RESTORATION AUCTION MARCH 28, 1983

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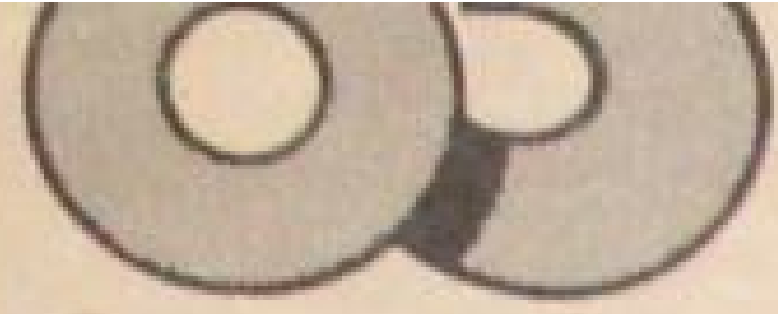
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Postage	151.29	
Advertisements	78.20	
Rental of Norwich Community Centre	160.00	
Rental of Miller's store	50.00	
Sales tax (Treasurer of Ontario)	268.74	
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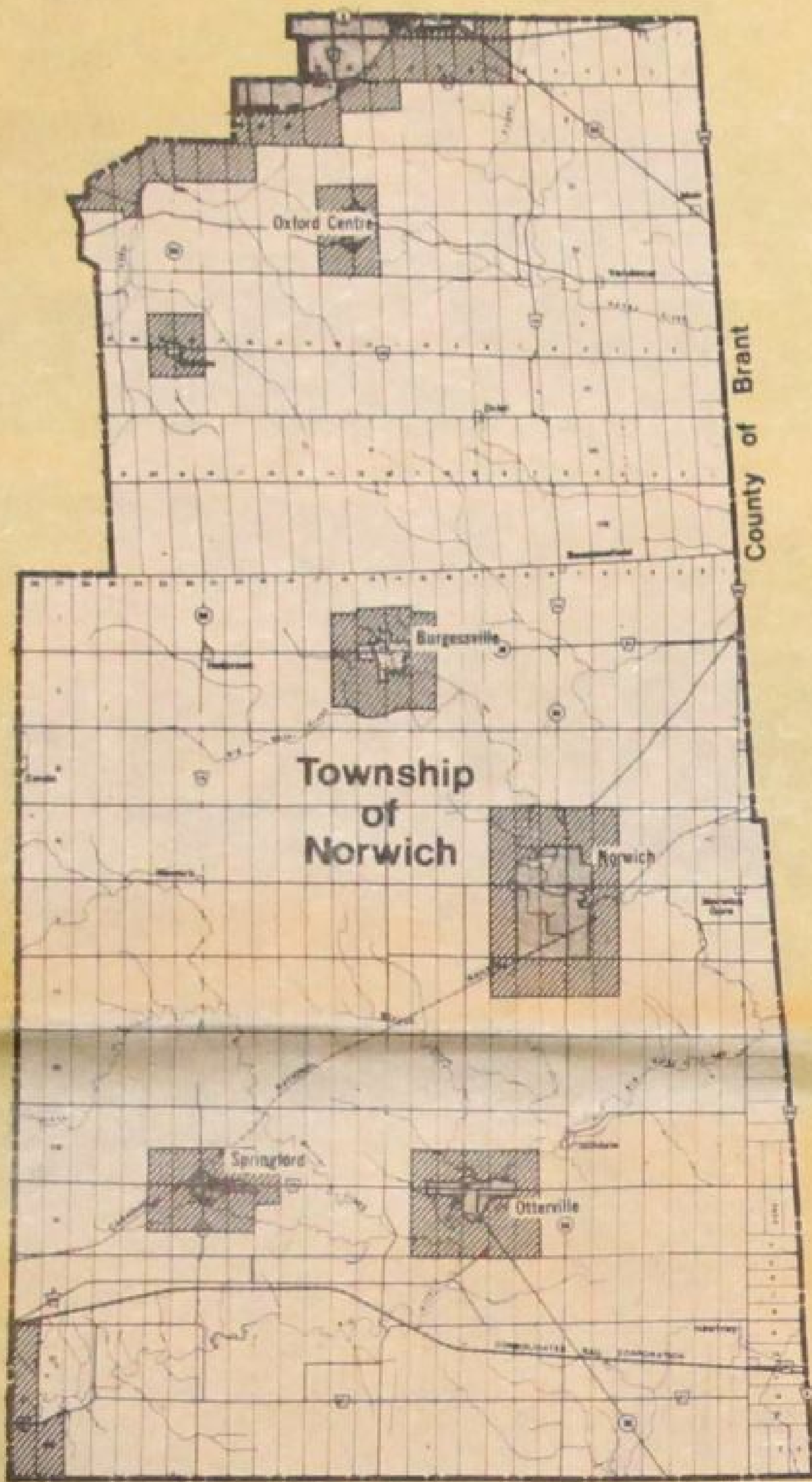
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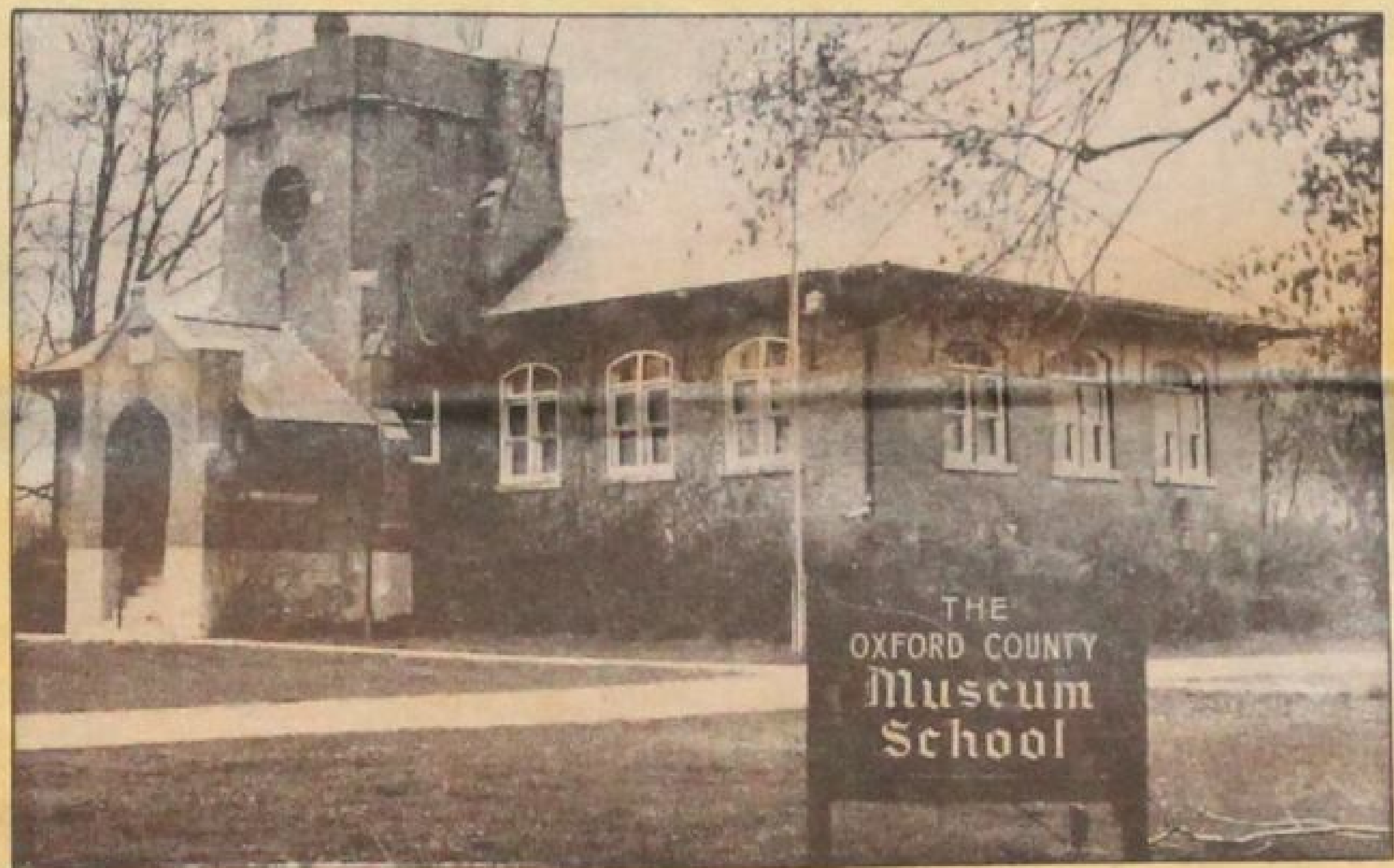


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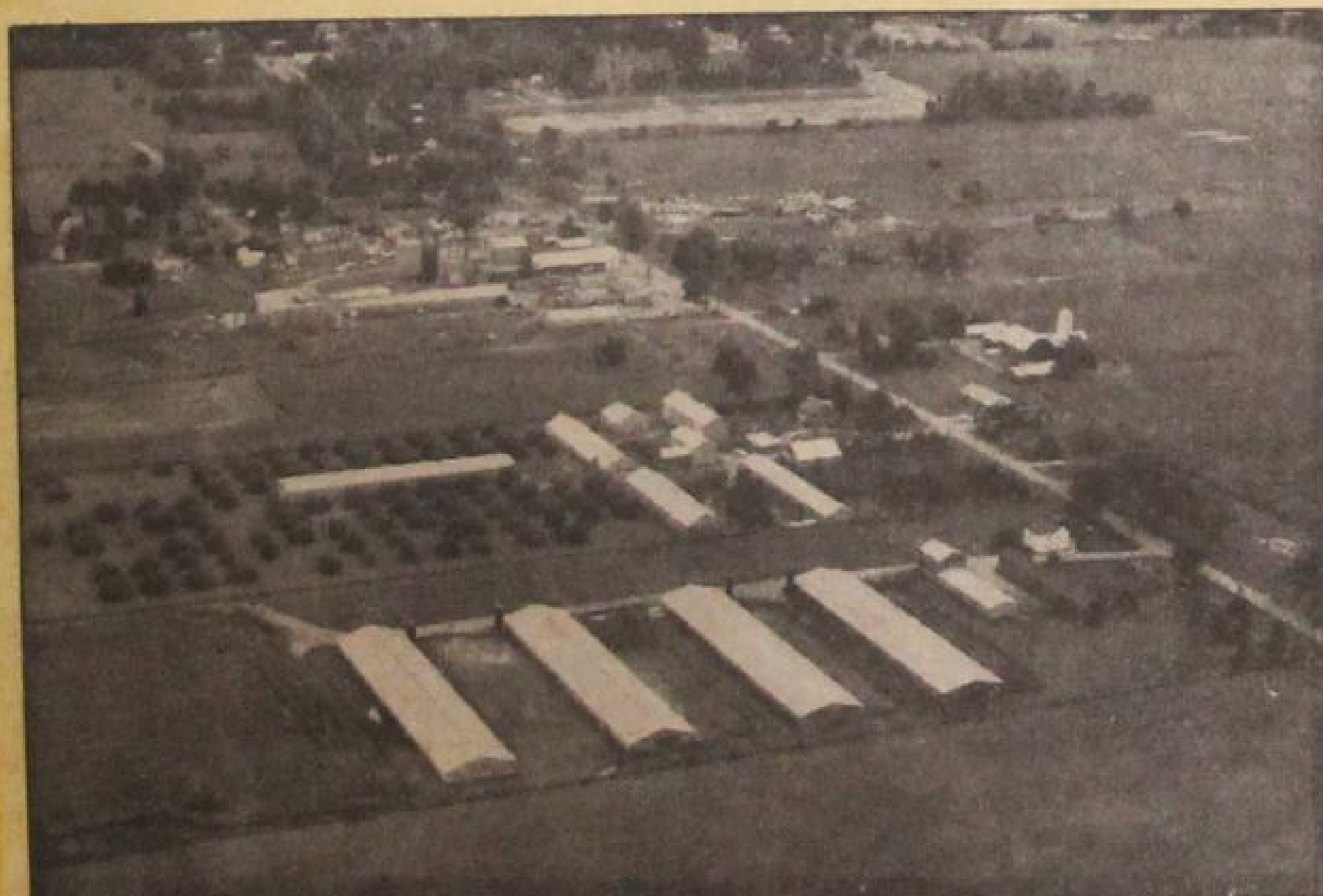
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Conflict statute cleaned up

By SUZANNE HANSON

While some municipal councils have viewed the new conflict-of-interest legislation as restrictive, the man who chaired the committee which drafted the new statute sees it as an improvement over the previous act passed in 1972.

Michael Smither, publisher and editor of *The Municipal World*, a magazine dealing with issues relative to municipal government, chaired the Municipal Conflict of Interest committee for the association of municipalities of Ontario. It was that nine-member committee which drafted the legislation set out in 1979 and put into effect on March 1 of this year.

Speaking of the previous 1972 act, Mr. Smither called it an "abomination" and the "worst piece of legislation in the province in many years". He said the legislation was "very poorly drafted" with many major deficiencies making it unworkable.

The new legislation contained in Bill 14, passed by the provincial legislature on Feb. 23, contains the same basic

principles of that legislation but cleans up the statute and extends the allowable exemptions. There were, essentially 63 changes in the five-page statute which eliminated a lot of the trivia from the act and made it more workable.

"We got rid of 50 per cent of the need for disclosures that were there before," said Mr. Smither. The act also contains more lucid definitions and clarifies its application to councils and local board members.

The new statute is thus more complete and provides a clearer guideline for members of councils and local boards.

"If it isn't in the statute it doesn't qualify (as an exemption)," said Mr. Smither.

He said the act isn't designed to get rid of a member's bias, but it is aimed at disclosing a conflict of interest whereby the member could be seen to gain some direct or indirect pecuniary (monetary) interest.

Norwich Township clerk-administrator Bob Watkins said he didn't see any problems with the

revised legislation, adding that council has always practiced the philosophy of "when in doubt declare". He said council members have always been quite willing and always quick to declare a possible conflict of interest to the extent that it sometimes may not actually have been a conflict.

It is those types of situations Mr. Smither tried to eliminate with the new legislation which should clarify the instances where a conflict must be declared.

In addition to the expanded and improved definitions of the bill, the conflict of interest regarding relatives has been clarified, the exemptions have been expanded and listed in detail, including "remote and significant" conflicts and the duty of the member to declare his conflict of interest has been expanded so that the member, in addition to declaring the conflict of interest, must declare the nature of that interest and in the case where the meeting is not open to the public, leave the meeting.

The member, in the event of a declared conflict of interest, must also refrain from participation in the discussion or voting on that issue and he or she

shall not attempt in any way before, during or after the meeting to influence the voting on any issue where the member has declared a conflict of interest.

The only time a problem could arise with legislation is if someone challenges a member of a council or board for not declaring a conflict, said Mr. Watkins.

The revised legislation has lengthened the time for bringing an application alleging contravention from the expiration of the term of office to six years following the event.

An elector must in his notice of motion alleging contravention of the act state the grounds for finding that contravention within that six-year time limit. Then, if a judge determines that a member (or a former member) while he was a member of a board or council has contravened the legislation the judge shall declare the seat of the member vacant and disqualify the member from serving during a seven-year period after the determination.

If that contravention is found to be inadvertent, by reason of an error in judgement, the member would not be forced to vacate his seat.

But the possibility that an elector could challenge

a member of council, resulting in costly legal proceedings for council members forced to defend their actions, has also given rise to the need to consider some form of personal conflict of interest insurance, said Norwich Township Mayor John Heleniak.

If someone starts a proceeding, and a member of council doesn't have insurance it could cost them a lot of money to prove he wasn't in contravention of the act or that he did it inadvertently, said Mayor Heleniak.

He said he plans to bring up the issue of insurance at the next meeting to determine whether council would prefer to purchase it on their own or whether the township should pay for that protection.

He said the usual cost is

about \$50 per person and would cover 80 per cent of the incurred legal costs up to \$25,000 in the event that a contravention is alleged by an elector or fellow member of council.

75 YEARS AGO April 1908

Commencing Monday, April 20, and continuing one week, demonstrations will be at R.P. Colburn's store to demonstrate the uses of Jelly Powders, Salad Dressing and Quick Puddings. Everybody is cordially invited.

Otterville - J.W. Fish is starting again in the undertaking business here.

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DELHI NEWS-RECORD, Wednesday, April 13, 1983

Norwich in red

By John Surgeoner
Staff Writer

Norwich Township incurred an actual operating deficit of only \$16,410 during 1982.

Township Council received their annual auditor's report at Monday's regular meeting and Edward Aitken, accountant with the firm of Millard, Rouse and Rosebrugh, said the report indicates Norwich is in fairly good standing.

The deficit for the year was reported at \$66,410, but \$50,000 of that figure was picked up from 1981, Mr. Aitken said, leading to the \$16,410 figure. The total expenditures of the township were \$5,528,715 as compared to total revenues of \$5,462,305.

The Township had budgeted for total expenditures of \$5,372,360, and although their actual expenditures were more than this sum to the tune of \$156,355, Mr. Aitken said the Township should not be upset with the amount.

"I don't think you can be too disappointed," he said. "Obviously the budget was well prepared and you stuck with it through the year except for a couple of exceptions."

Such exceptions included solid waste disposal expenditures of \$151,691 where only \$90,000 was budgeted, and an expenditure of \$128,793 for interest on temporary borrowings compared to a budget of \$115,000.

Mr. Aitken said these are figures which can easily be taken care of in subsequent years.

"Even though the deficit was incurred on this year's operations, the Township still has a \$287,000 equity and that leaves you in a solvent position," he said.

The unfinanced capital outlay of the Township for 1982 was \$501,141, compared to \$362,012 in 1981. Major expenditures in this area included the paging system for fire department equipment which amounted to about \$30,000 of the \$55,122 total, and an increased spending of about \$182,000 over last year in the planning and development area because of municipal drains.

Of times gone by

25 YEARS AGO April 1958

Otterville - C.L. Finch and son have purchased the retail grocery store from Charles Mannell and took possession on April 1.

John Cornelius Backus, 87, member of one of Norfolk County's earliest, most prominent families, died Thursday at his lot in South Walsingham Township.

50 YEARS AGO

In January, 1933, Al Schirris wrote a letter home to his older brothers and sisters in Holland saying he had worked for six weeks stripping tobacco in Essex County and earned \$40. Out of this he paid half of the food bill where he was staying amount to \$7 for the six weeks. Highest price paid for the tobacco was 12 cents a pound, while the man he worked for received only 10 cents a pound. The original letter written to him was found

among his mother's effects recently and sent him by his sister.

75 YEARS AGO April 1908

Maple Grove - Charles Kennedy has put a new wire fence around the front of his place and moved the public road to the east side of his farm, making a great improvement.

Desirable building lot for sale, just south of Mr. T.T. Brown's beautiful home. Apply to J.H. Rush.

100 YEARS AGO March 1883

The mourning draperies that did service in the room in which the body of Cornelius Vanderbilt lay before burial were used to drape the rooms in which the remains of Jas. Elliott, the murdered prize fighter, lay in New York.

Lack of street cleaning raises merchants' ire

By SUZANNE HANSON

On a dry day, the dust clouds roll off the street onto windows and through open doors. It's an annual occurrence and that's what has the Norwich merchants angry.

The issue of cleaning the main streets of Norwich arose once again at last week's retail merchants meeting and once again frustration was voiced at the inability to get action. One merchant, Al Munro, reported that he had contacted one of the county engineers to find out why the Main Street of Norwich is so infrequently cleaned each year but the answers he received left him no farther ahead.

The Main Street of Norwich is part of County Road 18 and is therefore the county's responsibility while Stover Street, which is also Highway 59, is the province's responsibility to maintain. The county, however, has only one machine to clean its many routes throughout Oxford County, meaning the number of times any particular street gets cleaned are limited.

The county street-cleaning vehicle was in Norwich Monday morning to clean the Main Street.

But what Mr. Munro and several other merchants have asked on numerous occasions was why Norwich Township's own work crews couldn't pick up the slack and clean the streets on a regular basis during those times when the county machine isn't available.

It was pointed out that local work crews carried out the task before restructuring and the merchants were at a loss to understand why the practice couldn't continue.

A member of the retail merchants, Norm Lusk, who is also a Ward 2 representative on township council, said at the merchants meeting last week he has been trying for several months to get some action on the request to have the streets cleaned but was told by the manager of the works department that "the men are otherwise deployed."

"Our business taxes qualify us for the service," said Mr. Lusk, who could see no reason why the local crews could not take on the task of maintaining the two main streets. He also pointed out that Norwich Township is not the only municipality with provincial highways or county roads passing through them.

"In one of our neighboring townships (with a county road running through a built-up area) the road superintendent looks at the street to see if it is dirty and has it cleaned," he said.

Mr. Lusk later brought the matter up at the management and policy committee meeting of council, attended by all council members, and a motion was narrowly approved recommending that the streets in all built-up areas in the township be kept clean as required.

Mr. Lusk said after the meeting he had hoped to avoid the necessity of establishing policy for such work. "It's easier to have someone offer to do something and if we order them to do something they will do it reluctantly." He said the men should be proud of their town and want to do the job.

In an interview with the Road Superintendent for Norwich Township Ron Smith, he said the streets have not been cleaned yet this year, because things are about one month ahead of schedule weather-wise. He said the men don't clean the streets until they are confident winter is over, or they would end up putting more sand back on the clean streets with each new snowfall.

Mr. Smith also pointed out there wasn't much point in cleaning the streets until after the spring rains, but said there is no reason the local crews could not do the work on the county or provincial roadways in the municipality. "In fact the county would like to see them do it," said Mr. Smith, who added the work is done whenever time is available to do it.

However, in council's meeting Monday, Mr. Smith suggested that if the Norwich businessmen want the streets cleaned more often, "maybe we could prorate it to them since it (Norwich) seems to be the only village that wants more services than the others."

Councillor Darrell Force

agreed with Mr. Lusk that the Main Street of Norwich was "pretty sandy and has been for sometime." He said it's a problem in any built-up area and agreed it should be addressed a little more often than it has been, not only in Norwich, but in all centres in the township.

"I really think that if the men have time and it's done at Ron's (road superintendent's) discretion" it could be done, said Councillor-at-large Helen Smith. "We're all trying to make this township pleasing to come into and it should be worth our while to make our township look better," she said.

"If it looks bad, it looks bad for the whole township whether it's in Norwich or Otterville or wherever."

Mr. Lusk also pointed out again that the business taxes paid by the merchants should qualify them for the service. Everyone pays taxes on their real property value but in addition to that businesses pay a business tax of 30 to 50 per cent of that real tax, said Mr. Lusk.

Mr. Smith responded that when the residents of Springford wanted new sidewalks sometime ago, the expense was prorated to them "and none of the other areas (of the municipality) had that charge." However, Mr. Lusk pointed out the main street through Springford is a county road and the sidewalks are on the county's road allowance. Since sidewalks and a new hardtop surface for the road are in the county's future plans for that roadway (County Road 19), residents wanting the sidewalks to be supplied by the township in advance of that work being done, had

to bear the cost.

Mr. Smith then advised Mr. Lusk that if the Norwich businesspeople would like to see the streets swept more often, their best bet would be to contact directly the county's Drumbo depot where the truck that does the work is kept to see when it is available.

"If you know that's the person to call, couldn't you do that for us?" asked Mr. Lusk to which Mr. Smith replied, "All they (merchants) had to do was ask."

"I've been asking for four years," said Mr. Lusk in his final comments to council.

Sale possible for old bakery

By SUZANNE HANSON

Norwich Township council may be one step closer to solving its problem with the former Spicer's bakery property located on the Main Street of Otterville.

Councils have been endeavoring for years to have the building demolished or improved with little success. The Oxford County health unit has ruled the property does present a potential safety hazard and it has steadily deteriorated since the bakery moved out a number of years ago and the property was sold to Floyd Kyte of RR 3, Tillsonburg.

After trying unsuccessfully to get Mr. Kyte to co-operate in cleaning up the property, township council is now in the position where it can put the property up for sale. Council was informed at its last meeting that Mr. Kyte owes the township roughly \$7,000 in tax arrears and other expenses related to the property. The one-year redemption period has now expired leaving council in the position where it can take charge of the property and put it up for sale, with the approval of the ministry of municipal affairs and housing.

With council's decision to advertise the property for sale, two or three appraisals must be obtained before it is listed with a local real estate agent.

Township clerk-administrator Bob Watkins said the property cannot be sold for anything less than the market value and any proceeds from the sale will go to the township. Any offers received on it, must first be approved by the ministry before one is formally accepted, however.

Attempting to deal with the situation has opened a can of worms for council, slowing down the resolution of the problem as it was discovered the deed to the property was never registered to Mr. Kyte when he bought the building from the former owners, although Mr. Kyte is listed as the assessed owner of the property.

Mr. Watkins also said any party with a vested interest in the property could redeem it by paying the arrears on it before it goes up for sale. That includes Mr. Kyte.

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Sale may spice up downtown Otterville

From April 12 issue
of Sentinel-Review

OTTERVILLE—A crumbling building here, the old Spicer's Bakery, will be put up for sale by Norwich Township.

The township is in a legal position to take over the property. The owner, Floyd Kyte, owes about \$7,000 in unpaid taxes, said treasurer John Gilbert Monday.

Gilbert said the township should have two independent appraisers looking over the tumbled-down property and it will be listed with a local real estate agent on the Multiple Listing Service.

The move to take over the

property has followed months of complaints by councillors and ratepayers alike over the building's hazardous state. Recently council instructed the fire chief to inspect the premises and order the owner to clean it up.

Some councillors wondered what would happen to the inspection report, especially since the township is taking over ownership. Clerk Bob Watkins said the township can spend money to clean up the place and the costs could be billed to Kyte if he decides to pay his arrears before the property was sold.

Society's request starts to tumble then rises again

From March 15
Sentinel-Review

By LINDA HULME

Sentinel-Review staff writer
OTTERVILLE — There's no doubt the Norwich District Historical Society needs extra funding to keep afloat this year, but a conflict has arisen on just how much money the organization wants.

Last week president Lavern Irving requested Oxford County council grant \$10,000 to the Society as part of its application for a Canada-Ontario Expansion and Development Program (COEDP) grant to do major renovations on several historical buildings and structures in Norwich.

But Don MacPherson of the Society told Norwich Township council Monday the organization's sights aren't set on such a large project but instead intends to do small maintenance projects.

He said Irving wasn't authorized by the Society to request the grant. He went to county council on his own.

MacPherson explained to council the organization's budget is edging on depletion this year because of the revenue it didn't receive at its annual steam show last year.

The province grants the Society money every year, he said. A couple of years ago it received \$11,000 but after discovering the Society runs a successful steam show every year, the grant was cut back to under \$400. Because of the bad year in 1982, the organization has no revenue to rely on until September, he said, when the province will base its grant on the previous year's operating expenses.

After the bad year there should be about \$7,000 in grant money coming, he said.

The Society agreed it needs a COEDP grant, said MacPherson, but unlike Irving's views, the rest of the members believe a smaller program would be more suitable for the time being.

"We're just not prepared to start major projects," he said. "The ideas (Irving had) listed are our long-range hopes...in order to get through this year we're going to need a little more money for normal operations."

The proposal the Society is really looking at is a basic maintenance program to employ three or four people, not the 10 employees Irving was talking about.

The organization is looking for donations to take care of that plus put the regular employees on a proper salary as opposed to the honorarium they are currently receiving.

Township council made no commitment to grant money to the Society until it sees what

action county council takes.

But the county's administration and finance committee yesterday made no commitment either.

It recommended county council to refer Irving's request to the 1983 budget pending support and confirmation from the township.

Yesterday Irving appeared before the committee asking for \$15,000, an extra \$5,000 from last week. He said if the money doesn't go into the COED program it would be used for upgrading the museum.

Norwich approves loan for historical society

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By SUZANNE HANSON

Norwich Township councillors agreed to provide some emergency assistance to the financially-troubled Norwich and District Historical Society when council met Tuesday night.

In response to a request from the Society, council agreed to loan the historical society \$5,000 to help with the expenses for the Society's 1983 Historical Show, the loan to be repaid by June 30, 1983. The historical society, which is virtually without finances at present, has been actively searching for funds to

maintain its operations. The major source of those funds in the past has been the society's annual historical show and government grants. A poor show due to the weather last year and a drastically reduced government grant has left the historical society in dire financial straits, however, and it has approached both the township and county councils for assistance.

A second request from the historical society for a \$5,000 grant from the township was referred to budget considerations which should be underway next week.

Councillor Norm Lusk, who made the motion to approve the loan request made by the Society, gave it his full support.

"Over the years that Society when they were in funds did help us with substantial donations to the (community centre) complex and since this is a no-lose situation, other than the cost of the money, the request should be approved," said Mr. Lusk. He said council will be getting its money back at the end of June after the historical show, which is scheduled for the first weekend of June.

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Councillor Darrell Force agreed with Mr. Lusk that the historical society is definitely in need of the funds and the loan will help them up to the steam show. The Society is hoping that event will give it enough funds to operate to the end of the year, said Mr. Force.

The Norwich and District Historical Society "is right up against it as far as funds for this year," said Mr. Force. "They've had some serious problems and without a loan or grant or both they may have trouble continuing their operation." The historical society, in addition to putting on the annual historical show in Norwich, operates the museum and archives complex in Norwich which requires maintenance and operating funds as well as salaries for the complex staff.

Councillor Donald Pettigrew questioned whether it would be a good move to approve a loan to the Society in light of the fact that the historical society only made \$854 profit from the steam show last year. It was pointed out that in 1981 the society made \$6,485 profit from the show.

"If the show is rained out this year it will mean disaster for the Society," said Mayor John Heleniak. Councillor John McNally asked whether insurance was available to cover such

occurrences as rain regarding the event.

Another request by the historical society for funds may also receive consideration tonight (Wednesday) at county council's meeting.

Oxford County's administration and finance committee has recommended against granting the \$15,000 requested by the Norwich and District Historical Society but the matter could still be open for debate at tonight's council meeting.

The initial request to county council for the funds

was made to aid in carrying out several projects at the museum complex such as the expansion of the museum and the renovation of the home of Peter Lossing, the first settler in the area, under the guidelines of the Canada - Ontario Employment Development program.

While the projects have been approved, the \$207,760 federal - provincial grant may be conditional on the remaining \$30,000 being forthcoming from the county and Norwich Township.

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Norwich has deficit

By SUZANNE HANSON

Despite the fact that Norwich Township is \$48,618 in the red heading into its 1983 operations, it's still in a sound financial position according to its auditor.

Ed Aitken, a chartered accountant with the firm of Millard, Rouse and Rosebrough presented the annual auditor's report to township council at its meeting Monday. In going over the report with council, he pointed out that while there is a deficit to be carried over into this year's operations the township still has \$287,000 equity. "That certainly leaves you in a solvent position," he told councillors, adding that they "should be able to pick up the deficit without too much of a strain.

Speaking on the deficit, Mr. Aitken pointed out that the township last year was faced with an accumulated net deficit of \$32,208 and had budgeted to pick up an additional \$50,000 to cover that amount. The total operating deficit for 1982 was \$66,410, however, but that still actually represents an operating deficit of \$16,000

when the \$50,000 it budgeted to pick up is considered. The \$48,618 deficit thus represents the accumulated net deficit at the end of the year, said Mr. Aitken.

He pointed out that one mill raises about \$18,000 so the township should be able to raise enough in the coming year's budget to cover that \$48,618 deficit, which represents less than three mills.

Mr. Aitken told council it was only out three per cent on its budget which is quite satisfactory considering the size of budget the township is working with.

He attributed most of the deficit incurred in 1982 to the over-expenditures on the Holbrook landfill site's legal costs which he labelled "an uncommon expenditure." The township had budgeted \$90,000 for those costs but total expenses came to \$151,691, nearly \$62,000 over budget.

Mr. Aitken commended council for coming up with a well-prepared budget in 1982 and for sticking with it throughout the year "with few exceptions."

In its 1982 budget, council had budgeted for \$5,372,360 in expenditures but that total came to \$5,428,715 in comparison with the 1981 expenditures of \$4,690,080. The total revenues had been estimated at \$5,372,360 for 1982 but they actually came in at \$5,462,305, accounting for the overall operating deficit of \$66,410. That compares with an overall operating deficit of \$92,319 heading into 1982, which translated to an accumulated deficit of \$32,208 to be picked up by the township last year.

Mr. Aitken was pleased to see a drop in the percentage of uncollected taxes with the rate of arrears down to seven per cent from the previous year's level of 8.2 per cent. However, he pointed out that some of the arrears go back several years and should be looked at. Mr. Aitken also pointed out that the tax arrears in total are up about \$81,000 over last year but that is not unique to Norwich Township.

Mr. Aitken also stressed to council once again that the township only has control over 27 per cent of the taxes it collects. An overwhelming 52 per cent went to the school boards while 15 per cent went to the county and six per cent goes for telephone and other special charges. Those percentages are much the same as they were in 1982, although the Norwich Township share of the taxes has dropped by four per cent while the county's portion has increased by that amount.

Most of the boards and bodies whose operations the township oversees did record surplus funds for their operation with the exception of the Norwich and District Historical Society which recorded an operating deficit of \$16,174 compared with a surplus of \$12,917 last year. The major reasons for that deficit were the cut-back in provincial grants to the society and poor results from last year's historical show sponsored by the society.

Archives to Norwich?

By John Surgeoner
Staff Writer

Norwich Township may become the home of the Oxford County Archives.

A proposal to have the Norwich Archives designated as the County Archives was initiated by the Norwich and District Historical Society and has received total support from the Township Council. Assistant archivist and society director Russell Smith formally requested the designation at an Oxford County Council meeting last month and the matter is currently under consideration by the administration and finance committee.

Because the Norwich Archives is the only one in Oxford, much of the material relating to the county's history is transferred to the Provincial Archives in Toronto, where its preservation is not necessarily guaranteed. In presenting this information to County Council, Mr. Smith said it proves how important a county archives is.

"There is a very desperate need in Oxford County for an official archives to acquire and preserve the material of Oxford County," he said.

Some County Councillors supported the idea of having a county archives situated close to the municipal buildings in Woodstock, but Mr. Smith said there would be no real benefit to this because the vast majority of archive work is done during weekends. He added that the proximity of the Norwich Archives to the Norwich and District Museum and Agricultural Museum, the Oxford County School Museum in Burgessville and the Treffry Mill and Woodlawn Community Centre in Otterville makes it an ideal location for a county archives.

"I ask you to designate the Norwich Archives as the official Oxford County Archives," Mr. Smith said to County Council. "Give us the mandate and an operating budget to carry that commitment through to a successful conclusion. The job we will do, that I know that we can do and have done, will be one that all will be proud of."

Along with their motion to support the historical society in this endeavor, Norwich Council also passed a motion to approve the society's request for financial assistance to the tune of a \$15,000 grant for 1983 operating expenses.

The society suffered a hard year in 1982 because they did not make as much money from the annual Historical Show as usual and the amount of their provincial grants was cut back considerably. Although the grant will increase at the end of 1983, the society requires assistance to operate this year.

Meanwhile, the Norwich and District Historical Museum and Archives received a \$207,760 grant from the Canada Ontario Employment Development (COED) program.

The grant is to be used for the restoration of the Peter Lossing home, the home of the first settler in the Norwich area, and for additions to the museum and museum barn. The project cost is \$237,760, so the historical society must raise \$30,000 toward the project.

Sees urgent need for county archives

By SUZANNE HANSON

Time is running out for residents of Oxford County who would like to see the establishment of a county archives.

More and more material is leaving the county and some that has already been

placed in the hands of the Ontario archives might be destroyed if a county archives isn't established to receive the original material once it has been microfilmed by the province.

In addressing the Beach-

ville Historical Society last Tuesday evening, Ed Phelps, archivist for the University of Western Ontario's Weldon Library, encouraged interested persons across the county to form a united front and prepare a comprehensive

plan to present to the county, encouraging the establishment of a county archives.

While the Norwich and District Historical Society, which already mans and operates an archives in Norwich, would like to see that facility designated as the county archives, Mr. Phelps suggested Woodstock might be a more appropriate location because it is more central and Norwich is more difficult to get access to than Woodstock.

While he did not belittle the work done by the people in the Norwich area in setting up a local archives, he did feel that the county seat would have to be the location for a county facility "because that automatically pulls in the whole county."

But in light of the well-established archives in Norwich, he did not see why it could not continue as a branch or satellite of a county archives which would be located in Woodstock. He would, however, argue against the location of any other facilities in centres throughout the county in order to keep the material more centralized.

"It's clear Norwich has a unique case and the rest of the county should join with them in establishing a county archives with the Norwich facility a component of that county facility," said Mr. Phelps.

He pointed to the unique Quaker heritage of the Norwich area that has been preserved through the Norwich archives and suggested that material and any other material relevant to the Norwich area could be deposited back in Norwich while the

material that is more of a general, county nature could be placed in the county facility.

"Norwich Township has proven it can handle its material and it should be an associated branch of the county archives with the responsibility to collect within its own particular area and feed back and forth to the county," said Mr. Phelps.

A member of the Norwich and District Historical Society present at the meeting last Tuesday in Beachville stressed that the Norwich archives will not disappear with the creation of a county facility elsewhere. Russell Smith of Norwich said the Norwich archives will not give up its material, either, as that would mean people would no longer come to Norwich to carry out their research if they could get the information at the county facility.

Mr. Smith said he could not see why another archives should be created that would separate the information into two locations when it could be centralized in a county archives in Norwich.

Mr. Phelps gave credit to the Norwich people for leading the way in the recent move to establish a county archives but he used the same argument Mr. Smith used: "Why should the county take all that material and turn it over to Norwich? Why should Blenheim books, for example, go to Norwich?" he asked.

He also pointed out that the volume of material that would come into a county archives would be far more than the Norwich facility could ever handle. "You're into a far bigger collection than you realize exists," he said, and that collection would require a building approximately three times what is there now.

Not only would there be a need for sufficient storage space but adequate working space to allow people to utilize the

material that is stored in the archives and Mr. Phelps suggested the Oxford County jail as a possible location for a county facility. By utilizing the jail, it would also be preserving a historical building and continue the practice of using government buildings for government purposes.

Mr. Phelps urged the group last week to make a united stand and come to an agreement on the position they will take when presenting a proposal to county council.

"Unless there's a move toward a county archives decisively in the next few years, the Oxford County council records may also go to the provincial archives," said Mr. Phelps.

He said he hoped as much effort and money can go into establishing a county archives as has been spent "to replant Joe Boyle in Oxford County." Documents are being destroyed as the piles of paper grow larger and many other documents are leaving the county to go to the Ontario archives. About 75 per cent of the local municipal records of the county have already been removed to the Ontario archives or the archives at the University of Western Ontario.

"Should a county archives be established, Western would return custody of all county council material that it has acquired over the years," he said "so it is available for the convenience of the people here."

A local archives could help get answers to questions that affect municipal matters, solve arguments and add to the protection of property and personal rights through the preservation of various documents.

"By bringing all this together, you can document a community that is already rich in artifacts and answer all kinds of questions about a community," said Mr. Phelps.

Poor conditions

OCL board wants new location

By SUZANNE HANSON

Book worms who want to make use of the Otterville Library facilities must be a determined lot. Not only does it require some detective work to find the library, hidden away in cramped quarters in the basement of the community hall, the steep stairs that provide the only access to the library are also a challenge for all but those in the best physical condition.

The poor conditions under which the Otterville library staff and its users must operate have been of concern to its librarian and the Oxford County Library (OCL) board for a number of years. On several occasions, approaches have been made to Norwich Township council to improve either the location of the access to it, all with little apparent result.

After a recent tour of several county library facilities operated by the Oxford County Library system on April 12, the OCL board respectfully requested the Township of Norwich to advise the board whether it is desirable to maintain a library service in Otterville.

The chief librarian of the OCL, Mary Jane Webb, said there is no thought of closing the Otterville library as there is a definite need for it in the community. But the board did hope, through the

resolution to council, that some action might be sparked to find a better location for the library.

The OCL board has offered on several occasions to co-operate with council in locating the library in new quarters, offering to supply the furniture and books if council supplies the building or renovates the existing location to make it more accessible to the public.

Council had advised the library board that no funds were available to renovate the present location in the basement of the community hall. But a recommendation was passed at council's community service committee meeting last week, in response to the library board's resolution, stating that "it is desirable to maintain a library facility in Otterville and that council is actively considering more suitable premises.

Otterville's library supervisor Lurene McMullen said the local library advisory board, which has now been disbanded with the restructuring of the township's advisory committees, started pressing for improved facilities for the library when the hall renovations got underway four to five years ago.

Jean Stewart, former chairman of the Otterville library advisory com-

mittee, pointed out in a report to council's community services committee last week that Ward 1 has paid a lot of tax money to the Oxford County Library over the years since that body took over responsibility for the Otterville library in 1965 and, "We are entitled to much better library facilities than are presently being provided.

"Unless better quarters for a library are found in Ward 1, the council of Norwich Township is wasting the taxpayers' money paid to Oxford County Library," said Mrs. Stewart in her presentation.

The present facility is located in a room 13 feet by 24 feet, expanded in 1968 from its original size of 13 feet by 10 feet. Steep narrow stairs provide access to the room which has only one entrance and has been labelled a fire trap. Mrs. Stewart called the library a "hole-in-the-ground" and "a disgrace".

She said the blame for the poor facilities lies with the local councils, past and present, who have failed to improve the library. She also pointed out that the OCL is more than willing to provide more books and equipment but better facilities are needed first.

And she said there should be no need to convince council of the importance of the library to the community.

"It's like expecting streetlights, sidewalks, a post office and a water supply in our community," said Mrs. Stewart. The Oxford County Library provides a good service and Ward 1 needs to be able to make better use of it, she said. "We cannot do this until more space is provided by the council."

She pointed out that what is needed in Ward 1 is a new, ground-level building that everyone can enter easily. "It would become part of our cultural heritage that this area can be proud of." Since renovation of the town hall facilities would cost a lot of money, why not apply the money to a new building, asked Mrs. Stewart who added that Wintario money might be available as well as funds from local service clubs and the community.

The library supervisor, Mrs. McMullen, stated the library now has a good selection of books and more are available on request through the Oxford County Library system. She said she believes more local people would make use of the library if the facilities were improved.

Chief Librarian Mrs. Webb pointed out that use of the Mount Elgin library improved tremendously with the relocation of the library from the upstairs of the old community hall to ground floor quarters in the new community hall.

Mrs. McMullen pointed out that even able-bodied adults find the stairs down to the existing Otterville

library difficult to navigate and they thus bar many of the senior citizens, disabled people or individuals in the community with health problems from

having access to the library.

"I have campaigned for better facilities for years, only to be put down sarcastically about the cir-

ulation and lack of interest," said Mrs. McMullen. "I challenge anyone to improve circulation under the circumstances."



Cramped quarters

Library supervisor Lurene McMullen (left) hopes the Otterville library will soon have new or improved quarters. The tiny library, located in the basement of the community hall, has been labelled a firetrap and is lacking in adequate space. Gladys Davies is one of the regular library users. (NG Photo)



Steep stairs

Gladys Davies of Otterville, a regular user of the Otterville public library shows just how steep the stairway leading down to the library is. The steep stairs make the library inaccessible to many senior citizens and disabled individuals. The Oxford County Library board is hoping a new location or improved access can be provided. (NG Photo)



The family of Shelley B. Oenema of Otterville are proud to announce her graduation from London Baptist Bible College. On April 22, 1983, Shelley received her Bachelor of Religious Education. She is a graduate of Norwich District High School.



Consolation champs

The Otterville team received the trophy for consolation champs in the Norwich Industrial Hockey League play-offs this season. Presenting the trophy to Otterville team captain C.D. (Craig) Richardson (right) was the vice-president of the league Bill Hutchinson. The annual awards banquet was held Saturday evening in Woodstock. (NG Photo)

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Sunday, April 17, marked the 45th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Don Baguley, Main Street, Otterville. The wedding took place Easter Sunday, 1938, in the Lutheran Church, Victoria Avenue, Niagara Falls. The bride was the former Jean Stringer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Stringer of Simcoe. The groom was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Baguley of RR 3, Waterford. Mr. and Mrs. Don Baguley owned and operated Baguley's Garage which once stood as an Otterville landmark on the corner of Main and John Streets. The couple have lived in the village for 38 years. Mr. and Mrs. Baguley have two married sons and four grandchildren. They are Dr. and Mrs. Bob Baguley, Karen and Jocelyn of Montreal, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Baguley, Kristine and Elizabeth of Whitby.

Otterville Personals

Mrs. Harold Waring, Otterville, 879-6655

OTTERVILLE (C) — A quiet family service was held on Sunday, April 10, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross McMullen, Otterville, for the christening of their daughter Ashley Jordan. Rev. Max F. Johnson, pastor of Glebe Road United Church, Toronto, performed the baptism which was closed with prayer by Murray Jull, Cambridge. Previous to the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. McMullen. The occasion, attended by close family members, was celebrated with a social time together following the service.

Fred Welsh celebrated his 93rd birthday at his home on Friday, April 1. Mr. Welsh enjoyed the activities of the full day and weekend. On Friday evening he was honored at a birthday dinner served by his daughter, Vera. Guests present were his neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey, Mr. and Mrs. Melville Beecroft and Violet Cole. On Saturday, Fred Moore, a former neighbor and long-time friend was a dinner guest with Mr. Welsh and Vera.

On Sunday, Gladys Goodale of Norwich, nieces and other relatives spent the day with the celebrant. Many callers were on hand to greet Mr. Welsh who also received many gifts as well as many lovely cards conveying birthday wishes.

Mrs. Harry Pickersgill of Otterville and daughter Mrs. David Haley of Brantford have returned to their homes after spending a week with their son and brother Peter Pickersgill in Surrey, B.C., and Victoria.

The members of the Leisure Club held their business meeting at the Woodlawn Community Centre, Otterville, Wednesday afternoon with a good attendance. The president presided when plans were made for a potluck dinner to be held at Woodlawn on Wednesday, May 11, at 12:30 p.m. A thank you note was read from Mr. and Mrs. Colin Robinson thanking the members for their many lovely cards received on their anniversary. Other letters were read concerning club business. Progressive euchre completed the afternoon.



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Dear Mr. Watkins:

At a recent meeting, the Oxford County Library Board passed a resolution that a letter be sent to Norwich township council respectfully requesting that Norwich council advise the Oxford County Library Board of the desirability of maintaining library service at Otterville.

The board is most anxious to stimulate increased participation in library services at Otterville.

However, great concern was expressed that the present facility is undesirable because of the steep narrow steps, and insufficient lighting. In addition, many more materials including children's books, reference materials and recreational reading books would be available if the facility was larger.

A few years ago, the hours that the library is open to the public were increased in an attempt to entice Otterville residents to make better use of the services. However, circulation did not improve.

Mt. Elgin encountered similar problems. This was rectified when a new library was erected in the Community Hall. Library participation has more than doubled since the facility was moved.

Although the board has no intention at this time of closing the present library, it is most desirous that a new facility be provided.

We are anticipating a favourable response.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Webb
(Mrs.) Mary Jane Webb
Chief Librarian
OXFORD COUNTY LIBRARY

A summary of:
The Library Issue: Ward 1 Norwich Township
presented by Jean R. Stewart
April 18, 1983
to the Community Services Committee of Council

On Tuesday, April 12, 1983 this resolution was passed:

"The Oxford County Library Board respectfully requests the township of Norwich to advise the board of the desirability of maintaining a library service in Otterville."

The library should remain open and council should provide a better place for it.

Ward 1 has paid a lot of tax money to Oxford County Library. We are entitled to much better library facilities than are presently being provided.

Consider our tax levy:

Levy from Norwich Township to Oxford County Library in 1982 = \$66,406.00

Population of township - 9612

Population of Ward 1 - 2908 (approximately a third of township)

Therefore per person levy - \$6.91

Therefore, Ward 1 paid \$20,094.28 in 1982

1980 levy from township \$44,000 Ward 1 \$14,666.

1981 levy from township 55,000 (approx) Ward 1 18,333.

1982 levy from township 66,406 Ward 1 20,094.

From Ward 1 in the last three years = \$53,093.

Oxford County's Library system in present form started in 1965.

Let's assume \$10,000 from Ward 1 per year from 1965 - 1979 (14 years) (that's a low estimate)

Ward 1 paid \$10,000. x 14 = \$140,000.

1980-82 53,093.

Therefore Ward 1's share = \$193,093.

In 1983 Ward 1 will probably pay \$25,666. more.

Oxford County Library pays for:

-books - large print books, talking books for blind

-records

-furniture

-shelving

-carpeting

-salary to librarian(s)

-cleaning

* -\$430. (app.) rent ←

see note at end.

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The local community (council) is responsible for:

- a place to house the library

* If no rent is charged to Oxford County Library by the township, O.C.L. pays for utilities and upkeep!!

If O.C.L. pays rent - the Township pays utilities.

Unless better quarters for a library are found in Ward 1 - the council of Norwich Township is wasting the taxpayers' money paid to Oxford County Library.

What the council has provided in Ward 1 is:

- a room 13 ft. x 24 ft. (until 1968 it was 13' x 10')

- steep narrow steps to the room

- a fire trap

- a disgrace!

- a hole-in-the-ground

These facilities are not adequate. They're a waste of the nearly \$200,000 already allotted to Oxford County Library. The blame for these poor library quarters lies with our council(s) past and present. Oxford County Library is more than willing to provide more books, and equipment. We need better facilities.

There should not be a need to convince council that a library is important. It's like expecting streetlights, sidewalks, a post office, and a water supply in a community. A library should be available in the home community. Reading is an important free recreation for all age groups. This recreation can be carried on all year. Our local library is our link to a much bigger system. Any book requested will be mailed to the local branch in a few days. This greatly benefits anyone doing special research or university courses.

Oxford County Library provides a good service. Ward 1 needs to be able to make better use of it. We cannot do this until more space is provided by the council.

Ward 1 has been paying for library services for the rest of the township, and the rest of the County to enjoy. It's time we have our share.

Council needs to take action.

Money can be found for this.

It can be budgeted over a period of time if necessary.

Right now Norwich Township has a deficit. The auditor points out that "it's still in sound financial position" with equity of \$287,000.¹ He calls the expense of \$151,691. "an uncommon expenditure" for legal fees over the Holbrook landfill site and says that "we should be able to pick up the deficit without too much of a strain."⁽¹⁾

* Expense for a library facility need only occur once, not each year. Therefore it too can be classified as "an uncommon expenditure" that can be "picked up without too much of a strain."

If money can be found for garbage it can be found for a library.

1. Aitken, Ed. chartered accountant with the firm Millard, Rouse and Rosebrough p. 1 The Tillsonburg News April 15, 1983.

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What is needed is a new, ground-level building that everyone can enter easily. It would become part of our cultural heritage that this area can be proud of.

Renovating the basement of the town hall is going to cost a lot too. Why not apply the money to a new building?

Perhaps grant money from Wintario could be obtained. Perhaps service clubs would help. Perhaps it could be a combined community effort.

Come on council!

Improve this situation!

If anyone wishes the complete text of this presentation contact:

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* If the Council provides a building and charges no rent to Oxford County Library - O.C.L. then pays for the utilities: heat, hydro, telephone

This happens at Norwich and Thamesford

If you charge O.C.L. rent - then Council pays utilities.

Build or buy a building, turn it over to Oxford County Library and it won't cost the Township any expense!

Presentation to Community Services Committee
April 18, 1983.

By LURENE McMULLEN
HEAD LIBRARIAN

Why have 2 councils previously been uninterested in putting money in the Otterville Library. Does the facility not appeal to them either? That is why we have asking for improvements.

It has been pointed out that all villages have libraries. It is interesting to note at least (and this is a modest figure) 80% of our adult readers were not raised in Otterville. The adult readers who use our library do so at least every 2 weeks and use it both for pleasure reading and research. Why do not the Otterville raised residents use the library?----- Is it because there has never been a #1 facility here? With new comers it has always been part of their life.

I have always been proud of the selection on the shelf considering the space available. Just Saturday a Gr.12 student came in looking for a reference book on abortion for a school health project. There was one on the shelf.

A few years ago a McMaster University Prof. visiting the community dropped in to see our library. On our shelves was a book which he had unseccuessfully tried to obtain from both the Hamilton City & McMaster University libraries. He was amazed at the selection of recent books available on our shelves.

High School teachers have come from Norwich High School because we have such a good selection of History Books.

A couple of years back (the year of the handicapped) the afternoon session at our annual workshop contred around the use of large print books for the hard of seeing and talking books for the handicapped. Talking books are tapes made by professional readers reading books both fiation and non-fiction plus monthly issues of pōpular magazines. To qualify you must have a Doctor's certificate stating you are handicapped and cannot read a regular book. This may be

Heart film shown Lions

The regular meeting of the Norwich - Otterville Lions Club was held Monday, April 11 in the Springford United Church. A bountiful meal was served by the United Church Women to 33 members and three guests.

Lion Ray O'Neil complimented the ladies and expressed the appreciation of the club for the dinner.

Former Lion David Ramer was present and introduced Barbara Helsdon and Marlene Thorpe of Tillsonburg, members of the newly-formed chapter of the Ontario Heart Foundation.

They presented a film entitled "Live a Full Life",

emphasizing ways of living to take better care of our bodies to prevent problems of heart attacks and strokes, still the largest causes of death. Statistics indicate that a moderate amount of regular exercise, along with a balanced diet, is the simplest way to avoid the possibilities of heart disorders. The new Tillsonburg Chapter of the Ontario Heart Foundation collected over \$11,000 for research in their first year.

Lion Andre Vandenberghe thanked the ladies for their presentation.

A report was given by Lion Chief Colin Cope on the District A-2 Mini-Convention held in Niagara Falls April 8, 9 and 10, which eight members attended. The new District A-2 Governor for 1983-84 is Lion Chester McNall, of the Waterford Lions Club.

Another five members are planning to attend the Multiple District A

convention in Montreal May 6, 7 and 8. Some interest is also shown in attending a Lions Blue Jay Day in Toronto, May 29, when the Blue Jays host Boston.

Lion Chief Colin participated in a 10 kilometre "Journey For Sight" walk-a-thon in Niagara Falls Sunday morning and for his efforts the Club will donate \$1.00 per member to the sight program.

A contribution of \$30 will

be made to support the upcoming bicycle rodeo to be held in Norwich. An amount of \$4,250 is to be paid as the first half of the Club's commitment toward the cost of renovating the pool bath house in the Otterville Park. The renovations were completed in 1982.

Convention draws were won by Lions Dalt French, Dr. G.M. Downing, Dean Donaldson and Ed McFarland.

Hold rummage sale

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Otterville Women's Institute held its annual Spring Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 16. Due to wintery weather, the sale which was advertised to be held at Betty Walther's was changed to the Otterville Community Hall.

Doors opened at 9 a.m. but the smaller number of shoppers than in previous years, decreased the sales. However, the members decided their efforts were not all in vain.

President Annie Pickersgill welcomed the visitors and thanked those who came to assist through the forenoon. The annual meeting of the club was

then held at which time reports were given to the secretary.

The members were asked to remember the District Annual on May 18 to be held in First Baptist Church, Tillsonburg, at which the Otterville Institute will conduct the memorial service.

A bus trip for the Institute members in the area is being planned. A day's outing to Port Dover will be taking place June 14.

The meeting closed with the next meeting to be held the second Thursday in May. Meetings will be withdrawn during the summer until September.

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Norwich-Otterville Lions Club meet

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Norwich - Otterville Lions Club was held in the community hall, Otterville, on Monday evening, April 25. Lion president Colin Cope presided.

There were 41 present, including five guests, four Lions from the Straffordville club.

Lion Bill Orth requested that the Norwich - Otterville Lions supply one act for the July 1 garden party in Burgessville. All members were enthusiastic in endorsing this request.

Lion Les Dickson reported on Ladies Night with dinner at the Clansmens in Waterdown, and a stage show, "Hello Dolly" on April 21. This was well attended and well enjoyed.

Lion Rene DeCooman reported on the first "Spring Rock Dance" held at the Norwich Community Centre, April 22. This was a successful first attempt and a second dance is anticipated.

A letter of appreciation

from the Norwich Minor Hockey Association was read, expressing their thanks for financial support during the past season.

Lion Al Fisher of the Straffordville club reported on their upcoming "Western Weekend" July 22-24. This club agreed to enter a mixed slo-pitch softball team.

Lion Gloyne Cole received a 25-year chevron and Lion Bob Scott reported that this club recently collected 980 pairs

of glasses with much help from the Magog, Quebec Lions Club to send to the C.N.I.B. in Kitchener.

The annual May 23 fireworks display will be held in the community park, Otterville. Lions Nels Gleason reported on a recent visit to the Dillon, North Carolina club. Lion Les Dickson and two fellow Lions, recently visited the Straffordville club.

Winners of the convention draw were Lions Les Dickson, Murray Wardell and Bill Martin.

Guild meets

OTTERVILLE (C) - St. John's Anglican Church Guild met at the home of Mrs. Violet Howse on Friday afternoon. President, Mrs. Howse, presided.

Rector Grant Darling opened the meeting with prayer, followed with the Lord's Prayer in unison. Mrs. Harry Pickersgill read Scripture in keeping with Psalm Sunday.

Roll call was responded to by eight members who paid their membership. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mrs. Harold Durkee, followed with Mrs. Winnie McMullen giving the treasurer's report. A business session followed arising from the minutes.

It was decided that the next meeting would be held on the fourth Friday in April in the parish hall. Rector Darling closed the meeting with prayer.

A social time was enjoyed with the hostess served lunch with Mrs. Winnie Leitch assisting.

Plan turkey supper

OTTERVILLE (C) — The meeting of St. John's Otterville Anglican Church Women was held April 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall with 15 ladies present.

The meeting opened with the singing of a hymn, followed by a Scripture reading and prayer. Kaye Darling introduced the guest speaker, Hazel Osbourne, who spoke to the group about the A.C.W. Cathy Furlong thanked Mrs. Osbourne for attending the meeting and for all the assistance she was able to give the organization.

The business portion of the meeting then followed. The Fashion Show, held on March 24 at the Otterville Community Hall, was considered a complete success and a good time was had by all. On Sunday, April 10, a combined service was held with St. Alban's Church of Delhi at St. John's Church, Otterville. Janet Ryerse and Evelyn Picknell were in

charge of the lunch following the service.

Plans were made for the ladies making squares for the Royal Bank's 80th Anniversary in Otterville. Wenda Smith has the tickets made for the Turkey Supper to be held Mother's Day, May 8. Settings will be at 4, 5 and 6 p.m., adults \$5, children \$2.50 and pre-schoolers free. Anyone wanting tickets can get them from Mrs. Smith by calling 879-6508. The rest of the meeting was spent making arrangements for the Turkey Supper.

On a final note, Mrs. Furlong asked that May 28 be considered as a possible date for a Yard and Rummage Sale. The next meeting will be held April 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



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Easter Celebration held at Otterville United

OTTERVILLE (C) - The evening of Good Friday, April 1, an Easter Celebration took place in the Otterville United Church when the South Norwich Community Choir presented "Hallelujah What A Savior" by John W. Peterson. The church was filled to capacity. Mrs. Lillian Broad was pianist for the evening.

The choir entered the church to the processional hymn, "Hosanna, Lord Hosanna" which remembers that ancient procession of crowds and children waving palm branches. A hymn sing then was enjoyed by both the choir and the congregation as all joined in singing "Go To Dark Gethsemane", "Jesus Walked the Lonesome Valley" and "Were You There". Rev. Moore, minister of the Otterville United Church, then led in prayer.

A piano and organ duet "Open the Gates of the Temple" was played by Mrs. Broad and Jean McClintock during the offertory.

The cantata, "Hallelujah, What A Savior" was performed by the choir and narrated by Mrs. McClintock. It was composed of many selections, featuring both the choir as a whole and individual members through solo parts. The sequence of selections as well as solo performers were as follows: "Hallelujah, What A Savior: Man of Sorrows"; "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"; "Behold We Go Up To Jerusalem" - solo by Paul Babcock; "Blessed is the King of Israel" - solo by Eva Rae; "My House Shall Be Called the House of Prayer" - solo by George Davis; "Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow" - solo by Barbara Cope; "Behold, I Bring Him Forth to You"; "He Carried The Cross For Me"; "Father, Forgive Them" - solo by Archie Wright; "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"; and "Christ Arose".

The congregation then joined in with the congregational response hymn, "In The Cross of Christ I Glory".

The choir left the church to the recessional hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" as an evening filled with thoughts and reflections of Easter closed.

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Celebrating anniversary

OTTERVILLE (C) - The Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Otterville Baptist Church held its April meeting on Tuesday evening in the Sunday school room of the Church.

The president Wilma Butler brought the call to worship from Matthew 28:6 "He Is Risen" pointing out that spring brings new life to the earth as Easter brings us encouragement for new beginnings. A reading "He Lives Within Our Hearts" was read.

The roll call was answered by 17 ladies. It was announced that the next month's roll call be answered by bringing something old or telling of a memory, since the Church will be celebrating their 125th anniversary next month on May 1. Letters were read from missionaries - the Herbert Pollard family and Dr. Hazel Wigglesworth. A thank you note was read from Audrey Finkbeiner, CSC, for the offering of the last meeting.

Mrs. Fred Hill and Mrs. Charter Davis led in missionary prayers.

Mrs. Murray Treffry, who was in charge of the devotional, opened with a reading which asked the question "Would we have denied Him as Peter did?" Everyone joined in singing "At The Cross".

Mrs. Jack Walters gave the Scripture reading from Matthew 28:16-20. Mrs. Treffry read a piece entitled "Promises from Christ".

Hilda Stockmans brought the message for the evening which challenged each one to ask "Whom will you choose - Christ or Barabbas?" If you choose Jesus you will have Eternal Life but we can't expect our discipleship for Him to be all joy but persecution as well.

The meeting closed with singing the hymn "The Way of the Cross Leads Home" and prayer by Mrs. Treffry.

A social time followed and the president was assisted by Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Davis in serving lunch.

35th anniversary for Happy Bluebirds

OTTERVILLE (C) - The members of the Happy Bluebird Club held their April meeting at the home of the president, Dorothy Daniels, on Thursday evening, April 21.

Eight members were present and enjoyed the evening dinner served in smorgasbord style. This featured a lovely birthday cake made by Josepha Rosehart who was joint hostess with the president. This was the birthday meeting celebrating 35 years since the club's organization. The well filled table showed the preparation by members present.

After the supper was completed, the president

'Spring Fling' to be held at Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) - The April meeting of the Otterville United Church Women was held in the Sunday school room of the

Church on Thursday evening, April 21 with a good attendance of members and several male visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heeney of Ingersoll, who had taken a two week holiday to the Holy Land, were the guest speakers. They shared their trip with the members through pictures shown by Mr. Heeney and a commentary by Mrs. Heeney. Close friends of Rev. Earl and Mrs. Moore, they were introduced by Rev. Moore and thanked by Marion who presented them with a gift.

Jean Gehring, president, presided for the meeting which opened with the U.C.W purpose and a reading. Mrs. Moore and her committee, Orris Beecroft, Evelyn Finch, Clara Arthur and Cathy

Davis conducted the worship service. The offering was received by Mrs. Arthur and Mrs. Finch. Jean Little was pianist for the meeting.

Ladies were reminded of the Spring Fling, a Luncheon and Bake Sale, which will be held at the Church on Thursday, April 28. Treasurer's report was given by Betty Walther. Conveners gave their reports. Mrs. Moore read thank you notes and Marion Taylor reported on gifts and cards sent.

A social time, prepared by the committee in charge, was enjoyed by all at the conclusion of the meeting. The upcoming May meeting will be convened by Elaine Oliver and the June meeting, convened by Lorraine Downing, will be a trip to Port Dover.

Summerville WI

The April meeting of the Summerville Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Jay Durkee with a good attendance.

The president Mrs. Gordon Gehring opened the meeting with the Ode,

Mary Stewart Collect and Lord's Prayer. The secretary read correspondence which was dealt with. The district annual is May 18 at First Baptist Church, Tillsonburg. Dues were paid, conveners gave reports and a new member was welcomed, Mrs. Reginald Walters. The roll call was Tell of your plans for the future and the motto "We must remember the past, but live in anticipation of the future."

New officers were installed for 1983 - 1984 as follows: Past President - Mrs. Donald Barnim; President - Mrs. Gordon Gehring; First Vice-President - Mrs. Joseph Duffy; Second Vice-President - Mrs. Kenneth Arthur; Secretary Treasurer - Mrs. Jay Durkee; Assistant Secretary Treasurer - Mrs. Donald Barnim; District Director - Mrs. Donald Barnim; Alternate District Director - Mrs. Herbert Redman; Curator - Mrs. Stanley Gehring; Good Cheer - Mrs. Joseph Ash; Nominating Committee - Mrs. Donald Barnim and Mrs. Joseph Duffy; Auditors - Mrs. Keith Arthur and Mrs. Donald Arthur and Public Relations Officer - Mrs. Joseph Ash.

The meeting closed with Institute Grace and O Canada. Lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Kenneth Arthur.

was in charge of a short program which began with a short skit she enacted with Mrs. Rosehart. Mrs. Daniels then gave several readings which were all chosen for the birthday meeting, and followed with a solo "An Evening Prayer".

Two of the members, who were absent from the Easter meeting, were presented with their much appreciated Easter gift which consisted of an Easter egg, a cross bookmark and marker pen. The members were treated to homemade candy during the evening and two members thanked the club for cards received.

Relating back through

the 35 years of the club's organization, it once consisted of a membership of 35 which was divided into five groups. But with time and changes in lifestyle, the membership had decreased to 15. Through the program the members sang old favorites which reflected years gone by.

The business opened with the Creed and The Lord's Prayer. The roll call was responded to by the eight members present.

The next meeting will be at the home of Katie Lowe, Norwich. Everyone thanked the president, Mrs. Daniels, for the most enjoyable evening in celebrating the 35th birthday of the club.

Club plans bike safety week

OTTERVILLE — The Spring-Otter Optimist Club has designated the week of May 16-21 as bicycle safety week in this community.

Designed to teach cyclists the basics of bicycle safety, this educational program will actually begin April 28. On that date, three bicycle safety films aimed at different age groups will be shown to the students of Otterville Public School.

Also at that time, Bill Redman, safety week chairman, will outline details of a bicycle safety poster program open to students at the school. These posters will be judged by members of the local Optimist Club and winners of gold, silver and bronze medals in each grade will be announced May 16.

"With the arrival of spring, children quickly develop a near permanent attachment to their bicycles," said Jim Countryman, publicity director for the Spring-Otter Optimists. "It is this hand in handlebar scenario which has instigated the bike safety week programs sponsored by Optimist Clubs throughout North America."

The grand finale of this special program will be on May 21 when a bicycle rodeo will take place behind the township offices in Otterville.

"At this stage," said Mr. Countryman, "each participant's bike will undergo a safety inspection and the children will learn the basics of bicycle safety

through practical demonstrations and skill tests."

This special week is being set aside by the Optimists to stress intelligent co-existence of motorists and children on streets and highways.

"We adults come in for safety indoctrination too, as the Optimists will be reminding them of their obligations through colorful 'Give Them a Brake' posters and large street-wide bicycle safety week banners which will be located in Otterville and Springford," said Mr. Countryman.

"When behind the wheel of a car, be cautious and watch out for children on bikes because they may do the unexpected," he added.

"Make sure your children learn the basics of bicycle safety and that you brush up on good driving rules."



Sampling the wares

Two-year-old Jeremy Murray decided he'd sample the wares at the Otterville Royal Bank's 80th birthday celebrations marked last Friday. Decorations adorned the walls and coffee and cookies were free for the sampling of bank customers. (NG Photo)

Bank 80 years old

The Royal Bank in Otterville celebrated 80 years of history on Friday with a special 80th anniversary celebration.

The Royal Bank started out as the Traders Bank in Otterville, the Royal Bank being created when the two amalgamated in 1912. The Traders Bank had been established in 1893 in Otterville in the building later occupied by the post office on Main Street. That location now serves as a residence.

The bank moved to its present location in the Paxton Building when the amalgamation took place in 1912. The Paxton Bank was constructed by Robert Paxton who opened the first private bank there in 1879. When he died, that bank closed and the building was later taken over by the Royal Bank.

The bank manager's apartment, connected to the bank, was used by all the bank's managers up until 1977 when Stuart Harris took over the post.

The following list, although somewhat incomplete, includes the bank's managers over the years since the building was built by Robert Paxton: Robert Paxton 1879-1903; A.M. Bryson (?) - 1929; L.A. Carley 1929-1939; V.O. Olliver 1939-1941; D.C.V. Morrison 1941-1959; Harold McDougall 1959-1963; Bert Pauli 1963-1970; Al Montag 1970-1973; Gerry Christenson 1973-1977; W.R.S. (Stuart) Harrison 1977 to present.



Happy birthday

The manager of the Otterville Royal Bank received congratulations Friday on the 80th anniversary of the Royal Bank coming to Otterville. Bringing best wishes to Manager Stuart Harris (left) were Bill MacIntosh (centre), assistant regional manager for the London region of the Royal Bank of Canada and Al Montag, assistant manager for loans out of the London area executive office and a former manager of the Otterville branch of the Royal Bank. (NG Photo)

Area Deaths

Blaine Douglas Oatman

Blaine Douglas Oatman of Springford passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Saturday, April 23, 1983, in his 75th year.

Born in South Norwich Township on September 3, 1908, he lived in the Springford area all his life. He was a market gardener for the past 43 years. He attended Springford United Church. He was the secretary-treasurer of the Springford Cemetery board for many years. He was very active in sports like hunting and fishing. He has been hunting up in Northern Ontario for the past 52 years with the Springford Hunt Club. He was one of the founders of the former South Norwich Fish and Game Club. He was the

son of the late Louis Oatman and the former Ada Ruckle.

Surviving are his wife, the former Maragret F. Pettman; one daughter, Mrs. August (Jean) De Wachter of RR 1, Otterville; two grandchildren, Julie and Michael De Wachter. He was predeceased by one sister, Mrs. Lila Haley in 1968.

Rested at the H.D. Verhoeve Funeral Home, Tillsonburg, where funeral service was held in the chapel on Tuesday, April 26 at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Earl Moore of Springford United Church and Rev. Gibson Brown of Springford Baptist Church.

Interment in Springford Cemetery.

Donations to the charity of your choice gratefully appreciated by the family.

Blaine Douglas Oatman

Funeral service for the late Blaine Douglas Oatman of Springford, who passed away Saturday, April 23, 1983, was held at H.D. Verhoeve Funeral Home, Tillsonburg, on Tuesday, April 26, at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. Earl Moore of Springford United Church and Rev. Gibson Brown of Springford Baptist Church.

"Beyond the Sunset" was sung by Gordon and Ruth Ann Haley accompanied by Miss Wanda Mansfield.

Flowerbearers were Stan Palmer, Clarence Stover, Doug Wilson, Albert Wardle, Ken White, Walter Ladosz, Walter Zawada, Don Oatman, Doug Oatman.

Pallbearers were Bill Holman, Gordon Fentie, Garfield Wardle, Bryce Smith, Fred Lonsbary, Bill Lengers. The funeral was largely attended.

Interment in family plot, Springford Cemetery.

Norwich begins

budget talks

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By SUZANNE HANSON

The work of setting a 1983 budget for the Township of Norwich got underway Monday night as members of council received preliminary budget figures from the Norwich police department and its deputy clerk-treasurer.

Mayor John Heleniak requested a motion at the commencement of the meeting to determine whether it would be open to the press. It was moved by Councillor Bob Carney that the meeting be designated a special session of council and that it be open to the press. The motion was approved in a 5-4 vote with one member of council absent when the vote was taken.

Councillor Norm Lusk stated he had no objection to the press being present during the discussions but he felt "it would be quite boring." He said council would just be accumulating data before determining whether any paring of the budget would need to be done.

Mayor Heleniak pointed out before the vote was taken that "we are dealing with

public funds and priorities so I have no objections to the meeting being open."

After the vote was taken Councillor-at-large Helen Smith said she was not opposed to the meeting being open to the press but did object to the meeting being constituted as a special session of council instead of a management policy committee meeting as the rate of pay to council members for attending the meeting is higher if it is a session of council.

Clerk-administrator Bob Watkins pointed out that could amount to a difference of \$1,000 over the course of three budget sessions.

In examining the preliminary figures submitted to council Monday night, council was looking only at the list of general expenses for the township and will not reduce or delete or add sums to the budget until further budget sessions when all figures have been submitted to council.

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The preliminary budget estimate submitted by Norwich Police Chief Robert Knight for his department shows an increase at present of 7.4 per cent over last year before any consideration by council. It was pointed out to council that the township receives a provincial grant to aid in covering its policing costs, based on population. Last year that grant was \$117,684 meaning the township was left to pay the difference between the grant and the total budget of \$174,447, which amounted to a sum of \$56,763.

It is possible this year's grant to the township will be less, however, as the population in the township has declined since last year.

Included in Chief Knight's preliminary budget to council was a request for a new cruiser to be delivered and paid for in 1984. He suggested half of the purchase price be included as reserve funds in this year's budget with the remainder to be included in the 1984 budget.

Chief Knight said he has for the past seven years been using his own vehicle for police work in Norwich to help ease the transition to restructured government. He is now ready to purchase a new personal vehicle, however, and does not feel he should have to drive his own vehicle any longer when on duty.

Chief Knight suggested that with the purchase of a new cruiser, it could be the full-time police cruiser, with the present car, which will be two years old in 1984, converted to an unmarked car for use by the force.

Councillor Darrell Force supported the move pointing out that it has been the practice to trade cruisers every three years. He said that since the township would only receive \$2-3,000 on a trade-in, the chief's proposal would make good use of the vehicle.

Chief Knight said if the purchase of the new vehicle is not approved by council, it will leave the force short of a car as he does not plan to use his own new vehicle for police work except in the case of emergencies.

Also included in the police budget estimates were funds to complete the renovation of the security area of the police station, totalling \$2,500. If those funds are approved and the renovations carried out, the office renovations will be complete, said Chief Knight.

Other items in the budget included \$700 for the purchase of a portable breathalyzer alert and the purchase of four open holsters for the officers.

Chief Knight stated he had been to seminars and viewed demonstrations on the new type of holsters and believes they are a lot safer than those now used by the men.

The total budget submitted by Chief Knight amounts to \$187,408, including wages, utilities for the police office, uniforms and equipment, car expenses, office supplies,

radio dispatch supplied by Tillsonburg town police, association memberships and conventions, insurance, sick leave credits, capital expenses, mileage and miscellaneous items.

During the rest of the budget session, treasurer John Gilbert outlined council's general expenses and the various grants suggested for inclusion in the budget.

The total proposed grants amounted to \$45,515, up from the 1982 actual of \$31,350.

Considerable discussion centred on the grants requested by the Norwich and District Historical Society and it was recommended that a meeting be set up between council and the Society's executive to allow the Society to explain their objectives with regard to the grants requested from the township.

The two grants, for \$5,000 each, have been requested to aid the historical society in its continued operation of its museum complex with the second grant representing one-half of a request for \$10,000 to assist the Society in utilizing funds approved under the Canada-Ontario Employment Development (COED) program. The second half of the request would be considered for 1984.

Several members of council voiced the opinion that the historical society's plans to renovate and expand their present facilities at the museum complex with the COED funds "seem somewhat ambitious" and they questioned whether it would be possible to tone them down a little in light of the Society's precarious financial position.

"It's nice to get \$200,000," said Councillor Carney, "but they could build themselves a big white elephant."

Councillor Donald Pettigrew agreed that the Society might be getting themselves into trouble. "I think they are in trouble and it would make more sense for them to ask us to help them get out of trouble instead of getting them in deeper."

Dam agreement

Norwich Township council has authorized its mayor and clerk to execute an agreement with the Long Point Region Conservation Authority detailing responsibilities and rights in regard to operating the Norwich dam to increase stream flow downstream for emergency fire suppression.

Council has also authorized the Fire Chief Brian Workman to purchase a turning wheel for the dam to operate the bottom draw controls of the dam at the Norwich Conservation Area in order to be able to increase stream flow downstream in the event of a fire emergency or practice session.

TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH

— requires —

qualified persons to manage and staff the Otterville Lions Pool. Applications should be submitted to the undersigned by May 12, 1983 at 4:00 p.m.

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Clerk, Township
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Otterville
Phone 879-6568

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May 14, 1953
30 years ago

Magnolia trees in Norwich are now at their best. One particularly large one is in bloom at the rear of Mrs. Corlett's home, Main Street, East.

Dorothea Edmonds, a member of the High School staff for the past five years, has resigned to accept a position in the Commercial Department at the Brantford Collegiate Institute.

25 YEARS AGO
MAY 1958

A. Lansing Rodgers, clothing merchant, died in a fire at his home at 73 Victoria Street on May 21st.

Otterville - Miss Maude Hussey, chief operator of the local Bell Telephone office, was surprised by a number of telephone employees on the occasion of her 30th anniversary as an operator with the company.

MAY 16, 1968
15 years ago

David L. Wills of Burgessville, a student in civil technology, was one of 1,000 graduates to receive a diploma at the spring convocation.

For the first time in a federal election, the number of people eligible to vote in Oxford county has passed the 40,000 mark.

On request of Harold Wenn, council agreed to assume ownership of the North Norwich and Norwich Pioneer Museum.

Requests council consider pay for board work

Norwich Township councillor Norm Lusk is concerned about the amount of time some councillors spend serving on various boards and committees without remuneration and he has asked council to consider some sort of pay schedule for them during this year's budget deliberations.

At present councillors are only paid for their attendance at council meetings and council's committee meetings but Mr. Lusk would like to see consideration given to some sort of pay structure established for councillors who attend meetings of other bodies as council representatives.

The township's clerk-administrator Bob Watkins said there have on occasion been special rates approved for councillors attending meetings as council's representatives

and the staff would like a policy established so they know what to do if a bill comes in from a councillor.

Mr. Lusk said he was concerned about the amount of time spent by councillors acting in an official capacity on other bodies without any remuneration or even mileage to the meetings.

However, Councillor Donald Pettigrew reminded council of the statements made at election time "that we were bound to hold the line" and this goes contrary to those statements. He said he thought people should be held to those statements.

Councillor Hardee Richardson then pointed out the matter was only referred to budget discussions for consideration. "It could go or it could not go."

Norwich grant for updating zoning bylaw

A community planning study grant of \$23,750 has been awarded to Oxford County, on behalf of Norwich Township for the purpose of updating the township's zoning bylaw.

Oxford MPP Richard Treleaven made the announcement of the grant approval last week on behalf of Claude Bennett, minister of municipal affairs and housing.

Community planning study grants are designed to encourage municipalities to review and update their planning programs, zoning bylaws and other planning documents. They may also be used for special studies on local issues such as commercial development along highways and for energy conserving planning measures.

According to Oxford County's planning commissioner Peter Atcheson, a program of updating the comprehensive zoning bylaws for all the county's municipalities has been underway since the Oxford County planning act was implemented in 1979 following the restructuring of the county and its rural municipalities.

Mr. Atcheson said in an earlier interview that Norwich Township is the last municipality to undergo the revision

process and when that is complete, updated comprehensive bylaws will be in place in all county municipalities. Mr. Atcheson said Norwich Township was left until last to undergo the revision process as some work had been done on its bylaws at the time of the amalgamation of four former municipalities into Norwich Township in 1976, so it was lower on the county's priority list.

The province provides 50 per cent of the funding required to carry out the work with the county picking up the other 50 per cent. Mr. Atcheson said in the earlier interview that there would be no direct cost to the township unless an Ontario Municipal Board hearing is required to finalize the revised bylaw.

With the funding approved the county can now proceed with the preparation of a draft bylaw which will then be submitted for the approval by township council. Once the township is satisfied, its residents will have an opportunity to review it and comment on it at a public meeting held for that purpose. It will, however, be several months before the county has a draft bylaw prepared, said Mr. Atcheson.

NEED grant to provide 19 new jobs

The federal government recently announced two new work projects in Oxford, under the new Canada - Ontario Employment Expansion and Development program (NEED).

These projects will provide 23 new jobs over a period of 395 work weeks.

The Township of Norwich has received NEED funding to update municipal drainage maps, extend the sidewalk replacement program and for painting various municipal buildings. The project will provide 19 new jobs over a period of 289 work weeks. The contribution of the

federal government to this project is \$37,580.

The second NEED project provides a budget of \$13,004 for four jobs over a period of 106 to the Township of South-West Oxford for repairing and laying sidewalks, cutting grass, landscaping and for building maintenance.

The NEED program's main objective is to provide work for unemployment insurance benefit exhaustees for a minimum 12 week period.

Hiring for these projects will be through local Canada Employment and Immigration offices.

Letters to the editor

NOT JUST THE MILL

Dear Editor:

To the past, present and future councillors of Norwich Township, we would like to point out the fact the Township purchased approximately 39 ACRES OF TREFFRY PROPERTY - not just the mill in Otterville.

The mill was the focal point in discussions previous to the purchase BUT there were other issues at stake which no longer seem to surface.

One issue was the cost of maintaining the water supply to the west end of the village, not only for consumption purposes, but for fire protection as well. If an easement could not have been obtained from private ownership (of land) we have been informed the estimated cost of relocating the water main was well in excess of \$60,000, the amount paid for ALL the property.

Another issue was the Otter Creek and dam. In

private ownership there would be no guarantee the dam would be kept in a 'safe and sound' condition, which we presume the township is now doing. Had private ownership of this property occurred and the dam not been maintained, a good example of what could happen is now apparent when looking at the mill race as the water flow has been diverted while repairs are made to the mill.

A third important issue was the entrance to the Park as this too was on the Treffry property. If no easement came from private ownership, would it have been possible to construct a road and bridge for less money than the amount paid for ALL the property, or would the Park have become an isolated area?

We wish to point out the fact that a public meeting of concerned citizens was held to 'get the feeling' of area residents as to

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Springford hall meeting called

Springford area residents interested in seeing a community hall built in the village can attend an information meeting Thursday, May 5 at 8 p.m. at the Springford Women's Institute hall.

A spokesman said the meeting is to

sound out the feelings of the local people on the construction of a hall.

Information concerning grants will be available at the meeting.

The spokesman suggested such a project would benefit local groups and individuals.

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whether or not the township should be requested to purchase ALL the property, with perhaps the South Norwich Historical Society maintaining the mill. 'In due course' the township purchased all the property and the Society leased the mill. It should also be noted that the Society would restore the mill, "as funds become available", and within two months of the lease signing

the Society had raised over \$5,000 at one function.

Finally we are "tired" of hearing how much the township has HELPED the South Norwich Historical Society - "you got the mill".

In future remember ALL the issues to the Treffry property purchase and let the 'emphasis of the mill purchase' be WATER OVER THE DAM.

Kenneth Mann,
Catherine Mann,
Otterville

Society ^{N.G.} biting off

too much?

By SUZANNE HANSON

Some Norwich Township councillors are concerned that the Norwich and District Historical Society may be "biting off more than it can chew" by utilizing a \$207,760 Canada - Ontario Employment Development (COED) program grant to improve the museum complex in Norwich.

The COED grant for the Society received approval on April 26 and will allow the historical society to carry out maintenance work and improvements to the existing buildings. It also provides for an addition to the museum building which will provide more storage and administration space freeing up the "crammed" display area.

Representatives of the historical society's board of directors appeared at Monday's Norwich Township council meeting to explain their objectives as "there was some indication from council that the plans might have been ambitious," said Councillor Darrell Force who asked the Society to clarify how the money will be spent.

But even after the explanations, there were some members of council who felt the operating expenses of the complex might grow with the expansion of its facilities and they questioned what would happen if provincial and federal grants to the Society continue to be reduced.

Councillor Bob Carney pointed out that "the government money is handed out to encourage development then it cuts it off and I'm just concerned that the historical society will be able to maintain and operate itself if these things are done," said Mr. Carney. "If they can't it will be a white elephant."

"I don't wish to see you get into the position where the deficit has grown and you come to ask the township to bail the society out."

In answering a question as to where the historical society gets its revenue, Don MacPherson, society vice-president said the provincial museum operating grant should bring in \$7,000 to the Society this year, a heritage grant for historical societies should come in at \$1,000 and the rest of the revenue is derived from the memberships in the society, the sale of books, draws and a successful historical show. Lavern Irving, Society president also pointed out the new managing curator

of the museum complex, Scott Gillies, is investigating a variety of other grants which may be available to the society for the operation of the museum and archives.

Mr. Gillies said he would like to suggest to council that it consider allotting for the next and continuing years a ballpark grant of \$1,000 to both the Norwich and District and the South Norwich historical societies on an annual basis. Those grants would serve as "positive proof of the fiscal support from the local council so that applications for grants from the province and the federal government will be taken more seriously," he said. "It's proof from our point of view that you are standing behind us."

However, Councillor Donald Pettigrew pointed out that the total grants that have been requested from the township this year have already increased by 45 per cent "and we're faced with that in our own restraint program." He said the province has exercised restraint by cutting back on the grant to the historical society this year and "the pressure is on this council to use that same kind of restraint." He asked the Society's executive if they, as a responsible organization are taking that same approach. "What measures of restraint are you taking," he asked. "You're asking us to pick up where the province has left off and that's not restraint."

Mr. Irving pointed out Society is only asking for \$5,000 and referred to the more than \$60,000 the historical society has contributed to the Norwich Township Community Centre in various forms over the years.

But Mr. Pettigrew stated he has some problems with grants. "It's a head in the clouds thing and it can be jerked out at any time."

Councillor John McNally agreed. He pointed out he as a farmer doesn't operate on grants. "The way our economy has been, these grants could be cut off and then

what? This grant promise is great if you can get it, but who is the grant in the end? It's you and I," said Mr. McNally.

Councillor Norm Lusk said he agrees in principle with the work being done by the historical society but voiced concern about the on-going expenses being incurred. "The maintenance costs there now are fixed but if we build a greater complex than is there now, there will be on-going expenses to a greater degree," he said. "We know what you've got there now and we're grateful for it but if there were for some reason or other the addition of... expenses and the other grants are pulled back, what happens then?"

Mr. Pettigrew said he could agree with helping the organization get its feet on the ground if they can also support themselves. "You have a large membership, that's where to get support," said Mr. Pettigrew.

"If the membership won't get behind it and support the organization you really are in trouble."

Mr. MacPherson, in response to comments about the potential for increased expenses through the work to be done, pointed out the major portion of the work is repairs and updating of the insulation. The one addition which will replace the old shed at the rear of the museum will result in a little more overhead for the Society "but I don't see a major increase in operating expenses and in many instances it will reduce the operating costs."

Mr. Gillies also said that if the Society is given enough on a support basis that it can use to advertise the facilities it should be able to increase the admissions and donations which he hopes would cover some of the operating costs. He is also hoping to organize a variety of special events on a smaller scale than the steam show to generate interest in and revenue for the museum complex.

Historical Society granted \$207,760

By SUZANNE HANSON

The Norwich and District Historical Society has received approval for a \$207,760 federal - provincial grant to carry out work at its museum complex in Norwich apparently with "no strings attached".

In a presentation to explain the Society's objectives to Norwich Township council on Monday, historical society president Lavern Irving said verbal confirmation had been received stating a Canada - Ontario Employment Development (COED) project grant had been approved with no requirement that the local Society come up with any of its own funds for the project.

The initial approval of the project to improve the museum complex in Norwich had been for a \$237,760 grant with \$207,760 to come from the federal

and provincial governments and the remaining \$30,000 to be raised by the Norwich and District Historical Society.

But a letter of approval came to the Society last Monday saying a contribution under the COED program had been approved with the only condition being that the historical society undertake the development of a master plan for the site.

Mr. Irving stressed to council that there is no condition requiring funding from the county or township councils for the project to proceed. The newly-appointed managing curator of the museum complex Scott Gillies reiterated what Mr. Irving had stated, pointing out there were no stipulations regarding the Society's own obligations for capital outlay in the project approval.

The lack of a financial obligation on the part of the historical society means it is now requesting only one grant of \$5,000, from the township's budget this year to assist it with its normal operating expenses until the end of the year. The Society had earlier requested and received approval for a \$5,000 loan from the township but that sum is to help with the expenses for the annual Historical Show and is to be repaid after the show, by the end of June.

The other request for a \$5,000 grant has been referred to budget considerations. Speaking in support of that grant for operating expenses, Mr. Irving pointed out that the Society has over the years been a major contributor to the Norwich Township Community Centre with financial assistance in various forms totalling \$61,200.

"At this time I just wanted to point out we are just asking for \$5,000 to cover expenses for the coming year," said Mr. Irving. "We have never been a burden to you and we have handed out \$61,000 toward the community centre."

He also pointed out the Society will no longer require an additional \$5,000 from the township which it had initially thought would be necessary to help finance a portion of the COED project.

"To make the application work there doesn't have to be any dollar input from the applicant," said Mr. Irving. Mr. Gillies agreed that it appears the Society has been given \$207,760 "with no strings attached"; the only condition being that a master plan for the complex be drawn up.

"If they're willing to give us the money this way we're glad to accept it," he said, although he did admit, "It seems to me our whole situation is unusual... unique."

Looking at the letter of approval for the COED contribution to the project, Councillor Bob Carney said he found it difficult to read "where there is any kind of a waiver regarding the \$30,000 to be raised by the Society."

"I would be going back to whoever handles these grants to get something specific in writing that the Society doesn't have to raise any funds for the Society's own projection and the township's," said Mr. Carney.

In describing what the historical society has in mind for the project, Mr. Gillies list of proposed jobs included basic maintenance of the museum buildings and any necessary improvements required such as making them more energy efficient to reduce costs over time. He said the display areas in the museum will also be increased to enable them to be changed regularly. That

First Miss Norwich Township

queen to be crowned

It isn't exactly a kingdom and it isn't far away in some strange land, but Norwich Township is looking for a queen.

This year marks the first time a competition to select a candidate for Miss Norwich Township will be held in the township, in conjunction with the annual Norwich Township Canada Day celebrations being held this year in Burgessville on Friday, July 1.

Young women residing in Norwich Township are eligible to compete for the title as long as they are single and between the ages of 16 and 21 inclusive, as of June 30, 1983.

The contestants in the competition will take part in the annual Canada Day parade being held in Burgessville at 10:30 a.m. on July 1, after which the preliminary judging will take place. The final judging will follow the opening ceremonies for the weekend, after which the winner will be crowned.

Contestants will be judged on their personality, poise, a private interview with the judges and a speech before the audience assembled for the occasion.

The newly-crowned Miss Norwich Township will then reign over the weekend's activities in Burgessville. Those activities include school

reunions, a barbecue and garden party on July 1 and a variety of other scheduled events on

Saturday and Sunday. There will also be the annual soap box derby and street dance in Otterville

on Saturday, and a dance, sponsored by the Norwich Junior C Merchants Saturday evening at the

Norwich community centre

Entry forms for the Miss Norwich Township com-

petition will be available at the Norwich Township municipal offices in Otterville, Janny's Super-

market (Otterville); The Norwich Gazette office; Scott's Big V, DMT Discount (Norwich); The

Village Market (Burgessville); and The Village Market (Oxford Centre).

Additional information can be obtained from Suzanne Hanson, 863-3229 (work) or 863-5337 (home).

will require greater storage space and the Society is proposing to expand the facilities to the rear of the museum to "free up the existing display area which is now crammed," said Mr. Gillies.

He said the museum should have proper storage facilities and an administration area. Those changes to the museum building will in the long-run be money makers for the museum and indirectly the community and Township of Norwich, said Mr. Gillies.

By increasing the display areas, they can be changed constantly to draw people back to the museum and attract new visitors. Mr. Gillies said he plans to draw up a tour package that will include various sites in the township, not just the museum. "I can see the job of the Norwich and District Museum and archives as acting as a focal point for broadcasting what's available to see in Norwich Township," he said.

Full-time curator starts at museum

By SUZANNE HANSON

Members of the Norwich and District Historical Society are hoping their museum complex can be given a higher public profile with the hiring of a full-time managing curator for the museum complex in Norwich.

Scott Gillies of Ingersoll took over the new position at the complex on May 1 and is already making plans for new programs that should increase the public's awareness of and involvement in the museum complex.

Mr. Gillies had been working full-time as a museum technician with the Ontario Agricultural Museum at Milton for three years when the government grants and Mr. Gillies' contract expired. He then took on a position with the Wentworth Heritage Village near Rockton in September, working as their agricultural expert, conducting tours, doing research and running children's programs until that contract expired the first of this year. While at the Wentworth Village, Mr. Gillies also wrote a historic play for a group of school children and organized various other special events.

The Wentworth Historic Village was a living history village, consisting of 33 buildings running from 1810 to 1910.

Mr. Gillies said he had held three part-time jobs in related work since the first of the year and was contacted by the historical society to apply for the position of managing curator.

A graduate of Salford Public School and Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute, Mr. Gillies is familiar with the area and has a strong interest in the agricultural background of the vicinity. He attended Huron College at the University of Western Ontario after completion of high school, graduating in 1979.

His experience working four summers at the Ontario Agricultural Museum at Milton led to his hiring as a museum

technician there where he worked for the next three years.

Mr. Gillies said he has always fostered an interest in history and sees Canadian history as being important to all generations to have an understanding of their heritage.

While Mr. Gillies is still adjusting to his new position at the museum complex and familiarizing himself with the artifacts, he is already making preliminary plans for special programs for the museum. He said he would like to start some school programs with educational packages for students in all grades - from kindergarten to Grade 13.

Mr. Gillies said he would also like to organize some more special events for the museum on a smaller scale than the annual historical show and he is particularly interested in examining the possibility of starting a cultural special event to reflect the various ethnic backgrounds of the area's residents to increase their interest in the museum.

He said he was quite surprised and impressed by the size of the collection at the museum. "There are in fact some very fine and unique pieces."

The museum is open now for the season which will run at least until the Thanksgiving weekend and possibly longer, said Mr. Gillies. He said the historical society will be applying for grants to employ some students to assist with the work during the summer and it will also be looking for some volunteer assistance to aid in manning the museum on the weekends. The museum complex is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Mr. Gillies said the museum is offering free admission to all mothers on Mother's Day and will be offering the same special to fathers on Father's Day in June.



New curator

The Norwich and District Historical Society now has the services of a full-time managing curator for its museum complex with the recent hiring of Scott Gillies. Mr. Gillies, who took over the job on Sunday, was examining some of the artifacts in the museum this week. Above he looks at a whale oil lamp probably dating before the 1850's. (NG Photo)

Committee to study new Springford hall

T.N.
MAY 9

By PAUL LUKE

Springford residents have formed a committee to investigate the feasibility of building a community hall or moving the existing Women's Institute hall.

The committee, formed at a public meeting at the Springford Women's Institute Hall last Thursday, will look into the village's need and desire for a community hall, as well as the costs of building a new one or moving and enlarging the present hall.

Eleanor Turnbull, president of the Springford Agricultural Society which organized the meeting, described the institute hall as "a fine little building" but one limited by its size and lack of kitchen facilities, parking space and room for expansion.

While Mrs. Turnbull noted the institute hall is only suitable for meetings, others present said a new or enlarged building could be used for dances, showers, receptions, oyster suppers, barbecues and community organization functions.

Esther Smith, a Women's Institute trustee, told the approximately 35 people at the meeting that a builder has estimated it would cost \$15,000 - \$16,000 to move the institute hall. This estimate includes about \$4,500 to move the building, \$3,500 to move Hydro poles and wires during the relocation and \$6,000 to put in a basement.

One man noted that it would cost even more if the building were to be enlarged.

If it were moved, Mrs. Turnbull said the institute hall would likely be situated on the property owned by Norwich township adjacent to the community park, on Concession 8, which was formerly part of the Springford Public School yard.

Mrs. Turnbull said the Agricultural Society would be eligible for a grant of 25 per cent of whatever it put into a building as well as improvement and maintenance grants. The society already has \$525 earmarked as a building fund.

Norwich Township Councillor Don Pettigrew, who was named to the feasibility committee, said the institute hall is "a semi-white elephant."

"I think the community deserves

better," he said, but cautioned that if a new building were constructed the institute hall "would become a genuine white elephant."

Some of those present said that while a community hall was a long term project, it was necessary to start planning for the future today.

"If the community doesn't pull together on this, no committee is going to do it for them," one man said.

The institute hall, formerly the Springford Baptist Church, was moved to its present location during the 1940's.

Renovating Treffry mill

The first phase of renovations at the Otterville mill are underway with the replacement of the structure's foundation.

Chairman of the South Norwich Historical Society's mill restoration committee, Rick Singer, said Friday the work has been underway for about two weeks to raise the west corner of the mill which had sunk about one foot into the ground, and to put in place 90 feet of new wall under the west half of the building.

Mr. Singer said a

concrete lip will be put into place underground to the south of the building which will enable them to put an artificial stone face on the concrete to blend in with the historic architecture of the building.

He said this is the first major work to be done on the mill outside of some general clean-up around the site and the removal of some fences. Once the rubble is cleared away from the site, it will be graded to encourage the water to flow away from

the mill rather than under it. Mr. Singer said the work on the foundation was the most important thing to be done with the next project being the replacement of siding to keep the weather out.

That work, however, will have to wait until the South Norwich Historical Society has more funds available. But they are looking now for pine logs for the siding which should be improved next year. Mr. Singer said the present work on the foundation should be done within a week.

"We're taking things a step at a time as the money becomes available," he said. The Society's next fund-raising event will be its annual chicken barbecue to be held Sunday, July 3 at the mill meadow.

The historical society has leased the mill from Norwich Township and has taken on the responsibility for its restoration and preservation.



New foundation

Renovations are already underway to install a new foundation under the Treffry mill in Otterville. The 137-year-old grist mill is being restored by the South Norwich Historical Society as funds are raised for that purpose. (NG Photo)

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Missionary Fellowship hear talk on Japan

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Dave Spencer was the hostess for the May meeting of the Missionary Fellowship held in the Sunday school rooms of the Baptist Church. The roll call was answered by bringing something old and telling its history.

The president Wilma Butler opened the meeting with Psalm 115:1, "Unto thy name give glory for thy mercy". Julie Berst, Woodstock, favored with several violin selections including "The King is Coming" and "Wonderful Grace of Jesus".

Mrs. Dwight Davis read a letter from missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Herons, Africa, and Mrs. Charles Davis from the Herbert Pollards, Kenya. Mrs. Earl Cooper read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Ross Helgeton who are looking forward to missionary work with the Indians in Saskatchewan. Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Ted Oenema led in missionary prayers.

Mrs. Fred Hill led in the devotional section which emphasized Mother's Day and a continuation of the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the church. She read a selection about

Mothers bringing up a child in the way he should go - respect for the church - and honoring Fathers and Mothers. She told of the history of the Hill family in the church and had descendants of the Hill and Davis family read the Scriptures - Mrs. David Hill, Mrs. Paul Hill, Mrs. Murray Treffry and Mrs. Dwight Davis.

Mrs. Walter Nicholls was the guest speaker for the evening, a former pastor's wife, who had served in the Church for 10 years. As Paul the apostle brought his people up to date on all that God had done for his work, Acts 14:27, so Mrs. Nicholls told of God's faithfulness to her in her life. She used Hebrews 13:8 as her text - "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever."

She told of being missionaries in Japan before coming to Otterville and how helpful the people were here to help them get started in their first church. They moved to Arnstein and celebrated Canada's 100th birthday there and their church had a float in a parade which had Hebrews 13:8 printed on it. They were at Arnstein for seven years when

Mr. Nicholls suffered from poor health and they moved near Toronto where he is doing office work and is with Probation and Paroles and Child Evangelism. She also said

Jesus is still the same, no older, no weaker, with the same message that we must accept Him as Savior to have Eternal Life.

The social committee of Mrs. Jack Walters, Mrs.

Dwight Davis, Mrs. Fred Hill and Mrs. Ken Lee served the lunch in the absence of Mrs. Spencer. A lovely social time was enjoyed with the guests of the evening.

Summerville WI see slides of India

The May meeting of the Summerville Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Donald Arthur with a good attendance.

The president Mrs. Gordon Gehring opened the meeting with the Ode, Mary Stewart Collect and Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the April meeting and correspondence were read and dealt with. The meeting was then turned over to the program committee, who introduced Mrs. John Vandenberghe who very capably showed slides she had taken on a recent trip to India. She

described the trip in detail, the country, people, their ways and religions. She was thanked by Mrs. Donald Barnim and presented with a gift.

The meeting closed with Institute grace and lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Barnim.

Dinner planned for Past Grands

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Past Grands of Violet Rebekah Lodge 330, Otterville, entertained the Past Grands from Myrtle Rebekah Lodge, Tillsonburg, and Past Grands from Norwich on May 30. Thirty-seven were present.

President Vera Welsh welcomed all and conducted the business meeting. Roll call was answered by naming a vegetable or fruit beginning with the first letter of one's surname. The visitors all joined in and it created a lot of enjoyment.

Otterville Past Grands will be going to Port Dover

for dinner on June 27, leaving at 6 p.m.

There being no more business, the evening was handed over to Eva Deveney and her committee. "Kootie" was played, all enjoying the fun game. Prizes were won for "Kootie", a lucky cup and plate, and draws were made on three dwarf chrysanthemums.

A lovely lunch was served and a pleasant visit was had by all. Both visiting lodges thanked Violet for a lovely evening. During lunch, everyone signed a large card for Greta Smith who is ill.

Otterville ACW

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the St. John's Anglican Church Women was held Thursday evening, May 19 in the parish hall with 10 ladies present.

The meeting opened with the singing of "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" and a reading from "Devotionals for Womens' Groups". This was followed with prayer by President Cathy Furlong.

Business concerned the graduation dinner to be held at the Parish Hall June 27, at 6 p.m. for the graduates, teachers and parents of the Otterville Public School. Wenda Smith and Janet Ryerse were appointed co-chairwomen for the committee in charge of the arrangements. Possible plans for the October meeting were discussed concerning a talk and demonstration about cacti.

The meeting then featured the guest speaker Joyce Leeming who presented suggestions for fund-raising and participation in meetings. She shared a wealth of ideas which provided a variety of approaches from craft demonstrations, scrapbook making, recipe trading to various community services. Everyone was encouraged to bring and share their craft ideas and patterns to a meeting. Mrs. Leeming was thanked for her most interesting and informative presentation.

Tickets were distributed to the various members to sell on the "Colonial Lady" quilt. Lila Freeland showed a quilt top which the group had been asked to complete. It was agreed that it would be done at the home of Evelyn Picknell.

Otterville WI

OTTERVILLE (C) — The May meeting of the Otterville Women's Institute was held at Woodlawn Adult Centre on Friday evening, May 6. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, Vera Welsh, convener of Historical Research, was in charge of the evening.

Guests for the meeting were Lillian White and Cheryl Babbey of the Springford Women's Institute who have gathered much history about their village. They shared their information about Springford through a most interesting presentation of pictures shown by Mrs. Babbey with commentary by Mrs. White.

The meeting opened with the Creed followed with the Lord's Prayer. Roll call was answered by telling from what country your grandfather came. The minutes were read and members were reminded of the District Annual Meeting to be held in Tillsonburg at First Baptist Church this month.

This being the last regular meeting, the members were also reminded of the upcoming bus trip for all members in the area June 1. The bus fare must be taken or sent to the District Annual meeting. As well, the day's outing to Port Dover, June 14, was noted. Jean Gehring then read a story entitled "Annie" taken from the book "The Early Canadian Life".

The convener, who was also the hostess, was assisted by Mrs. Petch and Mrs. Gehring during the social hour.

Smorgasbord dinner for Leisure Club

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Leisure Club was held at Woodlawn Adult Community Centre on Wednesday, May 18, in the form of a potluck dinner which was served at noon. It was served in smorgasbord style featuring fried chicken as well as the delicious foods brought by the members.

The dinner opened with Grace being offered by Violet Cole, convener of the dinner hour. She had assistance from her committee of Grace Squance and Ann Arthur in addition to many others. All enjoyed the variety of dishes offered at the table and everyone's appetite was well satisfied.

After the dinner,

president Annie Pritchard cordially welcomed the 40 members and visitors attending and introduced the convener of the program, Bertha Lee who along with Norm McIntyre had planned a most entertaining program.

Mrs. Clarence Stover was the pianist for the afternoon and opened the program with a sing-song. Harry Lee then followed with a reading. Mr. and Mrs. Stover of Springford performed several harmonica selections and sang a number of humorous songs. Nellie Taylor of Norwich, favored the club with a piano solo. Mrs. Jack McMann then gave a reading. Evelyn Waring, accompanied by Wilma Butler on the piano, whistled old time favorites

which was followed with a reading by Melville Beecroft. A skit was performed by Ethel Arthur, who dressed as a baker, enacted a cake demonstration. Petunia McNally then shared a reading with the group.

Mrs. Lee thanked all who had participated in the program. Mrs. Pritchard then thanked the hostess Mrs. Cole, and program convenors Mrs. Lee and Mr. McIntyre as well as everyone for attending. Special thanks were offered to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stover for their help and participation throughout the afternoon. Mrs. Stover then closed with The Queen.

Enjoy night out

OTTERVILLE (C) — The last regular meeting of the Sunshine Club was held on Thursday evening.

The evening took the form of a Night Out and the members enjoyed their dinner at the Cove Room of the Erie Beach Hotel in Port Dover. They were then invited to the home of Marjorie Pearce where all enjoyed games of Court Whist.

On behalf of the members, appreciation was expressed by Lily Chisholm to Mrs. Pearce for the happy time spent.

OTTERVILLE (C) — Rev. and Mrs. W.E. Nicholls and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lynn and Brian of Toronto were Sunday dinner guests of Wilma Butler. Mrs. Nicholls remained with Mrs. Butler several days and was a guest with friends in the village.

Etta McSkimming has returned home after a very enjoyable three weeks visiting relatives and friends in Scotland. While in Scotland she attended her niece's wedding.

Violet Burton, Heather and Robbie were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs.

John McSkimming. They all visited Mrs. Jim Graves who is a patient in Guelph General Hospital recovering from surgery.

The first turkey supper to be organized by the newly-formed Anglican Church Women's group was held Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8 at the St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville. Settings were held at 4, 5 and 6 p.m. and tickets were sold out well in advance. Many people attended the dinner from points outside of Otterville and meals were also delivered to residents within the village by Eva

Deveney. The group, whose president is Cathy Furlong, considered the evening a decided success and appreciated all the support given by those in attendance.

Ethel Wiles, Norwich, was a guest on Sunday of Evelyn Waring, Otterville.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy King and son Justin visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown of Oshawa for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Jull, Norwich, and Mr. Murray Jull, Cambridge, were Mother's Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ross McMullen and Ashley on Sunday evening.

Lions give up park operation

After more than 30 years of looking after the Otterville Park facilities, Norwich - Otterville Lions Club has indicated it no

longer has the manpower available to continue with the project.

Norwich Township council had some anxious moments about just who would operate the park with the summer season fast-approaching but it would appear all areas of operation will be looked after once again.

Township clerk - administrator Bob Watkins said pool staff has been hired to look after the operation of the pool facilities with Josephine Mountain hired as head lifeguard at the pool at a rate of pay of \$7 per hour.

A maintenance man Bill Hansford has also been hired by the township to look after the grounds and some of the buildings as well as to handle bookings for the park. Mr. Hansford is without his own equipment, however, which has presented some problem in that both the push lawnmower and the riding mower for the park are no longer functioning.

Council approved a motion recently to purchase a new 16 Horsepower mower, suitable for the park grounds and prices have been obtained. Council has decided, however, to see a demonstration of one of the mowers before making a final decision on the purchase.

The only other outstanding area of concern is the Otterville park booth operation. The township has advertised for parties interested in operating the booth, which is open many hours during the summer, during swimming, ball games and on Sundays. Mr. Watkins said one response has been received to the advertisement so it appears council will eventually have someone to look after the operation of the booth.

Norwich-Otterville Lions hear report on C.P.R. program

OTTERVILLE (C) - The regular meeting of the Norwich - Otterville Lions Club was held in the Community Hall, Otterville last Tuesday evening. Lion president Colin Cope presided.

There were 26 members and three guests present, two from the Courtland club and one from the Langton club.

Lion Bob Scott gave an update report on the new C.P.R. (Coronary - Pulmonary Resuscitation) project. He introduced Lion Bob Parsons of the Courtland Lions Club, who outlined the personnel and formation of the area C.P.R. committee, supported by this and surrounding Lions clubs. Moira Watts of Courtland gave a C.P.R. demonstration with the use of a mannequin "Ressusc-Annie."

It is hoped that a C.P.R. course can soon be organized for as many in the Norwich - Otterville area as possible. The present objective is to train 5,000 persons in this area this year, at an estimated fee of \$15 each. Classes can be arranged at times most suitable for participants. Both guests were thanked by Lion president Colin Cope.

A brief report indicated

that the annual fireworks display and ball game held in the Community Park, May 23 was well attended and quite successful. This year's fireworks were outstanding.

There was a preliminary report indicating that staff for supervising the swimming pool for the summer has been largely filled.

Lion Gord Shearer presented the new Newfoundland flag to the club. This updates the club's flag for District A, including Newfoundland, Quebec and Ontario.

Lion Lambert VanHooren, past deputy-district governor from the Langton club spoke to the club in regards to the Lions Leader Dog project.

Convention prize winners were Lions Murray Cornwell, Wayne Jenkins and Mark Gilmore.

Douglas Christo, 49, of Main Street, Otterville, was given a two year suspended sentence and restricted from possessing any firearms for a period of five years after being found guilty of having a firearm dangerous to the public peace.

Obituaries

Mabel Avey

Mrs. Glen Avey of 57 Brock St. W., Tillsonburg, formerly of Otterville, died at St. Joseph's Hospital,

London, on Tuesday, May 10, 1983, in her 80th year.

Born at Lynedoch, September 29, 1903, she was a daughter of the late John Wilson and the former

Lulu Madison. Mrs. Avey was a member of Myrtle Rebekah Lodge No. 177, and a member of St. John's Ladies Guild for several years. Her husband predeceased her in 1946.

Surviving are two daughters Mrs. Wilfred (Doris) Oatman of RR 3, Tillsonburg and Mrs. Lorne (Marion) Holman of Woodstock; three sisters Mrs. Stanley (Ialene) MacMillian of Ingersoll, Mrs. Leta Collier of Buffalo, N.Y., and Mrs. Harold (Edna) McKellar of Dutton; two brothers George Madison Wilson of Thamesville and James Wilson of St. Thomas; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Rested at the H.D. Verhoeve Funeral Home, Tillsonburg. Service conducted by Rev. Canon Sidney Lupton of St. John's Anglican Church.

Interred in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Memorial donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

Orma L. Morrison

Orma L. Morrison passed away at her residence in Otterville on Monday, May 9, 1983, in her 74th year.

Her husband Claude Morrison predeceased her in 1977.

Surviving are two daughters Mrs. Robert (Anna) Scott of Norwich and Mrs. John E. (Barbara) Davis of Otterville; two sons, Robert Morrison and Douglas Morrison, both of Port Dover; one brother M. Dean Loucks of Trenton; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Rested at the Thompson-Waters Funeral Home, 102 First Ave., Port Dover where service was held in the chapel on Wednesday, May 11 at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Robert Lepage.

Interment in Otterville Cemetery.

George Taft

George Taft of Milton passed away at Milton District Hospital on Friday, May 27, 1983.

He was a veteran of World War 11.

Surviving are his wife Ruth Taft; a daughter Sharon of Hornby; son George Taft, Jr. and daughter-in-law Patty, of Milton; two brothers Oliver Taft of Otterville and Peter Taft of Fisher's Glen; and a grandson Leigh.

Rested at the McKersie Funeral Home, 114 Main St., Milton, where service was held Monday, May 30 at 3 p.m.

Interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Milton.

McMULLEN - In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Nate McMullen, who passed away three years ago, May 15, 1980.

Loving and kind in all his ways, Upright and just to the end of his days,

Sincere and true in heart and mind,

A beautiful memory he left behind, The blow was great, the shock severe,

We little thought the end so near, And only those who have lost can tell,

The pain of parting without farewell.

- Lovingly remembered and deeply missed by wife Winnie, daughter and son-in-law Catherine and Ken. 9

Mabel Avey

Funeral service for the late Mrs. Glen Avey of 57 Brock St. W., Tillsonburg, formerly of Otterville, who passed away on May 10, 1983, was held at the H.D. Verhoeve Funeral Home, Tillsonburg on May 13 at 1:30 p.m. conducted by Rev. Canon Sidney Lupton of St. John's Anglican Church.

A Lodge service was held on Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m. conducted by Myrtle Rebekah Lodge No. 177, with Noble Grand Mrs. Jane Moulton, Vice-Grand Connie Dean and Chaplain Chris Swatridge. The service was largely attended and included members from Otter Rebekah Lodge. Members attended the funeral service in a body and stood a Guard of Honor at the Funeral Home. Members of St. Charles Anglican Church Guild and St. John's Guild also attended in a body.

Fallbearers were Ron Oatman, James Oatman, Arnold Holman, Howard Avey, Jay Durkee and Ken Milton.

Interment in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.



Dereham Lions draw

The \$1,000 winner in the Dereham District Lions Club Grand Lottery Final Draw was Lorraine Downing of Otterville. Presenting the cheque to her is draw chairman Ed Mueller. The \$500 winner was William Broad of Tillsonburg and the \$250 winner Nancy Wallace of RR 4, Ingersoll.

Speaks on Talbot Trail

John Carter, the Museum's Advisor for the Museums Section of the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture addressed the South Norwich Historical Society at their May meeting held at Woodlawn on May 9. His topic was the architectural heritage that abounds along the Talbot Trail.

Mr. Carter accompanied his address with a slide presentation of many of the beautiful buildings that exist along the trail, which closely follows Highway 3 from Windsor to the Niagara Region.

Today one can view a varied legacy of architectural styles along the Talbot Trail. Dating from

throughout the 19th century, these beautiful buildings are evidence of the diverse and colourful history of Southwestern Ontario.

The trail is named for Colonel Thomas Talbot, an Irishman and former aide to Sir John Graves Simcoe, the first Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada. Talbot established a settlement on the shores of Lake Erie in 1803 and in 1809 began the Talbot Road by requiring that each settler clear and maintain the portion of the road that crossed his property.

The Talbot Road grew as the size of the settlement increased, and by 1829 consisted of over 130 miles

of well maintained roads.

It was reported that the antique auction realized a net profit of over \$4,000 for the mill fund, and that work has begun on the mill's foundation and the property surrounding the mill.

Following business, Scott Gilles, curator of the Norwich Museum complex, presented the society with a 'wire fence post and anchor' on behalf of the Norwich and District Historical Society. The fence post was patented by Thomas Wright, the builder of Woodlawn. Lorne Treffry accepted the donation on behalf of the society.

Pupils present 'Wizard of Oz'

OTTERVILLE (C) — As one entered the Otterville Public School on the evenings of May 17 and 19, one entered the imaginary land of "The Wizard of Oz". The gymnasium, transformed through scenery and decorations, made one seem to travel with Dorothy through her fantasy.

Approximately 75 students from Grades 4 to 8 were involved in the production and practices began as early as January at noon hours and recesses. The successful results were due to the endless hours of hard work by both pupils and teachers.

The operetta was under

the direction of Mrs. J. Campbell and Mrs. D. Hutchison with choreography done by Miss L. Tafel and the choir led by Mrs. I. Clark. Much assistance was obtained from parents also. Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Pickering, Mrs. DeGroot, Mrs. Smith and Karen Dow gave special help with the makeup while Mrs. Brady and Mrs. Kramer helped with the dressing, since all actors and members of the choir were in costume. Costuming was done through both parent and teacher contributions as well as special help from the Norwich Figure Skating Club and Hickson

Public School.

The operetta was performed for the student body of Otterville school on Friday, May 13, and for the students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 of Norwich Public School on Monday, May 16. This was a preview to the evening performances which filled the gymnasium to capacity with 140 people both nights.

The actors who portrayed the main characters in the production were as follows: Dorothy, Suzy Kramer; Narrator, Marny Kramer; Scarecrow, Jennifer Vandenbrink; Tinman, Stephanie Balcom; Lion, Debbie Corbeil; Wizard, David

Cope; Toto, Steven Cope; Good Witch, Annette Mudge; Bad Witch, Tammy DeGroot; Aunt Em, Cindy Marchuk; Uncle Henry, Murray Byers.

Many students took part - too many to name. However, each was a very necessary part of an important whole to put forth an operetta of this successful quality. The operetta was a decided success and both students and teachers appreciated all the support by those in attendance. For those people who were unable to be present Nor-Del Cable taped the production to be televised soon.



Honor Candy Strippers

Candy Strippers at the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital were honored at the recent annual potluck supper held by the Hospital Auxiliary. The girls received awards for volunteer work at the hospital during the past two years amounting to 50, 100 or 200 hours. Front row, from left, are

Lisa Silverthorne and Frances Neville. Standing, from left, are Candy Stripper convener Bev Johnson, Kathy Raynard, Laura Marissen, Lynne Reynaert, Helen Ungar, Diane Hasson, Carrie Godby, Stephanie Sanders, Michelle Kutzscher, Bernice Wagner, Susan Schott and Kim Dowson. (TN Photo)

Otterville's Jean Davis busy

Historic scenes adorn plates

By SUZANNE HANSON

The plates on Jean Davis' walls aren't for eating off of, they're for

show.

The Otterville resident who had taken ceramics in Tillsonburg decided to try

something different after making the usual round of cookie jars, canisters and ash trays and she turned to painting plates. Those plates, which feature various historical buildings around Otterville, have become collector's items for many people and have given Mrs. Davis a hobby to fill her spare time.

She decided to try a painting on the ceramic plates after doing a crewel picture of her mother-in-law's home in Otterville. That painting came out so well on the plate, that she started doing other scenes such as the Treffry Mill in Otterville. And over the past year since she started the new project she has turned out around 250 plates, including the special baby plates she creates.

She purchased her own kiln, which does about five plates at a time, about six months ago, making it easier to turn out the plates. But it still takes time from start to finish to complete one. Mrs. Davis said it usually takes about four hours to sketch the drawing and transfer the image to the plate ready for painting.

The painting goes much quicker but the plate then must be fired in the kiln before it is washed, painted with a glaze and fired again. Mrs. Davis said the plates are fired for about five hours and it takes another eight hours before they are cool enough to remove from the kiln.

Mrs. Davis takes slides of the scenes she intends to paint and works from those slides when she is doing her sketches. The baby plates she creates also use decals. "I'm rarely satisfied with the first one," said Mrs. Davis and she usually does another before she has it looking the way she wants it. She said she has tried to keep one of everything she has painted but as requests keep coming in, the walls in her studio get more crowded.

A large number of orders came in for the historic scenes around Otterville following the annual Historical Show in Norwich last year. Mrs. Davis was painting plates at the show, with several on display for sale. Proceeds from the sales went toward the

Treffry Mill restoration fund. She is hoping to be at the show again this year to raise more money for the mill fund.

Mrs. Davis said she has concentrated mainly on local scenes in Otterville

adding that there are lots of subjects there to work with, with the vast number of nice old buildings in the village. And there are always people asking her to paint a plate with their home on it for them as a

keepsake.

But of all the scenes she has painted, Mrs. Davis said she doesn't really have a favorite. She enjoys doing them all and enjoys each new challenge.



Plate to order

This painted plate features the Bethel Church, being reproduced by Otterville resident Jean Davis. She uses numerous local historic structures for the subjects of her plates done for many friends and family members.



Plate painting

Jean Davis of Otterville fills her spare time painting ceramic plates with scenes of local historical structures. The plates have become collector's items for many people and her own walls are covered with the various scenes she has reproduced. (NG Photo)

Otters defeat Waterford 6-3

Host Otterville Otters plated four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning as they doubled the Waterford Oldtimers 6-3 in exhibition fastball action Monday night.

Following three scoreless innings, Doug Furlong reached first on an error, advanced on Joe Webb's sacrifice and then scored when pitcher Bill Fidlin came through with a base hit.

Pat Sprague followed with a walk and that was followed by Art Cattrysse's single that drove Fidlin in. A double off the bat of Mark Cattrysse resulted in both Sprague and Art Cattrysse coming in making the score read 4-0 Otterville.

Waterford came back and pulled within two with a pair of runs in their half of the fifth inning. Otterville added one in the seventh, another in the eighth, while Waterford plated their final run in the top of the ninth.

Fidlin went the distance on the Otterville hill as he fanned seven, walked three and allowed six hits. Radracki started for

Waterford but was replaced in the eighth by Depreyne. The two combined to strike out four, walk five and allow six hits.

The Otters resume Tri-County league play Friday when they host Oneida.

HOME OPENER

FRIDAY

The Otters will play their

home opener on Friday, May 27, with Jarvis in for an 8:30 p.m. game.

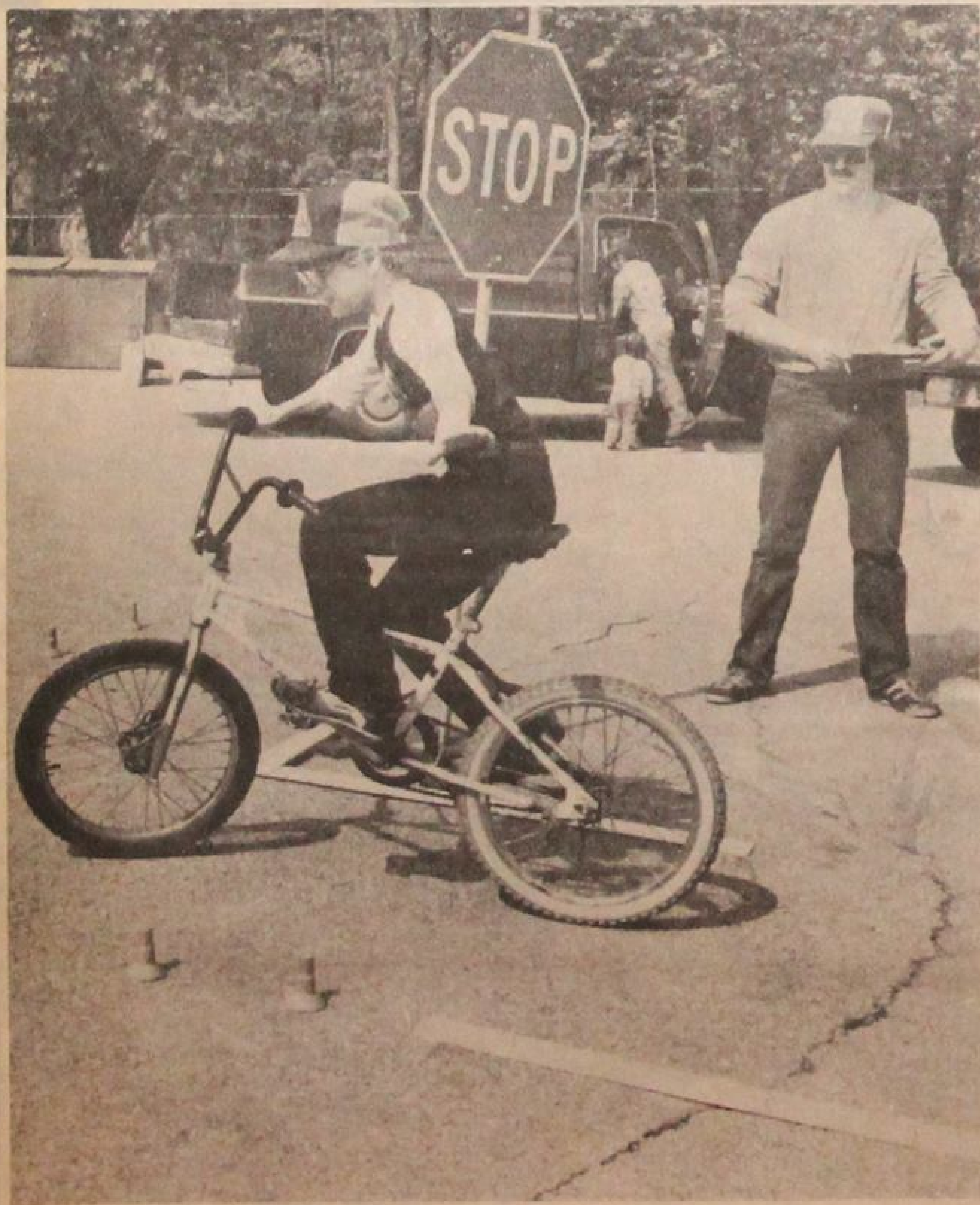
With the exception of pitcher Jim Miles, catcher Pat Pinnoy and first baseman Pierre Pinnoy, the Otters have most of their players back from last year's squad and have added six players from the Norwich Angers, who with-

drew from the Memorial Fastball League prior to the 1983 season.

Former Angers added to the lineup are pitcher Bill Fidlin, catcher - outfielder Pat Sprague, the Cattrysse brothers Art and Marc and Barney Hahn. Brent VanParys, also with the Angers last year is expected to join the Otters in

mid-June on completion of school.

"While we lost three pretty good players we feel we've strengthened the team with the addition of the former Anger players and feel there is a possibility we may enter OASA in the Intermediate "A" division", commented Otter coach Bob Furlong.



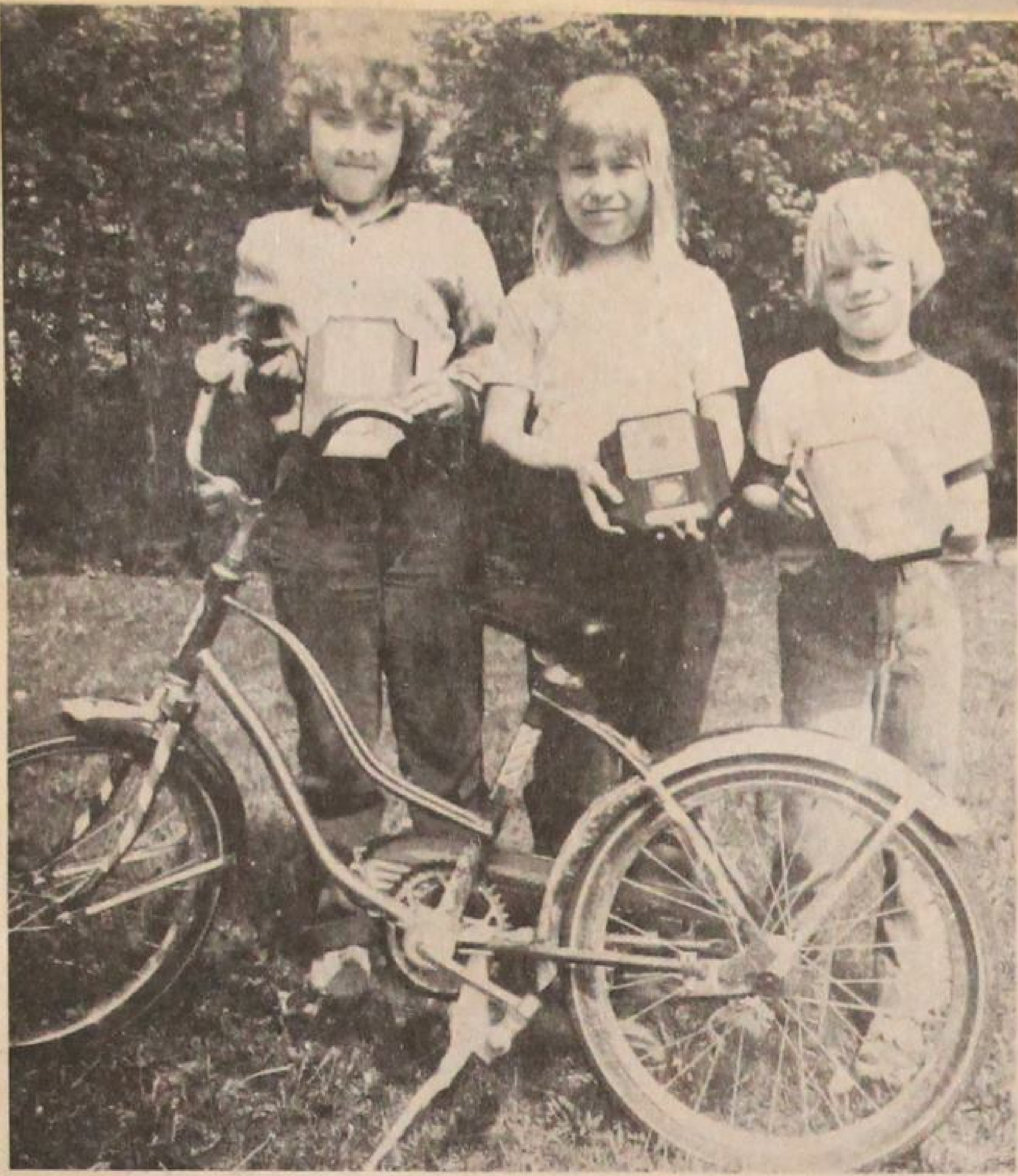
Proper signals

Eleven-year-old Darren Forsyth of Otterville demonstrated his prize-winning form to Spring-Otter Optimist Dale Chney during the annual Optimist bicycle rodeo, held Saturday morning in Otterville. Darren was one of the top finishers in the rodeo held in conjunction with the Optimists' Bicycle Safety Week activities. (NG Photo)



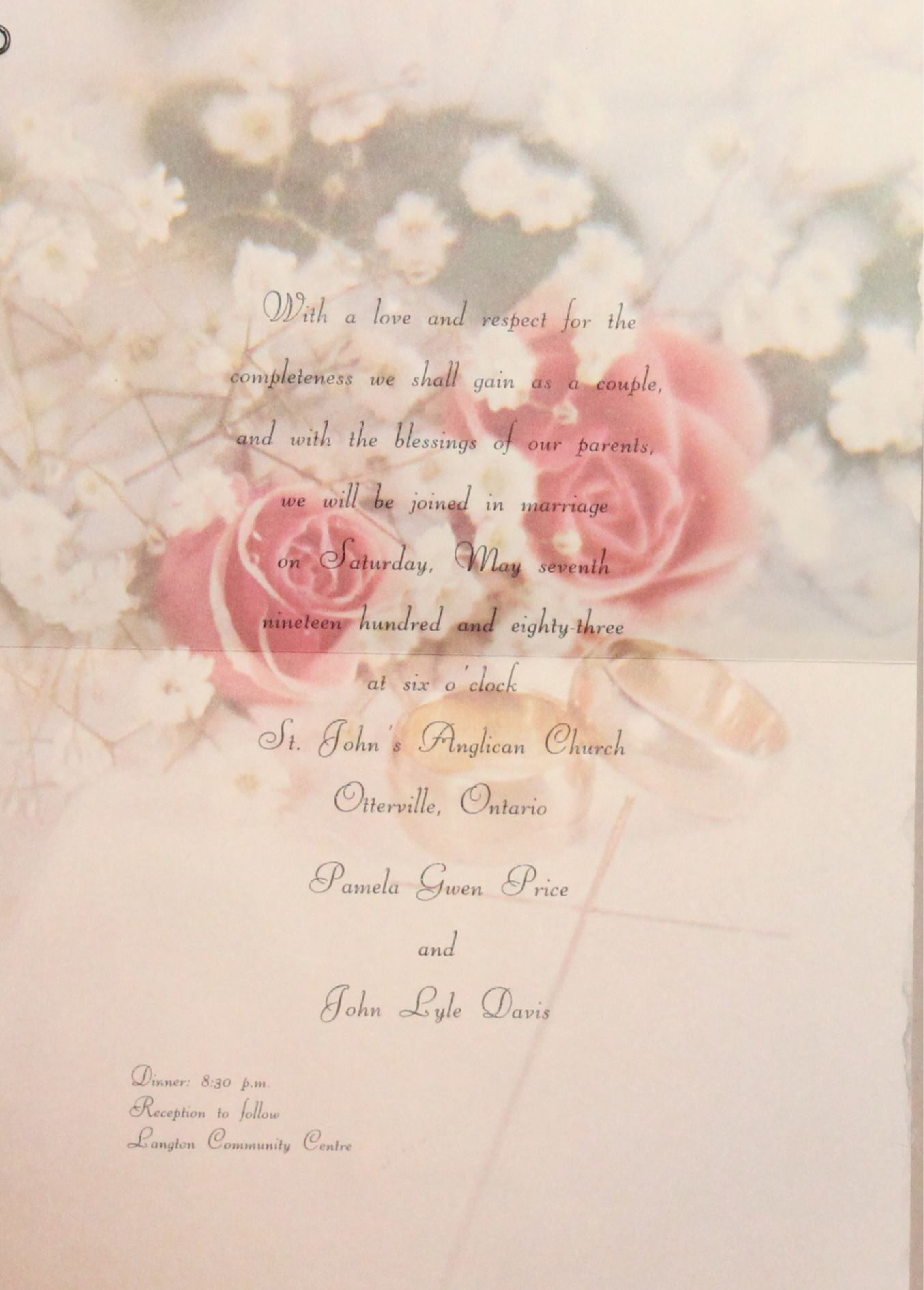
Safe riders

These fellows were the top finishers in the Spring-Otter Optimists' annual bicycle rodeo held Saturday morning in Otterville in conjunction with Bicycle Safety Week. The winners in the boys category were: Rene LeToile, 8, (rear, left) and Scott Poirier, 10, of Delhi in the under 11 category and Darren Forsyth, 11 (front, left) and Warren Hird in the 11 and over category. (Photo courtesy Jim Countryman)



Top riders

These young ladies were selected as the top female riders in the annual Spring-Otter Optimists' bicycle rodeo held Saturday morning in Otterville. Winning the awards, after completing a written test and riding the mapped out course, were: Hali Walters (left) in the 11 and over girls category; Francine Countryman (middle) and Michele Cooper, top finishers in the under 11 girls. A total of 15 youngsters took part in the event which brought the Optimists' bicycle safety week activities to a close. (NG Photo)



*With a love and respect for the
completeness we shall gain as a couple,
and with the blessings of our parents,
we will be joined in marriage
on Saturday, May seventh
nineteen hundred and eighty-three
at six o'clock*

*St. John's Anglican Church
Otterville, Ontario*

*Pamela Gwen Price
and*

John Lyle Davis

*Dinner: 8:30 p.m.
Reception to follow
Langton Community Centre*

Sunday, May 8, 1983
 Mother's Day -

My dear Winnie -

You never know when I'll pop up - Do you? From time to time items crop up that I find interesting - that I want to discuss with some one who also might remember. There are so few such persons any

more - Last Sunday I had a lovely time - Fred and Irene and Doris Fish picked me up to go to Niagara Falls to spend the day with the young Paul Fisher - where they live - Clara and Joan Arthur were there too - we've been such close good friends all our lives - so it's a joy to be together - Paul and his wife Helen - both from Jarvis, are very hospitable - a lovely home, and two lovely children - Fred takes the Pug -

I've had a nice day - but didn't get church -

On Feb. I went with my family to Florida - about 7 folks - but I don't like it - the people here I got this bacterial infection that was prevalent - was very sick - breathing problems - etc. - the weather became so night mare - several trips to hospital emergency - some diagnosis - said on the "elderly" - takes weeks to get over - I'm just now beginning to feel normal - Jarvis was laid low in Dec - is better now, but boots badly - we were so weak - as soon as we got off the plane I had to go to hospital in 10 minutes - so I'm looking good to me from now on - did you expect that I that know her, but I do admire your Catherine - She's a clever girl - the most beautiful thing I've ever seen - very organized, for a the writer

do well - seems to have in - kept the interest in her surroundings - she must be a very vital part of the historical society - Give her maybe garden - forget - as well - I hope to see - Love



it as their introduction to Otterville children - So that's how I put the date 1912-13 - Speaking of the Bank - I went in - in September 1917 - was all packed to go to Normal - when Mr. B. got at my father to persuade ^{me} to change my plans - so for 6 weeks - I did - I was getting around 37 - when I left in 1919 - Anne Donahue (Dertinger) was the tip off before you - she'd come up on the am. train and go back on the night one to LaSalette - no toilet nor wash-room facilities - How did we manage? - and Mrs. B. so often ~~sewed us~~ ^{sewed us} tear - You were a little scared Rabbit - but he liked you - I learned only this winter that Anne had died in 1980 - There was a teler named Sayles, for a while - who lived at Wyatts - would I had a record of those days - Hugh always had a cold & runny nose - would spread his handkerchiefs about his cage to dry - I suppose he had allergies - but who had heard of such? - He was a dear boy - I could go on and on - so much to come to mind - but I won't - It's all so very different now in the computerized Banking world now - so are our a/c's and interest rates Thank goodness -

must have been with the teachers
I remember
I'll bet

ette - He lives in Bracebridge now, but still is Marion's right-hand man - He was interested in the Royal Bank's anniversary - as was I, we both were wondering the time the Brysons came to Otterville - so I set myself to thinking and I came up with 1912-13 - I see there was a blank in the record from 1903 - until Bryson - You know it was a post office until the Bank took over, Old Box was 14 - the McFarlanis a big one - Uncle Alex was secretary of so many organizations as their no. for years was 14 - I remember when I was still in Public School - that I was in a Junior Literary Society concert - in a debate - Mr. Thompson coached us - Ken Addison was my partner - I can't remember the other two - memory is strange at this stage of life - It was the first concert the Brysons attended & they commented that my dress was too short, to sit crossed knees on an open platform (town hall) with all the aplomb in the world - She used to mention

Twp. council *N.G.* works toward 5% increase *JUNE 8*

By SUZANNE HANSON

Norwich Township council is trying to hold its 1983 budget increase to five per cent and it just might be on the mark after last night's fourth budget session.

Before going into a closed session, council had reduced its overall budget by approximately \$45,000 to reduce the increase to five per cent over 1982. With the county and school board requisitions included, the overall increase to the average public school supporter would be 8.5 per cent, if council holds its budget increase to five per cent, said treasurer John Gilbert. The total amount presented in the general budget before any cuts were made was \$2,431,640.

Considerable discussion focused on the establishment of a capital development fund, and while its establishment was approved, at the close of council's open session, no monies had been earmarked for that fund aimed at facilitating long-range financial planning. Councillor Norm Lusk encouraged the establishment of the fund to receive monies for various projects approved by the township. The fund would then be under the control of council and would not be designated for any specific projects. It could then be drawn on as needs arose and would only be spent if it was required, said Mr. Lusk. If the total sum placed in the capital development fund for a particular project was then not required, it would be a surplus in the capital funds rather than a surplus in the budget of a particular department.

Mr. Lusk supported the idea of such a fund to eliminate what he has viewed as the previous practice of spending whatever amount had been budgeted for a particular department whether it was needed or not.

"It has been my experience that if anything is included in the budget... the money will be gone," said Mr. Lusk. He pointed out that the move wasn't necessarily removing the money from being spent but was simply not earmarking it for specific projects.

However, other council members voiced concern that if the funds were not earmarked, they might not get used for the purpose for which they were reserved. "If we put that money into the fund, it should be designated for the particular purpose," said Mayor John Heleniak. "If we are budgeting for these things why don't we say we are?" asked Councillor Michael Oliver, who believed it would be misleading the ratepayers if the funds were not earmarked for the various projects for which they were approved.

In other matters, council did approve its road budget as presented by the roads superintendent, Ron Smith, totalling \$1,004,500 with \$421,500 of that sum subsidy and supplementary funds. Under the supplementary program four projects were approved for funding by the ministry of transportation and communications (MTC): a culvert on Concession 2, Lot 23, the reconstruction of the Cornell Road, new hardtop for Concession 2 in Ward 3 and the engineering on the Middletown Line in Ward 4. The total supplementary funds to be received from the MTC amount to \$52,500.

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The purchase of a new single axle dual dump truck at \$40,000 was also approved by council but the purchase was not approved for supplementary funding by MTC.

After receiving Mr. Smith's budget at council's last budget meeting, Councillor Hardee Richardson stated, "I would hate to see a nickel cut from this budget and I

would sooner see it added to."

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Looking Back

June 11, 1953
30 years ago

The Otter Dairy which has been operated by Verne Armstrong for the past few years has changed hands, Caswell's Dairy, of Simcoe, purchased the business from Mr. Armstrong and sold the portion which surrounds the Otterville district to Parker's Dairy, of Norwich.

The Norwich Cemetery Board has found it necessary to put up "No Trespassing" cards, carrying a warning to anyone who might be found trespassing on the cemetery premises, between the hours after sunset and before daylight.

Canada's air force whistled its first Comet Jet from Toronto to Winnipeg,

in two hours and 27 minutes. Top speed 420 m.p.h.

June 6, 1968
15 years ago

First sod for a \$70,000 curling club at Norwich was turned and it is expected to be in operation in the coming season. The building is to be located on land donated by the village council.

Around 5,000 persons attended the Boy Scout Parade, which included three days of camping and Scouting sponsored by the Big Creek District Council.

New uniforms worn by band. The new uniforms made their first appearance at the Scout Parade.

Do you remember that during the week of
June 26, 1963:

George A. Demeyere was re-elected to his third term as chairman of the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board. Others elected were Remie Miggins, vice-chairman, and Ted Frystak, sharegrower director.

Otterville took a firm hold on first place in the South Oxford Intermediate Softball League by defeating Mount Elgin 8-0. One-hit pitching by Bob Smith for the winners was supported at

Do you remember that during the week of
June 12, 1963:

Home runs by Gary Rachar, Allan Hagerman and Mervin Howse and a triple by Brian Jull led Otterville Juveniles to a 13-8 win over Glanworth in an Oxford soft ball league fixture. Otterville Otters also defeated Mount Elgin Mounties 3-1 in a South-Oxford intermediate softball league game. Hitting for the winners were Garner Scott, Dave Arthur and Bill McMullen. Winning pitcher was Bob Smith.

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Delhi Municipal Council passed a bylaw providing controls for setting of fires within the town limits.

Do you remember that during the week of
June 19, 1963:

Striking out 16 batters, pitcher Bob Smith led Otterville Otters to a 1-0 victory over Glanford in a South Oxford intermediate softball league game.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO
JUNE 1883

A 340 pound bell has been ordered for the Springfield school.

Mr. J. A. Lossing has given up business in Otterville and is going to travel for a dry goods house.

100 YEARS AGO
July 1883

The Ontario License Commissioners have granted a tavern license to Mr. James Murphy of LaSalette.

The new pastor of the Baptist Church in Tilsonburg, Rev. H. Ware of Kincardine, formerly of the YMCA London, moved his furniture to town this week.

Looking Back

JUNE 4, 1953
30 years ago

The Village Tax rate was set at 72 mills the same as last year.

Canada Steamship Lines, announced that construction of the biggest ship to sail the Great Lakes was part of its general policy to increase bulk carrier tonnage. The 720-foot ship, which Midland Shipyards Ltd., laid the keel, will be bigger than the bulk carrier now under construction for Pittsburg Steel.

An impressive flag-raising ceremony. A new flag pole was erected in front of the Community

Hall, Otterville, and clerk and treasurer of the township, Herbert K. Parson, pulled the rope.

MAY 30, 1968
15 years ago

Norwich Pee Wees opened the South Oxford softball season with plenty of wallop at Brownsville dumping the Brownsville Club 22-5.

In connection with the Festival of Music held in Woodstock, Mary Pels took first place in Girl's Solo Class, 18 years and under, with a mark of 93. Other vocalists of the town, Marion Avey and Dan Klassen.

Council adopts planning procedures

By SUZANNE HANSON

Following a presentation Monday morning by county planning commissioner Peter Atcheson, Norwich Township council passed a three-part resolution that will increase the county's input into the township's planning decisions.

The first part of the resolution calls for an agreement between the county and the township that will establish the provision of planning services to the township by the county planning department. In the second clause of the resolution, the township agreed to delegate to the county the approval of minor variances that stem from county land division severances. The third clause requested that the county planning department provide evaluations and recommendations on all requests for minor variances handled by township council to assist the council in making a proper decision.

While Councillor Larry Martin did not believe the township should be giving up control over the approval of any of its minor variances to the county regardless of how few they were, it was pointed out by Councillor Michael Oliver

that delegating those minor variances stemming from severances to the county would mean considerable savings in time to the ratepayer and in dollars to the township by eliminating some of the double circulations of notices.

County planning commissioner, Mr. Atcheson, pointed out in his presentation to council on the new planning act, that such a delegation of approval power has not been possible under the existing planning act. Mr. Atcheson pointed out that by delegating to the county the authority to approve those minor variances resulting from severances approved by the county, the approval process could be cut in half for the ratepayer.

Mr. Atcheson said the county is also prepared to give the rural municipalities the same planning services it has been giving to urban municipalities in the county. Mayor John Heleniak spoke in favor of the proposal to obtain more input from the county on all minor variances being considered by the township.

Councillor Darrell Force admitted he had initially been opposed to

involvement by the county in township planning matters when the idea was proposed about a year ago. But, "several situations have arisen since where I realized the planning department input could have saved a lot of time," said Mr. Force. "So I'm

now prepared to support it." He pointed out the county planning department has the expertise to evaluate the various situations that arise, but the township still has its own opportunity for input.

"I'm certainly in

agreement with giving it a try," said Councillor Norm Lusk. While Councillor Don Pettigrew voiced some doubts about whether council should be "seemingly handing over" some of its decision-making power to the county, he did point out

that there is provision for the township to withdraw from the agreement if it is not satisfied with the county's decisions.

Mr. Atcheson said Bill 159, the act to revise the existing Planning Act, should be proclaimed by August 1 by the province.

Hold line on budget

T.N.
JUNE 10

By SUZANNE HANSON

Norwich Township council is trying to hold its 1983 budget increase to five per cent and it just might be on the mark after Tuesday night's fourth budget session.

Before going into a closed session, council had reduced its overall budget by approximately \$45,000 to reduce the increase to five per cent over 1982. With the county and school board requisitions included, the overall increase to the average public school supporter would be 8.5 per cent, if council holds its budget increase to five per cent, said treasurer John Gilbert. The total amount presented in the general budget before any cuts were made was \$2,431,640.

Considerable discussion focused on the establishment of a capital development fund, and while its establishment was approved, at the close of council's open session, no monies had been earmarked for that fund aimed at facilitating long-range financial planning. Councillor Norm Lusk encouraged the establishment of the fund to receive monies for various projects approved by the township. The fund would then be under the control of council and would not be designated for any specific projects. It could then be drawn on as needs arose and would only be spent if it was required, said Mr. Lusk. If the total sum placed in the capital development fund for a

particular project was then not required, it would be a surplus in the capital funds rather than a surplus in the budget of a particular department.

Mr. Lusk supported the idea of such a fund to eliminate what he has viewed as the previous practice of spending whatever amount had been budgeted for a particular department whether it was needed or not.

"It has been my experience that if anything is included in the budget... the money will be gone," said Mr. Lusk. He pointed out that the move wasn't necessarily removing the money from being spent but was simply not earmarking it for specific projects.

However, other council members voiced concern that if the funds were not earmarked, they might not get used for the purpose for which they were reserved. "If we put that money into the fund, it should be designated for the particular purpose," said Mayor John Heleniak.

In other matters, council did approve its road budget as presented by the roads superintendent, Ron Smith, totalling \$1,004,500 with \$421,500 of that sum subsidy and supplementary funds. Under the supplementary program four projects were approved for funding by the ministry of transportation and communications (MTC): a culvert on Concession 2, Lot 23, the reconstruction of the Cornell Road, new hardtop for Concession 2 in Ward 3 and the engineering on the Middletown Line in Ward 4. The total supplementary funds to be received from the MTC amount to \$52,500.

The purchase of a new single axle dual dump truck at \$40,000 was also approved by council but the purchase was not approved

for supplementary funding by MTC.

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Budget delays

Norwich Township's 1983 budget will actually control only the latter six months of the year if it is approved at council's next meeting on Tuesday, June 28. And some councillors questioned why the budget is being set so late in the year when they met at their meeting Monday.

Councillor Michael Oliver raised the question of whether it was "normal" to be almost in the middle of the year before a budget was struck. Mayor John Heleniak pointed out that the budget passage is about one month behind schedule this year but there have, as deputy-clerk treasurer John Gilbert noted, been many factors that have slowed down the process this year, namely a new accounting system, new bookkeeping, staff changes and council's desire to have the county and school board levies before setting its own budget.

"Us coming out with a budget in July and August is ridiculous, said Councillor Bob Carney and he and several other councillors urged an earlier start on the 1984 budget.

"I certainly wish we could at least make an attempt to get at it sooner," said Councillor-at-large Helen Smith. "Six months have already gone."

While the tax levy bylaw has yet to be prepared for the township, it appears that the township's budget will have an increase of only five per cent this year over 1982 but that translates into 8.5 per cent when the county and school board levies are included.

T.N. JUNE 17

Norwich brings in low but late budget

By Mark MacMillan
Editor *DN*

NORWICH — Ratepayers will be paying about \$1,125 on a \$5,000 assessment here after council finally brought down the 1983 budget at a meeting last Tuesday night. *JUNE 30*

The budget increase over-all is 8.37 per cent, well below the 13 per cent increase Norwich Township was faced with in 1982. Tax increases will be between \$85 and \$90 more for public school supporters.

Norwich Council's budget separated from Oxford County and School Board levies is 4.37 per cent. Mayor John Heleniak congratulated council for keeping the increase below the 5 per cent mark.

Total expenditures for the tax levy bylaw are \$6,238,785. Education is the largest expenditure at \$2,494,310, followed by the roads budget for \$1,004,500. County of Oxford takes \$725,830 of the pie followed by general government and administration costs of \$522,585; drainage debt charges, \$322,000; arena, \$192,100; police department, \$188,110, fire department, \$169,470 and incentive programs, \$169,000.

The Township general tax levy is \$1,153,530 while remaining revenues are

gained from sources such as grants and subsidies, incentive programs, drainage charges and debenture debt recovery items.

Before passing the bylaw for the tax levy, councillors spent a long time deciding whether to establish a capital reserve fund for priority capital expenditure items included in the budget.

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— Jack Lester
Norwich Councillor

"We have to do something in the way of planning in the future," said Councillor Jack Lester who supported both an open reserve capital fund and a fund with designated priorities.

He backed a motion calling for \$9,000 set aside for Otterville Park lighting; \$20,000 for Otterville library, \$20,000 for fire truck and \$5,000 for senior citizens' capital development fund.

Councillor Darrell Force added \$2,825 for Ward 3, fire hall furnace.

Voicing the loudest opposition to the reserve fund was Councillor Bob Carney. "I

just don't want to see some of these priorities earmarked for such a fund and then get lost if an emergency or some other project comes up."

"When it comes time to spend money on one of these projects, the money will be there. It is still up to council to decide on any individual capital project spending," Councillor Norm Lusk responded.

Don Pettigrew wanted to shift the library capital expenditure of \$20,000 to the roads budget. Councillor Force suggested that such trade-offs at this late date would just be playing games.

Before the vote, Councillor Lusk likened the reserve funds to a homeowner who budgeted a sum for a new refrigerator. "If your car breaks down you would have to use the money put aside for the refrigerator if it is still in working order, for the car."

"I don't work that way, Councillor Carney said. "I cross each bridge when I come to it. We can always get the money from the bank."

"We don't want the 1984 budget to be overburdened," Councillor Lester cautioned.

Council voted 5-4 in favor of the reserve fund resolution but Mayor Heleniak forced a deadlock on the vote by not supporting it and the motion was defeated.

Budget up 4.37 per cent

NG JUNE 27

By SUZANNE HANSON

Norwich Township council was just under the five per cent increase mark it had set for itself during budget sessions, coming in with a 4.37 per cent increase in the budget for general township purposes.

That increase over the 1982 budget means the average public school supporter will be paying 8.35 per cent more in taxes when the township, county and school board levies are combined. That compares with the approximately 13 per cent increase taxpayers faced with last year's budget.

Mayor John Heleniak said he was pleased with the township's 4.37 per cent increase in its budget and commended council for working to keep expenditures in line. Township treasurer John Gilbert also pointed out that council has budgeted to pick up the \$55,000 deficit from the 1982 operations of the municipality.

The township's own budget of \$2,602,430 represents only part of the total budget of \$6,238,785, including the county and school board levies.

Of the township's own total revenues, \$1,153,530 are raised through taxation and the remaining \$1,547,000 are raised through other revenues.

Considerable discussion before the passage of the budget focused on the need to place named reserve funds in the budget into a capital development fund. Councillor Norm Lusk, who has urged the establishment of the fund and the placement of monies in it, said it could be a "resting place" for funds which could be used on a priority basis for capital projects or to meet emergency expenditures.

There are several amounts included in the 1983 budget in reserves, earmarked for specific projects, which Mr. Lusk suggested should be placed in the capital development fund. Those items included \$9,000 toward the lights in the Otterville ball park; \$20,000 toward the Otterville library, \$20,000 toward a fire truck; \$5,000 for the Norwich Golden Age Club's development fund and \$2,825 for the Ward 3 firehall furnace.

Councillor Hardee Richardson agreed with Mr. Lusk that if those earmarked reserve funds were placed into the capital development fund, the township would then have funds available to meet emergencies.

Councillor Bob Carney opposed the move out of fear that money now earmarked for certain projects might be lost to those projects if it went into the capital development fund and was used in other areas.

Mr. Lusk's concern was that once the reserves are approved for the various departments, "if we give it to them up front ... the money is spent."

Councillor Donald Pettigrew agreed with the idea of setting up a contingency fund but thought it was too late in the budget deliberations to consider it now.

Mayor John Heleniak said he agreed with the establishment of a fund with an amount of money put into it for undefined expenses but he could not support a motion to put named reserve funds into the capital development fund and it was his decision that defeated the proposal in a tie-vote at the council meeting Tuesday night.

Don't put lines here

NORWICH — Council here wants to go on record opposing any additional Hydro lines through the Township because they have enough already.

In a letter directed to Ontario Hydro and Government representatives, unanimously supported by Council, Jack Lester's letter recognized Norwich as one of the most significant areas in Canada in relation to food and specialty crop production.

"I just wanted to make a formal statement against the construction of any future transmission lines in our Township," Councillor Lester said. "I didn't want to

tell Hydro that they don't need the lines or anything like that, I just wanted to let them know we don't want them to go here."

There are four lines in the Township already including one 115 kV line in the northern part; one 115 kV south of Otterville; a 230 kV line two miles north of Norwich and a double 230 kV line north of Norwich.

Copies of the letter are being sent to Premier Bill Davis, MPP Dick Treleaven, Agriculture Minister Dennis Timbrell and Hydro.

Delhi Council sent a similar letter of protest to Ontario Hydro in March.

Request library grant

N.G.
June 15

By SUZANNE HANSON

Norwich Township council will be asking Oxford County for a \$10,000 grant to go toward the provision of improved library facilities in Otterville.

Council has already budgeted \$20,000 of its own money for the project but it must decide whether it wants to use the money to improve the existing library facilities, located in the basement of the Otterville community hall, or to purchase a new building such as that offered for sale by Councillor Bob Carney on the Main Street of Otterville.

Councillor Michael Oliver pointed out the Straffordville library is being rebuilt using substantial funds from Elgin County. He admitted renovations to the existing facilities would be an improvement in Otterville, "but it (the library) will still be downstairs" and that will still inhibit the use of the present facilities.

"Mr. Carney is offering his building (the former Home Hardware Store) at a much reduced rate and it would be good for a library. It might also help revive our downtown a bit which seems to be decaying," said Mr. Oliver.

Councillor Darrell Force had suggested at one of council's budget sessions that council increase its library reserve from \$20,000 to \$30,000 to allow for the purchase of a new building for the library because "regardless of how much money is spent next door (on the existing facility) it will still be in the basement and be second best to facilities located on the main level in the downtown area."

Mr. Oliver said council should also try to generate some public support for a new facility. "If that many people want it they should be able to help raise the money for it."

Mr. Force pointed out that the former Home Hardware building could be purchased for \$30,000 plus legal costs from Mr. Carney. "It's time the people down here had some decent facilities."

While council approved the motion to ask the county for a \$10,000 grant, no motion came forward as to whether a building would be purchased.

Hiring practices criticized

N.G. JUNE 15

Norwich Township council was criticized again for its hiring practices by Otterville resident George Smith

during Monday's council meeting.

Mr. Smith, a life-long resident of the village, came before council to inquire why he has been turned down for some 30 jobs he claims to have applied for with the township in the past six years, naming specifically the job of head lifeguard at the Otterville swimming pool. Mr. Smith said he was previously employed as the lifeguard-instructor at the pool in the early 1960's and demanded to know why he has not been hired for the job when he has applied each year for the past six years.

Mr. Smith said, "the hiring of our own people would help alleviate the unemployment problem" in the township and he criticized the hiring in the past of individuals from

outside of the township.

"I am angry that our own township treats the poor and unemployed in such a despicable manner," he said.

Councillor Darrell Force, chairman of the community services committee which hired the head lifeguard for the pool this year, advised Mr. Smith that in the previous years, the Norwich - Otterville Lions Club had been responsible for the operation of the park and also handled the hiring of pool staff.

"This is the first year we have been involved in the hiring... and we chose who we felt was a qualified lifeguard Miss (Josephine) Mountain (of Otterville)."

Mr. Smith also suggested to council that unsuccessful applicants for positions should at least be sent a

letter acknowledging receipt of their application and advising them whether or not they were to be hired.

And he pressed council again for some reason as to why he was not hired for the job, pointing to his qualifications as an instructor and a lifeguard.

Councillor Hardee Richardson stated he had taken for granted, "they were trying to hire students for this work" since it is part-time, seasonal work.

"If there are more applicants than there are jobs, someone's going to be disappointed," said Councillor Jack Lester.

Mr. Smith advised council Monday that, "I'm going to apply every year (for the job) until the Red Cross says I'm not fit to teach anymore."

Government restraints cut LPRCA grant money

The Long Point Region Conservation Authority (LPRCA) has lost \$12,000 in grant monies for two projects due to government constraints.

A \$10,000 grant for a wetland evaluation study of the Hatchley and Dereham wetlands was revoked by the ministry of natural resources and another \$2,000 for a forest management program was held back.

LPRCA general manager Jim Oliver said, "compared to other authorities we got off pretty easy." In the south-west region about \$190,000 was constrained.

Mr. Oliver said he hoped

the study would be undertaken in the future because without it money to acquire more wetlands is limited.

As requested by the South Norwich Historical Society the LPRCA has agreed to contribute up to \$500 in labor and materials toward an erosion control project on Big Otter Creek at the Treffry Mill, Otterville.

The LPRCA will sign a one-year agreement with provisions for renewal with Norwich Township to place playground equipment at the Norwich Conservation Area.

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Otterville News

OTTERVILLE (C) — Lorraine Downing, Betty Walther, Eva McMullen and Olive Pickersgill enjoyed a bus trip with the District Institute to the Farmers Market, Kitchener, Elmira and St. Jacobs, on June 1.

On Thursday, May 26, Edith Petch attended the 46th Convocation at University of Waterloo where her granddaughter and husband, Heather Brodie Graves and Roger Graves received their Master of Arts degree.

Several members of the Otterville United Church Women attended the Thankoffering meeting of the New Road United Church Women on Thur-

sday afternoon.

Mrs. R.E. Pettigrew returned home after several weeks with her son Hubert and family in Ot-tawa.

Rev. and Mrs. Donald Gorrie of Woodstock were dinner guests with Evelyn Waring on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Gleason have returned

home after a month's holiday to the Western provinces which included a visit with their daughter, Mary Ellen of Nanaimo, B.C.

Ruth Whaley of Edmonton, Alberta has been a guest with her cousins Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland as well as visiting other relatives in the area.

Norwich COED project creates 19 new jobs

T.N.

JUNE 27

An application by Norwich Township for funds under the Canada-Ontario Employment Development (COED) program has been approved and work is already underway under the program.

The gross project cost is roughly \$119,710 with the contribution from the federal and provincial governments \$75,000, leaving the municipality to pick up the remaining \$44,710. The project is to create 19 jobs for a total of 289 man weeks of work, if the program goes as originally outlined.

Municipal Inspector Doug Wilson commented at a recent budget meeting of township council that the \$44,710 contribution from the municipality is a rather high percentage for a sponsor to contribute to the program and he suggested council would have to decide whether it wanted to proceed or resubmit the request for the grant. Mr. Wilson also pointed out that council had originally budgeted \$38,000 for the township's share in the program.

Under the application submitted, work on sidewalks, roofs on some of the township buildings, painting and general maintenance is to be carried out around the township by the individuals hired under the program. Three clerical positions were also to be created to carry out drainage mapping and set up a central filing system.

Councillor Michael Oliver said at the meeting when the project was discussed that council should proceed with the program. He pointed out the work would have to be done sooner or later "and this will be a good way to do it, helping almost destitute people."

Individuals hired under the program must be referred through the Canada Employment Centres and they must have exhausted their unemployment insurance benefits to be eligible for employment under the program.

Councillor Bob Carney said he personally would like to see council "back right off" rather than have to spend thirty-eight to \$40,000 to get this money.

He said some of the maintenance work could be done by the township's own men when they have time.

But the township's clerk-administrator Bob Watkins said last week the program

is flexible enough that the township can change its contribution to the program, depending on whether it carries out labor intensive work or jobs requiring a high content of materials.

While there are some funds in the program for capital funds, most of the grant the township receives through the COED program is to cover labor costs.

The hiring done for the program is carried out with the assistance of the Canada Employment Centres who must refer the individual applicants to the program.

Fire services advisor offers advice to council

Norwich Township council was presented with several recommendations aimed at improving the operation of the Norwich Township fire department at its meeting Monday.

Ken Agnew, a fire services advisor with the Ontario Fire Marshall's office, had been asked by council to examine the operation of the township fire departments and he presented his recommendations on Monday. He said following his council appearance that such reviews are not uncommon and they do not constitute an investigation of the department.

One of his major recommendations involved improving communication between all parties including the chief, his deputy chiefs, the firemen and council.

Mr. Agnew said there has in the past been an improper use of the chain of command with some firefighters going directly to the township fire chief or to council instead of following the normal chain of command through their deputy chiefs, to the chief. "If you follow the proper chain of command, the fire department will function more effectively," said Mr. Agnew.

He said it is also important that the fire chief be kept aware of any problems in the individual departments and that it should be up to him to bring them to council's attention. He encouraged the establishment of bi-monthly meetings between the chief and the deputy chiefs to air concerns and resolve problems.

"The Chief has the right

to at least know what is happening in the township," said Mr. Agnew but he added that the chief must also make an effort to be a better liaison with the deputy chiefs and the firefighters and council.

Mr. Agnew did say, however, he was more than pleased with the sincerity and dedication of the chief to his job in the township.

But he was not pleased with the present level of training among the township firefighters, and encouraged council to consider sending the chief, deputy chiefs and possibly some of the firemen to the Ontario Fire College to take advantage of the excellent educational programs there.

"I don't feel there's adequately trained people out there training the trainees. That's why I'm advocating improved training for the chief and deputy chiefs," said Mr. Agnew.

Once the level of training is improved, it might then be possible to reduce the number of monthly training meetings to three

Letters to the editor

POOR TASTE

Dear Editor,

Regarding the story in the June 15 Norwich Gazette titled Fire Services Advisor Offers Advice to Council. First thing that I would like to say is that I think the council acted in poor taste in having a personnel problem discussed at an open meeting.

Now I would like to comment on the contents of story. Where Mr. Agnew was to have examined The Township Fire Department, in one hall he was only seen or talked to one man for less than 10 minutes. In the other three halls less than half the men had a chance to see him. What did he base his evaluations on?

He also said there was improper use in the chain of command and communications. With this I agree. But this could be

because members of council visit some halls often and act on what they hear there before the chief is even notified, while at other halls they will not even listen or attend. When the chief talks to council they sometimes don't hear.

Where it says the chief must make more effort to be a better liaison, how much time does council allow him to do his many jobs? Where Mr. Agnew said he was pleased with the sincerity and dedication of the chief I guess he should be and so should every person in this township. Mr. Workman carries this much above and beyond the call of his duty.

As far as training goes the firefighters in this township are better trained than they ever were before. If it was looked into, I'm sure they would rate very high against any township.

As far as sending our firemen to fire college, there is one firefighter who has been trying to go for over two years. The requirements for these courses are not set to accommodate volunteer firefighters. I think that in most of Mr. Agnew's recommendations that he is forgetting we are part-time.

In one sentence he is saying we need more training later he is saying maybe then we could reduce it. In a related story in the Woodstock paper it says morale is low in Norwich Township Fire Halls. This is very true. Councils today and in the past can thank themselves for this.

Now you know more of the story.

Someone who cares about what involves the fire department.

History of South Norwich published

It has been eight years since the idea of publishing a history of the former South Norwich Township was conceived. Now that the finished product has rolled off the presses, it would appear the wait for the history titled South of Sodom has been worth it.

Joyce Pettigrew of RR 1, Otterville is an active member of the South Norwich Historical Society — the group which put together and published the most complete history of South Norwich ever undertaken. She said the idea of publishing such a work was the motivating force behind her efforts to establish a local historical society back in 1975 and she is pleased it has finally come to fruition.

Mrs. Pettigrew admitted it was a bit of an anticlimax for her when the book finally arrived last month but even after the many hours she herself spent researching, writing and proofreading the book written by herself and other historical society members, she is still amazed at the amount of information contained in it.

"It's so packed with information," she said and she still finds articles she worked on for months "extremely interesting".

Mrs. Pettigrew pointed out that the history is by no means complete, but it is the most complete work undertaken to date. And

the 400-page work goes far beyond some of the pamphlet type histories previously produced on South Norwich.

The book offers a variety of reading on subjects from the early settlement of the area, lumbering industry, local government, agriculture, the local involvement in the 1837 Rebellion, railroads, temperance movement, schools and churches. As well each of the settlements and communities within the boundaries of the former South Norwich Township have been highlighted. Perhaps one of the most interesting sections of the book is the chapter outlining the history, of the black community which once flourished within the township.

In addition to the variety of extensive articles, the book also includes an array of photos, maps and sketches and includes a view of the township's early life never before presented in print.

Mrs. Pettigrew said she is pleased with the job the printers have done on the book. "It's a very presentable book" and a

bargain at \$15 for the soft cover and \$20 for the hard cover. While there will no doubt be some mistakes that got past the

proofreaders, Mrs. Pettigrew said she hasn't found too many yet.

The book can be picked up at two locations, during

the day at Grant Mountain's Barbershop in Norwich and in the evening at Mountain's former barbershop in Otterville.

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Otterville Leisure Club

OTTERVILLE (C) - The members of the Leisure Club met for the last time previous to the summer vacation on Wednesday, June 29.

The day commenced with a delicious dinner served smorgasboard style at the Elm Hurst Inn, Ingersoll. There were 29 in attendance. After the noonday repast the members enjoyed perusing the various displays of merchandise on the second floor of the Inn.

Returning home, they gathered at the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre, Otterville where all enjoyed games of cards. Mr. and Mrs. James Squance, active members of the club, were present and announced their 62nd wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 2.

Ice cream and cookies were served and birthday celebrants of the month were remembered. Best wishes for Happy Holidays were expressed to each other.

Tunes played, awards given

OTTERVILLE (C) — The second annual recital of piano and organ students of Muriel Kozuch, was held at St. John's Anglican Church in Otterville, Sunday, June 26.

Mrs. John McMullen played an interlude of piano music for the well-attended program.

A welcome and opening remarks were given by the teacher who was well pleased with the enthusiasm of the students and parents. This is essential as the students need encouragement of the delicate nature to study the many details they must absorb while learning to play their instruments.

The student choir sang *Swinging On A Star* as the opening number.

Piano solos were played by Lloyd Durkee, Michael Kapin, Alex McMullen, Charlene Treffry, Amy Gehring, Lisa Hicks, Pamela Hussey, Lisa DeConinck, Jennifer Spysma, Kelly Watling, Harold Durkee, Marcy McMullen, Shelby McMurchy, Nancy Dow, Jodi Smith, Jennifer McMurchy, Kim O'Neil, Shannon Lee, Jennifer White, Suzanne Kramer, Marny Kramer, and Lisa Oenema.

Organ solos were rendered by Marcy DeClerk, Jeanine Duwyn, Cory Hill, Brenda Caldwell, Michelle Duwyn, Donna Vanbesien, Heather Picknell, Ann Marie Duwyn, Christie Hill, Tammy DeGrotte, Susan Lee, and Kathy Durkee.

A piano duet was rendered by Jennifer McMurchy, and Susan Lee

and a piano trio by Susan Lee, Jennifer and Shelby McMurchy.

Susan and Shannon Lee played an organ and piano duet, and a vocal trio, Suzanne Kramer, Marny Kramer, and Nancy Dow sang during the recital.

The students that completed examinations this year on organ were Tammy DeGroot, grade 6, honors; Donna Vanbesien, grade 5, honors; Ann Marie Duwyn, grade 5, honors;

Michelle Duwyn, grade 4, honors; Heather Picknell, grade 4, marks not in; Susan Lee, WCM preliminary rudiments, marks not in.

Piano students: Jennifer McMurchy, grade 2, WCM; Shelby McMurchy, grade 1 WCM; Marny Kramer, piano 4 and preliminary rudiments WCM; Suzanne Kramer, piano 4 and preliminary rudiments WCM; Lisa Oenema, piano, and preliminary rudiments RCM, marks not in.

Mrs. Kozuch was assisted by Marci McMullen in presenting certificates of merit to each student for their performance. Heather Picknell and Jodi Smith made a presentation on behalf of all the students of a lovely music box to their teacher.

Refreshments were served in the parish hall by the ladies of the Anglican Church Women's Group following the recital.

Grads eat, receive awards

OTTERVILLE (C) — A banquet and an awards presentation provided the dual settings for the 1983 Otterville Public School graduation held Monday evening, June 27.

The banquet, held at St. John's Anglican Church Parish Hall, offered an opportunity for graduates, teachers, and parents to socialize and celebrate the closing point in both the school year as well as one of the first phases of the graduates' educational careers.

The dinner was opened with grace given by Mr. C. House followed by a toast to the Queen by Miss L. Tafel.

The guests then enjoyed a delicious meal prepared and served by the St. John's Anglican Church Women.

The dinner completed, members of the head table were introduced by the principal, Mr. F. Brown, who were in turn toasted by student Cindy Marchuk.

Mrs. J. Berenz, a member of the Primary Division of the Otterville staff, responded and offered a toast to the graduates. Following the guest speaker, the graduation ceremonies were adjourned to the school gymnasium.

The graduates entered to the processional with everyone joining in the singing of *O Canada*. Opening remarks were given by Mr. Brown and staff were introduced.

The graduation certificates were then presented by teachers Mrs. J. Berenz and Mrs. D. Hill with 20 students receiving them.

Many awards were given to students of individual achievements. Honor medallions for receiving grades of 80 per cent and above were presented to Cindy Marchuk and Marny Kramer. The I.O.D.E. awards, presented by Mrs. Mann, for top average boy and girl were received by Patrick

DeRoo and Cindy Marchuk. Then followed the special subject awards which were presented to the following students: English — Cindy Marchuk; mathematics — Marny Kramer; history — Patrick DeRoo; geography — Tammy DeGroot; science — Jeff Harrison; French — Murray Byers; industrial arts — Craig Rachar; physical education — Neil Klassen; and art — Doug Ecker.

The Pettigrew Awards for Academic Achievement and Involvement in School Activities were presented to Tammy DeGroot and Craig Rachar.

Mr. Brown gave closing remarks.

The evening was a time to give recognition to achievements of the graduating class of O.P.S. Also, it was an opportunity to thank the teachers and parents for the help and support given to the students. Together, teachers, students and parents celebrated achievements well done.

Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Donald Broad attended the graduation of their son, Jeff J. Broad, at Fanshawe College, London, Ontario, Thursday, June 16, 1983, where he received his diploma in architectural technology.

Jeff has accepted a position as project co-ordinator-draftsman with Canada Permanent Trust, Toronto, and will be travelling to branches throughout Canada.

He is a former graduate of Norwich District High School and Otterville Public School.

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Members' plans for celebrating Canada Day were revealed at the June meeting of the Happy Bluebird Club held at the

home of Evelyn Waring, Otterville.

Eleven members answered the roll call by telling of their Canada Day plans. Many responses involved visiting Burgessville which was the host community for the Norwich Township Canada Day celebrations.

The July meeting will be held in Norwich at the home of Lillian Morris on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Happy Birthday was sung to Mrs. Morris who was a birthday celebrant that day.

The hostess was assisted by the Milldale group in serving strawberries and cupcakes. The president expressed the appreciation of the club to the hostess.

Missionary Fellowship meet

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Paul Hill was the hostess for the June meeting of the Missionary Fellowship of the Otterville Baptist Church.

The call to worship was from Psalms 33:1-3 "Rejoice in the Lord. Sing unto Him a new song" was given by the president, Wilma Butler. This pointed out that there are instances throughout the Bible of singing and that we can sing at any time.

Letters were received from Mrs. Walter Nicholls and Christian Service Centres. Mrs. Fred Hill and Mrs. Butler led in missionary prayers.

Mrs. David Hill introduced the devotional on Faith by reading Hebrews 11:17. Mrs. Delmer Clinton read a poem "He Means Just What He Says". Mrs. Dwight Davis read the Scripture John 20:19-29 followed by a reading by Mrs. Fred Hill "The Resurrection". Mrs. Murray Treffry also read a poem "I Know".

Cheryl Hansford, speaker for the evening, took her message from Hebrews 11:1-3 - "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." She suggested that sometimes we forget God's promises and Satan comes in and we have to think of the time when we first became dedicated.

She told how her husband, Bill, is going to Bible College by faith and

that it is really a good thing one doesn't know what is in the future. Men of God mentioned in Hebrews 11 made mistakes but they had faith. An example is Noah or Abraham. In James 2:17 it is said that faith without work is dead. Mrs. Hansford concluded by saying that if we have faith in the Truth we will witness, and read the poem

Can You Move A Lit'tle Hill? Mrs. Wilma Hill closed in prayer.

Mrs. Treffry and Mrs. Fred Hill assisted the hostess in serving lunch.

On June 14 the W.M.F. ladies concluded their meetings for the summer by going to the Pinecroft Restaurant and Craft Shop in Aylmer, with 23 ladies in attendance.



Jeff J. Broad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Broad of Main St., Otterville, graduated from Fanshawe College, London, Ontario on Thursday, June 16, 1983, and received his diploma in Architectural Technology. Jeff has accepted a position as Project Co-ordinator - Draftsman with Canada Permanent Trust, Toronto, and will be travelling to branches throughout Canada. He is a former graduate of Norwich District High School and Otterville Public School.

Mrs. Lyall H. Crawford

On Wednesday, June 15, 1983, Mrs. Lyall H. (Evelyn) Crawford, widow of Rev. Lyall H. Crawford, passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital, London.

Mrs. Crawford, the former Evelyn Frame, was born and educated in the prairie provinces where she taught school. In the late thirties, she came to Norwich to live with her brother-in-law and sister, the late Mr. and Mrs. W.M. (Gladys) Colchester. Evelyn was a member of the teaching staff at the Mohawk Institute, Brantford, also served at the local branch of the Bank of Montreal.

During the Second World War she married Rev. Lyall H. Crawford. They lived in a number of Rectories - Norwich, Dover Centre, Parkhill and Southampton. In March, 1968, Lyall died in Southampton Hospital, following a heart attack. Since his death Evelyn has resided in London.

Friends gathered with her immediate relatives at the Norwich Cemetery, on Monday, June 20, for the 11 a.m. committal service conducted by Dean O'Driscoll, St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

Sympathy was extended by Rev. H.D. Herring, Norwich Trinity Anglican church to her family members - Evelyn's brother, Jack Frame and wife Joyce from Winnipeg, Manitoba and to her sister-in-law Miss C. Hertha Crawford from Montreal, Que.

Others who survive are her sister, Mrs. A. Leavens, Winnipeg; nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Three sisters and two brothers predeceased her.

New officers installed at Lions meeting

Regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the community hall, Otterville, Monday evening, June 27. Lion president Colin Cope presided.

There were 35 members and one guest present, past governor Lion Mort Cooper of the Tillsonburg Lions Club, who conducted the installation of the club officers for the coming year.

Lion Mort, well-known in this club for his many past services, was introduced by Lion president Colin Cope.

The new Lion officers are as follows: past-president, Colin Cope; president, Les Dickson; 1st vice-president, Jack Walther; 2nd vice-president, Paul Wood; 3rd vice-president, Gary Walther; secretary, Grant Orth; treasurer, Bill Orth; Tail Twister, Jim Poole; Lion Tamer, David Beam; one year directors, Art Van de Byl and Ray O'Neill; two year directors, Fred Thompson and John Sandham; bulletin editor, Colin Cope.

Lion Murray Wardell expressed the thanks of the club for the fine dinners served by the ladies of the Eastern Star during the past year. Mrs. Florence Saunders responded.

It was announced that the Lions will again sponsor free buses to the Otterville swimming pool this summer. The routes and times and days will be the same as last year, beginning July 5th.

A report on the Lions car ticket sales for September 10 are much in advance of recent years. The first bonus draw for the color TV will be held in Burgessville on July 1.

There will also be a second bonus draw for a microwave on August 1.

In spite of a smaller than usual attendance at the chicken barbecue held in the park in Otterville on June 18, the outcome proved quite successful.

Lion Jack Walther thanked Lion Mort and presented a small gift at the conclusion of the meeting.



New executive

The Norwich-Otterville Lions Club installed its new executive for the 1983-84 season at its meeting Monday night in Otterville. The members of the executive and board of directors are as follows: (rear left to right) installing officer, past district grand Mort Cooper of Tillsonburg; Fred Thompson, two-year director; John Sandham, two-

year director; David Beam, Lion Tamer; Jim Poole, Tail Twister; Art VandeByl, one-year director; Ray O'Neil, one-year director; Gary Walther, third vice-president; (front left to right) Bill Orth, treasurer; Paul Wood, second vice-president; Colin Cope, past-president; Les Dickson, president; Jack Walther, first vice-president; Grant Orth, secretary. (NG Photo)

Dr. Batson, 87, still practising

Dr. Harold Batson has tried several times over the years to retire from practising medicine but his patients just won't let him do it.

While he hasn't taken on any new patients since the last time he said he was going to retire, the 87-year-old physician is still seeing more than 50 patients, "old faithfuls" who refuse to go to any other doctor. He is

indeed a doctor dedicated to service and that service has been recognized by his 15,500 peers in the Ontario Medical Association.

Dr. Batson, who still sees patients out of his Otterville home, has been practising medicine in the village since 1925. He has just recently been recognized, along with 20 other doctors around the province, with the Glenn

Sawyer Service Award. That award is presented by the OMA to "physicians who have rendered significant service to the profession and their local community."

Dr. Batson said he was notified by letter in March that he was to be a recipient of the award, which he expects to be presented at the Oxford Medical Association's fall

meeting. He said it is quite an honor to receive the prestigious award.

Dr. Batson has seen many changes and improvements in the medical profession during his 58 years as a practising physician but some of the changes weren't always for the better. With the advances in technology and equipment, there is often

less personal contact between the patient and the doctor but Dr. Batson had endeavored to maintain that contact over the years. The fact that his patients won't let him retire attests to his success in that area.

He said he has always

enjoyed medicine and still does. And he plans to continue to practise as long as he is able to.

As well as serving the community for 58 years as a physician Dr. Batson has been active as a Mason and an Odd Fellow.



Service award

Otterville physician Dr. Harold Batson has been named to receive the distinguished Glenn Sawyer Service award presented to physicians who have rendered significant service to the profession and their local community. Dr. Batson has been practising medicine in Otterville since 1925. (NG Photo)

United church wedding scene

Norwich United Church was the setting for the June 11th wedding of Deborah, daughter of D'Arcy and Marion Corless of Norwich, and Kenneth, son of Madeleine DeRoo of Otterville, and the late Maurice deRoo. Rev. David Fearon officiated.

Deborah, given in marriage by her parents, wore a traditional Southern Belle gown with sweetheart neckline, Bishop sleeves and bodice of chantilly lace trimmed with seed pearls, caught with bridal rose Raschal lace at waistline and cuffs. The taffeta skirt was enhanced by deep flounces of silk organza held with Raschal lace over two deep ruffles of chantilly lace, falling into a chapel length train. She wore a matching hat and carried a white lace fan with an arrangement of coral and mauve roses, lilac and white baby's breath, and burgundy feathers.

Maid of honor, Gail

Reeves, and bridesmaids Gwen Reeves, Danica Sims, Debra Finch and Jane Furlong wore lilac gowns with lace capes and matching floral headpieces. They carried white, lace fans with arrangements of peach roses, lilac freesia, lilac and white baby's breath.

Best man was Brad Brady and ushers were David Corless, Rick Lewis, Troy Miller and Roger Robinson. Karen Brown sang "O Perfect Love" and "We've Only Just Begun." The reception was held at the Mount Elgin Community Centre. For a wedding trip to Wheels Inn, Chatham, and Ohio, Deborah chose a pink and white striped suit, pink hat and corsage of pink mountain roses. The happy couple is residing in Otterville.

Guests were present from Vancouver, Sudbury, Michigan, New York, Toronto, Chatham and the surrounding area.



MR. AND MRS. KENNETH DeROO



All round athletes

Otterville Public School held its annual day-long track and field meet last Tuesday. Students with the highest over-all points are front row from left Debbie Anderson, junior A; Chris Vandenberg, junior A; Debbie Corbeil, junior B and Stephen Wray, junior B. Back row from left are Tammy DeGroot, intermediate; Brian Walker, intermediate and John Zaharchuk, senior. Events included standing long jump, running long jump, shot put, high jump, 100 metre, 200 metre, 400 metre, 800 metre open, 1,500 metre open and relays. (TN Photo)



Maureen Christine Vandenberghe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jean Vandenberghe, RR 1, Otterville, graduated on Monday, June 6, 1983, from the University of Toronto with a Master of Arts degree in History. Maureen previously was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of Western Ontario. A graduate of Norwich Secondary School, she is presently employed by Multi-Services Centre in Tillsonburg.

Vittoria wins consolation, top Oshweken 11-8 . . .

Otters edge Binbrook to win tourney

Catcher Pat Sprague's long sacrifice fly to right field was all the Otterville Otters needed as they edged Binbrook Juniors 3-2 to win their own annual fastball tournament Sunday in Otterville.

Trailing 2-1 in the bottom of the seventh inning shortstop Doug Furlong who was later named the tournament MVP, led off with a double and scored the tying run on a pair of Binbrook overthrows.

One of those miscues advanced Barney Hahn from second over to third after he reached base on a walk and then stole second.

With none out Sprague connected on the fly ball, Hahn tagged at third and beat the throw by Binbrook outfielder Rick Pepper.

Following three scoreless innings the

Juniors got on the scoreboard first when Glen Armes knocked Otterville hurler Bill Fidin for a lead off triple and he scored on an Ed Haylock rbi single.

With none out and the score reading 1-0 for Binbrook, Don Switzer kept the offence alive when he reached base due to an Otterville error. Rob McMaster's sacrifice fly to centre field scored Haylock.

Down by two in their half of the fifth the Otters pulled to within one when Art Cattrysse led off with a walk and he advanced on Mark Cattrysse's base on balls.

That saw the end of Binbrook starting pitcher Chris McSorley who later re-entered the game, replacing reliever Dave Martin on the mound.

A. C. D. Richardson

sacrifice moved the runners around before Dale Prouse singled home Art Cattrysse. Prouse was sent into the lineup after Joe Webb was sidelined with an injury.

Fidin, the championship game's most valuable pitcher went all the way on the mound for the winners as he gave up five hits, including a pair of singles to Don Anderson and Pepper, and struck out one batter and allowed one walk.

The Juniors pitchers, McSorley and Martin combined to allow just three hits, two by Furlong; fanned three and gave up three free passes.

Binbrook gained a berth in the final when they struck early against Caledonia and came away with a 4-1 victory in one semi-final contest. The other semi-final game saw the Otters double Port Dover 4-2.

That was a pitcher's duel as Otterville chucker Brent VanParys hurled a three hitter while his counterpart Ron Maas of Port Dover allowed just four hits.

CONSOLATION FINAL

An extra innings contest saw Vittoria plate three runs in their half of the eighth frame to defeat the Oshweken Redmen 11-8 and win the consolation title.

The two teams played to

two scoreless innings before Vittoria could come up with four runs in the top of the third. But after four complete innings of play Oshweken had battled back and had taken a slim 5-4 lead.

Vittoria regained control by one as it was 6-5 but another Redmen run in the fifth made it 6-6. Each team scored a pair in the seventh and what was supposed to be the final inning, but the crowd then watched as it headed into extra frames.

In the top of the eighth Vittoria's Pierre Pinnoy, the team's designated hitter, led off with a single and advanced on Jim Baker's base hit.

Both runners scored on a Ken Baker double which

saw Oshweken starting pitcher Bob Sault head to

the dugout to be replaced by John Montour. But the damage had already been done as Ken Baker scored on a passed ball adding an insurance run.

Gary Krentz the most valuable pitcher of the consolation round started on the Vittoria hill but was replaced by Doug Harrington. Krentz later re-entered the game as the pitcher.

They teamed up to strike out six, walk three and give up seven hits including Marc Laforme's solo home run in the fourth.

Sault and Montour working the Oshweken hill fanned three, walked two and gave up 11 hits including home runs off the

bats of Jim Baker and Doug McFarlane.

Baker's came with two runners aboard in the third while McFarlane's blast was a two run shot in the seventh.

Oshweken made it to the consolation championship as they got by Norwich 6-4 while Vittoria advanced with an extra innings 8-7 win over Governor Simcoe.

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Otters defeated 13-3 ^{TN}

Jim Spanier and Rich Shoemaker homered as the visiting Binbrook Juniors toppled Otterville Otters 12-3 in Tri-County fastball league action Tuesday night.

Spanier also doubled and Shoemaker connected on a single to pace the winners 16-hit offence. Also hitting for Binbrook were Glen Armes with three singles and a triple, Ron Potruff and Rick Pepper had two base hits each, Don Switzer doubled with singles to Adam Bailey, Zych, and Doug Murphy.

For Otterville who managed 11 hits, Doug Furlong and Barney Hahn each had a single and a

two-bagger, Dave Davis had a pair of base hits, Mark Cattrysse doubled with singles to Art Cattrysse, Bill Fidin, Mark Holbrook, and C.D. Richardson.

Adam Smith went the distance on the Binbrook mound as he struck out five, walked one and allowed 11 hits.

Davis started on the Otterville hill but was replaced in the fifth by Fidin. They combined to strike out four, walk four and give up 16 hits.

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Otters come out on short end of score

After rallying to tie the Tri-County Fastball League game with a six-run outburst in the ninth the Otterville Otters came out on the short end of a 7-6 decision when Rick Mowat singled home Bob Vail with the game-winner in the home half of the ninth, Wednesday night, in Dunnville.

The loss was the first in

three league starts for the Otters.

Dunnville got to Dave Davis, the first of three Otter pitchers to see action, for a pair of runs in the first inning when Vail reached on an error and scored on a triple by Dan Davidge. A sacrifice fly by Mowat scored the second run.

The two-goal lead held until the seventh when

Dunnville upped the lead to 6-0, scoring four times on a three-run bases loaded triple by Davidge, scoring John Wood, aboard on an error, Jim Nie on with a single and a walk to Vail. Davidge then scored on another Otter boot.

In the Dunnville seventh starter Davis gave way to Art Cattrysse, who worked one and two-third innings, including a scoreless eighth, then became the pitcher of record when the Otters rallied to pull even with six runs.

An error gave C.D. Richardson first base to begin the big ninth inning for Otterville. Mark Cattrysse singled and the bases filled when Bill Fidin reached on a second Dunnville miscue. Davis followed with a three-run triple.

Dale Prouse then reached on a fielder's choice that scored Davis, Joe Webb was hit by a pitch and Pat Sprague clubbed a double scoring both Prouse and Webb to knot the score at 6-6.

But, Dunnville came back in the home half of the ninth with Vail being hit by



Win own tournament

With a 3-2 victory over the Binbrook Juniors, Otterville Otters won their own fastball tournament on Sunday. Taking part in post-game presentations were, left; Bob Furlong,

Otterville coach; Pat Sprague, Otterville captain; Randy Mudge; Glen Armes, Binbrook captain; Dave Martin, Binbrook captain; and Gord Martin, Binbrook coach. (TN Sports)



Supporting sports

Area minor ball associations were the object of the Norwich Branch 190 Royal Canadian Legion's generosity Monday evening when cheques totalling \$342 were presented to the presidents of three minor ball associations. Receiving the Legion and ladies auxiliary donations

from Legion first vice-president Gay Franklin were Francis Nold (right) president of the Norwich minor ball association, Gary Rachar, (far right) president of Otterville minor ball association and Don Wilford (left) president of the Burgessville minor ball association. (NG Photo)

37 Ontario scholars

Area high schools numbered 37 Ontario scholars among their 1983 Grade 13 graduates.

Grade 13 students graduating with an academic average of 80 per cent or more from six Grade 13 courses are recognized as Ontario scholars by the Ontario ministry of education.

Annandale High School graduated 17 Ontario scholars this year; Glendale High School, nine; Norwich District High School, seven; and Valley Heights Secondary School, four.

The following were recognized as Ontario scholars at Annandale

High School: Marianne Sanderson (academic average 92.0), Laurie MacFarlane (90.8), Patty Murphy (90.5), Greg Berlet (88.17), Doug Turner (87.83), Jim Terry (86.67), Randy Long (86.0), Sally Wiebe (86.00), Nancy Chesterman (82.67), Mike Schonberger (82.67), Mary Beth Friedrich (81.67), Brad Mills (81.67), Kelly Everitt (80.67), Mike Tutt (80.33), Jennifer Atkinson (80.17), Murray Pratt (80.0), and Judy Biro (80.0). Glendale High School graduated nine Ontario scholars: Katie Nelson (academic average 91.6 per cent), Linda Martin (87.0), Linda

Ghesquiere (85.3), Peggy Rosehart (85.0), Heidi Pettigrew (84.1), Nancy Mahony (83.3), Jeanne Tilson (82.3), Allen Benoit (80.0) and Diane Trottier (80.0).

Four Grade 13 graduates at Valley Heights Secondary School were named as Ontario scholars: Jeff Body, Chris Philip, Lawrence Sinnaeve and Darlene Vandesompele.

Norwich District High School this year graduated seven Ontario scholars: Roger Empey (academic average 94.8 per cent), Rod Dickson (90.3), Michelle Millsum (87.0), Heather Lemon (86.2), Jayne Lowes (85.8), Henry Otten (85.0),



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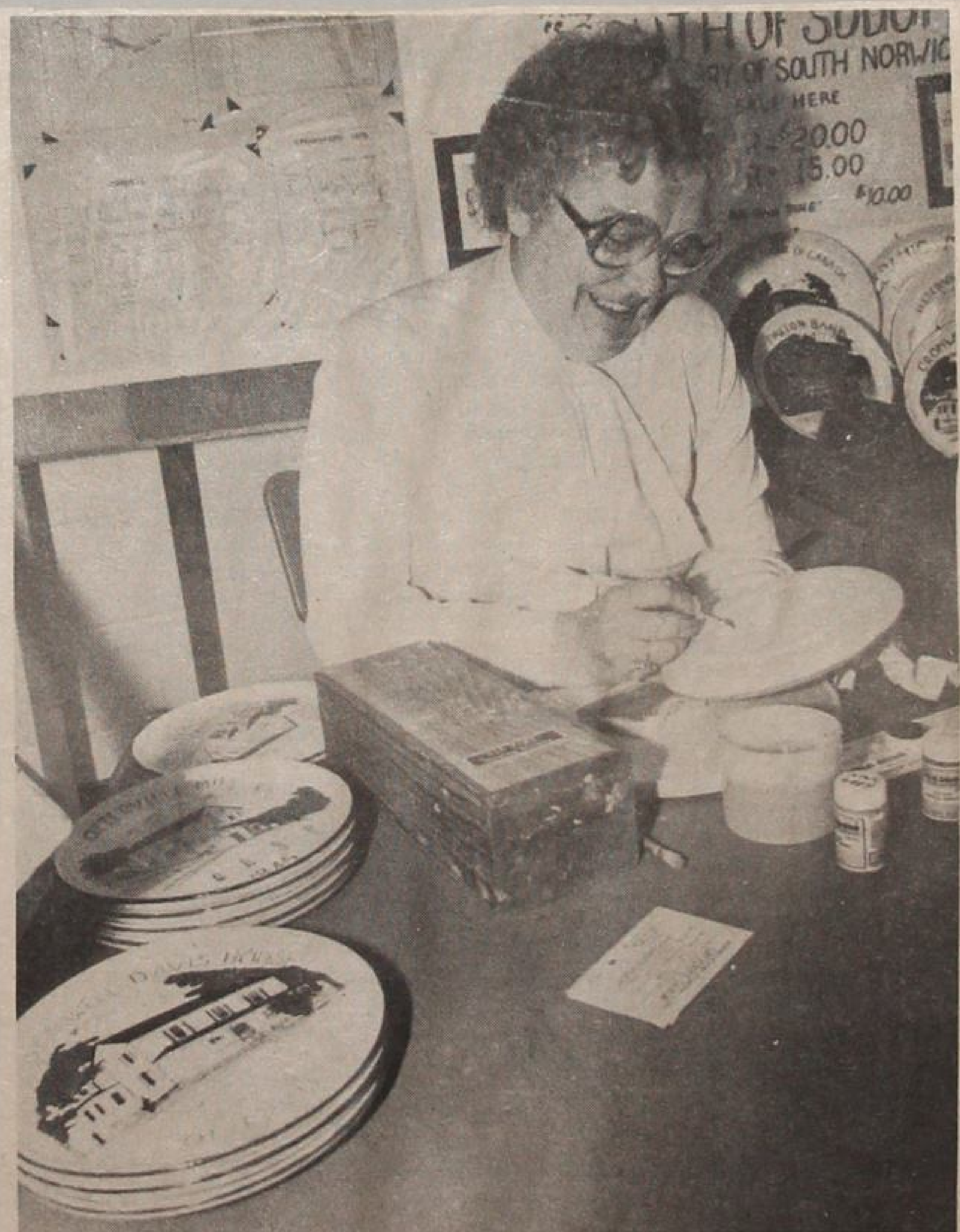


Plate painter

Otterville artist Jean Davis had many of her historical plates on display at the 13th annual Historical Show held over the weekend in Norwich. During the weekend Mrs. Davis painted the designs on several of the plates which feature scenes in the Otterville area. The plates were offered for sale to raise funds for the Otterville mill restoration fund. (NG Photo)

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Historical society repays \$5,000 loan

JUNE
The Norwich and District Historical Society held its June meeting on Monday evening in the Norwich

District High School with president Lavern Irving presiding. Minutes of the last meeting and the

executive meeting were read by secretary Ruth Cohoe.

It was announced the \$5,000 loan from the township of Norwich has been paid back and the township has approved a grant of \$5,000 to the Society.

Scott Gillies, managing curator of the museum complex, announced he had received word that under the Wintario program old Wintario tickets will be taken allowing 50 cents each toward the admission to the Museum or toward membership tickets. He also stated he had received word from the Department of Citizenship and Culture on the celebration of the Bi-Centennial of the province in 1984. There will be a travelling exhibit and exchange of information of settlement among the provinces.

Several reports were received. The Archives reported the three girls

who have been working under the COED program will be finished this week and the three new students have started. Marie Jackson reported on the sale of the quilt tickets that the quilt was won by Ethel Roberts of Woodstock. She also reported on the number of books and magazines sold at the Steam Show.

Donald MacPherson reported the Show was one of the best and though all expenses are not in yet, it is hoped the society will clear around \$4,500. Each show over the years has made a profit of an average of 25 per cent and over the past 12 years, this year will be no exception.

Russell Orth reported over the past years there have been three wet years and 10 good years weather-wise. He also said he wondered if people realized how much the Norwich community receives from the Show which brings in a lot of money to the town, also a number of tourists

which come as well as publicity.

Mr. Orth also reported on the Burgessville celebrations this coming week and the various events starting with the parade at 10:30 Friday morning. The crowning of the township queen, the barbecue at 4:30 p.m. and the Garden party in the evening. The Norwich Historical Society is planning several floats in the parade.

Doris Christmann requested volunteers to sell tickets on a rug to be drawn for in December.

In other business, Mark Williams was named as a director for the balance of the year to replace Caroline Orth who had resigned. Eddie Kunkel thanked all who had helped with the June show.

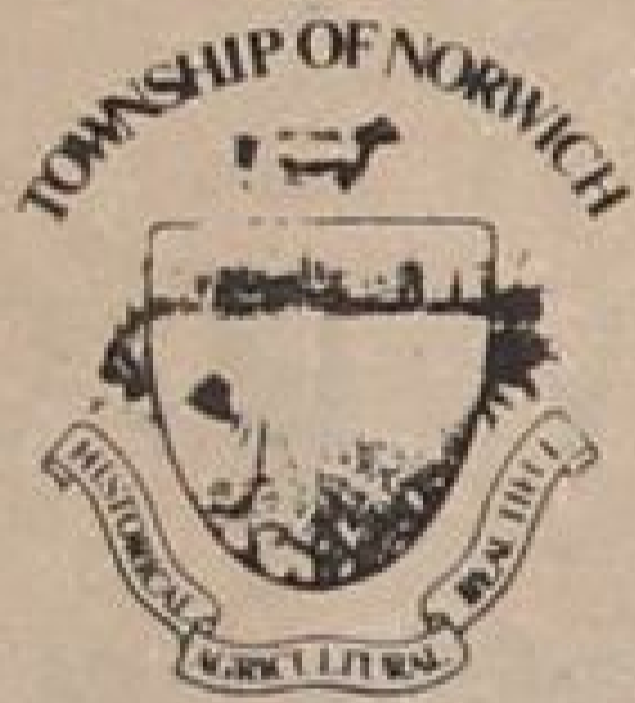
The directors are proposing the construction of a 30 to 40 foot addition to the museum under the Canada-Ontario Employment Development program and plans are to be drawn up. Any

donations to the building project would be appreciated.

Frank Hilliker, his wife and granddaughter from Colorado were welcomed as guests to the meeting. Mr. Hilliker is a former resident of Burgessville and he and his family are spending a month in the area. They attended the historical show in June and will be joining in the Canada Day celebrations and school reunions in Burgessville this weekend.

Word was received of the sudden passing of Bruce Kipp of RR 5, Woodstock on Sunday. Mr. Kipp was one of the historical society's original members and an active worker in the organization.

The guest speaker for the evening was the museum's managing curator Scott Gillies. He spoke on the Ontario Agriculture Museum at Milton and showed slides of the complex inspiring many of the members with the desire to visit the museum there.



"HAPPY BIRTHDAY CANADA" THE TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH CELEBRATES CANADA'S BIRTHDAY



Saturday, June 18th

Norwich-Otterville Lions Club

CHICKEN BARBECUE

Otterville Community Park

Serving 6-8 p.m. (rain or shine)

Refreshments (licensed under L.L.B.O.)

Dancing - Music by

B.J.'s Disc Jockey

Tickets \$8.50 ea.

Fri., Sat. & Sun., June 24, 25 & 26

ORSA PEEWEE TOURNAMENT

- 16 teams are entered

- held at Northcourt & Dillon Parks

CANADA DAY

Friday, July 1st

Men's Lob Ball Tournament

in Springford, July 1 & 2

beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Don't forget to get your

50/50 Draw tickets.

They are available from
Norwich Township Fire Fighters.

Proceeds to cover celebration expenses.

Friday, July 1st

Burgessville

10:30 a.m.

3rd Annual Canada Day Parade

12:00 Noon - Opening Ceremonies

12:30 p.m.

Miss Township of Norwich Competition

1:00 p.m.

Fire Fighters Demonstration

1:00 p.m.

Field Day For Youngsters

2:00 p.m.

Lob Ball Tournament

2:00 p.m.

School Reunions and Art Display

4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Beef Barbecue

7:30 p.m. Garden Party

Fireworks at Dusk

Saturday, July 2nd

10:00 a.m.

Optimist Soap Box Derby (Otterville)

School Reunions

(Burgessville) continue

Saturday, July 2nd (continued)

8:00 p.m. - Otterville

Optimist Street Dance

Norwich Junior C Merchants

Canada Day Dance

Norwich Community Centre

9 p.m.-1 a.m. - Music by Rainbow

\$5.00 per person, incl. buffet

Sunday, July 3rd Burgessville

11:00 a.m.

Outdoor Inter-denominational Church Service

2:00 p.m.

Band Concert

The North Norwich Public School will be open for the school reunions and display of local artwork. The Oxford County Museum School in Burgessville will also be open.

Otterville - South Norwich

Historical Society Annual

Chicken Barbecue 5-7 p.m.

Music by

South Norwich Community Choir

Tickets \$6.00, Children Under 12 \$3.00

"See You In The Meadow
By The Mill"

— This project is financially assisted by Canada's Birthday Committee —

ENTER NOW!

The Township of Norwich Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring

The 1st Annual MISS TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH Competition

July 1, 1983 in conjunction with
Norwich Township's Canada Day
Celebrations in Burgessville

Entrants Must Be:

1. Residents of Norwich Township
2. Single girls age 16-21 (as of June 30/83)

All entries must be submitted NO LATER than June 16, 1983 to The Norwich Gazette.

Judging will take place on July 1, 1983 at the Canada Day Celebrations in Burgessville after which the winner will be crowned.

Entry forms or information can be obtained from Suzanne Hanson 863-3229 or 863-5337 (home)

We are looking for Businesses, Industries or Organizations to sponsor girls entered in the competition for a \$25.00 sponsorship fee.

For further information contact
Suzanne Hanson 863-3229 or Susan Hampson 424-9784

Burgessville host for celebrations

Organization was the key word when it came to the Norwich Township Canada's Birthday celebrations in Burgessville over the holiday weekend.

Every event went off like clockwork from the opening day parade on Friday morning, July 1, to the school reunions held throughout all three days of the weekend. While rain clouds threatened during the parade Friday morning and a few rain drops fell during the Friday evening garden party, even they could not put a damper on one of the largest celebrations the Burgessville community has ever seen.

Hundreds of people lined the streets of Burgessville Friday morning to view the Canada Day parade with its 45 entries not including color party, marching band and a host of dignitaries heading it up. The winners of the various categories in the parade included the Joe Hampson family for the best family entry with the Gear family in second place; Nellie Robinson of Robinson's Highway Market for the best commercial entry with the Buchaneer Restaurant and Post Office in Burgessville capturing second place; Norwich Public School with the best school float, followed by North Norwich Public School in second

place; the Norwich Golden Age Club with the best organization entry, followed by the Burgessville Baptist Church. The trophy for the best overall entry went again to the Norwich Public School for its float's portrayal of the Happy Birthday Canada theme and the quality of the entry.

Following the parade was one of the highlights of the celebration -- the final judging and crowning of the first ever Miss Township of Norwich. Judges had 13 capable contestants vying for the title to choose from and after difficult deliberations, selected Allyson Hagerman, 16, of RR 2, Burgessville, as the winner with Michelle Pigden and Wendy Hayes, both of Norwich, as the first and second runners-up. Miss Township of Norwich presided over several other functions during the weekend and will represent the township throughout the coming year.

At the close of that competition, the unveiling of a commemorative plaque was held at the entrance to the Ducky Dennis ball park, erected by his family to commemorate the late Wilfred Dennis. Also underway at 1 p.m. was the annual competition among the township's volunteer firefighters featuring pumping competitions, barrel races, and some special competitions this year for the wives of the

Action continued in the afternoon with the field day for youngsters, organized by the Norwich Optimist Club and while they took over the soccer field, the

Norwich and Burgessville slo-pitch teams came together on the ball field for a game.

Those who had worked up an appetite from all that activity enjoyed a delicious beef barbecue served up by the Burgessville United Church. Tickets for that event were sold out well in advance.

The garden party Friday evening was a huge success and the appearance of a few raindrops couldn't dampen the spirits of the roughly 1,500 people who turned out to enjoy a program with a variety of entertainment from classical violin to belly dancers, the South Norwich Community Choir and magic. And to top off a full and successful day of activity was a fireworks demonstration staged by members of the Burgessville Volunteer Firefighters Association.

The school reunions and a display of local artwork continued throughout Saturday and Sunday and an outdoor church service, followed by a band concert were the highlights in Burgessville on Sunday.

On Saturday morning, some of the activity shifted to Otterville where the Spring-Otter Optimists hosted a full field of competitors in their annual soapbox derby run on the Main Street hill in Otterville where drivers tested their skill and their courage on the downhill course.

The wrap-up to the weekend of happenings was also in Otterville where the South Norwich Historical Society put on their annual chicken barbecue on the Treffry mill meadow.

Organizers of the events were well pleased with the weekend. Next year, the focus for the township's celebrations shifts to

Springford and the year after that to Norwich where they will coincide with the village's 175th celebrations in 1985.

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And the winner is

Norwich Township Mayor John Heleniak had the honor of crowning the first ever Miss Township of Norwich following her selection from among 13 contestants entered in the competition sponsored by the Township of Norwich Chamber of Commerce. A panel of five judges picked Allyson Hagerman of RR 2, Burgessville as the winner following the final judging on Friday, July 1 during Canada Day celebrations in Burgessville. (NG Photo)



Not lucky

Mrs. Grant Mountain, chairman of the South Norwich Historical Society's barbecue on Sunday evening, sells tickets on the quilt draw to Norwich Mayor John Heleniak. Mr. Heleniak wasn't a winner, however. The hand-made quilt went to Danny Balment of Delhi.



Pleasant evening

More than 350 persons spent a pleasant evening at the Otterville barbecue Sunday, helping boost funds for restora-

tion of the Treffry Mill. As they enjoyed a chicken dinner on the banks of the Otter, guests were entertained by the South Norwich Community Choir.

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Barbecue helps raise mill funds

A pleasant evening "in the meadow by the mill" on Sunday served both as a wind-up to Norwich township Canada Day celebrations and a fund-raising event for restoration of the historic Treffry Mill.

More than 350 people attended the chicken barbecue in the meadow and were entertained by the South Norwich Community Choir.

The event was sponsored

by the South Norwich Historical Society, with Mrs. Grant Mountain as chairman.

Mrs. Mountain praised the efforts of those helping with the barbecue, especially the members of the Lions Club who again did the cooking.

Draw for a quilt, made by Lila Freeman and Anny Treffry, was held. The winner was Danny Balment of Delhi.



Otterville barbecue

As a Canada Day weekend treat and a fund-raising event for restoration of the historic Treffry Mill, South Norwich Historical Society held a chicken barbecue in the "meadow

by the mill" on Sunday. A visiting couple from Brantford were among the more than 350 people served. Among those staffing the serving area were, left to right, Harold Brayley, Lila Freeland and Dorothy Brayley.

Otterville News

OTTERVILLE (C) - Otterville left no stone unturned when they played their part in the three-day celebration of Canada Day in Norwich Township. Saturday morning, the Optimist Club sponsored the soapbox derby which took place on the Main Street of the village. Saturday evening, a dance, also sponsored by the Spring-Otter Optimist Club, was enjoyed in the cool of the evening outside the Township offices. Sunday high degrees of heat did not discourage the crowd of people who attended the South Norwich Historical Society's annual

chicken barbecue in the meadow by the Treffry Mill. Music was provided by the South Norwich Community Choir.

Mrs. Fred Pinnoy, who has been confined to Woodstock General Hospital returned to her home on Tuesday, June 31.

In the absence of the Rector Grant Darling of the St. John's Anglican Church, Carl Howse conducted the service, assisted by Jack Freeland who read the Scripture lesson on June 26. A lovely solo, He Touched Me, was sung by Olive Pickersgill accompanied by Lila Freeland at the console.

100 YEARS AGO
July 1883

Hawtrey - Our hotel keeper, Mr. Armstrong, has 25 boarders now. They are men engaged in changing steel on the C.S.R.

There is a large crowd going to Brantford from Tilsonburg next Tuesday to see Barnum's show and Jumbo.

25 YEARS AGO
July 1958

Work has started on the clubhouse being erected by the South Norwich Fish and Game Association and the call is out for volunteer laborers.

Do you remember that during the week of July 31, 1963:

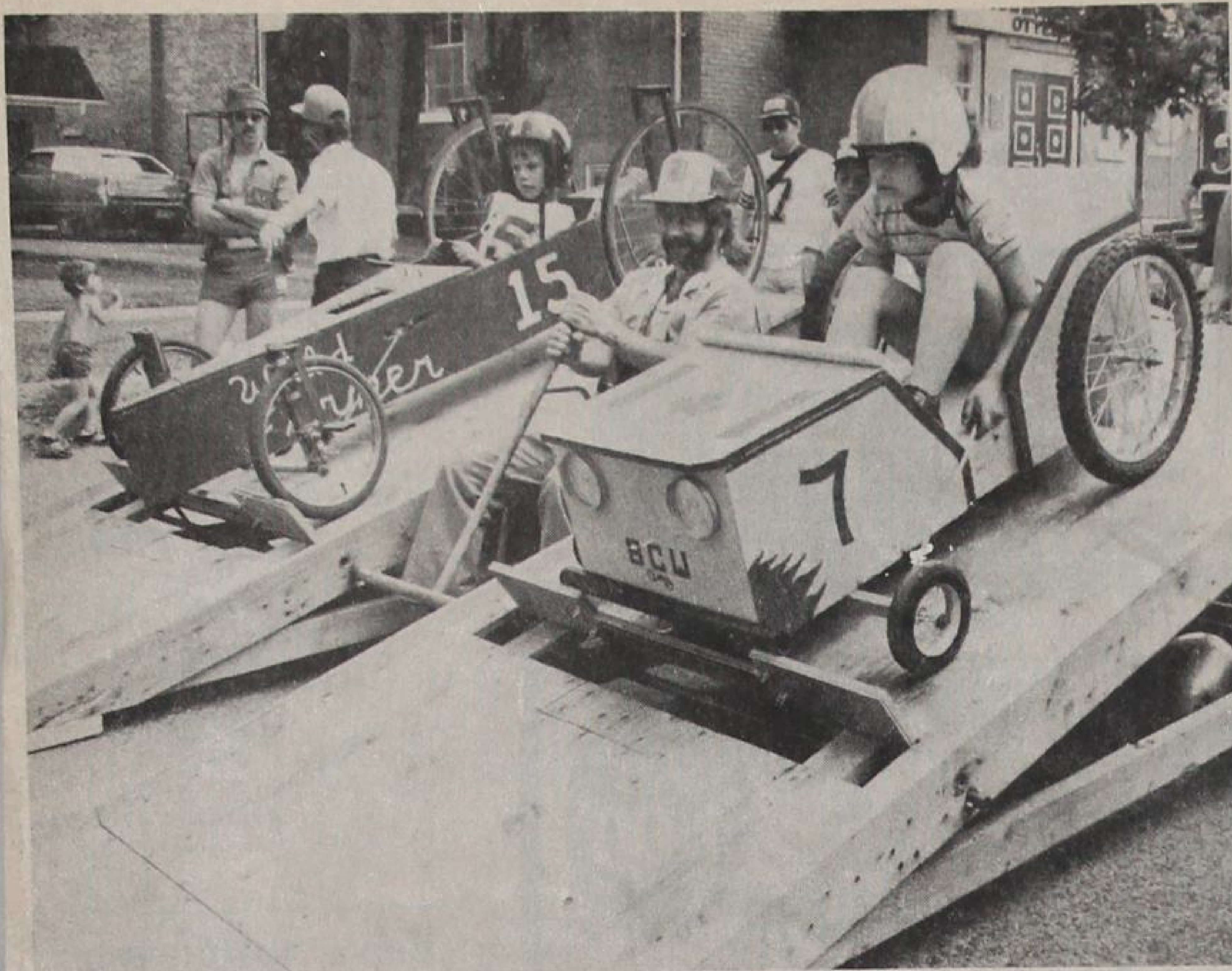
It is predicted that, although several tobacco growers will commence harvesting next week, the tobacco harvest will not be general until about Aug. 10.

This year is the 70th anniversary of the incorporation of the municipality of Delhi as a village. First reeve of the village was Robert Quance in 1894. On Dec. 1, 1954, Delhi was incorporated as a town, with a population of 2,820. First mayor of the town was Lorne Burch with reeve E.W. Phillips, deputy-reeve J.W. Blakeley and councillors R.S. McConkey, R.K. Wilson, A. VanGoethem, A.E. Sullivan, J.M. Kinchsular and R. Plancke.

Vincent Miller, Tobacco Workers' Camp co-ordinator, reports that 350 are registered at the three camps operated at Delhi, Langton and Tillsonburg.

Michel Demaitre, president of Ontario Plant Foods Limited, announced commencement of construction of a new plant and warehouse. Specializing in grain fertilizer, it will be located directly behind the original plant in Windham Township.

Defeating New Durham 8-5 in the South Oxford Juvenile Softball best-of-three series for the championship, Otterville took a one-game lead behind the pitching of Alex Smith. Assisting at bat for the winners were Gary Rachar, Doug Clement, Neil Davies, Merlin House, Brian Taylor and Alan Hagerman.



Ready to roll

Spring-Otter Optimist Bill Redman (centre) held these two soapbox derby racers at the ready during the derby held Saturday morning in Otterville as part of the

Canada's Birthday celebrations in Norwich Township. The event was sponsored by the Optimists and attracted a large turn-out of youngsters ready to tackle the Main Street hill in Otterville. (NG Photo)

DELHI NEWS-RECORD, Wednesday, July 6, 198

Accidents rare in soap box derby

OTTERVILLE — There were only two accidents among the 18 drivers — including four girls — at the annual Spring-Otter Optimists soap box derby here on the Canada Day weekend.

But considering the speeds the home-made vehicles reached as they motored down Otterville's main drag on the way to glory and becoming a racing legend, the accidents were of a very minor nature and added more to the amusement of the racing fans than to any serious consideration of injury.

One driver lost his front wheels as he was towed up the hill to the start line.

Another driver lost control of his steering and careened into straw bales lining the .25 km course. No harm done in either case except for egos.

The speeds are tremendous. So much so, in fact, that several drivers were forced to seek assistance halfway down the run to boost their rickety machines, often in colors not found in nature, down the non-tortuous course.

Winner in the 'B' division, girls aged 6-10, was Marci McMullen. Francine Countryman placed second. The 'A' division (aged 11-15) winner was Samantha LeToile. Second place went to Hali Walters.

The 'A' division boys (aged 11-15) event was won by Rodney Silverthorne, followed by Brad Wavell and Dana McMullen. The 'B' division (aged 6-10) victor was Robert Sherman. Hank Baatje took second spot and Alex McMullen nabbed third place.

Wade in pool at own risk

The Otterville wading pool will be open for use but at the user's own risk if Norwich Township council adopts a recommendation approved by its community services committee Monday night.

Many complaints have been heard by township councillors from parents who could not use the wading pool because the gate between it and the main pool was locked. The Oxford County Board of Health ordered the gate locked because small children were using the wading pool with no supervision.

Councillor Bob Carney recommended the gate be opened at times when pool staff are in attendance and that only children accompanied by an adult can use the pool. Signs will be erected stating the municipality is not responsible for the safety of users.

The recommendation will come up for final approval at the township council meeting Tuesday night.

TAX SALE OF LAND TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH

The Corporation of the Township of Norwich offers for sale, pursuant to the Municipal Affairs Act R.S.O. 1980 c. 303:

1. Part of Lot Eight in the First Concession of the Township of Norwich formerly in the Township of East Oxford in the County of Oxford and Province of Ontario which said parcel is more particularly described in instrument 278832 for the Registry Office of the Registry Division of Oxford. Upon the said parcel is purported to be situate a vacant residence and shed as permanent improvements.
2. Part of Lot Number 11 and Part of Lot Number 21, Registered Plan 43, formerly Part of Lot Number 11, Concession Eight, formerly in the Township of South Norwich, in the County of Oxford and Province of Ontario which said parcel is more particularly described in instruments 15485 and 15334 for the Registry Office of the Registry Division of Oxford. Upon the said parcel is situate a vacant structure.

Sealed bids for the said lands and premises accompanied by a certified cheque in the amount of Ten (10%) per cent of the bid will be accepted at the municipal offices of the Corporation in Otterville, Ontario, on or before the twenty-third day of August, 1983 at 4:00 p.m. The highest or any such bid may not be accepted by the Council for the Corporation.

For further information including a full legal description of the lands being offered contact John Gilbert, Treasurer, Township of Norwich Post Office Box 100, Otterville, Ontario NOJ 1R0 or telephone 879-6568, or 863-2709.

Norwich Township Council Briefs

Waste management

Norwich Township council's ad hoc committee on waste management will be meeting at a future date to consider the environment ministry's Blueprint for Waste Management in Ontario to determine whether any areas of the report are applicable to the township.

Grant approved

A request from the Otterville minor ball association for its annual grant was approved by Norwich Township council at its meeting Monday. The grant of \$500 is based on a per capita sum of \$5 per player registered.

Addition approved

Norwich Township council approved the minor variance requested by John and Erica Erb of RR 2, Tillsonburg to permit the addition of a carport to their residence. The variance was required as the addition will be 71 feet from the centre line of the road instead of the 105 feet required in the township's zoning bylaw.

New greenhouse

A minor variance application to permit the construction of a greenhouse on the residential property of Joseph and Catherine Ladosz of Otterville was approved by Norwich Township council Monday. The greenhouse will be constructed adjacent to the existing greenhouse.

Minor variance

A minor variance to provide relief from the setback required in Norwich Township's zoning bylaw was approved by township council on Monday. The minor variance will permit Gerald Treffry of Waterford to remove an existing residence from his Otterville property to construct a new house, with an addition to the rear and a full basement on the same site as the existing house.

Planning fees

Norwich Township council set out its fees for planning applications with the passage of a bylaw at Monday's council meeting. The fees are set at \$100 for a zone change application and at \$50 for a minor variance application.

Mobile home

At its meeting last month, Norwich Township council approved the request of Douglas Rogers to move a mobile home onto his property at Lot 11, Concession 3, Ward 3 for the sole use of Mr. Rogers' invalid mother. The trailer or mobile home is to be removed from the site when Beatrice Rogers is unable to use or occupy it.

Apply for grant

Norwich Township Council adopted the recommendation to send an application to the Provincial Secretary for Social Development for a 50 cent per capita grant amounting to \$4,866. The funds will be allocated to the Heritage Committee and used to promote the Ontario Bicentennial program.

Dispatcher fees

Norwich Township Council approved the motion to pay the dispatcher for the Ward 1 Fire hall \$195 per annum for the 1983 calendar year.

Grant approved

The Burgessville minor ball association was granted \$675 by Norwich Township Council last night. The grant is based on a per capita sum of \$5 per player.

Minor variance

A minor variance to allow encroachment of a one-storey building in Norwich was approved by township council last night. Patrick Murray asked for relief from the existing bylaw which requires a 40-foot side yard between his service station and the property next to it on Stover Street. Mr. Murray wants to sever the service station from the property beside it and reduce the side yard to 10½ feet. *T.N. July 27*

Council OKs

5% wage hike for employees

Norwich Township councillors approved a five per cent wage increase for its employees at their council meeting Monday but voted to hold their own rates for attendance at council meetings to the 1982 rates.

The only change in the remuneration for council members came with the disposal of a separate rate for attendance at council committee meetings. Councillors will now receive the regular per diem rate paid for council meetings when they attend committee meetings. The change was made, said Mayor John Heleniak, to reflect the increased amount of time and work councillors have with the combining of committees.

A recommendation of the task force committee studying council's organization and operation last year recommended that the number of council committees be reduced from four to two, effectively doubling the work load of those committees.

The motion to eliminate a special committee rate was approved, but not unanimously.

The rates for council, following the 1982 rates, are: for the mayor \$103.70 per meeting; for the councillor-at-large, \$98.11 per meeting attended and for councillors, \$88.87. Mayor John Heleniak said the mileage rate for councillors on council business was increased to 34 cents per mile (or 21 cents a kilometre) in line with the county's rates.

In the same motion it was approved that council appointees to committees and organizations could receive mileage and \$25 per meeting attended if it was approved by resolution of council. It was also decided, however, that there would be no remuneration paid for council appointees to the Norwich Business Improvement Area Association, the Township of Norwich Chamber of Commerce, the historical societies, the local agriculture and manpower board or the Oxford regulated townships association.

The various employee agreements, including that with the police association, public works and part-time employees of the township were all granted a five per cent increase in salary with the implementation of a new grid system for salaries based on experience and responsibility.

M.G. July 13

Water cuts in Otterville

Otterville residents are being warned by the Norwich Township Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to follow water restrictions before a critical stage is reached.

"We are quite concerned for Otterville," Everett Jenkins, superintendant at the PUC office in Norwich, said. "Consumption has more than tripled."

Otterville uses from 30-40,000 gallons of water on a normal day. During the heat wave in the past month there have been times when Otterville has used as much as 110,000 gallons a day.

Water consumption in the village of Norwich has increased from an average usage of 4 million gallons in a one-month period to 6.5 million gallons in the last month.

Part of the problem in Otterville is that water restrictions stating that watering lawns and gardens can only be done from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. are not being obeyed.

"Some people have been leaving their hoses running all night," Mr. Jenkins said. "The situation could become critical if there is no rain in the next week."

The PUC has been warning residents of Otterville that a shortage could develop if water restrictions are not obeyed.

"We could get regular patrols to enforce the restrictions but it would be too costly," he said. "We hope people realize the situation could become critical and that they will obey water restrictions from now on."

July 27

T.N. JULY 20

Express views on future plans for

By DOREEN HOOVER

Otterville library personnel and other interested patrons got the chance to express their views Monday night about Norwich Township council's future plans for the location of the Otterville library.

Jean Stewart, a member of the former Otterville Library Advisory Board, headed a delegation at the Norwich Township council community services committee meeting asking council to consider buying the empty Home Hardware store in Otterville, owned by Councillor Bob Carney, as a permanent home for the library.

Council passed a motion at last Monday's council meeting asking the Oxford County Library Board to draw up a lease for the rental of the Miller building on the north side of the Main Street in Otterville, as a new location for the library.

Mrs. Stewart said the library situation is the "most hopeful" it's been in the last few months and that she's "not against moving into the Miller building, but there is a better location available" - the Carney building.

Council has already allocated \$20,000 to a library fund and has asked Oxford County for a \$10,000 grant to aid in finding a better location for the Otterville library. Council is still waiting for a response from the board.

Councillor Carney is asking \$30,000 plus legal fees to buy his building.

Mrs. Stewart said that with the \$20,000 in the fund, "only \$10,000 more would get a good, sound building and save the township money in the long run."

The owner of the Miller building is asking \$250 a month rent. If the Oxford County Library pays \$150 a month, council will be left to pay the remaining \$100, amounting to \$1,200 a year on a five-year lease.

"Paying rent is a constant and ongoing thing," Mrs. Stewart said.

The Carney building has a ground level entrance at the back, a washroom, furnace and air conditioning. "It is not a fire hazard and would give us a permanent home for our library and save us moving in five years," she said.

Council proposed the renting of the Miller building to give it time to see if circulation would increase in the Otterville library before putting \$30,000 into buying a building.

"No library in Oxford County had a circulation increase greater than 10 per cent except in Otterville where there was a 27 per cent increase in circulation from last year," Councillor Carney said.

Another concern of council is the large size of the Carney building.

Otterville librarian Lurene McMullen asked members of the committee what was wrong with a large building. "I have had volunteers offer to help me with programs," she said. Added space would allow the library to show films, offer puppet theatres, courses and workshops, Mrs. Stewart said.

"A library is more than just a clump of books," Ken Driedger, Otterville, said. "It is a place where kids can go Saturday mornings and have books read to them. It

is a vital part of the community."

Mrs. Stewart urged council to reconsider renting the Miller building. "I want you to think about the Carney building," she said.

To upgrade Otterville library

T.N. JULY 13

By SUZANNE HANSON

Norwich Township council is taking positive action to improve the public library facilities in Otterville - action which local residents see as long overdue.

A motion was passed at Monday's council meeting asking Oxford County to draw up a lease for the rental of the Miller building on the north side of the Main Street in Otterville, to house the library.

If the terms of that lease are acceptable to the Oxford County library board, the township and the local interest groups in Otterville, the township will take out a five-year lease for the street-level quarters and relocate the library from its present basement "hole-in-the-ground" to the Miller building.

Local residents and library staff have been pressing for improved library facilities for a number of years, citing cramped quarters, poor accessibility and the lack of an adequate fire escape as only some of the problems with the present location. It is expected that with improved facilities that are more accessible, circulation at the library will increase. The Oxford County Library (OCL) has also indicated that more books and equipment could be provided if better facilities are provided.

Councillor-at-large Helen Smith said she has visited every library in the county over the past two months and there is "no question the entrance to our library is the poorest in the county."

She said there are some that are equally small and some that have no water or washroom facilities but the entrance to the Otterville library is "certainly one of the worst."

Mrs. Smith said the Miller building would be an improvement and it would give council time to decide whether it wants to buy a building. She said the owner of the Miller property has indicated he would provide a second entrance to the east side of the building with a ramp as well as providing new washroom facilities and a sound-proof wall to divide the library from the rest of the building.

Mrs. Smith said the owner of the building is asking \$250 a month rent and if the Oxford County Library pays \$150 a month council would only be left to pay the remaining \$100, amounting to \$1,200 a year.

"I personally think a five-year lease would give us a chance to see if the circulation would go up," she said. Council has talked about spending \$30,000 on a new building "when you don't even know if you're going to get another book going out of that library," said Mrs. Smith. She said

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"Turning it down seems foolish."

The committee approved a recommendation that Mrs. Stewart be asked to present her report requesting new library

facilities to the Oxford County Library Board if a special meeting can be arranged by the county representative.

The board does not have any meetings

scheduled until September, but said it would call a special meeting to deal with the Otterville library situation if Norwich Township council requested it.

The recommendation of the committee must be adopted by township council at its next meeting Tuesday night before any action can be taken.

DEATHS

Agnes (Nancy) Batson

Mrs. Agnes (Nancy) Batson of Otterville passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Thursday, July 28, 1982, in her 72nd year.

Born in Kingston, June 7, 1912, she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart. She was a member of Otterville United Church; of the United Church Women; the Norwich Curling Club; and the Norwich Lawn Bowling Club. A former Nurse at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, she was a graduate of the Brantford General Hospital as a Registered Nurse.

She was predeceased by her first husband Gordon Kitchen in 1960.

Surviving are her second husband, Dr. Harold H.

Batson; one daughter Mrs. Kenneth (Yvonne) Goodwin of Brantford; a son Donald Kitchen of Belleville; two step-daughters Mrs. Donald (Joyce) Pettigrew of RR 1, Otterville and Mrs. Joseph (Frances) Darkes of Cambridge; and 11 grandchildren.

She was predeceased by two sisters and one brother.

Rested at the Ostrander's Funeral Home, Tillsonburg, until Saturday noon, July 30, thence to Otterville United Church for service at 2:30 p.m., conducted by Rev. Earl Moore. Cremation to follow with interment of ashes in Toronto at a later date.

Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or any charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated by the family.

George Washington Childs

George Washington Childs of Dover Street, Otterville, passed away at his home on Thursday, July 14, 1983, in his 67th year.

Born in Otterville, he was a son of the late Andrew and Lydia Childs. A lifelong resident of Otterville, Mr. Childs was a member of the Powell-Agri Systems staff and had retired several weeks previous to his death. He was a member of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 182, IOOF, Otterville. A veteran of World War 11, Mr. Childs was also a member of Branch 125, The Royal Canadian Legion, Delhi.

His wife the former Lorraine Walker predeceased him in 1974, also one sister Madaline MacKay and two

brothers Paul and Ken Childs, who were both killed in action in World War 11.

Surviving are three step-children, Louise, Jane and Tom; three sisters Mrs. Alvin (Leona) Rachar of Norwich, Mrs. LeRoy (Marion) Bender of Woodstock and Mrs. Max (Frances) Prouse of Tillsonburg; a brother Jack Childs of Otterville; and a half-brother James Smoke of Woodstock.

Rested at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich, where service was held Sunday, July 17 at 2:30 p.m. conducted by Rev. Earl D. Moore of Otterville United Church.

Bearers were Ken McKay, Percy Walters, Richard DeRoo, David Walters, Danny Bender and George Smith.

A Legion service was held Saturday evening at the Funeral Home, conducted by Branch 125, Delhi.

Interment in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Ladies of Violet Rebekah Lodge served lunch at the IOOF hall following the service.

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it would be more practical to rent the Miller building for five years to see if the improved facilities do encourage more people to make use of the library and increase its circulation.

Councillor Don Pettigrew agreed. "I think this (renting the Miller building) is a practical approach to the library problem." He said council has already dealt with the option of buying a building and decided not to go that way.

Councillor Darrell Force stated he was not opposed to the ideal of renting the building for five years but stressed the local residents and library staff should be informed of council's plans and be allowed to have some input.

It was agreed that a meeting be set up with the Otterville library personnel and other interested patrons to receive their input at the next community services committee meeting on July 18.

Dr. Murray Downing : No better place to live

By DAVE STOVER

"I enjoy living in Otterville. It's a nice town, an easy place to live."

That's how Dr. Murray Downing described his hometown in a recent interview with The Gazette. During the interview, which was conducted at his home overlooking the mill pond in the centre of the village, one certainly felt the peacefulness, the calm, and the beauty of the little village on a quiet summer's afternoon. It is this sense of calm and quiet and friendliness that, one suspects, has kept Dr. Downing in the village of his birth.

"The more I see of cities, the less I'm enthused about them," he said. "It's an easy place to grow up, here in Otterville -- the neighbors know you -- it's better than the city."

It has not been a one-way street, of course; Dr. Downing has enjoyed living in Otterville, but he also pointed out "I'm concerned about Otterville." And his concern about the village and its people has been displayed in the volunteer work he's done, and, of course, in his medical practice.

Dr. Downing has practised medicine in the village since 1946. He said a doctor in a small town or village has "a different kind of practice" than his big-city counterpart. "The smaller the town, the more

appreciative the patients are," Dr. Downing said, adding that more personal contact exists between doctor and patients in such a situation, as opposed to the impersonality of medicine as practised in large urban centres.

Aside from his work as a doctor, "one thing that appeals to me is service club work," he said. He has been a member of the Lions Club since he first came to Otterville. "The work they do in a small town -- you can see it -- it sure has helped this town." He said the "most obvious" achievement of the club was maintaining the Otterville park for the past 35 years; this is the first year the club hasn't done so.

The Lions-sponsored swimming pool in the park is, Dr. Downing said, "one of the reasons there are so few (private) swimming pools around Otterville." The public pool has served as a community recreational facility for the village's young people, and has also played a vital role in water safety.

"We used to have a rather high rate of drownings when I was a kid," he said, noting the last such incident occurred just before the pool was opened. There have been none since, largely because of the water safety and swimming instruction offered at the pool.

Dr. Downing has also

been involved with the South Norwich Historical Society. "I'm not really a member," he said, noting he doesn't attend meetings regularly, "but I like to do things to help them out. There's a lot to be done for Otterville through such a society."

He sees a lot of advantages in having older buildings and older homes in the village. There is a lesson to be learned, he thinks, from Savannah, Georgia, which he visited in February. Savannah is "one of the oldest cities in the United States" and a "well-designed city." But it became "quite dilapidated," until a group of concerned women decided "to resurrect it."

'You can see we have opportunities here that are tremendous.'

They purchased their first building in a rundown section of town for \$30,000 and renovated it. The building was "made a showplace and led to \$3 million worth of reconstruction in the area," as a sort of "chain reaction" took place, with more people buying and renovating older homes and buildings. Now the group conducts tours of the revived city and uses the money raised to renovate

still more homes, which encourages more investment by others.

"When you see what they can do with a rundown city," he said "you see we have opportunities here (in Otterville) that are just tremendous." He thinks the same sort of attitude could take root in Otterville, and that the village could benefit through a renovation of its older buildings and

businesses -- preserving the past, so to speak, while still preparing for the future.

One of the good points about the Savannah project is the fact it was conducted without government assistance. Dr. Downing wonders if too many groups rely on assistance from government, and whether they might be better off raising money and working to complete projects on

their own.

As for the future of Otterville, he said he believes the Treffry mill will turn out to be a "great asset" to the village 10 or 20 years from now, serving as a tourist attraction along the lines, perhaps, of the Backus Mill complex. As for living in the village -- "it's a remarkably lush part of the world -- it's just hard to imagine anywhere better than this area."



Familiar face

The face of Dr. Murray Downing is familiar to most Otterville residents. He's family physician to many and involved in community activities with many others. He was the chairman of South Norwich 175th anniversary celebrations in 1982 and was often seen wearing this old top hat to promote the activities. He has a love for small towns and faith in what they have to offer. (NG Photo)

Mae Leonard

Gardens to painting, artistic talents show

By DAVE STOVER

Painter, craftsperson, gardener....Mae Leonard of Otterville leads a busy life, especially when one considers these activities are above and beyond her work as a teacher at Norwich Public School.

Mrs. Leonard has taught at Norwich since 1968, and has been part of the teaching profession for about a quarter of a century altogether. She currently teaches art and science to Grades 4-8 at Norwich.

She has been painting about the same length of time she's been a teacher, though she noted she came from an artistic family and in her childhood, "my parents always encouraged

me to create things." She remembers that among the first purchases made with her first paycheque from teaching were some tubes of oil paint.

She has painted with oils, water colors and acrylics -- "I mix media," she pointed out. "I'm inclined to do more scenery and plant life," she said, "but I also do some semi-abstract. It depends on my mood." She described her painting style as "basically impressionistic," but added the style of each painting she does is dependent on her mood when she's working on it.

She has been quite prolific -- she estimates she's finished 150 or so works over her 25 years of

painting -- but "I haven't really bothered to show that much -- not that I haven't had the opportunity."

Some of her paintings are given to friends, and many of the rest decorate the walls of her Otterville home. "Sometimes I even paint over the top of them if later I don't like them," she said. "Every time I redecorate I usually paint new pictures to put on the walls."

She hasn't been busy painting of late -- in fact, she hasn't had a chance to do much painting for nearly a year. That's because her artistic talents aren't confined to wielding a paint brush.

Over the last year she

has become involved in stained glass. She recently completed two stained glass windows on which she did all the work -- creating the design, cutting the glass, and soldering it all together.

She also does a fair bit of work with clay, though her intentions in this area "are not necessarily ornamental but, rather, useful." The flowerpots one can buy at the stores are, Mrs. Leonard said, "often rather gaudy and uninteresting. If you make your own containers you can create what you want."

Floral work is also one of Mrs. Leonard's hobbies; she does dried flower arranging and also creates wreaths of various sorts and sizes. She sells both wreaths and arrangements

"to get rid of the excess.

"People come right to the door and buy them from me," she said. She also does "quite a bit of commissioned work."

"You name it and I have to try it," Mrs. Leonard said with a smile, noting she's also done needlework and puppetry. But her pride and joy, as any visitor to her home can attest, is her garden.

"That's basically the summer right there," she said. Besides roses and other flowers, she grows a number of herbs and dye plants which are used in her needlework and flower arranging.

What keeps Mrs. Leonard busy at all her varied activities? "I find it's a release for tension," she said. She isn't a sports

enthusiast and she is "too busy doing other things to be bothered by TV"; crafts provide both entertainment and relaxation. "I can get lost in them," she said. "Once I get started on something I just can't leave it alone." On school nights she makes it a point not to get immersed in craftwork or painting since before she knows it can be three or four o'clock in the morning, and "that's hardly fair to my students," she added with a laugh.

Mae Leonard is clearly a person of many talents -- and, unlike many of us who enjoy sitting around thinking about the things we'd like to do, she seems to possess the energy to work at whatever creative project interests her at the moment.



Congratulations to Bob and Marion Pettigrew on their fortieth wedding anniversary. They were married in Otterville on July 31, 1943. Best wishes for many more happy years together from your family.



Works of art

Mae Leonard displays two of her artistic creations -- a dried flower arrangement and one of her paintings. Mrs. Leonard is involved in a variety of arts and crafts, as well as maintaining an extensive garden at her Otterville home. She is a teacher at Norwich Public School. (NG Photo)

-- PUSH's goal

Helping the handicapped help themselves

By DAVE STOVER

After serving as both subregional and regional chairman of the People United for Self-Help (PUSH) organization, Richard Picknell knows as well as anyone the problems the handicapped face in our society and what steps governments are prepared to take to help them.

Mr. Picknell, who is confined to a wheelchair because of a spinal injury, was involved with the organization for about 21 months, but finally had to step down due to time considerations. The Otterville man had served as chairman of the regional organization, responsible for the area from Owen Sound and Windsor to Port Dover, and as chairman of the sub-regional organization, based in the local tri-county area.

"As a regional and provincial body, PUSH has done quite a few good things," he said. The provincial executive has been working with both the federal and provincial

governments to study how a national welfare system for the disabled might be set up, though Mr. Picknell said the "time frame for such a system would be 10 years down the road."

At present, while there are a number of different provincial and federal assistance and pension schemes, "the criteria for them are not always the same," and Mr. Picknell said some individuals may not qualify for assistance under any program despite their disability.

"PUSH is the first total organization to represent all types of handicaps," he said. "It's an organization that understands governments' positions on funding and is not asking for the sky."

While the organization remains active at a regional and provincial level, the local group has not seen a great deal of activity recently. "This is quite a district for anyone to travel," Mr. Picknell said, pointing out the sub-regional group encompassed Tillsonburg,

Simcoe, St. Thomas and Woodstock, and that many handicapped people found trouble in lining up transportation to PUSH meetings.

"Tillsonburg is set up reasonably well for the handicapped," he said, citing the recent downtown improvement program which has made curbs and sidewalks accessible to people in wheelchairs.

Mr. Picknell said he "didn't think it was feasible to ask governments to extend large amounts of money to change things to help the handicapped"; he doesn't advocate changes to buildings or streets or curbs just because the handicapped demand it. But if municipalities are already planning large scale changes or renovations to streets or buildings, "they should take the handicapped into account. We'd be upset if they didn't."

He suggested that in such a case, PUSH has established "speaking channels" with MP's and

MPP's and if the needs and rights of the handicapped are being ignored by one level of government, "I believe PUSH should intervene and ask other levels of government to do right by the handicapped."

But, he said, "the organization, as a provincial and regional body, has approached government with restraint in mind.

"I don't think any individual having trouble making ends meet wants to hear of an organization for the disabled being doled out large amounts of money. Of course, many PUSH members and handicapped people are in the same position—they are working and they, too, have trouble making ends meet."

"Governments are working despite the troubled economic times to make it a little easier for the handicapped," he said. Municipalities are beginning to pass and standardize bylaws for handicapped parking areas, and other municipalities, notably London, are working to make access to government buildings for the handicapped.

PUSH's regional organization has also initiated a project in London to establish housing units for the handicapped. With funding from the federal secretary of state and the Canada Housing and Mortgage Corporation (CHMC), the organization is working to establish housing for the handicapped that would include on-duty attendants "to provide some daily assistance." The buildings would be better equipped to serve the needs of the handicapped and would be open to the handicapped and disabled in the London region.

Mr. Picknell praised the provincial executive of the organization, noting the constitution provides for representation "from

across the board, including the blind, those suffering from multiple sclerosis, the developmentally handicapped, and others" on the provincial board of executives. Thus all aspects of the handicapped and disabled population are represented, "so a person in a wheelchair is not telling governments who are going to institute any programs what a blind person wants."

He also pointed out the provincial executive can only take action on problems and areas suggested by the regional committees, making the organization more democratic, with power and suggestions moving from the bottom up rather than the top down.

PUSH does recognize good things governments have done to help the handicapped, Mr. Picknell said, and both the provincial and regional wings of the organization occasionally send out letters of commendation to municipalities and corporations which have acted to help the handicapped.

On a local level, "it's good the municipality has a sympathetic mayor," he said, noting he has sent handicapped individuals to Norwich Mayor John Heleniak for guidance and

help in dealing with higher levels of government.

Another recent concern of the organization has been what might most aptly be termed the exploitation of the handicapped in shelter-workshops in large cities such as Toronto. "If the finished product is to be sold at market prices the laborers should get market wages." Some privately-operated shelter-workshops have been selling the products produced by handicapped laborers at standard retail prices, while paying their employees less than the minimum wage.

"The handicapped aren't looking for handouts," he said, "just fair return for fair labor." He noted the organization's provincial arm has been particularly active in combatting this problem.

Though he has left the organization for the time being, he noted "I'd like to keep some type of involvement but on a lesser scale." He got involved with the organization, he said, "because I wanted to know who had input into what was being done for the handicapped. PUSH is having some input and is helping."

He is optimistic that the provincial organization has gained a certain degree of

credibility with government and will continue to accomplish things on behalf of the handicapped.

As for the local group, "I don't see there's much to do locally other than have members in the

organization and make sure the needs of the handicapped are recognized."



Self-help

Richard Picknell of Otterville was a moving force behind the establishment of a local chapter of People United for Self Help (PUSH). Disabled himself as a result of an accident several years ago, he sympathizes with the needs of the disabled. (NG Photo)

Finds stagecoach business relaxing

People attending fairs, parades and even weddings can capture a little bit of the Wild West with the help of Mert McClintock of Springford. He spends most weekends and holidays giving rides in his stagecoach.

Mr. McClintock's career as a stagecoach driver began more than 20 years ago when he bought a pony for his two sons, Jim and Michael, and made them an express wagon for the pony to pull. When he accepted an offer to sell the pony and wagon, he had to do something to make it up to his sons so he promised to build them a stagecoach to be pulled by their two colts.

With the help of cabinet builder, George Ebert, of Springford, they took a picture of a stagecoach from a paper and made masonite and soft wood molds until they got the pattern they wanted.

The building of the coach began in Mr. McClintock's basement in 1960 and then moved to Mr. Ebert's cabinet shop.

The stagecoach, which is eight feet long and five feet wide, took "all winter to build," Mr. McClintock said. "It took many hours." But the time it took to make was time well spent because that coach, the Gunsmoke Express, is still his most used coach. He built his second stagecoach in 1963 when his second son wanted to drive a coach as well.

Mr. McClintock credits the durability of his first stagecoach to Mr. Ebert's fine job of putting it together and to the white oak that was used to make the superstructure.

The white oak timber was cut by Mr. McClintock's father in 1916. He estimates the white oak to be from 150-200 years old.

The white oak withheld the strain of holding 29 passengers in Tillsonburg recently.

Mr. McClintock had thought 25 people to be the maximum load, but he somehow managed to squeeze 12 people into the bottom and 17 on the roof. The 600-pound stagecoach ideally holds six passengers on the inside and eight on the top.

Mr. McClintock tries to participate in parades and fairs within 50 miles of his home, but he once ventured as far as Montreal to attend the World's Fair. He has attended the Norwich Steam Show every year since it began.



Unique transportation

Mert McClintock of Springford stands by his oldest stagecoach, the Gunsmoke Express. Mr. McClintock often takes the stagecoach to parades and fairs to give people a chance to capture a bit of the Wild West by riding in the coach. (NG Photo)

He has travelled to Toronto, London, Port Dover and Chatham so far this year to attend weddings. Couples hire his stagecoaches because they "want something different," he said.

Travelling with his stagecoaches has given Mr. McClintock the chance to meet "a lot of very nice people," he said.

Mr. McClintock said he enjoys his stagecoach business but it does not

merit neglecting his work as park superintendent at Tillsonburg Parks and Recreation. "I am just trying to make enough money to put hay in the barn, put gas in the car and hope everyone has a lot of fun while I'm doing it," he said.

Along with his two stagecoaches, Mr. McClintock also has a sleigh that can be used all year round by putting eight wheelbarrel wheels by the runners. The sleigh, which can hold 15-20 people, is very popular in Santa Claus parades. The two ponies that pull the sleigh are given bells to wear to help capture the Christmas atmosphere. He has also been working on a Conestoga wagon which he hopes to have finished soon.

Mr. McClintock owns six ponies and one colt to pull his coaches and sleigh. He still owns Fred Flintstone, one of the two ponies who pulled his first coach more than 20 years ago.

"I only use Fred when the others are sick, lame or lazy," he said.

When the ponies are two years old they are acquainted with the job of pulling the coaches and are used when they are three and four years old. His regular team is 10-year-old Rufus and 17-year-old Barney.

Although the stagecoach business often keeps Mr. McClintock away from home, he finds it relaxing.

"It helps me retain my sanity," he said. "When I'm in the seat and things are going, the pressure is off. It is my boat, motor and cottage all thrown into one."

Don't be surprised if Mr. McClintock is soon seen driving a surrey with a fringe on top. It is his next endeavour.

Norwich Township mayor fights designation given to novelty handgun

By SUZANNE HANSON

Norwich Township Mayor John Heleniak will be in Tillsonburg provincial court today (Wednesday) defending what he sees as a matter of principle.

Mayor Heleniak will be taking part in a hearing he requested to determine whether a novelty handgun owned by him should be declared a prohibited weapon or merely a restricted weapon.

According to the firearms registration branch of the solicitor-general's office, the American-made Huntsman pistol-knife is considered a prohibited weapon because of its similarity to another weapon - an SSS-1 Stinger. That weapon - a bullet-firing pen - was officially prohibited in 1980.

But Mayor Heleniak is arguing that the pistol-knife he purchased in 1981 for \$175 is classed as a restricted weapon and he's prepared to argue the case during the hearing in court today.

As a certified handgun collector, Mayor Heleniak can legally possess restricted weapons but not those categorized as prohibited. He admits the legal costs as a result of the hearing, as well as the cost to obtain three expert witnesses on his behalf is substantial, but for him, it's a matter of principle.

"I feel that anyone in Canada should

lawfully be able to possess that item," said Mayor Heleniak.

He said the weapon is quite common in the United States and can be legally owned in most states.

The pistol-knife, made in the 1920's and worth \$4.45 at that time, fires a single .22 calibre bullet. After purchasing the gun in 1981, Mr. Heleniak contacted the firearms registration branch of the solicitor-general's office to inquire about registering it. He was assured at that time there would be no problem and was advised to contact the local detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police in Tillsonburg.

The OPP firearms officer subsequently came to Mayor Heleniak's Norwich residence and took the weapon to be sent to Toronto for registration. When he didn't hear anything back for several months, Mayor Heleniak contacted the OPP and was told in December that the solicitor-general's office was considering the item to be a prohibited weapon because of its similarity to the SSS-1 Stinger.

According to a prohibited weapons order in the criminal code, any devices similar to the SSS-1 Stinger, consisting of a single shot .22 calibre weapon designed or of a size to fit in the palm of the hand or in a cigarette package are to be declared prohibited weapons.

In light of that order, the pistol-knife belonging to Mayor Heleniak was held in Toronto and he was requested to sign a quit claim relinquishing all right to

ownership of the weapon or face a criminal code charge of possessing a prohibited weapon.

If the mayor had signed the quit claim, the weapon would either have been destroyed or donated to a museum, said Mayor Heleniak, who refused to sign the quit claim, preferring to challenge the designation of the weapon at a hearing in provincial court.

He stressed the hearing is not arising out of any criminal charges, pointing out that it is taking place on his request. The decision in the case will set a precedent for all handgun collectors, he said. No one has ever tried to register such a weapon in Canada before.

He said the whole issue has been somewhat embarrassing for him as numerous rumors have been circulating about why he's going to court. He said it's a matter of principle and something he believes in strongly.

Attending court today with him will be two lawyers and three handgun "experts" who will assist him in arguing his case to prove that the weapon "is in fact a restricted weapon."

Mr. Heleniak has been collecting handguns for the past 12 years since his father gave him the first piece for his collection. He now has about 75 handguns and some rifles in his collection but he may be disposing of part of the collection next year, keeping only some of the finer pieces.



JOHN HELENIAK

Heleniak case decided in provincial court

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Mayor keeps gun, feels 'vindicated'

By DOROTHY CLARK

Norwich Township Mayor John Heleniak won what he considered a matter of principle in Tillsonburg provincial court Wednesday but the lesson wasn't cheap.

The 29-year-old handgun collector spent more than \$5,000 defending his right to own a bullet-firing jack-knife that cost \$175 when he purchased it in 1981.

"I doubt very much if I would go through a hearing like this again because of the amount of money it cost," Mayor Heleniak said. "It is unfortunate this legal process is so expensive. It bars a lot of people who couldn't afford it to proceed with a case like this."

He said he felt "vindicated" after the decision was made in his favor and that he was happy he would be able to add the firearm to his collection.

The American-made Huntsman pistol-knife was designated a prohibited weapon by the firearms registration branch of the solicitor-general's office, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Ottawa.

Made in the early 1920s and sold at that time for \$4.45, the jack-knife capable of firing a .22-calibre bullet is also considered a firearm curiosity because of its unique design.

Although the pistol-knife is not officially on the prohibited weapons list it was considered as such because of its similarity to another collector's piece called an SSS-1 Stinger, a pen-like weapon also capable of firing a .22 calibre bullet, that was officially prohibited in 1980.

Shortly after adding the pistol-knife to his \$40,000 collection of about 80 guns Mayor Heleniak was informed by the firearms registration office in Toronto, where he had sent the weapon for registration, that it was being prohibited. Rather than relinquish his claim on the gun, in which case it would have been destroyed, or face criminal code charges for possession of a prohibited weapon, Mr. Heleniak decided to fight the designation.

As a certified handgun collector, Mr. Heleniak can legally possess restricted weapons but not those designated as prohibited.

Wednesday's hearing before Judge R.D. Reilly of Kitchener uncovered some fascinating historical and technical information from several firearms' experts. Vaclav Krema, founder and former head of the province's centre for forensic science in Toronto, pointed out a number of differences between the pistol-knife and

the prohibited SSS-1 Stinger to which it was being compared.

Mr. Krema described the pistol-knife as inaccurate, useless and good only as a conversation piece compared to the SSS-1 Stinger which was used as an instrument of war in secret service operations. It is a "far more powerful" firearm that was used by American agents in Vietnam during the 1950s, he said.

John Minnery, a Brantford gun expert who has written several books on firearms, testified that the pistol-knife is not even a "legitimate" weapon compared to the SSS-1 Stinger which is a "clandestine, close-range killing device" once used by the CIA for assassinations.

He said the most lethal part about the Huntsman pistol-knife is the knife because of the poor accuracy and unreliability of the gun.

In summing up her case Crown Attorney Kathleen McGowan told the court that despite expert testimony the pistol-knife is similar to the prohibited Stinger because they are both "single-shot .22-calibre weapons designed or of a size to fit in the palm of the hand or in a cigarette package." Because of its appearance the pistol is a "camouflaged" firearm that is not easily recognizable as the dangerous

weapon it is, she pointed out.

However, the judge noted an old advertisement which showed the weapon was never "intended to be sold as a clandestine weapon. In fact, it makes it sound like a tool for a grown up Boy Scout," he said.

In determining the case in favor of Mayor Heleniak, Judge Reilly added that the pistol-knife "appears to be designed as a curiosa item, as opposed to being designed as an assassination tool, such as the Stinger is clearly designed to be."

Judge Reilly said that in his opinion the legislation governing prohibited weapons "clearly did not intend to prohibit all weapons that fit in the palm of the hand or a cigarette package or that are capable of firing .22-calibre bullets."

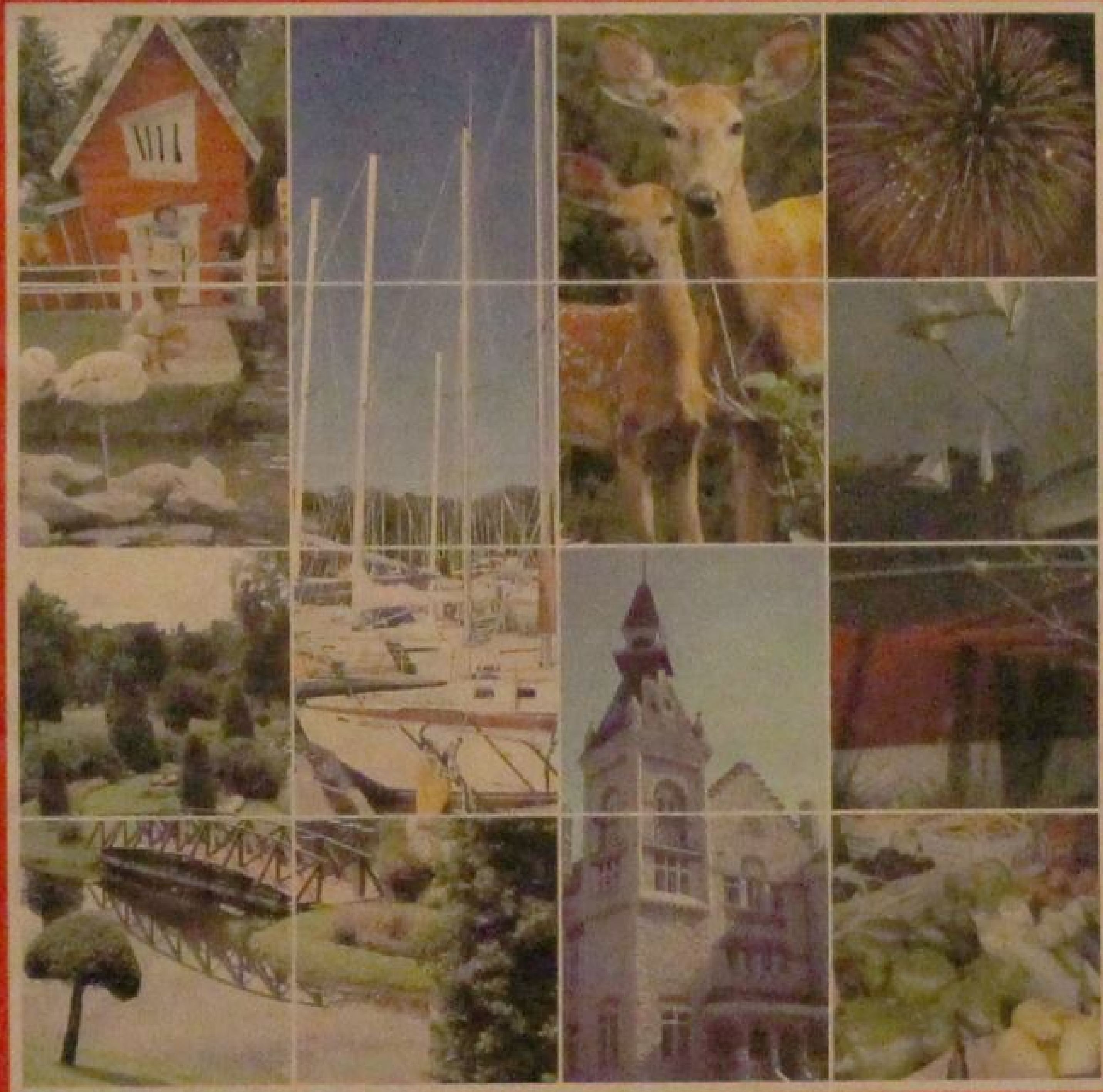
Mayor Heleniak's lawyer, Frank Gabriel of Toronto, never needed to sum up the case for the court. Judge Reilly had decided in his favor without that being necessary.

Mayor Heleniak has requested the firearms officer of the Tillsonburg OPP to proceed with the necessary registration so he can add the item to his collection in the near future. He said "it will be the most expensive firearm in my collection."

Until the weapon is registered, it will remain in the hands of the police.



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OTTERVILLE (C) - Decoration Day will be held at Springford, Otterville, Milldale, New Road, and Bookton cemeteries on Sunday, August 21. Only Bookton will be holding an afternoon service.

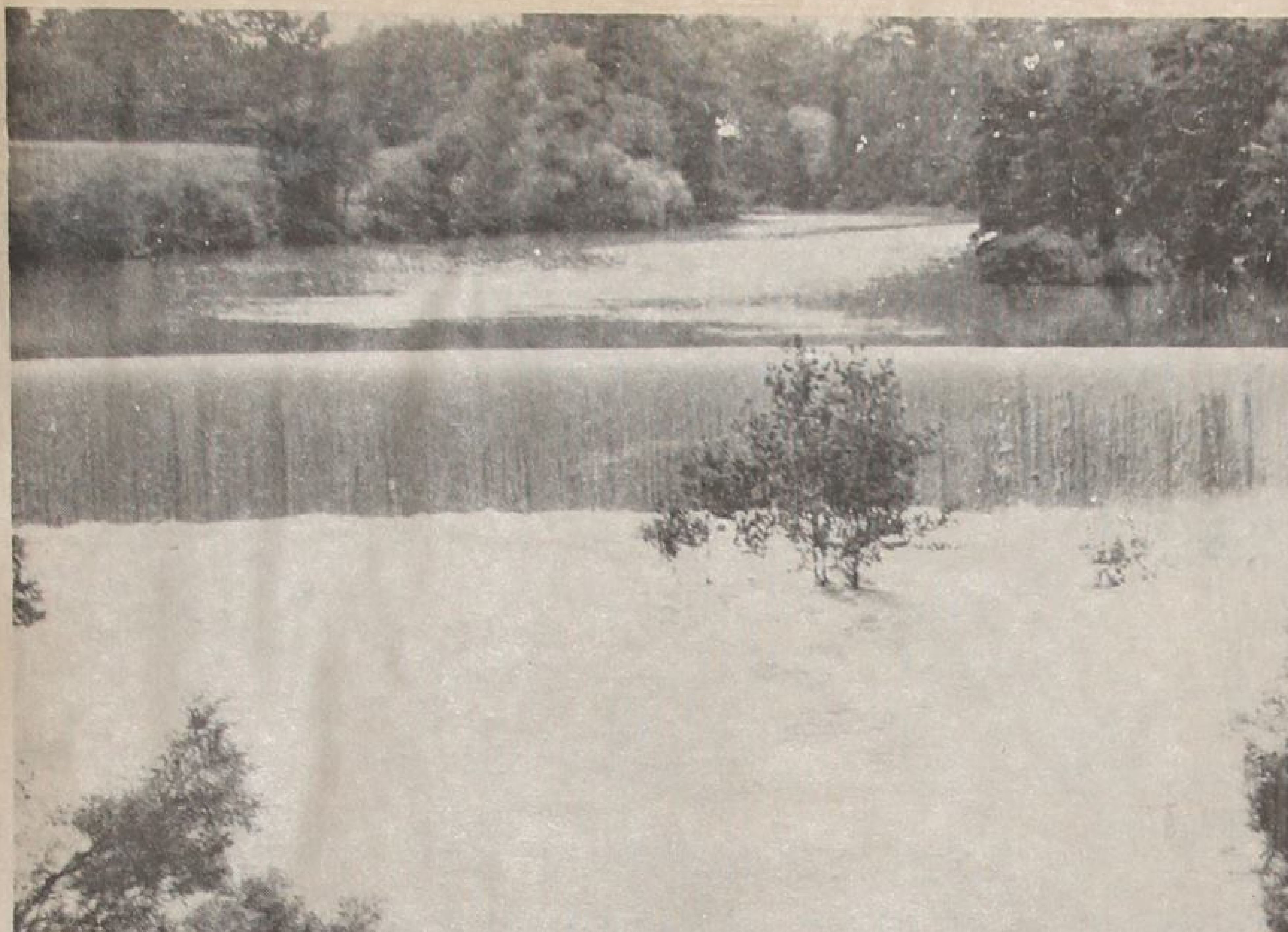
Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey attended the Losee Family Reunion held at the Lions Park in Paris on Sunday, August 14.

Wilma Butler and Eva Deveney of Otterville at-

tended the Senior Citizens Convention of Ontario held at Windsor recently. They were chosen as delegates to represent the Tillsonburg Senior Citizens Club.

Evelyn Waring has returned home after spending several days with Ada Morley, Burgessville.

Greta Kennedy, Toronto, and Warren Kennedy, California, have been spending a holiday with their brother, David Kennedy, Otterville.



A welcome sight

Seeing the Otterville dam overflowing with water is a welcome sight to residents of Otterville. During the long

dry spell, no water flowed over the dam and a water shortage was imminent until a much-needed rain gave the dam its familiar look again. (NG photo)

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Pte. Paul S. Dow recently graduated from the Canadian Forces School of Aerospace And Ordnance Engineering in C.F.B. Borden. Paul, son of Ross and Jean Dow of Otterville attended Otterville Public School and Norwich District High School. Pte. Dow is now stationed at C.F.B. North Bay, Ontario as a Safety Systems Technician with 414 Electronic Warfare Sqn.

Do you remember that during the week of August 7, 1963:

A total of 10,306 meals have been issued at the Tobacco Harvest Laborer camps, with a registration of 1,600 campers.

David Arthur, RR 2 Waterford, is attending the 1963 Youth Program of the Annual National Farm Business Conference, University of Nebraska.

About 2,000 people per week are making use of the facilities at Delhi's new community swimming pool.

Robert Lammens, of Delhi Figure Skating Club, and Jane Hastings, of Galt Figure Skating Club, won the junior dance competition at Brantford Summer Invitational.

Defeating Glanforth 3-1, Otterville Otters moved into first place in the South Oxford Intermediate Softball League playoffs. Bob Smith was the winning pitcher, assisted at bat by Dave Arthur (four for four), Archie McDougall and Ted McElhone.

Do you remember that during the week of August 14, 1963:

Hail and wind, striking for the second time in a week, ripped through four townships, causing an estimated \$400,000 damage to flue-cured tobacco crops.

Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board voted 14-1 against having flue-cured tobacco treated with MH30 identified on the auction floor.

Otterville Juniors defeated Mount Elgin 15-5 to take the South Oxford Junior Softball league trophy. Alex Smith was the winning pitcher,

with the hitters being Doug Clement, Bryan Taylor, Gary Walther, Merlin Howse and Neil Davies.

Southern Point Limited is building a new marina at Long Point. The new marina is on the site of the former Long Point Marina and will be called "Marine Shores." It is planned to add another 20 boathouses.

Do you remember that during the week of August 15, 1973:

Final crop measurement figures show 104,679 acres of flue-cured tobacco is being grown on 3,772 farms this year.



Drought to drowning

Recent heavy rains and winds have caused some damage to area tobacco crops but crop officials are unable to estimate the extent of the water-related injury at the present time. The rains have proved beneficial to almost all other tri-county crops. (TN photo)

Club donates slide

The Otterville Sunshine Club has donated a spiral slide to the Otterville Park as part of their ongoing attempt to improve the community.

For the fifth year, the Sunshine Club has

added playground equipment to the park. The club has spent \$5,000 putting in such equipment as elephant climbing bars, riding horses, horse swings, a large rocking horse, and a merry-go-round donated jointly with the Lions Club. A climber was donated last year and the spiral slide was added to the climber in June. The club has also paid for renovations on the large slide.

The 15-member club decided to donate playground equipment as a way to "improve the community," Inge Irie, president of the club, said. Several members have children and grandchildren so they thought the addition of playground equipment to the park would be worthwhile.

The Sunshine Club raises money to buy the equipment through two projects a year. Members are already preparing for their Christmas Bazaar to be held in the Norfolk Mall in November.

The club sells Christmas items, home baking and tickets on a quilt or afghan.

The second project to raise money for the equipment will be a Pancake and Sausage Luncheon at the Anglican Church in February.

"Our aim each year is to add something new to the park," Marion Pettigrew, member of the playground committee for the club, said.

The Sunshine Club began in the 1940s as the Yottometus Club. It began as an opportunity for women, whose husbands were fighting in the war, to gather together to talk.

"It was a friendly club where members had a good visit," Mrs. Pettigrew said.

The name of the club was changed to the Sunshine Club in the 1950s.

The Otterville Club meets twice a month at members' homes to visit and organize their plans to continue improving the community of Otterville.



Playground equipment donation

Marion Pettigrew and Inge Irie (centre), both members of the Otterville Sunshine Club, look on as children enjoy the new addition to the Otterville park. The spiral slide was donated by the club as its way of improving the community. (NG Photo)

Wednesday, September 7, 1983 THE TILLSONBURG

Women's Missionary Fellowship opens season

OTTERVILLE (C) - The Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Otterville Baptist Church held their opening meeting for the 1983-84 season on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Charter Davis. The call to worship was a poem by Helen Steiner Rice, "Time Is A Gift of God." An invitation was read from North Broadway Baptist ladies of Tillsonburg to attend their special meeting on October 6. A number of ladies plan to attend. A letter from Rev. Roy and Mrs. Hirons, missionaries to Nigeria, presently on furlough, was read. Missionary prayers were offered by Dorothy Hill and Betty Oenema. The scripture lesson was read by Gail Spencer.

A special missionary program was presented on pioneer Baptist missions in India dealing with the lives and work of Rev. John E. Davis and his wife Laura Lockhart Davis from 1887-1904. The program was prepared by Rev. Davis' granddaughter Wilma Davis Butler and taking part were the following descendants of Stanley L. Davis, eldest son of this missionary couple: Norma Davis, wife of Charter Davis, grandson; Elaine Butler Berst great granddaughter; Diane Butler and Lorraine Davis, wives of great grandsons and eight fourth-generation

young ladies - Heather, Jennifer, and Julie Berst, Donna and Janette Butler, Crystal, Cindy and Angela Davis.

Many curios brought by the Davis' from India in 1896 and pictures and maps were displayed and the story of Mr. and Mrs. Davis' lives and their work in India were woven around these items of interest.

Mr. Davis, who ministered to a large field in India and in many capacities, was also instrumental in building and staffing a hospital for lepers in his area. Mr. Davis later contracted the disease, which forced

his early retirement in 1905. He died in a leper hospital in New Brunswick in 1916. His autobiography "The Life Story of a Leper" was published in 1917. This book is being reprinted again this year and a copy will be presented to the church library in his memory by Mrs. Butler when it is received.

Following the meeting, the hostess was assisted by Mrs. Fred Hill, Mrs. Dwight Davis, and Mrs. Robert Butler in serving lunch. Mrs. Paul Hill gave courtesy remarks.

Finds good photos require patience

By MARLENE OPDECAM

In the four short years since Ernie Gyori bought his first 35 millimeter camera he has become recognized as a gifted amateur photographer.

His entries in the print section of the Tillsonburg Fair photographic competitions last year earned him first place in six separate categories and a second and third in two others.

Mr. Gyori, a teacher at Rolph Street Public School, first became interested in the field because he felt photos and slides could prove to be an effective classroom teaching aid.

A beginners course offered by Fanshawe College at the Norwich night school introduced Mr. Gyori to the basics.

After that, he taught himself by trial and error, going through at least a roll of film a week.

He admits it's an expensive hobby, especially in the beginning when acquiring the camera and equipment and wasting film while trying to perfect various photographic techniques. "It doesn't cost as much now I've been at it for a while," he said. "I take fewer photos but I like to think better ones."

Whatever the expense, he feels the money spent is well worth it.

Mr. Gyori has a preference for nature shots and snaps of kids and animals and, of course, everyone's favorites, sunrises and sunsets.

His beagle Molly is a favorite model. And as a teacher, he has a school full of kids ready and eager to pose.

His talents also make him popular with other teachers when special events are going on at the school such as plays or

sporting competitions.

Mr. Gyori says he has tried his hand at portraiture but finds it a little too technical for his tastes.

A devotee of the automatic aperture control on his Cannon AE camera, he admits the manual mode allows for more experimentation and more creative results but finds it requires more time than he usually has to spare.

While it may sound as if he hurriedly snaps shots, that isn't the case at all. Mr. Gyori lists patience as an essential trait for anyone seriously interested in becoming a good photographer. "I've spent from five to 15 minutes and even longer waiting for that ideal shot," he said. The problem with kids and animals is if they know you want their picture, they don't behave naturally, so you have to wait until they forget you are there before

you can hope to capture the shot you want, he explained.

In many cases, he finds the final photo is more candid if he uses a telephoto lens capable of capturing closeup shots from a distance.

In his opinion the most frustrating aspect of his hobby is not the seemingly endless wait for the perfect shot but rather seeing what he considers an outstanding picture, taking it, thinking he has exactly what he wanted and then, when the films come back, discovering he has failed to capture on film what he thought he saw.

Always be prepared, is a motto as relevant to the serious photographer as it is to boy scouts. Always carry your camera with you, Mr. Gyori advises and if you suddenly realize the light is just right or the weather is creating potential prize photos, just drop everything, grab your camera and go. "That is when you'll get your most

unusual shots and if you put off going, they're gone forever," he commented.

Mr. Gyori isn't involved in the developing and printing end of the art of photography although he'd like to give it a try some day. "I just have too many other interests to have the time to do everything in depth," he explained. His current hobbies include bottle collecting, gathering antiques made in the area, hunting, fishing and old cars.

Despite the numerous demands on his time, Mr. Gyori intends to continue to practise and hone his

photographic skills and, as he says, "hopefully to get better."

He has no aspirations to turn professional. "I do it for fun," he said. He does, however, intend to enter some of his recent photos in the Simcoe Fair for the first time this fall.

Refusing to describe himself as an artist, he did admit at least some of his work is worthy of the title.

Mr. Gyori was born in Waterford and grew up on a tobacco farm outside Courtland. He has taught for 14 years, nine in Norwich and the last five in Tillsonburg.



ERNIE GYORI AND MOLLY

Engagement



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gould of Otterville are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Tammy to Eric Crofts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crofts of London. The marriage will take place on August 6, 1983 at St. Pauls United Church, Tillsonburg at 6 p.m.

Death

Theodore (Ted) Cooper

Former Reeve of South Norwich Township, Theodore (Ted) Cooper of RR 2, Tillsonburg, passed away at his residence on Wednesday, August 3, 1983.

Born in South Norwich Township, June 26, 1905, he was a son of the late Christopher Cooper and the former Nettie Olive Stoner. A retired tobacco farmer, he had farmed all his life on the 12th Concession. Mr. Cooper was also a former member of the Big Creek Conservation Authority.

Surviving are his wife the former Gladys Watkins; three daughters Mrs. Russell (Phyllis) Gee of Norwich, Mrs. John (Sandra) Purdy of Mount Elgin and Mrs. Richard (Linda) Goos of London; three sons Earl Cooper of Brownsville, Stan Cooper of Tillsonburg and Larry Cooper of Woodstock; 18 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one sister Mrs. Lela Warnock of Chatham.

He was predeceased by a son Douglas Robert Cooper and by one sister and four brothers.

Resting at the Ostrander's Funeral Home, Tillsonburg, where service will be held Saturday, August 6 at 1:30 p.m. conducted by Rev. James Twinem of Fellowship Baptist Church, Courtland.

Interment in Rosanna Cemetery.

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LIFESTYLES

Finch - DeRoo vows said

Candelabra decorated Otterville United Church for the wedding of Deborah, daughter of Madeliene DeRoo and the late Maurice DeRoo and Paul, son of Geraldine Bell and Frank Finch. Rev. Earl Moore officiated and Lurene McMullen was organist.

Deborah, given in

marriage by her brother, wore a traditional gown of poly-organza and chantilly lace with sweetheart

neckline and long sleeves. A lace trimmed bouffant skirt with four tiers in the back, flowed into a chapel train. The bride wore a headpiece holding a chapel length veil and carried a bouquet of red roses, pink and white lilies and baby's breath.

Maid of honor was Sherry Walters and bridesmaids were Nancy VanBommel, Jennifer Nobbs, Eileen Arthur, Pam Tisdale and Wendy Walters. Flower girl was Alesia Brady. All wore gowns of rose with matching hats and each carried a nosegay of similar flowers to the bride's bouquet.

Best man was Dennis Walters and ushers were Burke Neale, Kevin Church, Ken DeRoo, Tracy Finch and Patrick DeRoo. Ringbearer was Joseph Ash.

Following the reception at the Tillsonburg Legion, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Finch travelled to Niagara Falls. They now reside in Otterville.



MR. AND MRS. PAUL FINCH
(Fred's Photography)

Six on guard at Otterville swim pool

By DOREEN HOOVER

People using the Otterville pool will find the six lifeguards working there well-qualified to do their jobs.

Bruce Russell, 19, of Tillsonburg, is the supervisor at the pool. He organizes and schedules the pool programs, guards, teaches and "just sees that everything is running smoothly," he said.

Bruce teaches all levels of swimming, coaches the swim team and also is teaching the other five guards the Award of Merit course. It is an advanced course in life saving.

Bruce has been guarding since he was 13 years old. He guarded for one year in

Delhi and spent five years guarding and teaching in Tillsonburg before becoming supervisor at Otterville.

He has earned many levels of achievement in his guarding. He has a bronze medallion which qualifies him to be a lifeguard, a bronze cross and an Award of Merit. He has his Nationals, which makes him a professional lifeguard, and has taken the following courses: Aquatic Emergency Care, Leaders, basic rescuer (CPR), St. Johns First Aid, bronze medallion examiner and the Canadian Amateur Swimming Association (CASA) coaching levels 1 and 2. He has also earned

his instructors from Red Cross, Royal Life and Esso Cup.

Bruce used to also compete on swim teams, but now strictly coaches. He enjoys working with the swim team the most because "the swimmers have the basics down and it is more fun," he said.

His future plans are to possibly coach a swim team in Hamilton next year and then attend university in Ottawa to earn a bachelor of science in kinanthropology, a specialized course in human kinetics. Coaching a university swim team and going into physical education or sports medicine are all possibilities open to Bruce.

Donna Butler, 17, of Otterville has been guarding for three years at the Otterville pool and is assistant supervisor this year. She guards and also teaches.

There are many levels in swimming that can be taught. The first level is tiny tots, followed by yellow, orange, red, maroon, blue, green, grey, white and then the bronze medallion.

Donna teaches tiny tots and levels red and blue. She also teaches a ladies fitness class.

Donna enjoys teaching the most because she likes teaching children new things. She enjoys being a lifeguard because it gives her the opportunity to work with kids and to have responsibility.

Donna has earned her bronze medallion, Leaders, St. Johns First Aid and the basic rescuer (CPR) certificate. She expects to return to the Otterville pool next summer and is now trying for her instructors certificate.

Lisa Oenema, 16, of Otterville has been guarding at the pool for three years. She teaches the orange, red, maroon and green levels every morning, teaches the Moms, Pops and Tots class, coaches the synchronized swimming team and participates on the swim team.

Lisa has her bronze medallion, Leaders, received her Nationals which is the highest lifeguard award in Canada in January, and is taking

her instructors course this winter.

Lisa enjoys her job for the time around children and the authority it gives her. She enjoys teaching and her involvement with the synchro team the most. She expects to be back at the pool next summer, but is also hoping to work at Tillsonburg this winter. A future in physical education is possible.

Karen Dow, 16, of Otterville has been guarding for 2½ years and is involved in many programs at the pool. She teaches tiny tots, orange, red and maroon levels, is on the synchro and swim teams and also helps coach the

swim team.

Karen has her bronze medallion, Leaders and CPR certificate. Her job gives her the opportunity to "enjoy the sun and work with kids," she said. She enjoys teaching the various levels and enjoys the satisfaction of seeing a child learn.

Cheryl Neale, 16, of Otterville has been guarding and teaching at the pool for two years. She teaches the yellow, orange, red and white levels, and coaches the synchro team, which she enjoys the most.

Cheryl has her bronze medallion and enjoys her job for it gives her the opportunity to "work with

kids and to see the accomplishments in a child," she said.

Janette Butler, 15, of Otterville is the youngest guard at the pool. This is her first year guarding and she also teaches tiny tots, orange and maroon swim levels.

Janette has her bronze medallion and is taking the Award of Merit and CPR courses. She enjoys working with children and likes teaching the tiny tots the most.

With the qualifications of the lifeguards at the Otterville pool, there should be many competent swimmers emerging from the pool this summer.



Hold your breath

These three water lovers found a unique way to dive into the Otterville pool. In unison they fell backwards into the pool's shallow end. They had fun and kept cool at the same time. (NG Photo)



Synchro champs

The Otterville team won the third annual Synchronized Swimming Meet held at the Otterville pool Saturday. The winning members are front row left to right, Nancy Dow, Lisa Oenema and Cheryl Neale coaches of the team; and

Shelby McMurchy. In the second row are Pam Hussey, Sherri Barnim, Jennifer McMurchy and Heather Picknell. In the third row are Timmi Brady, Holi Walters, Janette Butler and Tina Irie. (NG Photo)

Otterville swimmers win third synchronized meet

The Otterville team won the third annual synchronized swimming meet for the third consecutive year Saturday.

Otterville was competing with Ingersoll in solo, duet and trio categories during the meet held at the Otterville pool. The Otterville team won the overall meet with a score of 32 compared to Ingersoll's 20 points.

In the solo category, ages 12 and under, Angela Shier of Ingersoll won with a score of 87.75. Hali Walters, Otterville, placed second with 76.75 and Pam Hussey, Otterville, finished third with 75.25.

In the solo division, ages 13-15, the winner was Kelly Hunter, Ingersoll, with 82.25. Nancy Dow, Otterville, placed second with 80.25 and Sherry Barnim, Otterville, won third with a score of 78.25.

Otterville swept the solo division, ages 16 and up, with Lisa Oenema finishing first with 87.25, Cheryl Neale, second with 82.25 and Janette Butler, third with a score of 80.25.

Shier and Tina Greengrass of Ingersoll won the duet competition, ages 12 and under, with a score of 83.75.

Dow and Walters, Otterville, won the duet division, ages 13-15, with a score of 80.

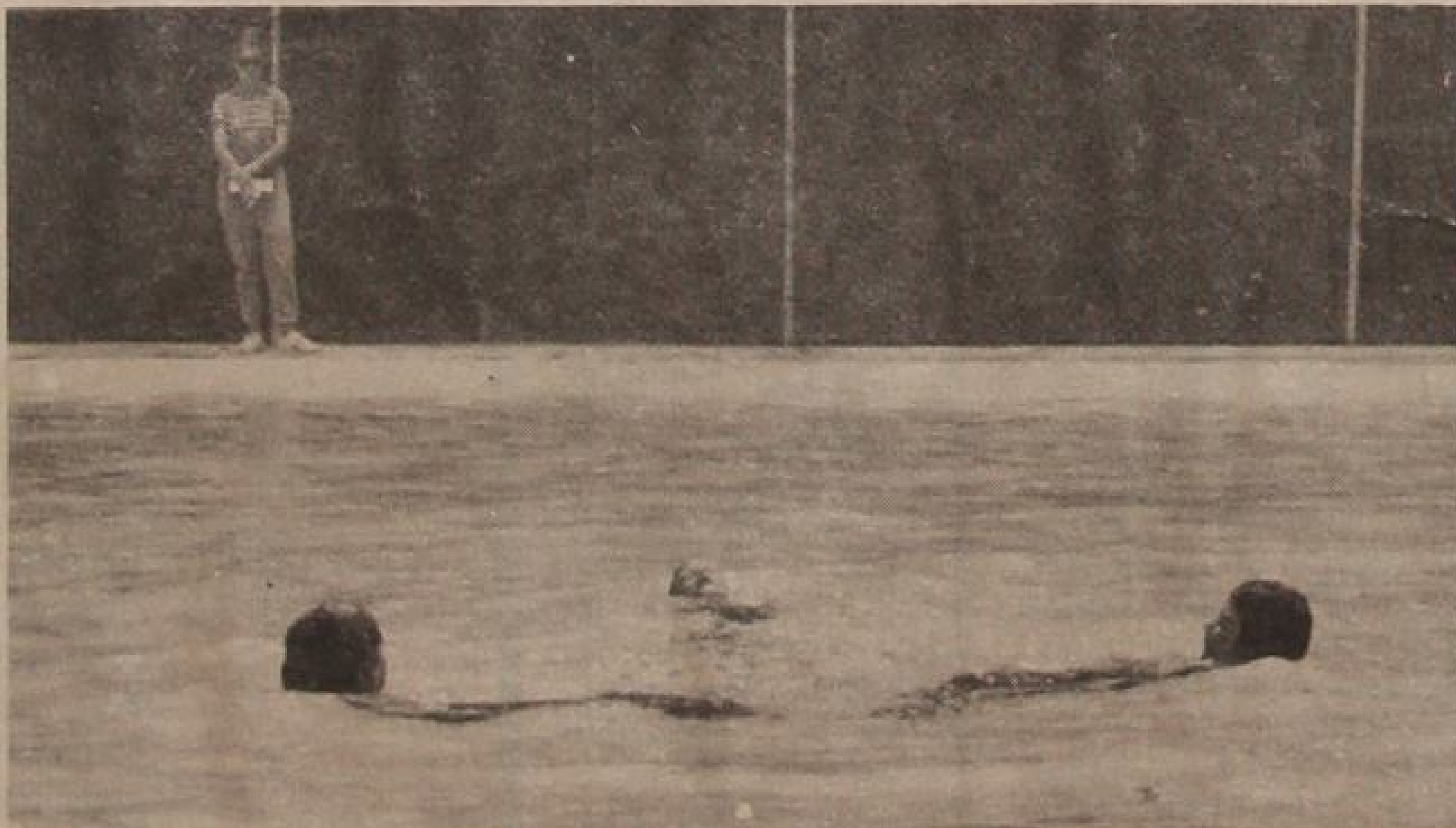
Neale and Oenema, Otterville, won the duet

category, ages 16 and up, with a score of 84.5.

In the trio competition, Jennifer McMurchy, Shelby McMurchy and Heather Picknell, Otterville, won the 12 and

under division with a score of 74.25.

The Ingersoll trio of Hunter, Greengrass and Shier won the division for ages 13-15 with a score of 85.25.



Performing as a team

Jennifer McMurchy, Heather Picknell and Shelby McMurchy perform their routine in the trio competition at the Synchronized Swimming Meet held at the Otterville pool Saturday. The three swimmers helped Otterville win the overall competition. (NG Photo)

Council OK's park booth

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Hauptert and Janice Bilger; Type A for current academic year, Ronald A. Loncke, Dan Mandziuk, Diane Mandziuk, B.P. Sharples, Jane Wilbur and Irene Bednarz.

In an Intermediate A ORSA round-robin series, Otterville defeated Port Dover 6-0 behind the steady pitching of Bob Smith. Hitting was supplied by Gary Rachar, Alex Smith, Keith Arthur, Bill McMullen and Dave Arthur, as well as pitcher Smith.

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Shirley Ann Spicer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Spicer, graduated from St. Catharines General Hospital School of Nursing.

M.C. Watson, Delhi Experimental Farm extension specialist, estimates that the 1963 flue-cured crop is of good quality and could exceed the record average yield of 10,607 pounds per acre. Acreage grown this year was 99,535.

Delhi Council unanimously approved a resolution supporting the designation of Big Creek Park as a Centennial project.

Hon. J.W. Pickersgill, Secretary of State, was guest speaker at Port Rowan Baptist Church for a memorial service honouring those who died in two World Wars.

Otterville Otters were awarded the South Oxford Intermediate Softball league championship, eliminating Glanworth.

Lions prepare for carnival at Norwich

Both children and adults will find something of interest at the annual Norwich - Otterville Lions Club Carnival September 9 and 10.

The carnival, held at the Norwich Community Centre, will begin Friday at 7 p.m. with Children's Night.

There will be pony rides, a dunk tank, fish pond and many other games. A free draw will be made for one girl's and one boy's 10-speed bicycle. Tickets will be distributed at all area schools.

Saturday night is Las Vegas Night for the adults beginning at 7 p.m. A dance with music by BJ's Disc Jockey will be held and lunch and refreshments will be available.

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John E. Cooper of Vittoria has been nominated to represent the Liberal party in the forthcoming provincial general elections. He will oppose the present MPP, James N. Allan, Conservative candidate.

Bursary winners were announced at Delhi District Secondary School as follows: Norfolk General Hospital Nursing Bursary, Pauline

Hauptert and Janice Bilger; Type A for current academic year, Ronald A. Loncke, Dan Mandziuk, Diane Mandziuk, B.P. Sharples, Jane Wilbur and Irene Bednarz.

In an Intermediate A ORSA round-robin series, Otterville defeated Port Dover 6-0 behind the steady pitching of Bob Smith. Hitting was supplied by Gary Rachar, Alex Smith, Keith Arthur, Bill McMullen and Dave Arthur, as well as pitcher Smith.

Do you remember that during the week of September 25, 1963:

Shirley Ann Spicer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Spicer, graduated from St. Catharines General Hospital School of Nursing.

M.C. Watson, Delhi Experimental Farm extension specialist, estimates that the 1963 flue-cured crop is of good quality and could exceed the record average yield of 10,607 pounds per acre. Acreage grown this year was 99,535.

Delhi Council unanimously approved a resolution supporting the designation of Big Creek Park as a Centennial project.

Hon. J.W. Pickersgill, Secretary of State, was guest speaker at Port Rowan Baptist Church for a memorial service honouring those who died in two World Wars.

Otterville Otters were awarded the South Oxford Intermediate Softball league championship, eliminating Glanworth.

Lions prepare for carnival at Norwich

Both children and adults will find something of interest at the annual Norwich - Otterville Lions Club Carnival September 9 and 10.

The carnival, held at the Norwich Community Centre, will begin Friday at 7 p.m. with Children's Night.

There will be pony rides, a dunk tank, fish pond and many other games. A free draw will be made for one girl's and one boy's 10-speed bicycle. Tickets will be distributed at all area schools.

Saturday night is Las Vegas Night for the adults beginning at 7 p.m. A dance with music by BJ's Disc Jockey will be held and lunch and refreshments will be available.

The winning ticket for the 1983 Buick Regal will be drawn Saturday at 11:30 p.m. There will be a giant cash bingo running both nights.

Admission will be \$1 for adults, with children getting in free.

Parents learn about school

OTTERVILLE (C) - Parents learned about the daily world of school that their children experience at the Meet The Teacher Night on Thursday, September 22 at Otterville Public School.

It was organized in a way to allow parents to meet every or any teacher they wished, to chat with the principal Fred Brown, or to just socialize over a cup of coffee offered in the gym. Through this schedule it was hoped teachers, programs, and facilities could become better understood and appreciated by everyone present.

The classrooms were well decorated and showed work and topics covered by students in these first few weeks of school. In their individual rooms, teachers gave presentations where parents could ask questions and find out information about programs and routines being operated.

Mrs. D. Hill, teaching kindergarten, focused on the development of the child and gave tips for parents to help their children at home. Also the new snack program which has had strong parent support, was reviewed. This involves the children enjoying a snack each day at 2 p.m. for the cost of \$1 a month. Mrs. Hill pointed out that this allows the children to taste new and different foods and find out what foods are nutritious.

Mrs. J. Berenz, Grades 1 and 2, gave an overview of the course of study, emphasizing the fact that the program in reading is a new combination of sight and phonetic approaches.

Curriculums, schedules and information about their classroom approaches were explained by Mrs. A. Orth, Grades 2 and 3 and Miss Tafel, Grades 4 and 5, while Mrs. D. Hutchinson, Grades 6 and 7, said she plans on her class visiting the Field Study Centre sometime during the year. Mr. Lamont, Grades 7 and 8, was available for parent questions.

The school's new computer was on display in the Resource Room where Mrs. J. Campbell, resource teacher, was eager for parents to see and learn about this new learning aid.

The French program, changed to longer periods for Grade 6 this year, will increase for Grades 7 and 8 in the next two successive years. Miss J. Amos explained learning devices such as cultural packages, one being about the Quebec Carnival.

The library, available to every student in the school, works on varying schedules according to the grade level. Mrs. J.

Buchner has regular library periods for the primary grades with older grades learning library skills through co-operative planning with units being taught.

The evening proved to be an enjoyable and very informative one for both school staff and parents.

House League soccer and soccer-baseball have begun with a Colour Day being held Monday, October 3 to kick off the house league system.

Once a month the school will be preparing a hot dog lunch for the students, the first being September 29. This is done to provide an occasional hot meal for students and to help defray the cost of bus trips that occur throughout the year.

All in all with the events planned to take place and the programs explained on Thursday evening it can be seen that Otterville Public School has got off to a very successful beginning.

Marion Aletha Broad

Marion Aletha Broad passed away on Sunday, September 11, 1983, at Maple Manor Nursing Home, Tillsonburg, in her 83rd year. She was formerly of Springford.

She was a member of Springford United Church and the United Church Women. She was born in North Norwich Township on March 2, 1901, the daughter of the late James Brough and the former Ida Randall.

She was predeceased by her husband, Burton Broad, October 26, 1974. Also predeceased by a daughter, Marie Bradburn (1975), a sister, Estella Moore (1922) and a brother, Lloyd Brough (1947).

Surviving are two sons, Vernon Broad of Calgary and Donald Broad of Otterville; three daughters, Mrs. William (Joyce) Bell of Springford, Mrs. Mildred Addison of Mississauga and Mrs. Gerald (Carol) Clark of Ingersoll; 19 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Resting at the H.D. Verhoeve Funeral Home, Tillsonburg, until Tuesday noon, thence to Springford United Church for funeral service at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Earl Moore.

Interment in Springford Cemetery.

Donations to the Springford United Church Memorial Fund would be appreciated by the family.

Otterville News

OTTERVILLE (C) - The Seventh Day Adventist Church in St. Walburg, Saskatchewan is enjoying the benefits of an energetic Larry Duffy, a fourth year theology student at Canadian Union College. Larry, a native of Otterville, is the son of Evelyn Duffy and the late Joe Duffy, and is one of two students in Western Canada involved in full time lay witnessing for the summer.

Besides the Manitoba - Saskatchewan Conference, British Columbia is sponsoring one student, through the ministerial extern program. Under this program living accommodations, food, gas are provided for the extern and his family by the sponsoring church. A scholarship is given by the conference.

Larry became a Seventh Day Adventist four years ago and says that his most important goal in life is to win souls to Jesus Christ. Larry, and his wife, the former Sharon Forsey, have two children, Lisa and Loury.

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She rested at the H.D. Verhoeve Funeral Home, Tillsonburg, until Tuesday noon, September 13. She was then taken to Springford United Church for the funeral service at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Earl Moore.

Lillian Broad provided piano music throughout the service to a filled church. The Nations sang two hymns, "Blessed Assurance" and "What A Friend."

The pallbearers (grandchildren), were Jim Bradburn, Bradley Bradburn, Richard Bell, Jeff Broad, Douglas Addison and David Addison.

Flowerbearers (relatives), were Bill Hill, Harvey Cowan, Doug Wilson, Harold Dean, Micheal Dean and Michael Bell.

Many friends and relatives enjoyed lunch and refreshments with the family at the church following internment in the Springford Cemetery.

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Heart fund donation

Myrtle Riste, a resident of Norvilla Nursing Home, presented a \$150 donation to Ella Scott, the representative from the Norwich branch of the Heart Foundation, Tuesday. The money was collected through the annual Peach Sundae Festival held at the nursing home September 1. (NG Photo)



On September 27, 1958, Luella May Duffy and Donald Oliver Clifford exchanged wedding vows. They now live at RR 1, Otterville. Their family wish them many more years of happiness and our love. Dwayne and Cathy, Mark and Cindy.

Steel executive an actor now

By Randy Brown Special to The Star

Bob Lem is overjoyed. He is now working in his first serious role as an actor. He's playing Captain Ken Kadota in a Canadian play, *Yellow Fever*, which opened last week at the Toronto Free Theatre.

Bob has a couple of good reasons to be happy. The role he's got won an Obie Award in the Off-Broadway production. The other reason he's happy is that he left a \$46,000 job in the steel industry to go into acting three years ago, and until now he's had nothing but bit parts and commercials.

In a 20-year career that began at Frankel Steel in 1960 and carried on through seven of the steel fabricating firms in Toronto, including jobs such as estimator, salesman, contracts manager, sales manager and vice-president, Bob Lem became general manager at Peel Steel in 1980 before he quit to go into acting at the age of 41. "I always wanted to be an actor," he says, relaxing in his \$150,000 home in the Yonge-Eglinton area. "I even had an agreement with my last boss that I could take off up to six weeks a year for acting, over and above my vacation."

The most drastic effect his career change has had so far has been on his salary. "The first year I earned about \$7,000 and the last two, maybe \$10,000 a year." He makes ends meet between jobs by doing what many aspiring actors do: he drives a cab. And he does some structural steel estimating on the side.

The biggest problems

Bob feels that one of the biggest problems he's had to overcome, both in the steel business and now in acting, has been his racial identity. His father was Chinese and his mother was Irish. "I always felt that people were noticing me," he says of his looks. "I felt that to get ahead, I had to be more than just a little better, I had to be a lot better."

For the past three years, he has been doing mainly commercials and bit parts in movies. For instance, he is Mr. Moon, the face on all the posters in *Ticket To Heaven*; he is an undercover cop in *Seeing Things*; and he is Bob Nakamura, Japanese cipher clerk in *The Amateur*. "Aside from the Bob Nakamura part, which was an exception, I often can't even get an audition for a part that calls for a Japanese, even though I look Japanese. I was recently refused two auditions for parts that call for Japanese. How far can it go? If it calls for a Hawaiian, can't I try out?"

Aside from the narrow definitions casting agents put on racial identity, Bob feels there is an even bigger problem which needs dealing with. There are no rules in Canada for the inclusion of minorities in

Bob Lem's income dropped drastically when he gave up a promising business career but last week his dreams came true

advertising. The situation is different in the U.S. where specific quotas are imposed for racial groups, but this has not yet been done here, and that means fewer jobs for ethnic actors.

Born in 1939 in Wingham, Bob grew up in Lucknow, Ont., where Harry, his father, owned the Chinese restaurant. "I can remember singing along with the jukebox, and being plagued by the other kids with that rhyme, 'Chinky, chinky, Chinaman.'"

Abrupt turn

In 1945, at the age of six, his life took an abrupt turn. Harry decided that his two sons, Bobby and Eddy, should be educated in the language and customs of their native culture, which, to him, meant China. He took the two boys back across half the world to the small mountain village in the Hopei province of China where he had grown up. Their mother didn't accompany them. Bob vaguely recalls a tug-of-war between his parents which his mother lost, and he has neither seen nor heard of her since. He spent time, later in his life, searching for her. "It was taboo in those days to marry an outsider," he says, which he feels accounts for why nobody ever acknowledged meeting her or knowing her whereabouts when he searched and questioned people in Chinatown. His father would never say anything about her.

Harry only stayed in the mountain village long enough to settle the boys with a female relative. Three days after they arrived, their father returned to Canada. Bobby and Eddy didn't see him again for six years.

"We were a little frightened, at first, but when we left that village, everyone could sing *You Are My Sunshine* and *Don't Fence Me In* in English, without understanding a word." He doesn't recall much in the way of prejudice against them, despite their Occidental blood, but if there was a fight the racial remarks would come out proving that there is no real home for those of mixed blood.

In 1950, Harry sent a runner to fetch the boys from the village and deliver them to



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Three years after he quit his job as general manager of a steel company, Bob Lem has his first big acting role, in *Yellow Fever*. But, he wonders, how many roles are there for a Chinese-Irishman?

an uncle in Kowloon. "The Communists were closing the borders, and if we hadn't gotten out then, we might have been there for a long time," says Bob. They stayed in Kowloon a year before travelling, alone, back to Canada. They met their father again at Union Station. "He was late," recalls Bob.

Harry had moved to the village of Otterville, near Tillsonburg, where he owned a restaurant. He put the boys in school. "I couldn't remember any English so I was put back in Grade Four. Being so far behind, and being Chinese, I found I couldn't get any respect unless I fought for it. I got as far as the second year of high school before I was expelled."

He moved away from his father at the age of 15 and began drifting around the Tillsonburg area, holding odd jobs. Then he met Grant Mountain, the barber in Otterville, and his wife, Doreen. "They kind of

adopted me, I guess. I remember I was working in a canning factory at the time. When September rolled around they wanted me to go back to school. When I refused, Grant threatened to kick me out. He said, 'I don't raise bums.' So we made a deal, and I went to Shaw Business College."

It was Doreen Mountain who arranged the interview at Frankel Steel in Toronto that started Bob's career.

Having overcome a drastically interrupted childhood and education, and, in his mid-thirties, the break-up of his first marriage (he has two children, Serena, 15, and Darryl, 17) he went on to become general manager at Peel. He is now remarried to Doreen, a woman of Japanese-Canadian descent, who is a nurse.

"It's a beautiful world," claims Bob, despite the trials of his past. "If I can make it in this world, doing what I most want to do, it would be like living a fantasy."

Otterville gardener grows fifty types of herbs



Gathering herbs

Marilyn Driedger of Otterville spent most of Friday gathering herbs from her garden before they were destroyed by frost. Mrs. Driedger grows about 50 types of herbs and uses them for cooking, decoration and craftwork. (NG Photo)

By DOREEN HOOVER

It is said that everything old is new again and that can be said about the growing of herbs. Herbs date back to the beginning of time but have become quite popular to grow in recent years.

"It is an old art form," Marilyn Driedger of Otterville, said. She has been growing herbs for 11 years. Her interest in gardening lead to her involvement with herbs. She now grows about 50 types of herbs and also has a vegetable and flower garden.

"There is a lot of interest in herbs," Mrs. Driedger said. Many persons stop to view the large herbal garden in her back yard.

Growing herbs well requires four hours of sunlight a day and good drainage. Once Mrs. Driedger plants her seeds and cuttings, the herbs only require occasional weeding. She even enjoys the weeding because of the nice smells that come from her herbs. Each of the herbs' distinctive aromas are released when they are touched or brushed against.

Herbs must be washed and hung to dry in bundles after they are cut. Mrs. Driedger puts the dried herbs in bags for future use. Herbs should be dried and then stored in cool, dark places because they lose their scent if left in sunlight or open air after cut.

In pioneer days herbs were used to store meat, for scenting houses, and for medicinal purposes. Today Mrs. Driedger uses her herbs and flowers from the herbs for cooking, making herbal vinegars, tea, bath waters, herbal wreaths and decorations, potpourris, sachets and tussie-mussies.

Herbs can also be used to make herbal butters, herbal sprays, moth bags, soaps and herbal salts. They can also be used medicinally although Mrs. Driedger does not get involved in that area of herb growing.

Herbs can be used for cooking in dishes ranging from salads to the main course. Mrs. Driedger grows chives, sages, which are good on pork; and six of the 18 types of basil. She uses them all in her cooking.

She can add burnet salad, which tastes like cucumbers, to her dishes, or use

lemongrass, lemon verbena and thyme as lemon substitutes. If she requires a bay leaf she can just pick one off her bay tree.

"You can flavor just about anything," she said.

In October after all her herbs and flowers are dried, Mrs. Driedger usually begins doing what she enjoys most. She begins making potpourris from her herbs and dried flower petals. She can follow old recipes or just blend the herbs as she likes to create different aromas.

Some of the ingredients in Mrs. Driedger's potpourri are wild violets, lavender, rose petals and buds, rosemary, lily of the valley, basil, sweet marjoram, scented geraniums, cloves, allspice, hyssop and orris root. All the ingredients are placed in containers where they can be used to scent a room or give the mind the thoughts of summers gone by and summers to be.

Mrs. Driedger also makes sachets from her dried herbs and flowers. They can be put in drawers to keep them smelling nice.

She makes tussie-mussies which are small bouquets of herbs which were used years ago in England. During the period in

history when bathing was not in fashion, women would carry tussie-mussies and sniff them whenever there was an offending odor. The tussie-mussies were also used to help keep disease away.

Besides making sachets and potpourris, Mrs. Driedger makes dry flower arrangements, herbal wreaths, and presses flowers and herbs and puts them onto cards.

"Herbs are a lot of fun," she said. "There are so many things you can do with them." She even entered a couple craft shows last year with her herbal craftwork.

During the long existence of herbs many folklores have become connected with them.

It is believed that in early New England anyone who grew basil was thought to be a witch.

"Basil is the king of herbs," Mrs. Driedger said. It is the best and most used herb.

Egyptians believed that eating garlic gave them strength while building the pyramids. Greeks and Romans also believed this. When garlic was removed from their diets, they refused to work until it was returned.

Another folklore states that the color of the rosemary flower was originally white, until the Virgin Mary placed her blue cloak over the rosemary bush to dry. Her cloak made all the flowers turn blue.

A herb can be anything that can be used. Dandelions, dill and lavender are all herbs.

Mrs. Driedger finds the Yellow Yarrow to be the easiest herb to grow because it is a perennial and comes up every year. She can save the yellow flower for her potpourris and the herb can be used for teas and bath waters.

The tender herbs, such as sages, scented geraniums and rosemary, grow well but must be brought indoors every year before the frost. Mrs. Driedger finds this time of year to be her busiest as she tries to gather as many herbs as she can before the frost destroys them.

Mrs. Driedger, who is also a member of the Delhi Horticultural Society finds growing herbs a great enjoyment.

Whether working in her garden in the summer or creating potpourris and herbal wreaths during the winter, Mrs. Driedger's hobby allows her to experience a bit of summer all year round.



Teaching talent

Muriel Kozuch of Otterville gives one of her 33 students, Charlene Treffry, 8, of Otterville, piano lessons at her home. Mrs. Kozuch has been giving piano, organ and theory lessons full time since 1980. (NG Photo)

Teacher spreads love of music

By DOREEN HOOVER

Music has always filled the home of Muriel Kozuch of Otterville and through her music lessons she spreads her love of music to her students.

Mrs. Kozuch has been offering piano, organ and theory lessons full time at her home since 1980. She has 33 students at this time from Norwich, Otterville, LaSalette, Delhi and Harley.

Music has always been important to members of her family. Her grandmother was a singer and played the pump organ; her father, Alex White, played several instruments, and her four brothers and one sister all played instruments in the Otterville Band. Her one brother, George White of Norwich formed his own Dixieland Band.

Her interest in music began when she was young and her sister, Dorothy Ryder of Springford, bought Hit Parade magazines and used to play and sing all the songs.

"I said I wished I could play and finally on my 10th birthday I started taking lessons," Mrs. Kozuch said. She was taught by Margaret Wilcox at the Otterville Town Hall.

During the winter the hall became too cold for lessons to be held there so all the children took their lessons at Mrs. Kozuch's home on North Street.

By the age of 15, Mrs. Kozuch was playing the organ at the Otterville United Church.

After raising her children, Mrs. Kozuch "always wanted to get back to music," she said. She began giving organ lessons part-time in 1978 and then offered piano and theory classes.

Most of her students are from four years of age to teenagers and she also has a few adult students. She teaches Theory Grades 1 and 2 and follows the Royal Conservatory of Music and the Western Ontario Conservatory of Music guidelines in her piano and organ lessons.

Mrs. Kozuch finds enjoyment in seeing beginners develop their skills.

Her greatest enjoyment from teaching is when her students prepare for their exams and then earn good marks. "It is encouraging," she said. She sees her efforts have been worthwhile.

Mrs. Kozuch also teaches her students how to perform and show their talents by holding two annual recitals.

She also learns how to perform in front of an audience every Sunday when she is organist at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Norwich.

"I enjoy it very much," she said. "I'm quite nervous playing before people and this is training for me to feel relaxed while playing."

Her love of music has also led her to become a singer with the South Norwich Community Choir.

Besides giving lessons, Mrs. Kozuch also has a personal goal of earning a degree in music, so while her students are learning she is also in the process of developing her talent. She is taking a harmony and organ course from Angus Macleod, organist at St. James United Church, Simcoe. She finds studying and giving lessons an enjoyable challenge.

"I've always wanted a degree," she said. "I enjoy learning, teaching and will continue to enjoy."



New archivist

Joyce Pettigrew of Springford has become one of the archivists at the Norwich Archives. She will be there to assist visitors to the facilities and to find ways to make the material at the archives be used to its best advantage. (NG Photo)

New face

Local historian joins archives

By DOREEN HOOVER

The Norwich Archives staff has included a new face since the beginning of September. Joyce Pettigrew of Springford is now one of the archivists.

Mrs. Pettigrew will help organize the archives, take care of the daily management of the archives, answer questions and assist persons doing research.

Because of her strong interest in local history and genealogy, Mrs. Pettigrew often used the archives when researching her own family history and while researching information for the book, *South of Sodom*.

Her interest in local history has led her to become preservation chairman on the executive of the Ontario Historical Society, program chairman for the South Norwich Historical Society, a member of the Ontario Genealogy Society and a member of numerous other historical societies.

Interest in local history began for Mrs. Pettigrew when she became a member of the South Norwich Historical Society, but she always was interested in listening to tales told by her grandparents. Visiting older relatives is the "starting point" for anyone interested in genealogy.

As one of the archivists, she will attempt to make the public aware of the information available at the archives.

"We have a great wealth of material here and we want it to be used to the best advantage," she said. "We want to interest people in the area who are not particularly interested in genealogy and get them more interested."

Mrs. Pettigrew believes genealogy meets the needs of persons in many ways. It provides security to persons for they know their roots and it provides an ongoing hobby. "It is particularly fascinating to put the jigsaw pieces of the family history together," she said.

In her new job, Mrs. Pettigrew will be helping the rest of the staff try to get the archives more involved with the schools. The information in the archives could be of assistance to students and teachers.

She will also be trying to increase the number of books in the archives dealing with the history of the province. Having more knowledge of the province along with the local community history would provide better information for researchers.

Reference books on social history are also valuable to genealogists. This area of genealogy is of the most interest to Mrs. Pettigrew. "I want to know what the people thought and felt," she said. "I almost get a mental picture of the person I am researching."

The archives is hoping to have workshops in genealogy in the fall and winter to show what is available in the archives and how to make the best use of the information when researching.

Mrs. Pettigrew is particularly interested in getting local historical organizations, museums and archives to work together and share the information they have.

She believes local archives and historical societies are of importance and must be supported. Many are in jeopardy because of lack of public support.

"There is much to be said for county archives versus provincial archives," she said. Local archives have better background on local history.

"The government feels bigger is better, but I don't support this," Mrs. Pettigrew said. "It is important to keep it at a local level." She finds there is better preservation of historical information in local archives because the local people have a 'keen interest'," she said.

Mrs. Pettigrew is enjoying her job as archivist and hopes her long-time interest in local history and genealogy will aid the Norwich Archives in its attempt to increase public support and interest.



*This day I will marry my best friend
the one I laugh with, live for, love
Wilma Lurene
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. William McMullen Jr.
and
Randy Patrick Samuel
son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Declercq
hope that you will join in this celebration
on Saturday the twenty-fourth of September
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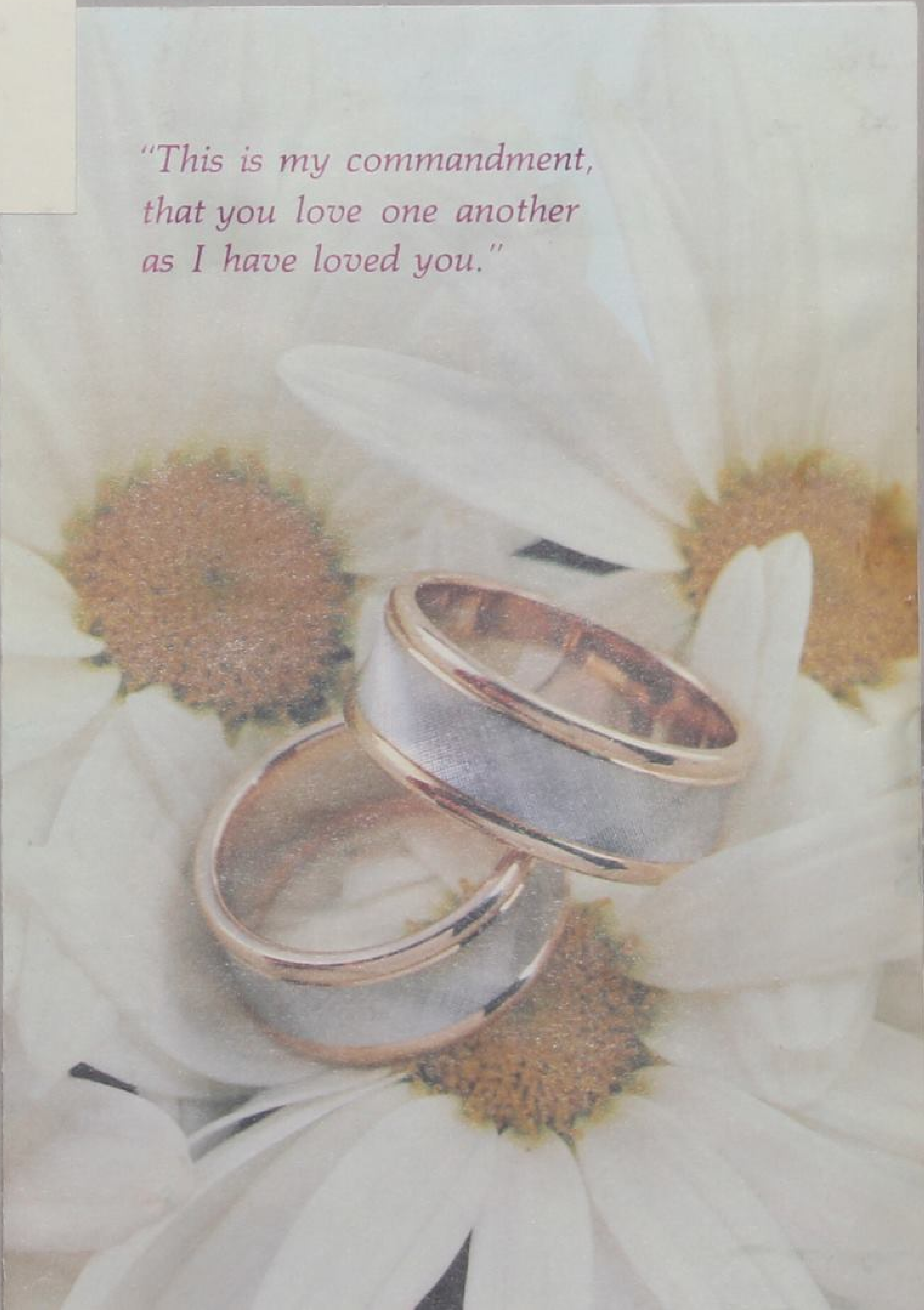
Dinner 5:30 p.m.

Reception 8:00 p.m.

Community Centre

Stratfordville, Ontario

*"This is my commandment,
that you love one another
as I have loved you."*



Marriage is a sacred trust,
That brings the blessings of
The wonder and the miracle
Of finding life's true love.

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We wish to express our appreciation
for sharing our day. As we pledge
our love

- Today, Tomorrow and Always.

The Wedding Of

CHRISTINE LOUISE McMULLEN

and

LAUREN DONALD CRAVEN

October 8th, 1983

Otterville United Church

Clergy - Reverend Earl Moore

Organist - Mrs. Muriel Kozuch

Soloist - Miss Kathy Ann Davis

ATTENDANTS

Matron of Honour

Karen Hutchison - friend of the bride

Bridesmaids

Wilma Declercq - sister of the bride

Debbie Singer - friend of the bride

Flowergirl

Jolene Hutchison

Best Man

Jim Drinkwater - friend of the groom

Ushers

Darren Craven - brother of the groom

Wade McLean - brother of the groom



Mr. and Mrs. Bill McMullen of Otterville and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Declercq of Straffordville are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter and son, respectively, Wilma Lurene to Randy Patrick Samuel. The couple will exchange their vows on Saturday, September 24th at 3 p.m. in Otterville United Church, Otterville.



Mr. and Mrs. Bill McMullen of Otterville are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Christine Louise to Mr. Lauren Donald Craven of Edmonton, Alberta, eldest son of Mrs. Marlene McLean of Edmonton and Mr. Donald Craven of Vancouver, B.C. The couple will exchange vows on Saturday, October 8th at 3 p.m. in Otterville United Church, Otterville, Ontario.



Mr. and Mrs. Randy Declercq

Declercq - McMullen

Palms, ferns, cream chrysanthemums and white candles with peach-potted begonias in the windows, decorated Otterville United Church on September 24, 1983, for the wedding uniting Wilma Lurene McMullen and Randy Patrick Samuel Declercq in marriage.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill McMullen, Otterville, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Declercq, Straffordville.

Rev. Earl Moore performed the ceremony in this pretty setting at 3 p.m. with Betty Walther of Otterville providing traditional wedding music on the organ. Grant McDonald and Kirby McDonald, both of Tillsonburg and friends of the couple, sang a duet, "Perhaps Love" during the service. While the mothers entered and placed candles at the front, Mr. McDonald sang "You Are My Miracle" and later "Sunrise Sunset" during the signing of the register.

The bride, given away by her father, chose a white organza gown accented with white ribbon. A double ruffle enhanced the stand-up collar and the chapel length train gave a flowing effect. Seed pearls adorned the fitted bodice and a sheer inset added interest to the neckline. The bride's accessories were pearl stud earrings and a drop pearl necklace. A headdress of forget-me-nots held her finger-tip veil, studded with seed pearls. Her bouquet was a nosegay of white baby's breath and peach roses with peach ribbon streamers edged in white lace.

Maid of honor was Jane Spek of Keswick, friend of the bride. She wore a floor length gown of peach silk accented by a sheer peach floral overblouse featuring three-quarter length puff sleeves and double ruffled stand-up collar. A halo of dark green baby's breath adorned her hair and she carried a nosegay of corresponding dark green baby's breath, peach forget-me-nots with variegated green and peach streamers.

Similarly gowned were the other bridal attendants, Christine McMullen of Edmonton, Alta., sister of the bride, Cynthia Fulkersen of Tillsonburg, friend of the bride and Jody Declercq of Straffordville, sister of the groom.

Darcy Declercq of London, niece of the groom, was flower girl wearing a peach silk dress with a sheer peach floral ruffled pinafore, corresponding material to the bridesmaids. She too wore a halo of green baby's breath and carried a miniature bridesmaid's bouquet.

Best man was Tim Howey of Straffordville, friend of the groom. Ushers were Rick Declercq of London and Kevin Declercq of Straffordville, brothers of the groom and Allan Jacobs of RR 1, Vittoria, cousin of the groom. Ringbearer was Brent McLaughlin of Pickering, nephew of the groom. The groom wore dark brown tails with his attendants in corresponding dark brown tuxedos. All had peach rose boutonnieres.

Reception for 350 guests was held at the Straffordville Community Hall. Bride's table was decorated with a white double-tiered wedding cake accented with peach roses. This was offset by peach candles and the bridal bouquets. Guests' tables had vases of peach-tinted chrysanthemums. Master of ceremonies was Mark McDonald of Tillsonburg, friend of the couple, with toast to the bride given by Murray Fulkersen of Tillsonburg, close family friend.

The bride's mother chose a floor-length gown of peach silk crepe with a double ruffle accenting the V-neckline and full-length sleeves. She wore brown accessories with peach silk flowers in her hair. Her corsage was composed of brown silk flowers.

The groom's mother wore a floor-length gown of salmon crepe featuring V-neckline and a full-length sleeved jacket with matching flowers in her hair. Her corsage was of deep salmon silk roses.

Gifts to the bridesmaids were poetry books, "Lines to Live By", and a musical jewel box to the flowergirl. The groom's attendants received ice buckets and the ringbearer a miniature toy combine.

For a wedding trip to the Parry Sound district, the bride changed to a cream and wine-flowered dress with wine accessories and wine rose corsage.

Guests attended from Guelph, Keswick, London, Kitchener, Edmonton, Pickering, North Bay and surrounding areas.

Mr. and Mrs. Declercq are residing at RR 1, Eden.

Council rejects tender on Otterville property

The fate of the Kyte property in Otterville is still undecided after Norwich Township council approved a motion last Tuesday to reject tenders offered on the property by a Norwich couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Grim, RR 1, Norwich, were the only persons interested in acquiring the Kyte property. They also put a tender on the Eastwood Trailer Park, on Highway 53, as part of their future plan to sell the park and then repair the Kyte property.

The Grims placed a \$1,100 tender on the Kyte property and \$5,500 for the trailer park. Both properties are under the legal title of the Norwich Township council.

The tenders were rejected by council because it was felt the offers were too low.

"I feel it is not enough," Mayor John Heleniak said. "It is a very low bid." The township council has \$55,000 invested in the Eastwood Trailer Park in back taxes and advertising, and \$7,000 invested in the Kyte property.

The Grims had placed a tender on the Kyte property on Main Street, which used to be a bakery store in July. They planned to leave the existing bake shop intact for a couple years and then fix it up into a restaurant. They then found that the store had to be demolished and that it would cost from \$6,000 - \$8,000 to demolish the building, remove the material and fill in the basement or a minimum \$20,000 to renovate it.

"We didn't know that the store had to be fixed right away or in the near future," Mr. Grim said.

The purchase of the Kyte property and the expenses to fix it would "not be worth it to ourselves," he said. They then decided

to place a tender on the Eastwood Trailer Park as well in hope of getting both properties at a lower price.

"They realized the trailer park price was a bargain and that they would see a profit when it was sold," Township Clerk Bob Watkins said. From the profit they could afford to fix up the Kyte property.

The trailer park had been for sale for three years prior to the township taking legal title of it last fall because of non-payment of taxes. Both properties were advertised as being for sale in July. A one-year redemption period had been placed on both properties which would give interested parties the chance to redeem the properties by paying back taxes on them.

The Grims stated at the council meeting last Tuesday that they would prefer to have both properties or none, because the Kyte property alone would not be financially beneficial to them.

The council passed a motion to not accept the tenders. "It was impossible for us to sell at that price," Mr. Watkins said. "It was ridiculously low."

The council has to show justifiable reasons to the ministry of municipal affairs and housing for the selling of the property and it was felt that the offer on the trailer park by the Grims would be unacceptable to the ministry.

Mr. Heleniak said that the council could not accept the low bid on the trailer park just to get rid of the Kyte property.

The council must now decide how to dispose of the two properties. Mr. Heleniak said that it is quite possible they will be put in the hands of a realtor to be sold, but no final decision has yet been made by council.

Norwich COED program enters second phase

Norwich Township's involvement with the Canada-Ontario Employment Development (COED) program has successfully entered into its second phase of creating jobs and making improvements in the township.

The program began in mid-July when seven persons were hired, one to do clerical work and six men to work on the sidewalk project which involved preparing sidewalks in Springford, Otterville, Burgessville and Norwich.

There are eight persons now working for the program. They will be making repairs on municipal buildings and improving the efficiency of some of these buildings.

Work began on Monday to replace a floor section in the Ward I firehall. New roofs have already been put on the washrooms in the Otterville park and a draftsman is working on drainage mapping.

"The program to date has been very successful," Township Clerk Bob Watkins said. A great deal of work has been done

with minimal cost in materials to the municipality.

Insulating buildings, replacing roofs, increasing storage capacity in the township building, painting of the township offices and other buildings and establishing a new filing system in the township offices are all jobs that have yet to be done and will be completed through the COED program.

The COED program provides work for persons whose unemployment insurance benefits have been exhausted. Hiring is done with the assistance of the Canada Employment Centres who must refer the individual applicants to the program.

The gross project cost is roughly \$119,710 with the federal and provincial governments contributing \$75,000 with the municipality paying the remaining \$44,710 through capital and equipment.

The project is expected to create 19 jobs for a total of 289 man weeks of work.



Second phase begun

The second phase of the Canada-Ontario Employment Development (COED) program has begun in Norwich Township. Some of the eight persons employed in the program were busy replacing a floor section of the Ward 1 Fire Hall Monday. (NG Photo)

Grants may be available for Ward 1 residents

Persons in sections of Ward 1 in Norwich Township will be able to apply for grants to make home renovations if township council's application to participate in the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) is accepted.

Council approved a management policy committee recommendation Tuesday to

apply to the program and designate parts of Ward 1 as locations for possible home renovations.

The recommendation stated that the township is interested in and willing to participate in the RRAP program and that Mayor John Heleniak and Clerk Bob Watkins will sign an agreement with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) in regard to the program. Portions of Ward 1, known as Polls 1, 2, 3 and 5 will be the designated areas. Designated areas must have a population up to 2,500.

Persons in these sections of Ward 1 will be able to apply for grants up to \$5,000 to renovate and upgrade their homes.

"It is an excellent program where people can renovate their homes," Mr. Heleniak said. The amounts of the grants will be based on the homeowner's income.

Ward 1 was chosen as the first area to be affected by the RRAP program and designated areas in the remaining wards will be chosen in future years.

Grant received

Norwich Township has received a grant of approximately \$4,000 to be used for Ontario Bicentennial celebrations next year. Council also approved a motion that Mayor John Heleniak represent the council at a workshop in Otterville, October 22 which will help area organizations and young persons prepare programs to celebrate the bicentennial. A bicentennial committee will be formed in the near future to help organize celebration programs.

Council briefs

Stamp collecting month

October has been declared Stamp Collecting Month by Norwich Township Council.

Coroner's course

Norwich Chief of Police Robert Knight has been authorized by Norwich Township Council to attend the Education Course for Coroners to be held October 31 - November 2 in Toronto.

Contribution approved

Township Council approved a \$1,200 contribution last Tuesday to help in the purchase of an industrial dishwasher for the Oxford Centre Community Hall.

Sports banquet

Township council approved the recommendation that November 11 be the date for the Norwich Sports Recognition Banquet to be held at the Norwich Community Centre.

Trucks to be purchased

A recommendation made by the agriculture and works committee that two new pick-up trucks be purchased in January for the roads department was approved last Tuesday by township council.

Poppy Week

The week of November 6 -13 has been declared Poppy Week by township council. The Legion Branch 190 will be recommended to sell poppies November 4 and 5.

New Otterville library

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The Otterville library will soon have a new location and improved facilities that residents and library staff have wanted for some time.

Norwich Township Council approved a recommendation Tuesday that the Miller building, located on the north side of Main Street, Otterville, be accepted as the new location of the library. The recommendation requested that a bylaw be prepared to authorize the mayor and clerk to execute an agreement with the County of Oxford and Harvey and Barbara Miller for the use of the Miller building for library facilities.

"We will be keeping our promise to try to move the library before winter," Mayor John Heleniak said.

Council passed a motion in July that the Oxford County Library Board draw up a lease for the rental of the Miller building. Council has proposed the renting of the

building to give members a chance to see if circulation in the library will increase in a better location before considering buying a building to house the library permanently.

Local residents and library staff have been asking for improved library facilities for a number of years, citing poor accessibility, cramped quarters and lack of an adequate fire escape as only a few of the problems with the present location.

Mr. Miller will now be able to go ahead with his plans to make alterations on the building to make it more efficient as a library. He plans to add a second entrance to the east side of the building with a ramp, add new washroom facilities and a sound-proof wall to divide the library from the rest of the building.

Otterville was centre for yard sale buffs

Otterville was the place to be on Saturday, October 1, if one was a yard sale shopper.

For those out early in the morning to capture the beginning bargains a cup of hot coffee and a donut awaited them at St. John's Anglican Church. A variety of clothing and other items were there for one's perusal as well as tickets on the Colonial Lady Quilt for the price of 50c each or 3 for \$1. The quilt will be drawn for on November 6 at the annual Anglican Beef Supper held in the Parish Hall at settings of 4, 5, and 6 p.m. Adult tickets are \$6 with children's \$3.50.

The Otterville United Church held a lawn and bake sale on Saturday also. Different things were there, both old and new. Delicious baked goods which appealed to one's eye and appetite were offered to the shoppers. A special items of

interest was wooden chairs which have been in storage at the church for many years. Anyone interested in purchasing this church remembrance had an opportunity on Saturday for the chairs were available for the buying.

With both sales running simultaneously, Saturday was an interesting and profitable day for both churches and shoppers.

Historical Society plans Bicentennial workshop

A workshop to help young persons and area organizations prepare programs to celebrate Ontario's bicentennial in 1984, will be held in Otterville on October 22.

The workshop, entitled Reaching Young People in Your Community and Involving Them in Bicentennial Programs, will be a way to get persons and organizations thinking about the upcoming bicentennial and how they will celebrate the event. The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) and the South Norwich and District Historical Society are co-sponsoring the event.

"The workshop will be of particular interest to schools, museums, historical societies, leaders of youth groups, service clubs and Women's Institute," Joyce Pettigrew, chairman of the preservation committee for the OHS, said. "There will be celebrations all year and organizations will be encouraged to work and plan together."

A timetable will be drawn up as soon as all groups and persons who plan to participate decide how and when they will celebrate the bicentennial. The timetable

will prevent the possibility of many activities being held at the same time.

Municipal bicentennial committees will be formed and members of various organizations will be invited to be part of the committee and help organize bicentennial programs.

The workshop, to be held at the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre, Otterville, will introduce participants to the research and planning techniques necessary to carry out a successful bicentennial program. The day-long

workshop will do this through lectures and practical working sessions.

Some of the speakers will be Lorne Ste. Crois, senior historic consultant for the ministry of citizenship and culture, will speak on the historic introduction to Ontario's bicentennial in 1984 and funding for special programs and projects. Penny Potter, library resource teacher for the

North York board of education, will be lecturing on how to involve young persons in the bicentennial.

Lorraine O'Bryne, assistant curator at the Black Creek Pioneer Village, will speak on the researching of local history for bicentennial programs and Dorothy Duncan, executive director for the OHS, will talk on local history projects for young persons and give some examples of effective programs. Steven Otto, executive co-ordinator for the Ontario Bicentennial Office, will be lecturing on what is happening around the province in preparation for 1984 and Peggy Benninger, London Regional Children's Museum, will be speaking on the planning and publicizing of the programs for young persons.

The workshop in Otterville is the only one planned for this area of the province. A similar workshop in Milton will also be held on October 22.

Registration fee is \$10 for members of the OHS or the South Norwich and District Historical Society, \$15 for non-members and a special fee of \$20 will include registration and a one-year membership in the OHS. Lunch will be available at the adult centre for an additional \$5. The deadline for registration is October 17.

Anyone wishing to register for the workshop can contact the Ontario Historical Society, 78 Dunloe Rd., Toronto, Ontario M5P 2T6 (416) 486-1232 or Joyce Pettigrew, South Norwich and District Historical Society, RR 1, Otterville, Ontario N0J 1R0, 842-4388 or 863-3638.



Dancing feet

The winners of the Norwich District High School dance-a-thon held October 14 and 15 received their prizes Tuesday. The winners, Chris Catry and Kim Harwood (right) won clock radios; Jay Balcom and Mary Amey (centre) received watches for placing second, and Mike Sanders and Wendy Groeneveld (left) won tape cassettes for finishing third. The event raised \$1,300 for school activities. (NG Photo)

Bicentennial workshop in Otterville

By DOREEN HOOVER

Many communities in Ontario have already begun preparing programs for

their celebrations of Ontario's Bicentennial in 1984.

Communities are arranging parades,

church services, dances, concerts, school activities, erecting plaques and many have even sent invitations to Queen Elizabeth II to attend their celebrations. Stephen Otto, executive co-ordinator for the Ontario Bicentennial office, speaking at the Bicentennial workshop in Otterville Saturday, said that everyone will be "very surprised and very pleased" when they see how many projects are underway in the new year.

For the bicentennial celebrations to be successful everyone has to become involved and help prepare a program of activities for their area. One of the reasons for the workshop was to allow interested persons to see various ways of celebrating Ontario's 200th birthday and help them see ways to prepare the programs.

"We are trying to get the word out," Michael Cavanagh, Southwest area Bicentennial co-ordinator, said. "We want to get organizations and municipalities involved and get as many community-based programs off the ground as we can."

"Ontario consists of communities and we want to put the focus on the communities that make up this province," he said.

The ministry of education will be providing a history book of Ontario to present to all school children next year and certificates will be available for students participating in school activities.

There will be travelling exhibits visiting libraries throughout the province and some areas will invite authors to visit and

give readings of their work as part of Library Week.

Souvenirs and commemoratives such as flags, shirts and pens will be made available. Some items have also been officially recognized as symbols of the bicentennial. There will be a Heritage Tulip, a registered rose, a special geranium, an Ontario wine and even a soya bean. The Ontario Jockey Club also plans a Bicentennial Derby.

Along with Ontario's bicentennial in 1984 many other areas will be celebrating anniversaries.

The Northwest Company will be celebrating its 200th birthday, Toronto will be celebrating its 150th birthday and the Tall Ships will sail up the St. Lawrence to celebrate the 450th anniversary of Jacques Cartier's arrival in the New World. It is hoped the Tall Ships will enter Lake Ontario and visit Kingston and Toronto to help Ontario celebrate its birthday.

As part of Toronto's celebrations the board of education has planned an old photograph exhibit, song writing, a flag day ceremony, a pen pal project and reenactments of important times in history. These projects are all activities that could be used in local areas as part of their bicentennial celebrations.

Mr. Otto stressed the point of getting school children involved in the celebrations through special activities and by inviting community leaders, senior citizens and outside visitors to their classrooms.

So far 550 communities have applied for bicentennial grants to help them in their celebrations. Norwich Township has already received approval for a \$4,000 grant.

It is hoped the grants and projects will make people more aware of the "rich and entertaining" history and heritage of Ontario, Mr. Cavanagh said. The one byproduct of next year's celebrations is that they will make people more aware of what Ontario has to offer.

Lorne Ste. Croix, senior consultant for historic resources for the ministry of citizenship and culture, said that large expenditures are not necessary for the celebrations. The less money expended, the greater the number of volunteers. The greater the number of volunteers, the more people involved and that is the whole point of the celebrations, he said.

Lorraine O'Bryne, assistant curator at the Black Creek Pioneer Village, said all participants at the workshop were interested and enthusiastic about the planning of upcoming bicentennial projects.

"If they have the same enthusiasm when it comes to preparing area celebrations it will be okay," she said.

With many projects already in the planning stages, Mr. Otto believes "it will be a great year."



Groups plan celebrations

Scott Gillies (left), curator for the Norwich Museum and Archives, took part in group workshops which were part of a Bicentennial workshop held in Otterville Saturday. Participants gathered in groups and organized possible activities to help celebrate Ontario's bicentennial next year. (NG Photo)

Getting ready for Santa

The Spring-Otter Optimist Club of Otterville have set Saturday, December 17 as the date for this year's Annual Santa Claus Parade in Otterville.

"With Halloween over, we must now begin to organize for the Christmas parade," Frank Verberne, chairman of this year's parade committee, said. "The club has already made arrangements for the distribution of treats to the approximately 300 children who visit Santa after the parade, and are making arrangements to have hot chocolate and donuts on hand for the parade participants."

This year's parade shall again start at the township equipment yard at the east

end of the village at 10 a.m. and proceed to the public school, where Santa shall be on hand to talk with the children.

"We shall be awarding trophies for three categories of floats in the parade," Mr. Verberne said. They are the best overall float, best float depicting the Christmas theme, and best float depicting a winter theme.

To ensure that 1983's Santa Claus Parade is the best ever, the Spring-Otter Optimist Club is urging all groups in the community and township to start making their preparations now to enter a float. The more the merrier shall be the order of the day.

For additional information, interested parties can contact Mr. Verberne at 879-6600, or either of the other two members of the parade committee, Harold Walker (879-6426), or Bob Braun (863-6324).

Otterville UCW

OTTERVILLE (C) — The annual turkey supper sponsored by the United Church Women of the Otterville United Church was held in the Sunday school rooms on Monday evening, October 24.

The event is always held on the fourth Monday in October when the members of the Church congregation all put forth an effort to help in every way. Rev. Earl Moore, minister of the Church offered grace at the beginning of the dinner.

Mrs. Boyd Little, social convener of the U.C.W., did a fine piece of work in organizing kitchen help and the teenage group who were attentive workers. All these factors made the evening a very successful one.

Tables were reset for the last sitting to serve dinner to the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club. Following, the members adjourned to the Community Hall where they held their regular meeting.

Lions host 60 at party

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Norwich-Otterville Lions Club hosted a Halloween party Monday evening for all the scary, ghostly creatures which cared to attend their gathering in the Otterville Community Hall.

A parade of these haunting creatures revealed varied, interesting and humorous costumes created by the children taking part. Prizes were given to the winners of the different categories.

Under 10 years: best dressed boy, Stephen Cope; best dressed girl, Heather Picknell. Under 10 years: most comical boy, Jamie Ash; most comical girl, Lisa Parr. More than 10 years: best dressed boy, Brady Parr; best dressed girl, Kerrie Spicer. More than 10 years: most comical boy, Sean Carney; most comical girl, Samantha Letoile and Kim Walters.

Following, hot dogs were served to approximately 60 children. This completed an exciting and fun evening for all.

Sunshine Club

The Sunshine Club met for their regular meeting at the home of Sandra Hussey, on Thursday, October 13 with 9 members present.

Plans for the Christmas Bazaar, which will be held on November 19 at the Norfolk Mall, were discussed. Tickets will be sold on a homemade Christmas cake.

Appreciation was expressed by Lilly Chisholme to the hostess and Doreen Mountain for a delicious lunch.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Margaret Shearer on October 27.

Workshop gives tips on celebrating Ontario bicentennial

BY JOYCE PETTIGREW

A Bicentennial workshop entitled "Reaching Young People in Your Community and Involving Them in Bicentennial Programs", was held at the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre, Otterville, Saturday.

Lorne Treffry, past president of the South Norwich Historical Society, co-sponsor of the workshop, welcomed the speakers and participants in attendance.

Joyce Pettigrew, executive member of the Ontario Historical Society, introduced the workshop by throwing a challenge to the participants to make use of the ideas about to be presented to them to reach young people in their communities in order to create in them an appreciation and understanding of their heritage. This appreciation is needed by children in this rapidly changing world for stability and security. Through bicentennial programs it is hoped that teachers, parents and community organizations can create a pride in family and community as was our provincial heritage.

Those in attendance represented the teaching profession, historical societies and museums, municipalities, Women's Institutes and bicentennial committees.

Lorne Ste. Croix, senior consultant of historic resources for the ministry of citizenship and culture, gave an overview of Ontario's history to illustrate what the province was like prior to 1784 when the first major immigration took place.

Prior to 1783 the area was inhabited by about 30,000 native peoples, Crees and Ojibways, and a handful of French or British at the various forts.

Therefore in 1784 for the first time in the history of what is now Ontario, there was a comparatively large body of settlers bent on making the area their home. They changed forever the pattern and development of the land west of Ottawa. No more was it simply a highway to the west for the fur traders or a source of fur in itself, but it became the home for an immigrant population and from that day to the present, in an unbroken fashion, the

province has received wave upon wave of immigration, first along the "fronts", the St. Lawrence, Quinte, Niagara, Grand River and the Windsor area.

Other regions were settled in the mid and late 19th century and still other areas in the north were opened up less than 50 years ago. All have shared in the settlement experience of Ontario, the unbroken peaceful occupation of the land over the last 200 years.

1984 is a celebration of that experience and we hope that the people of this area will join with other Ontarians in celebrating the settlement of their area and Ontario generally.

Lorraine O'Bryne, assistant curator at the Black Creek Pioneer Village, gave many suggestions as to how to research the history of your community for bicentennial programs and projects.

Penny Potter, library resource teacher with the North York board of education, brought all sorts of suggestions and methods of involving young people in heritage-oriented projects. Through participation in games and activities of pioneers, an appreciation of our heritage may be gained.

Dorothy Duncan, executive director of the Ontario Historical Society, gave numerous examples of effective programs that have already been carried out and sources of materials available to help children discover their community.

Stephen Otto, executive co-ordinator of the Ontario Bicentennial Office, told of the many things that will be happening in connection with the 1984 celebrations, including a CBC broadcast on November 10 on the Loyalists and a feature film about Canadian runner Tom Longboat.

Participants in the workshop were able to put to use some of what they had learned from the speakers when they gathered in groups and worked on a project involving the creation of an imaginary town and the preparation of bicentennial activities. The project was good practice for the planning that will be needed to prepare for next year's provincial celebrations.



Bicentennial workshop speakers

There were many speakers present at the Bicentennial workshop held in Otterville Saturday to help area persons start preparing projects to celebrate Ontario's 200th birthday next year. The speakers were Stephen Otto, executive co-ordinator for the Ontario Bicentennial Office (front row left): Dorothy Duncan, executive director for the Ontario Historical Society; Penny Potter, library resource teacher at the North York board of education, and Lorne Ste. Croix, senior consultant of historic resources for the ministry of citizenship and culture. In the second row are Michael Cavanagh, Southwest area bicentennial co-ordinator; Lorraine O'Bryne, assistant curator at Black Creek Pioneer Village, and Leesa Walker, London Regional Children's Village. (NG Photo)

Otterville women give thanks

OTTERVILLE (C) — October meeting of the W.M.F. of Otterville Baptist Church was held in the Sunday school room. President Mrs. Wilma Butler opened the

meeting with four Biblical verses to show that our Lord gave thanks to the Father in several instances. She concluded by saying that we should likewise express our thanks.

Mrs. Bill Smith read the poem "Thank You God for Everything".

Mrs. Butler read a missionary letter from Hazel Wigglesworth. Mrs. Ted Oenema read some correspondence from home missionaries, Ross and Colleen Halgeton. They are getting ready to move to Saskatchewan. Missionary prayers were offered by Mrs. D. Spencer and Mrs. Bill Hansford.

Invitations to Huron Park, Woodstock, and Springfield Baptist were received for October 20 and October 24.

Mrs. Jack Walters opened the devotional with a reading about God's goodness to us. Mrs. Paul Hill presented the reading, "Thankfulness - A Habit". Mrs. Hilda Stockmans read Psalm 95, followed by a selection entitled "Thanks God".

Mrs. Oenema, speaker for the evening, told about the Jewish people giving thanks at the Feast of Tabernacles. She said we should be mindful of their ways of giving thanks in three ways. First, we should remember to be thankful, secondly to bring our offerings to God and thirdly to share materially and spiritually with others. She concluded that when we praise God we lose our own human pride.

Mrs. Butler played "The Lord's Prayer" on the piano. She thanked everyone for their participation and closed with prayer.

Mrs. Butler, hostess for the evening, was assisted by Mrs. Fred Hill in serving refreshments.

St. John's ACW

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the St. John's Anglican Church Women was held Thursday evening, October 6 in the Parish Hall. The meeting opened with the singing of "Command Thy Blessing From Above". Mrs. Olive Pickersgill gave the devotional on Humility.

It was decided that proceeds from the yard sale will be used to obtain several new items for the kitchen at the Parish Hall. Other business concerned finalizing catering plans for two wedding receptions this month.

Discussion took place concerning the Anglican beef supper to be held Sunday, November 6 at settings of 4, 5 and 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Evelyn Picknell handed out tickets to be sold for the dinner, adults being \$6, children \$3.50. The Colonial Lady Quilt will be drawn at the dinner and there are still tickets available at 50c each or three for \$1.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday evening, October 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall and arrangements have been made for a guest speaker. The meeting closed with prayer from Mrs. Olive Pickersgill.

After 64 years WI group disbands

When the young do not wish to carry on the work of their elders, that work will eventually come to a stop. That is what happened when the Otterville Women's Institute disbanded last month after 64 years of service to the community.

"The young are not interested, not one," Olive Pickersgill, the president of the Otterville W.I. for the last six years, said. The club tried having meetings at different times throughout the day to try to attract more young people, but it made no difference. Members even tried to get their daughters and granddaughters to join.

"There are just too many other things going on," Mrs. Pickersgill, a 20-year member, said.

The club's membership has been decreasing in the past few years with 15 members on roll call for the final meeting on October 13. Normally only seven or eight members regularly attended the monthly meetings and "you can't do very much that way," she said.

It got to the point where there were not enough members who wished to hold office. "We couldn't even have a nominating

committee," Mrs. Pickersgill said. "It got to be too much."

Many of the women were too old and felt they didn't want to go on with the club so they decided to disband. Many of the 15 members were in their 70s and 80s with the youngest member in her 50s and the oldest being 94-year-old Laura Pettigrew.

Margaret Dale, district president of the W.I., said she doesn't like to see clubs disband but realizes that the Otterville W.I. membership was down and that they couldn't continue. She hopes the 15 members will join neighboring W.I.s in Springford or Summerville and make them stronger.

A problem of lowered memberships could be caused by the large number of institutes that are situated close to each other. Possibly fewer clubs will make the remaining ones stronger, Mrs. Dale said.

Other groups such as the United Church Women and Farm Survival Groups are also having problems attracting younger members. More young people may be working or have small children and less time to give to these clubs, Mrs. Dale said.

Also many courses offered through the W.I. are now available at craft shops which were not available years ago.

The W.I. began in Ontario in 1897 as a promotion for household science and sanitation after a woman lost her child because of unpasteurized milk.

The club's members also work for their community. "They do what is necessary for the community," Mrs. Dale said. "The Otterville W.I. worked for its community."

The Otterville club raised money to go towards good causes in the community by holding bake sales and rummage sales. Other W.I.s have done catering, sewing and sold handicrafts to raise money to help improve parks, libraries or set up a Neighborhood Watch program like the Burgessville W.I.

Although the past members of the Otterville W.I. were upset by the disbanding there is hope that the club's history will be preserved by the placing of the minute

books and Tweedsmuir books for the entire 64 years in the new Otterville library location.

Graduate



Wilma Dianne Butler of Otterville, wife of Robert Butler, mother of Donna, Janette and Bret, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Western Ontario at the Fall Convocation, October 28, 1983.

Membership declines, Otterville Institute ends after 64 years

OTTERVILLE (C) - The October meeting of the Otterville Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Jack Walther on Thursday morning, October 13, at 10 a.m.

Upon arrival of the members, the hostess welcomed everyone and assisted by Jean Gehring, served a cup of coffee or tea, cookies and cheese and thus a half hour of social time was spent.

Three visitors were also present for the meeting being the district president, district secretary and the federation representative from the Oxford South District.

The president, Mrs. Olive Pickersgill, opened the meeting with the Institute Ode, The Mary Stewart Collect, followed with the Lord's Prayer. The secretary gave the minutes of the September meeting and financial report which were accepted as read. Members responded to the roll call in the usual manner.

After 64 years as a community organization bearing the theme of Home and Country, the Institute has found that in the past three years attendance has been decreasing. As a result the members must find another source of community work since the Otterville organization has disbanded. Two letters, which were much appreciated, were read from Springford and Summerville Institutes inviting the Otterville ladies to join their branches.

Discussion suggested that the ladies should continue to wear their Institute pins signifying their past membership and their continuing interest in community activities. It is hoped that all the Otterville W.I. Tweedsmuir history books and minute books will be eventually placed in the Otterville Library in order that they will be made available as reference books for the public.

It is with deep feelings of regret that this organization has faded into the past there being many happy occasions left in memory. The meeting closed with the singing of "O Canada."

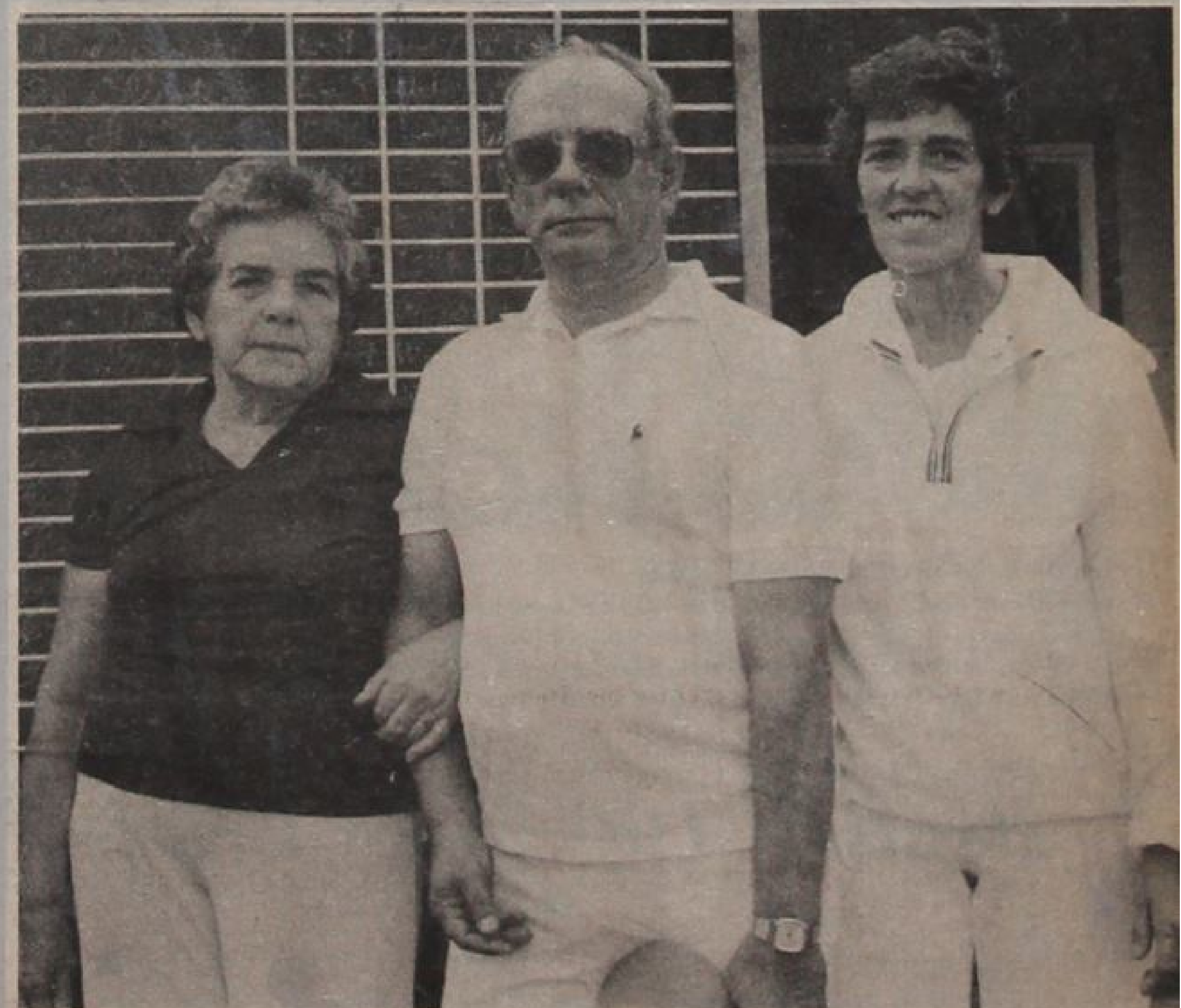
Through reference to the minute books it was found that Edith Avey, Laura Pettigrew and Evelyn Waring had the longest periods of membership in the organization. In keeping with this achievement, Mrs. Waring provided these closing thoughts to the Otterville Women's Institute.

Some 64 years have speedily flown by, And memories are keepsakes of those present and passed by.

We were proud of our meetings, in each home we met,

And this is true, there were no regrets. For Home and Country we will still wear the pin,

To show our friends what an organization to be in.



Tournament winners

Mary Furlong (left), Bill Furlong and Barbara ^{HART} from ^{OTTERVILLE} Norwich were the winners of the Mixed Treble Apple Tournament held in Norwich last Wednesday. Ingersoll placed second and a Woodstock team finished third in the final bowling tournament of the season. (NG Photo)

Otterville School students celebrate Thanksgiving

OTTERVILLE (C) — Students at Otterville Public School celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday both through their day off from school and special activities which they enjoyed during the days previous to the weekend.

Kindergarten children made cut-out turkeys, colored things they were thankful for, and learned songs about Mr. Turkey and other aspects of the holiday theme. A special unit about apples was also carried out during the previous two weeks to correspond with Thanksgiving work. This was coordinated with the snack program when the students had a chance to experience the taste of apples in various forms - raw apple, spread with peanut butter, apple boats, Waldroph salad, climaxing with the making of apple sauce.

Mrs. Ina Arthur assisted Mrs. Dorothy Hill, the kindergarten teacher, and the children in peeling and slicing the apple quarters for the apple sauce. The presence of Mrs. Arthur, whose daughter is a member of the class, is the kind of parent participation which Mrs. Hill would like all the parents to experience. She hopes to have as many parents as possible in the room during activity times throughout the year in order that they may become involved in their children's experiences at school.

Grades 1, 2 and 3 incorporated the Thanksgiving theme in all their work during the week and made Thanksgiving soup as their special activity. Thursday the children prepared the potatoes and carrots which they brought from home to add to the soup bones provided by Mrs. Anna Orth the Grade 2-3 teacher, and then let the soup slowly cook. The aroma of homemade soup again drifted through the halls of the school as it was re-heated on

Friday by Mrs. Berenz and Mrs. Orth for the students to enjoy with their noon meal.

Mrs. Jeanette Berenz's Grade 1-2 class had discussed the autumn season writing short stories about the coming of Fall. Likewise, Mrs. Orth's Grade 2-3 class were busy with language activities involving the Thanksgiving theme.

The resource teacher, Mrs. Jane Campbell, made pumpkin muffins with some of her students, others being involved in making butter. This provided an opportunity for the students to use different mathematic and language skills and materials.

Miss Lisa Tafel's Grade 4-5 class celebrated Thanksgiving by making a display of harvest vegetables, fruits and seeds. Various kinds of turkeys were found in her room with pine cone and apple bodies. A large cone turkey was just ready to roost on the hallway bulletin board which many students helped to make.

Thanksgiving thoughts and poems were one of the language activities carried out in Miss Tafel's room, with many promising writers being found.

Miss Tafel has introduced a new school club, the "Joggers", Debbie Anderson, Tammy Boughner, Julie DeWachter, Tina Irie, Samantha LeToile, Hali Walters, Colleen Young, Teresa Ecker, Sherri Barnim and Tracy Norris.

The girls' school volleyball team has been chosen and the members are as follows: Crystal Davis, Kelly Noels, Pam Walther, Stephanie Balcom, Sherri Barnim, Nancy Dow, Suzy Kramer, Jodi Love, Dawn Mounts, Annette Mudge and Jennifer Vandenberg. They are looking forward to a good season and have been practising for three weeks.



Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Craven

Craven - McMullen

OTTERVILLE (C) — Otterville United Church was the setting of a pretty autumn wedding when Christine Louise McMullen and Lauren Donald Craven were united in marriage on October 8, 1983.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill McMullen, Otterville, and the groom is the son of Marlene McLean of Edmonton, Alberta and Donald Craven of Vancouver, British Columbia.

Decorating the church were cream chrysanthemums, blue iris, white candles and palms at the front, and apples and vegetables at the windows in keeping with Thanksgiving.

Rev. Earl Moore performed the ceremony, held at 3 p.m. with Muriel Kozuch of Otterville playing traditional wedding music on the organ. Kathy Davis, of Otterville, sang "Wedding Song" while the mothers entered and lit the candles at the front of the church; "The Joy of Love" during the service and "Endless Love" during the signing of the register.

The bride, given away by her father, entered the church to the processional, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." The bride chose a floor length gown of white organza with a bodice featuring spaghetti straps. A long sleeved over-jacket of satin sheer trimmed in vertical lace gave a delicate effect to the dress and was accented with a small stand-up collar. A satin sheer tie softly draped the gown at the waistline. Her headdress was a striking small-brimmed hat with a short gathered veil at the back. She carried a bouquet of cream roses, chrysanthemums and blue iris with blue and white ribbon streamers.

Matron of honor was Karen Hutcheson, of Otterville, friend of the bride. Her gown was of cream colored linen pique featuring a frilled scoop neck, and gathered skirt accented with lace, which fell to mid-calf length. The puffed sleeves were gathered in a ruffle at the elbow and a cream satin ribbon tied at the waist gathered in a bow at the back. She wore cream accessories and a halo of cream-colored baby's breath accented with blue silk flowers in her hair. She carried a wicker garden basket filled with cream chrysanthemums, baby's breath, blue iris and green ivy with cream and blue ribbon streamers.

Bridesmaids were Wilma Declercq of RR 1, Eden, sister of the bride, and Debra Singer of Woodstock, friend of the bride. Both were dressed identical to the matron of honor with halos of cream-colored baby's breath in their hair.

Flowergirl, Jolene Hutcheson, of Otterville, friend of the bride, wore a dress styled to match the other attendants and wore a halo of blue silk flowers and cream-colored baby's breath in her hair. All attendants carried garden baskets of flowers identical to the matron of honor.

Best man was Jim Drinkwater of Edmonton, friend of the groom. Ushers were Darren Craven of Vancouver and Wade McLean of Edmonton, both brothers of the groom. The groom wore a dark blue pin-striped suit with a red tie and cream rose boutonniere. His attendants were dressed identical with cream chrysanthemum boutonnieres.

Reception for 120 guests was held at the Otterville Community Hall. The bride's table featured an off-white double-tiered wedding cake accented with navy blue silk flowers. This was offset by cream candles and the bridal flowers. Guests' tables were decorated with arrangements of blue iris, candles and cream chrysanthemums.

The bride's mother chose a street length long sleeved, accordion pleated sand and blue crepe dress. She wore gray accessories, blue flowers in her hair and a corsage of blue silk flowers.

The groom's mother wore a street length, long sleeved cream and sand crepe dress. She complimented this with sand accessories and a blue orchid corsage.

Master of ceremonies was John McMullen, of Otterville, uncle of the bride, with the toast to the bride given by Ross McMullen, Otterville, cousin of the bride.

For a wedding trip to Niagara Falls, Ottawa and Central Ontario, before returning to Western Canada, the bride changed to a cream, street length dress and cream accessories. She wore a blue orchid corsage.

Guests attended from North Bay, Toronto, Woodstock, Vancouver, B.C.; Edmonton, Alta. and surrounding areas.

Upon their return to Alberta, the newlywed couple were honored at a wedding reception on October 22, 1983 at the Orange Hall, Edmonton.

A buffet dinner was served for 100 guests and the bride and groom received guests in their wedding day attire. Attending the bride was Beverly Kennie, friend of the bride, from Edmonton, who was dressed identical to the bridesmaids. Attending the groom was the best man of the wedding day.

The bride's table was centred with the wedding cake and lighted candles. Master of ceremonies was Keith Fenton, Edmonton, friend of the groom.

Out of town guests were present from Calgary, Siba Beach, Fallis, Alberta, and Otterville, Ontario.

The bride and groom are living at Spruce Grove, Alta. The bride is a graduate of Mohawk College, Hamilton, and the groom attended the University of Alberta. Both are employed with the Edmonton Recreation Commission.

Celebrate 40th anniversary

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Harold Durkee celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on October 29 in the Community Hall, Otterville, amid their family, relatives and friends.

Mrs. Durkee, assisted by her husband, received wearing a black polyester dress trimmed in cerise and blue. Her corsage was of blue forget-me-nots.

Two of their daughters, Lois Nustead and Pat Williams assisted at the signing of the guest book later taken over by their grandson Scott Williams of Simcoe.

Music was supplied by Jim Ormston of Norwich and lunch by George Maeckelbergh of Tillsonburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Durkee were married in Tillsonburg by the late Rev. M.H.H. Farr. They have five children, three daughters, Mrs. (his) Ron Nustead, Mrs. (Pat) John Williams, and Kathy Durkee, and two sons, Jay and Jim Durkee, and seven grandchildren.

Attendants at the wedding were the bride's sister, Kathleen Saunders as matron of honor and Elmer Pearce as best man both of whom are deceased.

The happy couple were the recipients of many beautiful gifts and cards.

A great time was had by all.

Shower held

OTTERVILLE (C) — Friends and neighbours gathered to honour Miss Christine McMullen at a miscellaneous bridal shower on Friday evening, September 30. It was a chance for everyone to celebrate Christy's upcoming marriage and provided an opportunity to visit with her since she now lives in Spruce Grove, Alberta.

The evening was hosted by Wilma Gleason, Barbara Miller, Deborah Walters and Joyce McMullen with special help from many others.



Better accessibility

Renovations made at Adam Oliver Insurance Brokers Ltd., Otterville, included the installation of a lift elevator to make entrance into the building easier for Richard Picknell (centre), who is confined to a wheelchair. Surrounding Mr. Picknell are Michael Oliver, owner of the business, Donna McMullen, bookkeeper at the business, and Shelley Dertinger, a broker for the company. (NG Photo)

Install elevator to aid handicapped

An Otterville company is the first business in Oxford County to install a lift elevator to accommodate handicapped persons.

Michael Oliver, owner of Adam Oliver Insurance Brokers Ltd., had a lift elevator installed in August during renovations in the office. The installation of the lift was mainly to accommodate Richard Picknell, an insurance agent and new manager of the business.

Mr. Picknell, a life-time resident of Otterville who is confined to a wheelchair, had to use fold up ramps before the renovations were made, but still needed assistance to enter the building. The lift allows him easier access to the building without assistance from others.

"It is much handier," Mr. Picknell said.

Mr. Oliver and Mr. Picknell believe the installation of the lift elevator is the first such installation in Norwich Township and probably in Oxford County, other than public buildings that are equipped for

handicapped persons.

Other renovations made to make movement around the office more convenient were the moving of a wall to provide more space in Mr. Picknell's office and the installation of a pocket door which slides into the wall.

The business, located on Main Street, Otterville, will be holding an Open House October 12 for anyone wishing to see the new facilities and meet the personnel.

Otterville man opens law practice here

A general law practice opened its doors in Norwich on Monday when Michael Oliver of Otterville began his practice, A.M. Oliver, Barrister and Solicitor.

The business, located at 7 Stover St. North, will be a general law practice with an emphasis on commercial and real estate transactions.

Mr. Oliver chose Norwich as the location for his practice because he feels it is a central location in the township and that there is a need for his business here.

Richard Treleaven, MPP for Oxford, encouraged Mr. Oliver to start a practice in Norwich because Mr. Treleaven felt he had left a void when he was elected to provincial parliament. Mr. Oliver's practice is in the same location as Mr. Treleaven's practice had been.

Mr. Oliver thought it was a good time for him to set up a law practice because he has "good people" to run his insurance business, Adam Oliver Insurance Brokers Ltd., in Otterville.

Richard Picknell, Otterville, will manage the business on Mr. Oliver's behalf and Donna McMullen, bookkeeper, and Shelley Dertinger (nee Oliver) are both licenced insurance brokers.

Mr. Oliver will still be involved as consultant in the company but because of licensing restrictions he will be unable to deal directly with the public.

Mr. Oliver became owner and manager of the insurance business after his father's

death in 1980, the same year he was called to the bar.

While managing the insurance business, Mr. Oliver continued in his law career by working part-time as corporate counsel for DeCloet Ltd. in Tillsonburg, a position he still holds.

After three years with the insurance business, Mr. Oliver decided to open a law practice to make use of his education.

He earned his degree in mathematics from the University of Waterloo and his degree in law from the University of Western Ontario.

He graduated in 1978 and articulated and worked with Provincial Court Judge R.G. Groom in Woodstock.

Mr. Oliver, who is also township councillor for Ward 1, hopes to help small businesses in the area through his practice.

"I want to be the businessman's lawyer opposed to the criminal lawyer," he said.

His practice will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. On Wednesdays when Mr. Oliver will be working for DeCloet Ltd., Ted Sinclair, a chartered accountant from Woodstock, will be in the office on Stover Street.

An Open House will be held at the business on Stover Street on Friday from 3-7 p.m. All are welcome to come and meet Mr. Oliver at his new office.



Opens new practice

Michael Oliver of Otterville stands in front of his new office where his law practice opened Monday. The business, located at 7 Stover St. North, will be a general law practice with emphasis on commercial and real estate transactions. (NG Photo)

Council briefs

Appoint mayor

Mayor John Heleniak will represent Norwich Township on a county hydro committee which will formulate strategy and hire a lawyer to represent the county's reaction to Ontario Hydro's choice of Highway 401 for its first 500 kv line. Mr. Heleniak, appointed by township council last Tuesday, will be one of eight elected representatives on the hydro committee.

Appoint chairmen

Norwich Township Council appointed Councillor Don Pettigrew to a one-year term as chairman of the agriculture and works committee taking over from Councillor Jack Lester.

Councillor Norm Lusk was re-appointed for a second year as chairman of the management policy committee during the council meeting last Tuesday.

Councillor Michael Oliver was appointed as chairman of the community services committee taking over the position vacated by Councillor Darrell Force.

Human Rights Day

Norwich Township Council declared December 10 as Human Rights Day and Human Rights Week will extend from December 5-11.

Tree planting

Council has accepted an offer by the Grand River Conservation Authority to have a white pine tree planted at a designated area in the township in the spring of 1984 as part of Ontario's bicentennial celebrations. No specific location has been chosen for the tree which will be promoted as Ontario's official tree beginning in 1984.

Deaths

John Frederick Welsh

OTTERVILLE (C) — Funeral service for the late John Frederick Welsh, who passed away at his residence in his 94th year, on Sunday, Nov. 6, 1983, was held at the Ostrander Funeral Home, Tillsonburg, on Nov. 8, at 3 p.m.

The service was conducted by Rev. Earl Moore, minister of the Otterville United Church, of which Mr. Welsh was a faithful member as long as health permitted.

During the service Mrs. Jack Walther sang a solo, "Good Night Here and Good Morning Up There," accompanied at the organ by Mrs. William McMullen.

Pallbearers were Orton Keyes, George Elliott, Harold Edwards, Don Ryder, Wallace Kennedy and Gordon Lee. Honorary pallbearers were Mel Beecroft, Max Avey, Dr. Harold Batson and Oliver Hill.

Interment was in Vanessa Cemetery.

Following, members of the Otterville United Church Women served tea to those present in the hall of the Vanessa United Church.

Trailer allowed

A minor variance was approved by council last Tuesday allowing Rose Anne Thompson, Otterville, to set up a mobile home on her property on a temporary basis for the sole use of her brother, who is mentally handicapped. The mobile home is to be removed from the property on the termination of use by her brother.

New construction

The Oxford Precision Products Ltd., Woodstock, will be allowed to construct a new building to be used in conjunction with the existing industrial use, council decided last Tuesday. The business, owned by Harvey Hunt of Woodstock, produces wooden pallets and will use the new building for storage purposes. The motion was approved under certain conditions that the proposed new structure have an interior side yard of 15 metres and a rear yard of 20 metres and if necessary that adjoining lands presently held under different title be transferred to the ownership of the existing lot so as to permit setbacks to the satisfaction of a building inspector. Down spouts will also have to face south with extensions, if necessary, to cause the water to flow south. The conditions were made to help satisfy unhappy neighbors of the Oxford Precision Products Ltd. who complained about drainage problems from the business which caused water, oil and wood bits to flow onto their properties.

Births

MURRAY - Jeremy is happy to announce the safe arrival of his baby brother, Paul Douglas. Paul was born at St. Josephs Hospital, London on November 15, 1983. He weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. Proud parents are Wayne and Donna. Grandparents are Nip (Doug) and Elsie Christo, Otterville and Mary Murray, Vanessa. 5

OTTERVILLE (C) — Edna Furlong celebrated her 85th birthday on November 7 with various members of her family at the home of Mary Furlong and Sherry. A birthday dinner was enjoyed and throughout the day and during the evening family from Woodstock, Tillsonburg and Otterville dropped in with best wishes for Edna. The evening concluded with everyone enjoying birthday cake and ice cream.

Of times gone by

25 YEARS AGO

November 1958

With this issue, Tillsonburg District Ministerial Association members bring a new feature to the readers of The News, a weekly religious column, "What Do You Think?".

Otterville - The bake shop doors are open again. The shop has been closed for more than one year when the owner, Derwood Spicer, started a bakeshop in Tillsonburg. Mr. and Mrs. William Furlong of Tillsonburg are operating the shop.

100 YEARS AGO

November 1883

Mr. E.T. Martin, undertaker, has moved from his old stand, and in future his warerooms will be found in connection with Hogarth's Furniture Emporium, in the Sinclair block.

Little Ireland - Seven skulls of human beings have been unearthed on the Robertson farm, one mile north of Houghton Centre. It is supposed to have been the Indians' burying-ground.

Of times gone by

30 YEARS AGO

November 12, 1953

An estimated 95 per cent of the flue-cured tobacco crop in Oxford County and all other areas except Essex County has been purchased by buying companies. Most growers have been satisfied with the price for their crops and the price received for their crops will be more than the minimum average of 43 cents per pound.

At a recent meeting of the Oxford Branch of The Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Mrs. H. Scott and S.N. Manore were appointed honorary members of the institution.

15 YEARS AGO

November 7, 1968

A by-law was passed to regulate a system of disposal of garbage and other refuse in a defined area for the dumping and disposal of same.

The South Norwich Volunteer Fire Department were kept busy last weekend. They were called to the farm of Reginald Harwood, one mile east of Hawtrey, and extinguished a fire. They were also called to the farm of Romaine Deborghraeve where a shed near a wood lot was in flames. Later in the day they were called again to the Harwood farm where the fire in the bush blazed up again.

25 YEARS AGO

November 1958

Culloden - Grant Fewster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Fewster, who has been employed with the Bell Telephone Company of Tillsonburg for the past two and one half years, left Tuesday to take a position as Radar Technician on Mid-Canada Warning Line at Dawson Creek, B.C.

Otterville - Contract for construction of the new post office building here has been awarded to Gilvesy Construction Co., of Tillsonburg.

15 YEARS AGO

November 14, 1968

Winter barley, which is not as winter-hardy as winter wheat, cannot be expected to survive in some areas of Ontario.

A resolution was passed that the council of South Norwich will support the efforts of the Springford Recreation Committee in establishing a recreation centre.

A by-law was passed applying to the Ontario Department of Highways for a supplementary of \$8,000 for the remaining time in 1968 for maintenance on roads.

Remembrance service at Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — Though Friday was a day of remembrance it is difficult for children to feel deeply about men and women who died in wars decades before their birth. But sacrifices made during the First and Second World Wars and the Korean conflict were made a little more meaningful for the students of Otterville Public School through a special assembly held in the school gymnasium at 11 a.m.

for the entire school body.

The assembly opened with the singing by the primary Grades 1, 2 and 3 of a Remembrance Day song, followed by the senior students of Grades 7 and 8 singing "Where Have All The Flowers Gone?". These were led by music teacher, Janice Buchner.

A filmstrip "Lest We Forget" was then presented which attempted visually to make the meaning of November 11 more personal and significant to the students.

The assembly closed with the singing "Let There Be Peace On Earth" by Grades 7 and 8, a sentiment shared by everyone present.

Later in the day, some of the senior classes watched a video-tape presentation

of the Remembrance Day service held on Parliament Hill, Ottawa, earlier in the day.

Grades 1 and 2, guided by their teacher, Jeanette Berenz, made a mural for the hallway of the primary division and Mrs. Orth's Grades 2 and 3 complimented this with a wreath cooperatively made by the class.

Grades 4 and 5 read poetry and composed their own about the poppy and Remembrance Day. Booklets were made telling things remembered and memories were reminisced and discussed. Poppies and posters were made as well.

Perhaps the meaning of November 11 was best expressed by Shelby McMurchy, a member of the Grade 4 and 5 class:

I once was walking
And really talking
I met a lady
That was shady.

She looked quite dull
And was really quite small
I asked her Why?
But there was just a sigh.

The lady wore a poppy
But wasn't at all sloppy
She told me a story
But it was really quite gory.

I sat and I listened as she told me why
And as I listened I began to cry
So wear a poppy on Remembrance Day
Remember the people who sit there and pray.

Other school activities involved a birthday party held by Miss Tafel's Grade 4 and 5 class for the Cookie Monster's 14th birthday. All primary classes were invited and were honored by a visit from the Cookie Monster (Sheri Barnim, a senior student in costume).

The students hosting the gathering read to the younger children from Sesame

Street Books with appropriate music played. The children were served cookies and juice sent in by the mothers of Miss Tafel's class.

A survey earlier this year showed a positive response of interest into the formation of a chapter of the Home and School Association.

An information meeting with representatives of Home and School present to explain the purpose of the organization, what sorts of things they do and to answer any questions will be called in the near future.

Hot Dog Day was held Thursday, November 10 at the school providing the students with an opportunity to have a hot lunch if they chose to do so.

First-term exams for students in Grades 4 to 8 begin Tuesday, November 22, with report cards being sent home December 9. Kindergarten's reports will be sent earlier. Parent and teacher interviews will be conducted the week of December 12.

Parents have generously volunteered their time to assist in the Kindergarten class, some helping regularly, others occasionally. Those involved are Ina Arthur, Dorothy Brayley, Marilyn Driedger, Barb Glysz, Helen Gilmore, Charlotte Mudge, Dale Tupper, Vicky Walther, Jennifer Grant and Kathryn Zimmer. This is greatly appreciated by all concerned.

The first two House Leagues, senior soccer and junior soccer baseball, have been completed. Teachers, Mrs. Hutchinson and Mr. Lamont, as well as all the students who participated, made these first leagues of the year such a success.

School teams in volleyball have been selected with Mr. Lamont coaching the boys' team and Miss Tafel the girls' team. Both teams are looking forward to future games with other schools in Oxford County.

New executive named by historical society

On Monday, November 14, the South Norwich Historical Society held their last regular meeting of the year at Woodlawn Adult Community Centre with President Lorne Treffry as chairman.

The following slate of officers was selected for the coming year: past president, Rick Singer; president, Lorne Treffry; first vice-president, Jack Smith; second vice-president, Peter Pickersgill; recording secretary, Carl Howse; corresponding secretary, Juanita DeRoo; treasurer, David Hussey; directors for one year, Catherine Mann and Marjorie Pearce; directors for two years, Muriel Gehring and Lila Freeland; directors for three years, Peter Pickersgill and Bryce Smith; newsletter committee, Juanita DeRoo (convener), Boyd Little, Lillian White and Jean Davis; program committee, Joyce Pettigrew and Mary Murray; mill committee, David Hussey, Rick Singer and Lorne Treffry; publicity, E. Moore and auditors, Marjorie Pearce and Brian Parr.

The Mill Committee reported that considerable progress had been made during 1983. The mill had been made level

and new concrete foundations installed; field tile had been laid to take care of seepage; ground levelling had been completed and rip rap placed along the river bank to control erosion. The plan is to proceed with replacing siding on the mill in 1984.

The Book Committee reported good sales of the township history book "South of Sodom", which was published in 1983. The rapidly dwindling supply of both hard and soft cover editions would indicate that anyone planning to purchase this book should not delay.

The annual fall supper get-together was discussed at the meeting, but has been postponed until some time in the new year.

A program of "show and tell" following the business meeting, was unusual in that one of the items showed was a silver cup which had been donated to the Otterville Bowling Club in 1928 by J.G. Clark. The cup was shown but no one was able to tell just who, J.G. Clark was. Maybe some reader will be able to enlighten the Historical Society on this point.

Optimists plan films for kids

The week of Nov. 13-19 marks Youth Appreciation Week in communities across North America, according to Jim Countryman, spokesman for the Spring-Otter Optimist Club of Otterville.

In conjunction with this special week, The Spring-Otter Optimist Club shall be presenting two, \$100 awards at the N.D.H.S. commencement ceremonies on November 4, and are also sponsoring a children's film festival for the younger set.

The film festival shall take place Saturday, November 19, at 1 p.m. in the Otterville Town Hall. The program that afternoon shall include: Laurel and Hardy, Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea, Bugs Bunny, Donald Duck, and another surprise feature. Free popcorn and soft drinks shall be provided for the children on hand. Admission is also free.

"If the children's film festival is the success we believe it shall be the club is contemplating establishing this Saturday afternoon program as a monthly event during the winter," Mr. Countryman said.

Club bazaar proceeds for park equipment

OTTERVILLE (C) — A very successful bazaar sponsored by the members of the Otterville Sunshine Club was held in the Norfolk Mall, Tillsonburg, on Saturday, November 19.

Many shoppers were on hand to view the many Christmas goodies, baked goods, gift suggestions and crafts. Many ideas and decorations for the festive season fast approaching were available as well.

Along with the sale was the opportunity to buy a ticket on two Christmas cakes being raffled by the club. Winners of the draws were Bonnie Braun and Catherine Mann both of Otterville.

The members have a small number of articles remaining from the bazaar which are available for purchase by anyone interested. Any member can be contacted in regards to these items.

The various members have been involved through the year in preparing for this annual event and the proceeds from the bazaar on Saturday, will go towards playground equipment for the Otterville Community Park as has been the custom in previous years.

Happy Bluebirds meeting held

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Christmas meeting of the Happy Bluebird Club was held in the Common Room of Winston Manor, Norwich on Thursday evening, November 24.

President Dorothy Daniels opened with two readings, "Christmas Greetings" and "This is My Creed". Helen Davis shared a Christmas story with the group and Daisy Ash followed with "Listen to a Child".

Elsje McSpadden provided musical numbers both old favorites and seasonal songs. Dorothy likewise sang Evening Prayer and Silver Bells.

Vera Carroll and Annie Pritchard shared readings as well, "The Volunteer Organist" and "The New Generation" respectively.

Lillian Morris and Josepha Rosehart both read stories with the former's being "Gift From the Heart". Tune McNally closed with the readings "Footprints" and "This Is Me".

Daisy then presented Elsie with a gift and expressed appreciation from the group for her special musical numbers.

The next meeting of the group will be held, weather permitting, January 24.

Beef supper held

OTTERVILLE (C) - The annual Anglican Beef Supper sponsored by the members of the Anglican Church Women of St. John's Anglican Church was held in the Parish Hall on Sunday evening, November 6. Autumn floral arrangements of yellow and gold chrysanthemums, designed by Mrs. Jean DeWachter, decorated the tables.

Three scheduled hours for the dinner, 4, 5 and 6 p.m. were given as a choice of settings for the delicious dinner. Each setting numbered 88.

Cathy Furlong, president of the group and organizer of the dinner, had perfect planning and all helpers were very capable as waitresses for the tables or as helpers in the kitchen. Rev. Darling, minister of the church, gave the blessing and serving proceeded immediately.

Previous to the 6 p.m. setting a draw was made by Edna Furlong assisted by Richard DeRoo for the Colonial Lady Quilt which was made and donated by the members. Tickets had been sold up to the time of the draw. Janet Downing of Otterville was named the winner of this lovely piece of handwork.

Throughout the supper several dinners were delivered to residents unable to attend the meal.

After completion of the supper and during the meal of the members and helpers involved Happy Birthday was sung to Miss Furlong and Dorothy Durkee who are celebrating birthdays this week. Appreciation was given in the usual manner to the president for the successful evening and who returned thanks to the congregation for their generous donations and help.

UCW see trip slides

OTTERVILLE (C) - The November meeting of the Otterville United Church Women, held Thursday evening, November 17, featured a slide presentation by Mr. and Mrs. Rod Taylor, residents of Otterville, who recently enjoyed a four-week trip to Australia, Fiji and New Zealand.

Mr. Taylor showed a variety of slides while Mrs. Taylor gave a very informative commentary of highlighted and interesting features of their trip. Everyone enjoyed travelling visually with the Taylor's through such a picturesque area of the world.

Previous to this, Mrs. Taylor, convener of the meeting, opened with a quotation she had observed outside a church which read: "If your knees tremble - kneel on them." She pointed out how this had more impact than a whole sermon on the value of prayer for those in trouble. In correspondence to this the hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" was sung, accompanied by Mrs. Jack Walther on the piano.

Psalm 46 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble"

was appropriately read by Mrs. Don Arthur since this was the basis of the hymn previously sung.

Mrs. Keith Arthur then led in prayer. Offering was received by Roberta McMurchy and Freda Arthur, and everyone joined in singing "We Give Thee But Thine Own."

Items involved in the business portion of the meeting concerned the decision to make monetary donations to the church as well as to Alma College, St. Thomas.

Catering plans for two occasions forthcoming in December were discussed.

The next regular meeting of the U.C.W. will be held Thursday evening, December 15, at 6:30 p.m. This special Christmas meeting will be a Turkey Potluck Dinner when everyone can enjoy a meal together in celebration of the festive season.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a donation of any kind to fill a hamper for those in need at this time of year. This will be the members' means of responding to roll call and of offering provisions for the Emergency Centre in Woodstock.

A social time concluded the meeting when refreshments provided by Mrs. Taylor and her committee were enjoyed.

Anglican women support outreach

OTTERVILLE (C) - The outreach program sponsored and supported by the Anglican Church were discussed and considered by the St. John's Anglican Church Women present at their regular meeting held Thursday evening, November 24.

The decision was made to support one such program, the St. Monica House in Kitchener. Things needed by this institution are various canned goods, baby products, paper products, all craft supplies, maternity clothes, baby layettes and clothing and small gifts suitable for prizes. The ladies were encouraged to make donations at any meeting during the upcoming months until spring.

The meeting, presided by Lila Freeland, was opened with the singing of "Blessed Be The Tie That Binds," followed by devotional and prayer lead by Dorothy Durkee.

Thank you notes were read from the Leeming family and Ruth Whaley. A reply was also read from Canadian Art China Ltd.

A request was made on behalf of the Junior Choir for gowns. Decisions were made in regards to their making with the Ladies' Guild to be approached for assistance.

The Christmas Concert and Pot Luck Supper will be held Sunday evening, December 11 beginning at 4:30 p.m. with the A.C.W. providing the turkey.

The next meeting will be held December 1 in the Parish Hall featuring guest speaker Mae Leonard of Otterville. This last meeting of the year is a special one and an invitation has been extended to the ladies of St. Alban's A.C.W., Delhi as well as individual invitations from members of the group to ladies interested.

Missionary fellowship given book review

OTTERVILLE (C) - The November meeting of the Womens' Missionary Fellowship of the Otterville Baptist Church was held in the Sunday School room. The vice-president Mrs. Ted Oenema, opened the meeting with a reading "A Treasure-The Bible" followed by the singing of "Holy Bible, Book Divine". Scripture passages were read responsively concerning His Word.

Mrs. Oenema announced the ladies Christmas banquet will be held December 6 at 7 p.m. with a gift exchange and requested that the ladies bring their used stamps.

Mrs. Charter Davis and Mrs. David Hill lead in the missionary prayers after which a poem "The Bible" was read.

Mrs. Dave Spencer and Hilda Stockmans, who make good use of the church library, gave some highlights of their reading. Mrs. Spencer read from the

Moody Monthly articles, "Merits of Reading" and "Let's Get Back to Reading." She quoted II Tim. 4:13 and said humans can either have the choice of being ignorant or not. The reasons for reading the Bible are truth, enjoyment, enrichment, enablement and enlightenment. She concluded that you can better yourself by reading and applying.

Mrs. Stockmans gave a book review of "Improving Your Serve". She said Jesus came to serve and to give and that our service can begin with little favors. We should not be so busy looking out for ourselves that we do not have time to do this.

The ladies joined in singing "The Bible Stands" and prayer. A social time and lunch enjoyed by all followed. Mrs. Oenema thanked Mrs. John Hansford and Mrs. Stockmans for providing the refreshments and others who took part.

Klondike Joe Boyle topic at dinner

OTTERVILLE (C) - The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the Legion Hall, Norwich, Monday evening, Nov. 14. Lion President Les Dickson presided.

This was the annual Veterans-Lions meeting, which was opened by Legion President Colin Slater. The Legion colour party placed the colours at the head table. Ed White sounded Reveille and two minutes of silence were observed. Comrade Jack Wood said grace.

The Eastern Star served a bounteous turkey

smorgasbord, enjoyed by all. There was a large representation of both veterans and Lions. Lion Andy Vandenberghe expressed the thanks of all present to the Eastern Star for the fine meal. Mrs. Joe Howse responded on behalf of the Eastern Star.

Legion President Colin introduced two veterans of the First World War, Jim Waterman and Cam St. John.

Lion Albert Cornwell introduced the speaker, Oxford Warden Charley Tatham.

Mr. Tatham related many of the great exploits of

Klondike Joe Boyle, including his years in the Klondike in 1897. Through the Great War his exploits in Russia in 1917 and Romania, until his recent burial in Woodstock. He concluded by stressing the power which one individual may exhibit within and beyond his community.

Lion Don Pettigrew thanked the speaker.

Charles Bradford was introduced by Lion Jack Walther. Charles is another individual who has exhibited a strong influence in and beyond this community. He gave an

interesting account of a recent trip through Europe.

Lion President Les introduced Lion John Daniels, deputy district governor, who was making his official visit to this club. Lion John stressed the importance of the Lion projects within this community.

He stressed a new Lions International project, the effort to assist in the prevention of blindness, with special reference to the prevention and treatment of diabetes, a leading cause of blindness. Lion Paul Wood thanked Lion John.



Teeth talk

Marilyn Donmoyer, preventive dental assistant with the Oxford County board of health, visited the Otterville Public School Friday to talk about tooth care to the Grades 1 and 2 class. Mrs. Donmoyer visits the school bi-weekly to give fluoride treatments and is responsible for dental education and inspections in nursery schools and children from kindergarten to Grade 8 throughout the county. (Staff photo)

Learn care of teeth from Murphy Molar

OTTERVILLE (C) - Friday morning, November 25, Murphy Molar paid a visit to the students of the Grade 1 and 2 classroom and their teacher, Jeanette Berenz at Otterville Public School. Murphy was accompanied by Marilyn Donmoyer, preventive dental assistant with the Oxford County board of health.

Murphy and Mrs. Donmoyer pointed out the five good rules for healthy teeth and reinforced these by using a large plastic representation of the human mouth and a toothbrush. With these visual aids Mrs. Donmoyer was able to demonstrate to the students the correct way of brushing. "Up like a rocket, down like the rain, back and forth like a choo-choo train," the brushing song, helped the children to remember

what they were seeing in order that they could later put these techniques to good use. Pictures were used as well as coordination with Mrs. Donmoyer's presentation.

The students were then the happy recipients of booklets, Murphy pens and toothbrushes, compliment of the Oxford board of health. Appreciation was expressed by the children to Mrs. Donmoyer for her enjoyable visit.

Mrs. Donmoyer is not a stranger to Otterville Public School for she visits the students on a regular schedule of every two weeks to administer fluoride treatments. These treatments help to compensate for the lack of fluoride in the water of this area.

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Fifteen-point buck

A group of area hunters proudly displayed their catch at the Otterville deer checking point Thursday. Howard Haggith (left) of Norwich has brought in the largest buck so far this year at the Otterville checking station when he brought in his 15-point, 275 lb. buck. Other hunters in the group were Willy VanBesien, Otterville; Travis Eaton (centre) of Burgessville, who shot the 170 lb. doe; Bob Leighfield, Vienna, and Dwayne VanBesien (right) of Otterville standing over a seven-point, 217 lb. buck shot by Brian VanHaverbeke from Langton with help from Pat Wills of Burgessville. The deers were shot in the Burgessville area. (Staff photo)



Headmaster's Trophy winner

Laurie Wells was the recipient of this year's Headmaster's Trophy which was presented to her by Norwich District High School Principal Jack Parker at the commencement ceremony Friday. Laurie received the award for her overall high standing and participation in her academic studies, clubs and sports teams. (NG Photo)



Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius (Neil)
VandenBrink

Wybo-VandenBrink vows said

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Netherlands Reformed Congregation Church, Norwich was the setting on November 17, 1983, at 3 p.m. for the wedding of Lee Ann Wybo, daughter of Mrs. Jean Verkest of Tillsonburg and Mr. Roger Wybo of St. Thomas, and Cornelius (Neil) VandenBrink, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry VandenBrink of RR 1, Norwich. Rev. Lamain officiated and organist was Marguerite VandenBrink, sister of the groom.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose an off-white gown with long, sheer sleeves enhanced with seed pearls on the long cuffs and around the neckline and chapel train. She wore a hat with seed pearls to match the gown, with three layers of veiling trailing behind the hat and carried a bouquet of off-white roses and baby's breath.

Maid of honor was Aleta VandenBrink of RR 1, Norwich, sister of the groom and bridesmaids were Jackie Meharg and Kim

Armstrong, both of Tillsonburg. They wore berry colored gowns with matching hats.

Henry DenDekker of RR 5, Ingersoll, friend of the groom, was best man and ushers were Mike Gilmore of Otterville, friend of the groom and Jerry Wybo of Tillsonburg, brother of the bride.

Reception was held at the Otterville community hall. Bride's table was decorated with two candelabra and the bridal bouquets, and guest tables were decorated with arrangements of carnations.

For receiving guests, the bride's mother chose a teal blue ensemble worn with a corsage of beige roses and blue baby's breath. Groom's mother chose a lilac dress worn with a corsage of lilac roses and baby's breath.

Bride's gifts to her attendants were pearl pierced earrings, and groom's gifts to his attendants were mugs.

For a wedding trip to Toronto the bride wore a black and white dress.

Guests attended the wedding from St. Thomas, Langton, Thamesville, London, Tillsonburg and the surrounding area.

Mr. and Mrs. VandenBrink are residing in Tillsonburg.

Neale-Decooman vows at Norwich United

Norwich United Church was the setting on November 4, 1983, for the candlelight wedding of Cindy Lee DeCooman and Philip Burke Neale. Rev. David Fearon officiated. Mrs. Kathy Palmer accompanied the solosit Mrs. Muriel Lossing who sang The Wedding Prayer; Sunrise, Sunset; and We've Only Just Begun.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rene DeCooman of Norwich and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Neale of Otterville.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a gown of chantilly lace, with chapel train, matching headpiece and fingertip veil. The bride carried an arm bouquet of white roses, freesia, wild lillies

and stephanotis accented with pink baby's breath and boston fern.

Maid of honor was Nancy DeCooman, sister of the bride and bridesmaids were Melanie Litton, Dione Deborghraeve, Janice DeGroot, friends of the bride and Cheryl Neale, sister of the groom. They wore identical gowns of frost rose and burgundy shades. Miss Aleisha Penny cousin of the bride was flowergirl in a white gown with matching rose sash and carried a matching ball of flowers.

Best man was Dennis Wright, brother-in-law of the groom and ushers were Bob Hall, Kevin Church, friends of the groom, Scott DeCooman, brother of the bride, and Glenn Neale, brother of the groom. Ring bearer was James Carroll.

Reception for 300 guests was held at the Delhi Belgian Club.

For a wedding trip to Niagara Falls, the bride wore a plum suit with soft gray accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. Neale are residing in Otterville.



Mr. and Mrs. Philip Burke Neale

Interest in peacocks leads to breeding champion bantams

By DOREEN HOOVER

An interest in breeding peacocks led an Otterville man to become a champion breeder of cornish bantams and black australorps in Canada and the United States.

McKay Davis, RR 1, Otterville, began breeding white cornish bantams and black australorps 10 years ago as a hobby.

His hobby began when he wanted to breed peacocks but found the birds were laying too many eggs for them to sit on. Mr. Davis was told to get cornish bantams to sit on the extra peacock eggs. His interest in cornish bantams increased and he decided to breed and show them.

"I knew very little about them," he said. "That's how you find out about them - by showing them."

Mr. Davis has some of the few white cornish bantams in Ontario. The birds are more populous in the U.S. He spends a lot of his time travelling to various fairs and shows across the country and the U.S. He has won many awards including having one of his bantams named the second best bird out of 14,000 birds in the Ohio competition in 1979.

He began breeding australorps shortly after he developed his interest in cornish bantams. He traded some bantams for a few australorps and began breeding them as well. He has since had one of his birds judged best australorp in Canada.

Australorps were developed in Australia and are one of the best laying birds and good for meat as well. The world record for egg laying is held by an australorp. The australorp can range in size from five to nine pounds. Cornish bantams weight from one and a half to two pounds. Mr. Davis now has about 100 cornish bantams and 50 australorps.

Mr. Davis starts saving the eggs for hatching in January. Each egg is numbered so he will know which chickens they were hatched from. The eggs are then placed in incubators in Mr. Davis' basement.

After the eggs hatch they are kept in a heated box for a week and then put in a brooder which can hold 200 chicks.

Mr. Davis raises about 300 birds every year to show, sell or use for eggs or meat. As a rule he can collect 100-125 eggs a week from his 150 birds.

He begins showing his birds at fairs and competitions when they are six to eight months old. He is now preparing 20 birds for a show he will be attending in Columbus, Ohio from November 10-12.

The birds are judged on conformation, body type and style. "There is a standard for every chicken," Mr. Davis said. Although he has never judged shows he has enough knowledge about certain breeds to be able to tell a good bird from a bad one. But "there are a lot of breeds I don't know anything about," he said.

While attending shows he has bought, sold and traded birds throughout Canada and the U.S. Mr. Davis, who has been a director of the International Cornish Breeders of North America for two years, enjoys attending shows for they allow him to meet different people. He now has many friends from Nova Scotia to Oklahoma, Texas and California.

Through his years of breeding Mr. Davis has developed black and splash cornish bantams. It is not a new color but he developed it through five generations of breeding his birds. He also has silver-laced cornish bantams which he received in a trade with an American breeder. Mr. Davis now has the only silver-laced cornish bantams in Canada.

He usually keeps the birds an average of two or three years and then sells them or uses them for meat. Cornish bantams are solid meat like wild game and requires slow cooking to taste its best.

The hobby of breeding purebred chickens is not hard but it takes a lot of time. Mr. Davis enjoys the hobby because he finds it relaxing. "It takes my mind off everything else," he said.

Besides his interest in breeding chickens, Mr. Davis has raised tobacco seed for 35 years.

His first interest in peacocks is still evident as he has 25 peacocks that he breeds and uses for show around his home.

With his retirement from Imperial Leaf Tobacco on October 1 after 38 years, he hopes to have more time to breed his cornish bantams and australorps and produce more championship birds.



Breeds cornish bantams

McKay Davis, RR 1, Otterville, stands with granddaughter Amy, in front of one of the coops that hold his 100 cornish bantams. Mr. Davis has been breeding and showing cornish bantams and black australorps for 10 years. (NG Photo)



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Threatens to sue Norwich council for vandalism

Norwich Township Council was informed Monday at its meeting that it could be sued for \$10,000.

Floyd Kyte of Tillsonburg attended the council meeting Monday to address council members regarding his planned action. Mr. Kyte was the owner of the Kyte property on Main Street, Otterville, until it was registered in the name of the township two years ago for his failure to pay taxes. The property could be redeemed by the owner or any interested party by paying the back taxes and costs. There is \$7,000 owing on the property.

Mr. Kyte is planning to sue the council for \$10,000 for vandalism caused to the property on Main Street while he was paying taxes over the years, he said. Mr. Kyte said he had to board up the building,

which used to be a bakery, three times to try to stop the vandalism on the property.

"You have the property on your hands," Mr. Kyte said to council. "I am here to say carry on boys and when you are through I will sue you for \$10,000 vandalism and let the judge decide."

Mr. Kyte said he did not think the council was interested in getting the building fixed up. "This has been dragging on and on," he said. "Get it cleaned up."

Councillor Bob Carney replied to Mr. Kyte's statements by saying that he was "not going to take abuse" from Mr. Kyte and questioned his decision to sue council for damage to the building. "We did not shoot out your windows," Mr. Carney said.

The council has put the Kyte property up for sale but has had no interested buyers.

Norwich may get rinks in parks

Public ice skating rinks will be made available in township parks if township council approves a recommendation made by the community services committee.

The township committee recently made a recommendation that the township firefighters be authorized to use the fire tank trucks to facilitate the construction of public ice skating rinks in local areas.

The firefighters will provide the water and local persons will help to make the rinks in the Oxford Centre, Burgessville, Norwich and Otterville Parks. Rinks were made in Oxford Centre and Burgessville parks last year.

"It provides recreation for children in the area with no charge," Mayor John Heleniak said.

Review plans

It will be at least until the new year before Norwich Township Council makes a decision regarding the Holbrook landfill site.

Council passed a motion last week that a representative from the Lathem group, consulting engineers from Richmond Hill, be invited to attend the next regular council meeting January 9 to discuss the Holbrook landfill situation.

The Lathem group has worked with council before and will review a new Holbrook site plan recently presented by Don Pratt, director of engineering for Oxford County.

Parish Happenings



OTTERVILLE: Two of the longest-serving and most faithful members of St. John's Church, Otterville, celebrated the 80th birthday of Myrtle Riste (right). Now a resident of Norvilla Nursing Home in nearby Norwich, Mrs. Riste spent the afternoon of her birthday September 9, amongst friends in Otterville. Her late husband, Jack Riste, a lay reader, was the mainstay of St. John's over a period of years when a minister was unavailable, and also during holidays. Winnie McMullen (left), Myrtle's sister, was organist at St. John's for almost 60 years before her retirement a few years ago. Winnie and Myrtle still attend church whenever a ride is available to them.

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Of times gone by

25 YEARS AGO
December 1958

NOTICE - All bus service between Tillsonburg and Ingersoll will be discontinued after Friday, December 19 - Ravin Coach Lines.

Decision to go ahead with plans to build the town's second high school on the Lamers subdivision came at the regular meeting of the Tillsonburg District High School Board on Thursday.

Messiah Corners - Peter Reimer had the misfortune for his car to suddenly take off while parked by the side of his house, and careen over a steep hill into Big Creek.

50 YEARS AGO
November 1933

Montreal, Nov. 30 - Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, who led the Canadian corps to victory culminating with the entry into Mons on Armistice Day, 1918, died at Royal Victoria Hospital this morning.

Corinth - The cement work on the dam at the skating rink is completed and the small boys are anxiously waiting for the ice.

75 YEARS AGO
December 1908

A horse of Dr. Bennett got frightened at a train on Tuesday and ran away. Robt. Martin, a boy about fifteen years of age, was in charge of the horse. He was shaken and bruised but not seriously injured.

Otterville - The blacksmiths were very

busy on Saturday. A number of men had to go home without their horses shod.

50 YEARS AGO
November 1933

Summerville - Clayton Arthur has his barn completed and is having a barn dance on Tuesday night.

December 1933

On Friday, the Canadian Leaf Tobacco Co. Ltd., took possession of the Norfolk Leaf Tobacco Co. Ltd., plant on Tillson Avenue, after having acquired the financial interests from H.R. Smith, president of the latter company.

75 YEARS AGO
December 1908

Mr. E.F. Davis has turned his wallpaper room into a Book room for his Xmas trade. Book lovers will appreciate this.

Otterville - The school is closed this week on account of that dreaded disease, diphtheria.

Christmas sing-song Otterville hall

OTTERVILLE (C) — Santa Claus, though busy preparing for his big ride on Christmas Eve, took time out to deliver a few early gifts to the children of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, on Sunday evening, Dec. 11.

The occasion was the annual Congregational Supper and Christmas Concert held in the Parish Hall.

A potluck supper, featuring roast turkeys provided by the Anglican Church Women, provided a

festive feast of Christmas dishes and 'goodies' for everyone present.

The children, though anxiously hoping Santa would pay them a visit, enjoyed an entertaining and well organized program.

Everyone was welcomed by Cathy Furlong who opened by leading a carol sing with Lila Freeland at the piano.

The Primary Class welcomed everyone in their special way through the choral speaking of To All, followed by Away In A Manger. Recitations were given by various members of the class: Michael DeWachter — Greetings; Alechia Brady — Christmas Story; Adam Zimmer — Too Small; April Smith — Mommy Said; Danny Pickering — My Wish; Mandy Richardson — Quite Small; and Lindsay Picknell — God Loves All.

The Senior Class performed a skit, Hurrcomer the Christmas Bird, that demonstrated the enjoyment one can have

through the act of giving to others as well as receiving at Christmas time. Children taking part were Brady Parr, Julie DeWachter, Kerrie Spicer, Jodi Smith, Heather Picknell, Liam Dowds, Liza Parr, Neil Smith, Joni Ryerse, Joe Dowds, Karla Spicer and Jeremy Pickering.

Julie DeWachter favoured everyone with a vocal solo, I Want A New Brother For Christmas. This was followed by Jodi Smith playing the composition, Rocking, on the piano. Kerrie and Karla Spicer blended their voices

together in the vocal duet, I'm Getting Nothing For Christmas, while Brady Parr, on a more classical note, performed the piano solo, Moonlight Sonata. Neil Smith closed with the recitation, Good Night.

To show Santa the way, a carol sing followed as the children hoped their voices would welcome his arrival. He appeared with two Christmas elves to help him hand out gifts and candy bags.

Everyone left with the happy feeling of Christmas after an enjoyable evening together.

St. John's women hold meet

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Christmas meeting of the St. John's Anglican Church Women, held Thursday evening, December 1, was a special one, featuring guest speaker, Mae Leonard of Otterville.

Mae, introduced by Joyce Leeming, is an art teacher on the staff of Norwich Public School, an avid gardener, a member of the Delhi Horticultural Society and above all a very creative person. This creativity was vividly reflected through her demonstration of floral arrangement which she applied to all occasions as well as the Christmas season.

The focus of her demonstration was on arrangements which could be made at home using materials available to the average person. She pointed out basic elements necessary such as balance, levels and focal points. Containers and kinds of oasis were opening aspects discussed.

Mae then showed how a line and shape should initially be created in an arrangement through the placement of greens. Natural and floral materials can then be added. Through her clear instructions and explanations, as well as her arranging she showed the combining of fine and course materials placed at different levels. This she pointed out was very important rather than having similar materials placed side by side or in a straight line. The number of levels and materials are easier to work with in combinations of uneven numbers since even numbers require the arrangement to be symmetrical.

Mae created before the ladies' eyes two striking arrangements which could be used for the Christmas season. However, through her choice of materials she also demonstrated how these could be used past the holiday season, thus making the arrangements more of an all season variety.

She displayed wreaths and other decorations she had made and described interesting facts about materials available around one's home or surroundings. All in all everyone came away with new ideas and an eagerness to put these suggestions to use.

Edna Furlong thanked Mae on behalf of the group and presented her with a gift in appreciation for her very informative and enjoyable presentation.

The meeting was opened by Lila Freeland who welcomed everyone present including guests from St. Alban's Anglican Church, Delhi, and those from within the village.

Scripture, taken from Luke chapter 2, was read by Mrs. Freeland followed by prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

Cathy Furlong, president, dealt with a brief business meeting and discussed upcoming events. The Congregational Supper will be held in the Parish hall, Sunday, December 11 with the A.C.W. supplying the turkey. The South Norwich Community Choir will perform at St. John's Anglican Church on Tuesday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m. The Teddy Bear, for which only 200 tickets are being sold, will be drawn December 18 and are available for 25c each. Members were reminded to bring items to the next meeting held Thursday, January 5 for St. Monica House.

Then followed a carol sing led by Mrs. Leeming with Lila Freeland at the organ. Joyce asked "What Is Christmas?" through a thought provoking reading which made one consider such aspects as laughter, remembrance and love.

Carols were enjoyed once more while refreshments were being prepared.

During the lunch and social time which followed Miss Furlong made a draw using the holly name tags worn by everyone present. The winner of the draw, Marjorie Broad, Otterville, was the recipient of a Christmas arrangements made by Mrs. Leonard during the evening. Appreciation was expressed by Mrs. Broad for the lovely arrangement and by those present from St. Alban's Church as well as everyone for a most enjoyable evening.

Otterville Sunday School concert held

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Sunday school concert of the Otterville United Church was held Sunday morning, December 18 during the regular church time.

The program opened at 11:15 a.m. with Call to Worship and congregational prayer conducted by Rev. Earl Moore.

The opening hymn was the Christmas carol, "Infant Holy", with the fourth Advent candle being lit by Jennifer and Jeffrey Arthur while the choir and congregation sang.

Scripture was taken from Luke chapter 2:8-16, followed by the singing of "Little Town of Bethlehem".

Stephen Cope, Brandon Doneff, Robert Sherman and Gary Walther received the offering which was dedicated with prayer.

A skit, "Rudolph", was performed by Karen Dow's nursery class appropriately followed by Heidi and Hali Walters singing "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer".

Kathryn Arthur performed a piano solo and the kindergarten class taught by Ina and Janet Arthur performed the skit "What Each Did".

Everyone then joined in singing the carol, "The First Noel".

Sean Carney shared the poem "Christmas Is More" which preceded the play "The Toy Shop" performed by the intermediate class taught by Christine McMullen and Bertha Gehring.

Brett Walther performed the solo "Away In a Manger" and a short Christmas story "The Night The Chimes Rang" was read by Jean Carney.

The junior class gave the choral recitation of "Christmas Joy" followed by the hymn "Hark the Herald Angels Sing".

The program concluded with the congregational singing of Christmas carols while everyone anxiously awaited the arrival of Santa Claus. Arrive he did with helpers to assist him in dispensing out the gifts to the many children.

The United Church Women served a delicious light lunch to the congregation and a happy morning was enjoyed by all.

Leisure Club holds annual Yule dinner

OTTERVILLE (C) — The members of the Leisure Club held their annual Christmas dinner in the Sunday school rooms of the Otterville United Church on Wednesday, December 14.

The dinner was served by the members of the United Church Women with Jean Little as social convener. The dinner was attended by 40 members and friends and before the meal, grace was given by Rev. Earl Moore, minister of the church. Immediately following, Bruce Alexander on behalf of the club, expressed appreciation to the ladies for the enjoyable dinner. The tables were cleared and the visitors enjoyed a social time commenting on their plans for the holiday season.

The program arranged by Evelyn Waring, was conducted by Mrs. Waring and president, Annie Pritchard. Carol singing opened the program with Mrs. Clarence Stover of Springford at the piano. Mrs. Pritchard welcomed members and visitors and also gave a reading entitled, "Christmas".

Everyone was delighted to hear Clarence Stover who performed harmonica selections and several Scottish numbers, accompanied by Mrs. Stover throughout the program. Other musical numbers were given by the Thorne Brothers of Norwich on the guitar and violin.

Vera Carrol and Nellie Taylor told how Christmas spent long ago which was followed by a piano solo by Mrs. Taylor, "Star of the East".

Mrs. Evans then conducted a contest of Christmas bingo, assisted by her husband. As well, she gave a religious reading in keeping with Christmas and closed with prayer.

Tune McNally favored the group with several readings.

A slide presentation by Mel Beecroft enabled everyone to reminisce about the past Otterville centennials celebrating 150 and 175 years.

Members and visitors expressed happy holiday wishes to each other for Christmas and the New Year.

Meetings for the Leisure Club will be held the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month and will start at 1:30 p.m. during the winter months.

New officers elected by Otterville UCW

OTTERVILLE (C) — December Christmas meeting of the Otterville United Church Women was preceded by a bountiful "Bring and Share" dinner.

All were welcomed by U.C.W. president Jean Gehring.

The report of the nominating committee was given by Mrs. John Walther. The slate of new officers for the upcoming year are as follows: past-president, Mrs. Gehring; president, Mrs. Jack Walther; first vice-president, Mrs. Bob Carney; secretary, Vera Welsh; treasurer, Mrs. John Walther; assistant-treasurer, Mrs. Don Neale; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Earle Moore; program convener, Mrs. Rod Taylor; archives, Edith Petch; auditor, Mrs. John McMullen; and nominating committee, Mrs. Leslie Gehring and Mrs. John Walther.

Elaine Oliver presented Rev. and Mrs. Earl Moore with a Christmas gift.

Mrs. Petch thanked Mrs. Gehring for

her capable presidency and presented her with a remembrance.

Donations were brought by members to be taken to The Meeting Place, a project of five United Churches in Woodstock to provide aid and encouragement to the unemployed.

Mrs. Jack Walther and her committee of Ruth Colver, Mrs. E. White, Mrs. John Davis, Mrs. J. Griffin and Mrs. Gary Walther presented a Christmas program.

Included in the program were Christmas prayers and readings by Mrs. E. White and Mrs. Gary Walther. Music, "Christmastide" and "Christmas is a Feeling in Your Heart", appropriate selections for the holiday season, was sung by Ruth Colver and her daughters, Mrs. John Davis and Mrs. J. Griffin.

A story, "The Little Mixer", was shared by Mrs. Jack Walther.

Carols were enjoyed throughout the program.

Cantata presented by community choir

OTTERVILLE (C) — The South Norwich Community Choir presented its Christmas cantata "Night of Miracles", Tuesday evening, December 20, at St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville. Directed by Jean McClintock, the choir was accompanied by Lillian Broad at the piano.

A Christmas atmosphere was created through arrangements at the front of the church of green spruce, red velvet ribbons, tinsel and white candles designed by Mrs. Jean DeWachter. As well, a decorated, twinkling Christmas tree added to the mood. Corresponding decorations of spruce, ribbons and lighted candles, arranged by Lila Freeland, adorned the windows of the church.

At the conclusion of the cantata, Rev. Grant Darling thanked the choir for the most enjoyable musical evening and expressed appreciation and thankfulness to all at this well attended service.

Offering was received by Richard DeRoo and August DeWachter, with

proceeds going to both the choir and the church.

Following the cantata, lunch was provided by the Anglican Church Women, when both choir members and those in attendance could socialize in the Christmas spirit.

Deaths and Funerals

Percy John (Jack) Walters

Percy John (Jack) Walters of Queen Street, Otterville, passed away Monday morning, December 26, 1983, at his residence in his 71st year.

He was born in Bideford, sub-district of Putford, England, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Walters. He came to Canada in 1926 and settled in the Otterville area where he resided all of his life. He attended the Otterville Baptist Church. He was a veteran of the Second World War and served in the Transportation and Life infantry in France and Germany.

Surviving are his wife the former Evelyn Jean Roswell, two daughters, Mrs. Barry (Marlene) Buck of Norwich, Sherry and one son Gary of Otterville; five grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Dorothy Durkee of Otterville, two brothers Reginald of Otterville and Edward of Toronto. He was predeceased by one sister Catheline Saunders in 1968.

Resting at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence where the funeral service will be held on Thursday, December 29, 1983, at 2 p.m. with Reverend D. R. Gorrie of Woodstock officiating. Interment will be in Otter Cemetery in Otterville. There will be a Legion service conducted by Branch 190 on Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. at the funeral residence.

Bearers will be Percy, David, David and Bill Walters, Clarence Lewis, Murray Treffrey and Bill McMullen Jr. Flower

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Ross McMullen and daughter Ashley recently returned home from a 10-day trip, visiting with the former's sister Ann Armstrong of Seattle, Washington. They were accompanied by Laura Kilgour of Ingersoll.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Broad, Jeff and Janet were Bill and Joyce Bell, Doug, Barb, Greg and Garth Wilson, Harv, Eleanor, Melissa, Marcella and Matthew Cowan, all of Springford, Gerald, Carol, Brenda, Kelly and Cheryl Clark, Rob, Kathy and Adam Winlaw, all of Ingersoll and Mildred Addison of Mississauga. All enjoyed an afternoon together and many stayed for supper as well.

David Addison and wife Joanne, Milton and Mildred Addison, Mississauga, were recent overnight guests with the latter's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Don Broad and daughter, Janet.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Addison, Shannon and Kyle were Sunday afternoon guests with Mr. and Mrs. Don Broad and Janet, Otterville.

Mr. and Mrs. James Squance, Otterville, spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Mike McClintock, Springford.

Vera Welsh was hostess to many guests Christmas Day. These included Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Vanderveken and Nancy Hill, all of Hamilton, Clara Hill and Madeline Hill of Brantford, and Gladys Goodale, Norwich.

The annual Christmas Eve service, held at St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, was open to all residents of the village. Rev. Grant Darling offered the sacrament of holy communion to a very good attendance which was preceded by carol singing.

Prior to Christmas, members of the

Sunshine Club, Otterville, made calls to senior citizens and shut-ins and presented them with a well-filled container of treats, cookies and candy. The members of the club are very busy at this time of year having held a pre-Christmas bazaar. Money obtained through this event helps to purchase playground equipment for the Otterville Community Park as well as doing acts of goodwill.

Scott Taylor, Port Hope, Lynn Taylor, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Taylor and family, Scarborough, Dr. and Mrs. Julius Narancsik and son, Tillsonburg, Mrs. Grenville Johnson and family, Toronto and Pauline Johnson, Simcoe, spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Rod Taylor, Otterville.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jull were holiday guests with Evelyn Waring, Otterville. As well, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keller and son, Joe, and Katie Mics were recent callers of Mrs. Waring.

Bill Morrison of Toronto called on Dr. and Mrs. Downing during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey were Christmas Day guests with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Avey, Tillsonburg. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Avey, Paris, were guests of the former Aveys of Otterville.

Mrs. Jack Walther, Jean Gehring, Olive Pickersgill and Vera Welsh are among those who have joined with the Summerville branch of the Women's Institute owing to the fact that the Otterville Institute has disbanded.

Greta Kennedy of Toronto is holidaying with her brother, David Kennedy, Otterville.

Margaret Oatman, Springford, was the recipient of the pine cone and teasle wreath drawn by the Royal Bank, Otterville.

Bruce J. Barnard

Bruce J. Barnard of 95 North Street, Otterville, passed away at Victoria Hospital, London, on Sunday, December 18, 1983, in his 74th year.

Born in North Norwich Township, November 26, 1910, he was the son of the late George Barnard and the former Lucy Luno. He was a retired farmer and a member of Otterville United Church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Jean McDonald; one son Don Barnard of Cambridge; two daughters, Mrs. Glen (Bernice) Nicholson of Springford and Mrs. Donald (Carolyn) Fooks of Delhi. Also surviving are seven grandchildren.

Predeceased by one sister, Ella Barnard, and one brother, Earl Barnard.

Resting at the Ostrander's Funeral Home, Tillsonburg where funeral service will be held on Tuesday at 3 p.m. to be conducted by Rev. Earl Moore of Otterville United Church.

Interment in Delmer Cemetery.

Memorial donations to the Otterville United Church appreciated by the family. Visitation starting Monday at 2 p.m.

Bruce J. Barnard

The complete funeral service for the late Bruce J. Barnard of Otterville, who passed away in Victoria Hospital, London, on December 18, was held at the Ostrander Funeral Home, Tillsonburg on December 20 at 3 p.m. The service was conducted by Rev. Earl Moore of Otterville United Church.

Pallbearers were Glen Hagerman, Carmen Scott, Bill Alexander, Harvey Lingham, Lyle Rooke and Max McDonald. Interment in Delmer Cemetery.

Maude Hussey

Miss Maude Hussey, a former resident of Otterville, passed away at the General Hospital, Guelph, in her 85th year on December 10, 1983.

The late Miss Hussey was born at Summerville, RR 2, Otterville, and was the daughter of the late Luther Hussey and Elizabeth Lefler. During her earlier years in Otterville she was employed at the Otterville Post Office and was chief operator of the Bell Telephone Office for approximately 25 years.

Predeceased by two brothers, Lloyd of Brantford and Cecil of Otterville, two sisters, Eva May Lawrence and her twin, Marie Hussey. Survived by a brother, William of Shelbourne and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held in Guelph with interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Guelph.

Santa parade success despite cold weather

OTTERVILLE (C) — Children in Otterville were given the chance to meet Santa Claus Saturday, December 17 as the Spring-Otter Optimist Club of Otterville presents its annual Santa Claus parade.

Approximately 20 entries participated in the parade which was led by Miss Township of Norwich, Allyson Hagerman, chauffeured by Mayor John Heleniak.

Various fire departments, merchants, clowns and organizations took part in the occasion, preceding the guest of honor, Santa Claus who wished to keep his reindeer rested and therefore chose to have his sleigh pulled by truck power.

The parade began behind Ash Construction Ltd., Main Street, with special thanks to Rod Taylor and Don Neal in organizing the various entries into order. Concluding at the Otterville Public School everyone welcomed the warmth of the school, since Santa brought some very cold weather with him from the North Pole.

The Otterville Public School auditorium was the location where approximately 250 children met Santa, told him their

Christmas wishes and received a stocking full of goodies, compliments of the Optimist Club.

Hot chocolate donated by Case's Restaurant, Norwich, and donuts provided by the Optimists were served by members of the Otterville Sunshine Club to parade participants.

Trophies, presented by Bill Redman and Harold Walker, head of the parade committee, were awarded to the South Norwich Historical Society for best overall float, the First Norwich Beavers "A" for the best float depicting the winter theme and the First Otterville Brownies "A" for the best float depicting the Christmas theme. Entries were judged by Jean Davis, Lorraine Downing and Lloyd Smith.

The Optimists also raffled a six-foot stocking filled with toys and games, at the school and announced the winner to be Murray Wardell, Otterville. This is only one of 25 stockings which the club has been raffling throughout the area since December 1 for only \$1 a ticket.

The South-Otter Optimists of Otterville wish to thank all those who participated in the parade and the many donations made by local merchants.

Above all a special thanks to Santa whom we all know is working on a very busy schedule.

OTTERVILLE UNITED

OTTERVILLE (C) — Sunday morning worship was held in the basement of the church. Jennifer and Jeff Arthur lit the advent candle. Rev. Moore opened with the call to worship and turned the program over to Jean Carney. The children of the Sunday school entertained the congregation with a concert. Kelly Walther assisted by playing the piano.

Offering was taken up by Masters Walther, Cope, Doneff and Sherman.

The first performances was by Karen Dow's nursery class, who acted out the story of Rudolph. Heidi and Hali Walters closed the skit by singing "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer".

Catherine Arthur played a piano solo, "Noel".

Ina and Janette Arthur's kindergarten class presented "What Each Did". Children portrayed different animals that played an important part in baby Jesus' birth. The children sang "Away in the Manger".

Sean Carney read a poem, "Christmas Morn". Chris McMullen's class presented "The Toy Store". The play involved an old man finding the real meaning of Christmas through his toys that came alive. The children also acted out the nativity scene. The congregation was involved by singing carols throughout the play.

Brett Walther sang a solo, "Away in a Manger".

The last performance was Jean Carney's class. Each child came out carrying a letter and reciting a verse associated with the letter. Letters, when put side by side, spelled "Christmas Joy".

Jean Carney read the story, "The Night the Chimes Rang".

During the carol sing, the children were delighted with the surprise visit of Santa Claus.

A light lunch of sandwiches was enjoyed.



Face the cold

These three little members of the Delhi Majorettes faced the harsh cold of the Santa Claus parade in Otterville, December 17. They marched in part of the parade but had to be taken out when the cold became too much for them. (Staff photo)



Donzo the clown hands out candies and Christmas cheer to children and adults watching the Otterville Christmas parade march down the town's main street. The weather was a bit nippy but the children didn't mind at all as they eagerly anticipated the arrival of Santa Claus at the end of the parade to wish them all a merry "ho-ho-ho!" (Staff Photo)



Stocking creations

Shelby McMurchy, Grade 4, and Sheri McCormick (in background), Grade 4, were just two of the Otterville Public School students who enjoyed making stocking creations Thursday. Shelby was hard at work giving her reindeer a red nose. (Staff Photo)

Otterville pupils work on Christmas crafts

OTTERVILLE (C) — Crafts abound at Otterville Public School as parents showed their talents and ideas Monday, December 12 in the Grade 4 and 5 classroom. All students were able to take part in each craft and when finished had a wide variety of gift and Christmas items.

Nancy Walther provided each student with a red felt stocking which they individually designed by gluing on different shapes and decorations. They completed by signing their name with glitter at the top of the stocking. Now Santa will know each stocking to fill.

Attractive and useful Christmas Rose Napkin Rings were made in the group instructed by Bernice DeGroot. Made from red and green felt, the students were required to trace add cut patterns to form these striking flowers.

Patty Parr and her helper Tracy showed

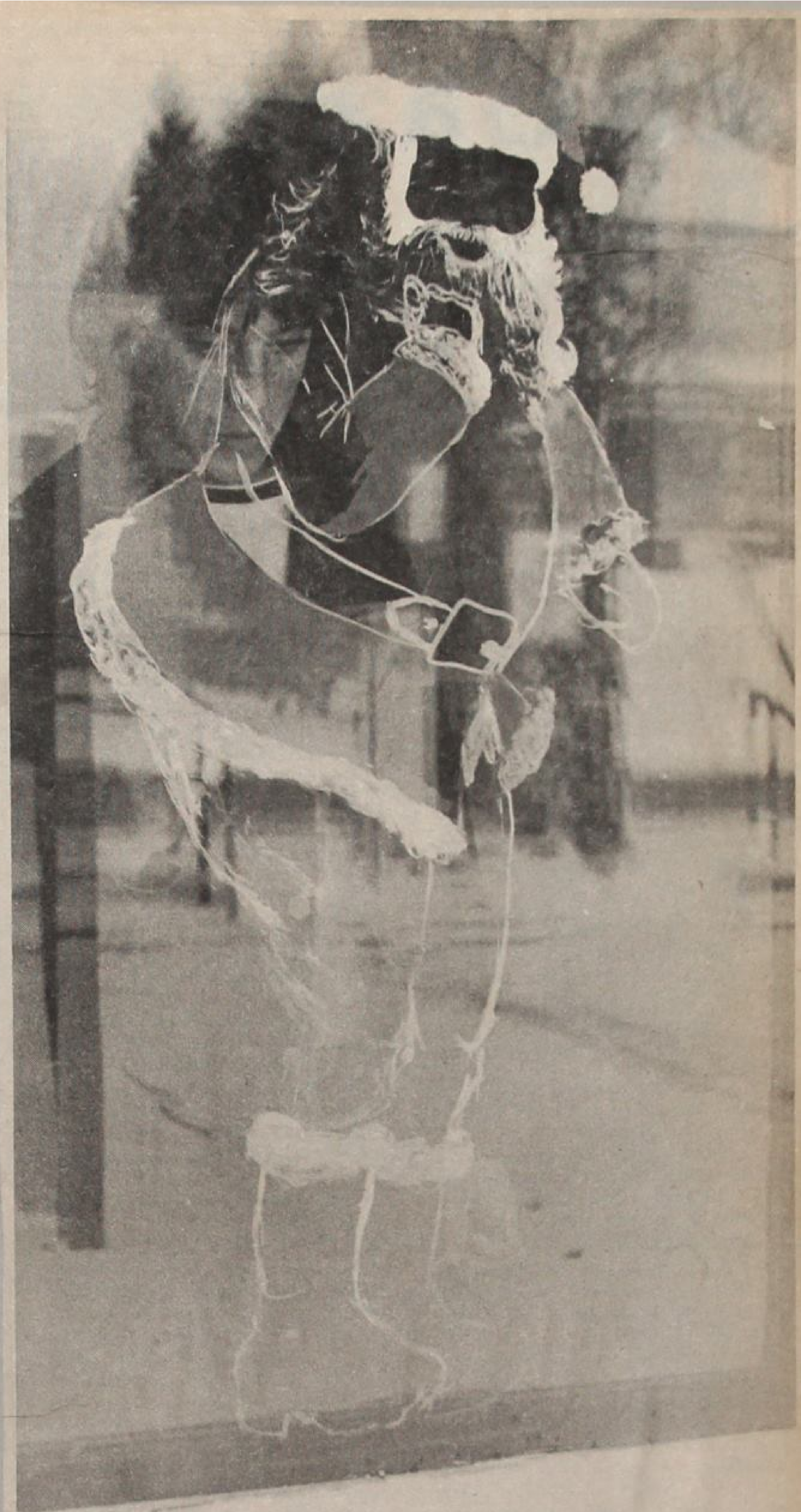
the students how to make cute little tease dolls by sewing and gluing pre-cut fabric dresses around the tease to form these adorable little people.

Wall hangings were the results produced by Jean DeWachter's group. This craft involved gluing walnuts, pretzels, cheerios and pine on paper to form a picture.

Life Saver People appealed to both one's eye and sweet tooth in Wenda Smith's group. By winding yarn on a wooden form, looping it through the life saver package, adding a styrofoam ball a little person resulted which could hang anywhere to decorate for the Christmas season.

Evelyn Picknell showed the students how to add an attractive finishing touch to their Christmas presents by making net bows which one could later use in the tub or as a scrubber. Both an attractive and practical decoration it required the students to sew and gather the net in forming the bow.

All of these crafts taught the students different skills with pleasing results. Materials were obtained through money collected from a raffle held by the class, a \$1 fee paid by each student as well as contributions by both parents and school.



Christmas designs

Frank Snow, a Grade 8 student at the Otterville Public School, was one of three students who spent last Wednesday bringing the Christmas spirit to the Otterville Post Office by decorating the windows with seasonal designs. (Staff Photo)

Christmas activities get parents involved

OTTERVILLE (C) — Christmas has arrived at Otterville Public School as one can see by decorations and things being done during these days of the festive season.

Special baking classes for interested students of the Senior Grades 6 to 8, are being held after regular school hours. During this extracurricular activity complete presents will be made including decorated container and tag.

By the conclusion of these classes each student should have made a batch of cookies and a cheese ball. Ingredients are brought from home and the students themselves determine what varieties of these foods will be made. Also, Lisa Tafel, the teacher operating these activities, will be demonstrating a method of making vegetable dip which the students can enjoy with vegetables brought from home. Super foods as well as imaginative cooks are sure to be a result.

During this week Kindergarten to Grade 5 students are involved in special Christmas activities. The students choose five out of a possible seven activities which are held one hour each day, all activities operating simultaneously.

The children make stocking Santas in the Gift Craft group while Christmas Baking gives the children an opportunity to try their hand at making their own Christmas cookies. Attractive tree ornaments such as teardrop animals, beaded

candy canes, feather angels and clothespin reindeer are being made by the students while others wrap different kinds of containers, tubes and boxes to use for a Christmas present either at school or home.

Christmas in the gym allows the children to be involved in physical activities using balance beams, hoola hoops, box horse, bean bags and even an obstacle course. Christmas puppetry coordinates music and craft work by the children making paper bag and sock puppets to correspond to various holiday music. School window decorating allows the children to produce a stained glass effect with the use of tissue paper designs.

Parents are playing a key role and their overwhelming help greatly contributes in making these afternoons so enjoyable and such a success. Those involved are Janet Ryerse, Bertha Gehring, Helen Davis, Dorothy Brayley, Jo-Anne Kapin, Bonnie Braun, Dale Tupper, Evelyn Picknell, Donna Tirva, Rosetta Justus, Charlotte Mudge, Wenda Smith, Gail Lewis, Mrs. Sutherland, Christine McMullen, Barbara Vanbesien, Mrs. Love, Ina Arthur, Jennifer Grant, Judy Freeman and Kathryn Zimmer.

Christmas has truly become a family time at Otterville Public School as both children and parents experience the excitement and anticipation of Christmas together.

Christmas assemblies at Otterville school

OTTERVILLE (C) — The final Christmas week at Otterville Public School culminated the busy schedule of activities through a series of daily Christmas assemblies put on by the various classes.

Monday, the students joined their voices in song during a carol sing led by principal, Fred Brown and music teacher, Janice Buchner, at the piano.

Kindergarten children entertained the many parents in attendance and students on Tuesday by suggesting the thought, posed by Adam Zimmer, "It's Christmas Eve and We Know What That Means". This was quickly answered through the class singing "Must Be Santa" accompanied by their teacher Dorothy Hill on the ukelele. Then the children dressed in pyjamas and night attire in front of the fireplace prepared for Santa's arrival by chorally speaking "Ten Little Stockings", with everyone hanging up their own hand-sewn stocking at the mantle. They closed with the soft singing of "Away In A Manger".

Mrs. Hutchinson's Grade 6 and 7 class provided a variety program opening with Brady Parr performing the piano solo "Moonlight Sonata".

A class pantomime of the poem "The Boy Who Didn't Believe in Christmas" followed with all class members participating, Hali Walters as narrator, Robert Sherman as Jobez Dawes and George Bowerman as Santa.

The program closed with a baton routine by Samantha Letoile and Debbie Anderson and everyone sang "We Wish You A Merry Christmas".

Wednesday featured Elaine Campbell's class performing a choral speaking activity, "The Falconer's Christmas" which explains how the Christmas colors became red and green. The red and green chorus

argued the point as to which color was the best with Jennifer Arthur as narrator and Stephen Cope as the Falconer. The problem was solved through the divine answer of the holly branch which explains that both are the colors of Christmas.

Lisa Tafel's class shared "The Snow Adventure" which was a combination of slides and corresponding story which the students wrote. "The Twelve Days After Christmas" was sung during the opening slides and the conclusion of the adventure resulted in a snowman with the singing of "Frosty The Snowman".

A musical play, "The Naughty Elf", was performed on Thursday by Jeanette Berenz's Grade 1 and 2 class and Anna Orth's Grade 2 and 3 class.

A colorful backdrop of painted toys and Christmas trees, made by the students, set the stage for Santa's workshop, where greatly disturbed, Santa could not find his bag of toys.

Santa, played by Harold Durkee, was assisted by various groups of his helpers in trying to locate his missing sack. Master of ceremonies, Kathryn Arthur, introduced each group as they came out to search for Santa's bag and corresponding songs were sung by the choir made up of the rest of the students from the two classes.

The following students performed as different characters: Melissa Leguee, Beth Hansford, Amy Gehring - Reindeer; Tim Taylor, Melissa Wilkinson, Dwayne Sutherland - Bunnies; Lloyd Durkee, Chris Davis, Neil Smith - Elves; Ben Klassen, Pam Hussey, Tammy Hewitt - Trains; Lindsay Picknell - Jack-in-the-Box; Toby Taylor, Carrie Lewis - Stick Musicians; and Rob Dymont, Ed Schott, Andrea Nornyak - Bell Musicians, with Mrs. Buchner at the piano.

Mrs. Berenz thanked all parents on behalf of the staff for their help and support in all Christmas activities both assemblies and otherwise. A carol sing followed.

Friday morning Mr. Lamont's Grade 7 and 8 class made a presentation, which they composed themselves, concerning Christmas past, present and future. Acting this out they showed how in the future the closeness of family and church and the feeling of peace on earth could be lost. Wouldn't it be wonderful if it could be all year round?

This busy week concluded school until January 2 when students and teachers will resume classes.

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Ready to sing

Santa, Mr. Bunny and Mr. Reindeer get ready to fill Otterville Public School's auditorium with songs of Christmas as children who acted in the play, "The Naughty Elf" Thursday assembled after the play to do some carolling. (Staff Photo)

Christmas activities at nursing home

Christmas concerts, carolling and tree decorating helped bring the feelings of Christmas to the Norvilla Nursing Home this month.

Activities started December 8 when the staff-residents pot luck supper was held. Staff members provided the food and residents baked mince meat tarts for the special holiday occasion.

A large crowd attended the family day December 11 and enjoyed carolling and visiting with relatives.

Various organizations and clubs took the time to visit the nursing home to help spread the Christmas spirit. Residents were treated to a Christmas program by the Oxford Centre Young People's Club. The Norwich District High School French Club did some French carolling, the Burgessville Brownies presented a Christmas concert and the Norwich Prebyterian Young People sang Christmas carols.

The decorating of Norvilla was an activity that got many residents involved. The residents' committee and volunteers decorated the three Christmas trees in the nursing home and helped put up other decorations throughout the home that helped create a festive atmosphere.

Various activities were organized by the nursing home auxiliary and staff to brighten the holiday season for the residents. The auxiliary Christmas concert held December 14 allowed many area people to display their musical talents while entertaining the residents. The evening concluded with gifts being distributed by Santa.

A Christmas tea for residents and volunteers was also held Thursday.

The Christmas lights and decorations in Simcoe were a popular sight for Norvilla residents who went on a bus trip there December 19 courtesy of de Montmorency Bus Lines.

The religious aspect of Christmas was



MYRTLE RISTE

Special Christmas service

Rev. David Houghland, Norwich Baptist Church, conducted a

special Christmas church service and some carolling for Norvilla Nursing Home residents Friday. (Staff photo)

also recognized through an interdenominational Christmas church service and carolling which was conducted by Reverend David Houghland at the home Friday.

Christmas day at Norvilla was full of activity as residents had breakfast in the main room by the large Christmas tree. Presents were handed out to each resident

and the Norwich United Church Women's Institute also provided a gift for every resident.

Families visited and some residents went out for Christmas dinner while others stayed at the home and enjoyed the traditional turkey dinner.

There are 10 residents at Norvilla who have no family but they had no chance to

feel lonely during the holidays. "The girls are good here and try to be as close to those residents as they can," Jill Richardson, activity director at Norvilla, said. The residents are also not lonely for "this is home for them," she said.

The holiday activities will conclude at Norvilla with a New Year's Eve party Saturday.

Gun joins collection after two-year wait

By DOREEN HOOVER

After more than a two-year wait which included a provincial court hearing, Mayor John Heleniak has finally added another restricted weapon to his handgun collection.

On December 5 Mr. Heleniak received a restricted weapon registration certificate allowing him to take legal possession of a Huntsman knife-pistol capable of firing a single .22 calibre bullet. The weapon, which was made in the early 1920s, was added to his collection of more than 80 items valued at more than \$40,000.

After purchasing the Huntsman knife-pistol at a gun show in Ancaster Ontario in 1981, he inquired about registering the weapon and found that it could be registered as a restricted item. His hopes of quickly registering the weapon and adding it to his collection ended when the firearms registration branch of the

solicitor-general's office in Toronto considered the item to be prohibited. It was similar to another prohibited item, the SSS-1 Stinger, a pen-like weapon capable of firing a .22 calibre bullet and officially prohibited in 1980.

The RCMP office in Ottawa agreed with the provincial decision regarding the weapon so Mr. Heleniak decided to challenge the decision by fighting the provincial and federal governments.

A decision was made in his favor at a provincial hearing July 20 and after a 30-day waiting period, the weapon was returned to him by the Tillsonburg OPP. Mr. Heleniak took official possession of the weapon December 5 when he received the registration certificate. The knife-pistol is now a restricted item similar to a handgun.

Although he has ownership of the weapon he can not remove the item from his place of residence unless he has a conveyor's certificate.

In his years of collecting firearms Mr. Heleniak has acquired a lot of his collection from owners who wished to dispose of their weapons. He is one of the few bona fide collectors of registered, fully automatic weapons in Canada. Since January 1, 1981 no one can own a registered fully automatic weapon unless they owned one before that date.

Mr. Heleniak began collecting handguns 13 years ago after receiving his first weapon, a gun made in France, from his father Marian when he was 16.

"I started collecting handguns like some people collect coins and stamps," Mr. Heleniak said.

He began collecting them because he was curious to know the history of the items and was intrigued by the amount of red tape involved to get ownership and possession of the weapons.

He has many unique pieces in his collection, some dating back 130 years. Most of the items are from Germany, France and England and were probably brought over to Canada by soldiers after the World Wars. His collection includes a machine gun, derringers, Mausers, pistols and his newest addition, the Huntsman knife-pistol which is the most expensive item in his collection. Mr. Heleniak is keeping it as a curiosa item.

Even though Mr. Heleniak plans to dispose of most of his collection next year, he will be keeping a few of the more valuable pieces and will continue to look for unique pieces to add to his smaller collection.

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Impressive collection

Mayor John Heleniak observes the Huntsman knife-pistol, which is the latest addition to his vast handgun collection which includes a machine gun and derringers. Mr. Heleniak received a registration certificate December 5 for ownership of the weapon following a two-year wait which included a court hearing. (Staff Photo)

SOUTH NORWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FINANCIAL REPORT 1983

1. CHEQUING ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS:

Carried forward from 1982	223.66	
Memberships	345.00	
Donations	374.00	
Government grants	1443.93	
Coffee fund	20.00	
Bank interest	561.66	
Quilt ticket sales	361.00	
Book sales (Canners, etc.)	77.43	
Money collected for Aylmer Museum trip	81.00	
Mill restoration auction	5637.23	
Steam show	1900.85	
Food booth at Rock's Mill	101.95	
Barbecue	2233.52	
Catering McMullen reception	540.00	
Catering O.H.S. workshop	175.00	
Catering Gehring shower	30.00	
Transfer from S. OF SODOM book account	5500.00	
Transfer from Mill account	6081.45	
Transfer from Bonus savings account	4200.00	
	<u>29887.68</u>	→ 29887.68

EXPENSES:

Postage and stationary	61.47
Photocopying (newsletter)	124.94
Bank service charge	12.24
Advertising	8.50
Guest speakers	55.00
Membership to O.H.S.	19.00
Rent at Woodlawn	400.00
Funeral and wedding	37.45
Insurance	131.00
Workshops	40.00
Hydro at Mill	122.75
Microfilming	18.19
Purchase of book for L. Mitchell	20.00
Bus rental	60.00
Supper expense	20.60
Mill restoration auction	862.29
Steam show	936.24
Barbecue	1518.46

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SOUTH NORWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FINANCIAL REPORT 1983

1. CHEQUING ACCOUNT

EXPENSES: (Cont'd)

Quilts	100.18	
Mill restoration	6081.45	
Receptions	288.76	
Publishing of S. OF SODOM	9689.49	
Transfer to Bonus savings account	1600.00	
Transfer to Mill account	5681.46	
Food booth repairs	31.77	
	<u>27921.24</u>	→ 27921.24

Total receipts: _____ 29887.68

Total expenses: _____ 27921.24

Balance of chequing account _____ 1966.44

2. MILL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS:

Carried forward from 1982	8731.47	
Interest	631.35	
Donations	257.85	
Haste notes	14.71	
Sale of quilt	193.00	
Transfer from chequing account	5681.46	
	<u>15509.84</u>	→ 15509.84

EXPENSES:

Transfer to chequing account	<u>6081.45</u>	
	6081.45	→ <u>6081.45</u>
Balance of Mill account		9428.39

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3. BONUS SAVINGS ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS:

Carried forward from 1982	4549.19	
Interest	283.42	
Transfer from chequing account	1600.00	
	6432.61	→ 6432.61

EXPENSES:

Transfer to chequing account	4200.00	
	4200.00	→ 4200.00

Balance of Bonus savings account — 2232.61

DEPOSIT BALANCES

Term Deposits	\$5000.00
Bonus Savings Account	\$2232.61
Special Mill Account	\$9428.39
Chequing Account	\$1966.44

TREASURER: DAVID J. HUSSEY

David J. Hussey

Route to the past

By JOANNE MOULTON

Undoubtedly many of the residents of Norwich and area are aware of the trouble the Town of Woodstock went to in attempting to bring the remains of Joe Boyle back to Woodstock. If you're anything like me, I wondered just who this Joe Boyle was.

Joseph Whiteside Boyle was born in Toronto in 1867 and moved to Woodstock with his family when he was four-and-a-half years old. He remained until 1884 when his schooling was completed. At that time he travelled to New York where his two elder brothers were settled and where his father was racing horses.

In the fall of 1884 young Joe took up a berth as a young foremast hand on a 1.618-ton barque. The next two-and-a-half years were spent abroad. His first voyage nearly became his last as they ran into typhoons. It was young Joe that took the leadership to rally the crew. During idle times he was setting up sports meets, musical shows, and boxing tournaments, organizing and running the entire event from start to finish.

Boyle soon took a seaman's berth on another ship. In 1887 he returned to New York as a mate and part owner of a small sloop. It was during this return and reunion with his family that young Joe met and married the attractive divorcee, Mildred Raynor.

Now with a wife and a two year old stepson to support he sold his partnership and went into the livery business, which he developed into a feed-and-grain sale trade and was managing nicely.

In 1891 Joe Boyle took up boxing regularly as well as managing the Hoboken Boxing Club. It was here he met Australian Frank Slavin who later became his partner. Meanwhile, to support his growing family (a son born in 1890) he went into partnership with a licenced professional gambler. This payed off for a while until Joe gave out too much credit and was left to pay the loss. He soon got out of this venture as he admitted that he was no bookmaker.

In 1894 after coming into much money at the race track, the Boyle boys purchased their parents a house back in Woodstock, known as "the Firs" to return to as a permanent family home. It was situated where McDonalds Restaurant now stands, at the east end of Dundas Street in Woodstock.

Up to this point Joe Boyle's marriage had not been going too smoothly but by 1896 it fell totally apart. Joe sold all his holdings and settled the separation by giving 75 per cent of his liquid assets to his wife. The two eldest children, Joe Jr. and a daughter Flora Alexandra remained with their father and a younger girl Susan and a yet unborn Charlotte were to remain with their mother. It was agreed that neither half of the divided house would ever communicate again.

Young Joe Jr. and his sister Flora travelled to Woodstock to live with their grandparents. Their father soon joined them but was not destined to stay for long.

Since the adventurous history of this unsung Canadian folk hero is too long to be condensed into one column, you'll have to tune in next week to get the whole story.

Route to the past

By JOANNE MOULTON

As we left off last week, Joe Boyle had returned to Woodstock with two of his children, Joe Jr. and Flora. However, early in 1897 Boyle was off again, this time with Frank Slavin on a tour of Ontario and Quebec, staging exhibition boxing bouts.

It was while travelling and managing the boxer Slavin that the pair ended up in Victoria where they first became enthralled with the oncoming gold rush. During the gold rush he acquired his infamous nickname Klondike Joe.

It was Joe Boyle and his cohort Slavin that opened the White Pass for the government allowing them to set up custom posts in the Yukon. From there the pair continued to travel northward reaching Dawson in June of 1897. It was here that Boyle and Slavin became partners, planning to ask for a federal grant giving them a wide land belt on both sides of the Klondike. It was their idea to use the land for concession.

Boyle set out for Ottawa to apply for the grant, stopping first in San Francisco leading a group of men on what had been an epic winter trek after which they awarded him a watch decorated with a large diamond showing their gratitude. Boyle presented his application in Ottawa but it was two and a half years before the concession was finally approved. In the end the grant was Boyle's alone for in 1899 he bought out Frank Slavin. They were already rich by Klondike standards for the land included 17 working placer claims.

Boyle was pressured to put machinery, worth hundreds of thousands on the concession within three years. The result was Boyle sold his concession to the Detroit-Yukon Company, a border city consortium led by Sigmund Rothschild, for \$750,000, of which \$250,000 was to be cash and the rest in shares and debentures in the Canadian Klondike Mining Company. The Syndicate was obliged to deposit \$500,000 in cash immediately.

He left the Yukon in the spring of 1905 before he finished building a dredge capable of moving 5,000 tons of gold gravel daily. It was four and a half years before he was to return. He passed that time partly in Woodstock with his family. A few of those months were spent managing the bankrupt Lemon Brothers Circus, putting it back on its feet.

It was during this time that Boyle realized the Rothschild syndicate was defaulting on its obligations. Boyle ended up in total control of the Canadian Klondike Mining Co. and two years in court ended with the Detroit Co. selling everything to Boyle. In 1909 he was back in Dawson, King of the Klondike, a millionaire. Upon this return he began the stages for building a new super dredge with three times the capacity of the first. It would be called "The Canadian" giving competition to the Yankee firms that had previously ruled the Klondike roost.

Boyle brought something else back to Dawson to the Bear Creek headquarters - a second Mrs. Boyle. In mid 1909 he married Elma Louise Humphries of Detroit.

Boyle's company kept growing and growing, including hundreds of workers with housing and dining halls to accommodate them. Boyle built two more super dredges in 1913 and 1914. He also acquired a large power plant enabling him to sell power to almost every user in the Klondike including his Yukon rivals. He also purchased the Dawson telephone and water company and Dawson laundry leaving very little out of his reach.

Unfortunately, times began to change. There were fewer workers on the creeks and they were turning to union organizers. A Yukon Gold Dredge was reported blown up and sunk. Boyle's power plant at Bear Creek was destroyed by fire as well as finding his laundry burnt down. The dredge 'Canadian' suddenly sank at her moorings late in 1914 adding to the confusion that became the First World War.

The outburst of this world conflict lead Joe Boyle on to the last leg of his adventures; services that kept him from ever returning home to Woodstock again. Pick up next week's column and read of Boyle's espionage exploits in the war and his intimacies with communism and the country of Rumania.

Route to the past

By JOANNE MOULTON

MORE ON JOE BOYLE

At the outburst of the first world war, Joe Boyle was still a wealthy man owning most of the town of Dawson. Boyle's first impulse was to enlist himself, but he was turned away as "a 47-year-old, unqualified civilian, too prominent to be a private and not a likely officer candidate." Instead Joe Boyle raised, trained and equipped a 50-man machine gun detachment. Once trained, Boyle travelled with his men to Britain in the summer of 1915 where they were sidetracked into holding units.

In July of 1916, Boyle left Dawson on a tour through Ottawa, New York, and London. He paused briefly in Woodstock on his way and was never to return again. In New York, he tried to meet with Herbert Hoover, active in the American and International Red Cross. Hoover had already gone to Europe so Boyle followed, landing in London in September.

Once in London, he decided to stay. He sent for his personal secretary, John Kennally from Dawson. Boyle saw the Allied war effort in a crisis, after the disasters on the Somme, and he felt he could help.

In September of 1916, he was given an honorary military title of "Colonel of the Canadian Militia." After constant pestering, he won a small concession of a "Cook's tour" to visit the rear areas in France to inspect the light railway system set up by Canadian engineers.

His head was full of ideas, none of which came to flower until the United States entered the war in 1917, permitting the official servicing of a number of groups of pro-allied Americans. Among the first to appear was the Americans Company of Engineers, one of its founders being, who else? Joe Boyle.

A sub-committee, chaired by Boyle, was set up to examine some way to help the chaotic Russian transportation system. He left for Russia on June 20, arriving in Petrograd on June 25. Once there, he busied himself, setting up conferences with the leaders of the Russian war and transportation ministries.

On July 3 Boyle and his party travelled to where Army Supreme Headquarters was set up, arriving soon after the opening of the final Russian offensive. Boyle became swept up in the rout of the army. During this, he managed to save a town on which the offensive hinged, holding off the enemy long enough to allow the Russian army to retreat safely.

He was decorated by the Russians and appointed as advisor to the Russian Government. During the next couple of months, he toured in Rumania, writing thick reports about the conditions of the railway and set in motion numerous important administrative and operational reforms. He became concerned with the near starving Rumanians. (To Be Continued Next Week)

Route to the past

By JOANNE MOULTON

The following column is the fourth and final installment in a continued series on Joe Boyle, a former Woodstock resident who had a colorful and interesting history.

While representing the Rumanians in Petrograd, now under Lenin and the Bolsheviks, Joe Boyle was sent to Moscow to clear a massive railway jam threatening to starve all Russian cities, which he accomplished in 48 hours.

By this time, Boyle was being aided by Captain George A. Hill, a British secret service agent. After the assassination of Dukhonin, the last commander-in-chief or pre-Bolshevik Russia, attempts were made on Boyle's life.

In December of 1917, Boyle was requested to travel to Moscow and rescue Rumanian valuables including the Crown Jewels. He covered the 800-mile trip in six days.

Rumania now commissioned Boyle to seek a peace treaty to end the sporadic raids on the borders of Bessarabia. This search took Boyle first to Petrograd, where they agreed to talk peace if Boyle would investigate rail difficulties in South Russia. Boyle obliged the Russians and cleared the problem up. He was now after the Bolshevik leaders to talk peace and late in February, negotiated the signing of a treaty. Part of the treaty included an exchange of hostages. The Rumanian hostages, however, were going to be executed instead. After a daring rescue attempt, Boyle brought the Rumanians home, a national hero.

From Rumania Boyle operated an extensive spy ring throughout Southern Russia. It was used to sabotage property useful to the advancing Germans as well as providing information to the forces opposing the Bolsheviks. This service, with 500 agents, was financed by Britain and France.

For the past year, Boyle had been working at super-human speed and in mid-June he suffered a debilitating stroke. He was nursed back to health by Queen Marie of Rumania herself. Their relationship deepened and that they were lovers seemed inescapable.

Although not fully recovered, in early October he volunteered to investigate the fate of the Russian Royal family. After the war ended, he travelled to the peace conference in Paris and Versailles. He then returned to Rumania where he remained for two years, until he caused such turmoil he was forced to leave.

Boyle then made one last effort for great changes in wealth and power. He was offered a large sum to help recover a \$300 million oil consortium in leases and assets in the Caucasus. He almost pulled off the coup only to be foiled by the intervention of Standard Oil of America.

From that time on, his health failed rapidly. In the fall of 1922, he was in a nursing home in England. He died April 14, 1923 and was buried in the cemetery of St. James Church. The Queen of Rumania supplied the grave with a headstone.

And so, the brave and ingenious Joe Boyle, a one-time millionaire, died a sad, broken, desolate man far from his family and home in a neglected grave.

Route to the past

By JOANNE MOULTON

In a busy community the size of Norwich with an abundance of young adults, the village's High School plays an extremely important role in helping to form these young minds. For over 60 years the local high school has been serving the community.

However, before the construction of a high school, a continuation school served Norwich in the Public School building from 1898 to 1921. In 1905 a petition was sent to County Council requesting that a high school district be formed for Norwich. The petition was granted by Council but a decline in attendance stopped any further developments.

By 1919 attendance was once again up and a campaign for a high school was initiated. The campaign progressed and five acres known as Hadley Place were purchased from Mrs. Spence Walker for \$7,000. The building was a huge house built by Dr. George A. Cook. The residence is used today as an apartment building. Eleven thousand dollars were spent on renovating the house into an institution of learning. The architect was S.G. Kinsey of Chatham and the contractor was Mr. Sutherland from Ingersoll.

The high school opened January 1, 1921 with a gala 'open night.' The principal of the new school was Gordon Young and Norah G. Templar and Jean A. Barclay made up the teaching staff. Classes officially opened January 3, 1921 with a total of 90 students; 43 in Form I; 33 in Form II and 14 in Form III.

The following September, part of the 'Upper School Course' was initiated as well as engaging a new teacher, Margaret McEachren. In 1922 the 'Upper School Course' was offered. By this time a fifth teacher, Norah Parks was hired. The staff remained at five until 1943 since enrolment had reached a high of 154 during the Depression. By 1943 though it had dropped down to 80 students.

In 1946 the school became a District High School bringing in students from the townships of North and South Norwich, Windham and East Oxford. A new school board was appointed with representatives from the participating townships plus a representative from Oxford County.

It was this Board that initiated the plans for new accommodations to handle the increasing enrolment. An 11 acre site just south of the village was purchased from the Pollard family and the new building was to have accommodations for the introduction of Domestic Science, Shop Work, other special Agricultural facilities and a gymnasium-auditorium.

The new high school opened officially on September 1, 1952 with Gordon Young, the former principal, the guest speaker. Since the new District High School has been built, it has been expanded three different times.

At present we feel reasonably sure of the future of the Norwich District High School. Yet a decline in enrolment could once again lead to the controversy of the closure of the school. However, with the support of its community it is hoped the history of the high school can grow further and richer.

Route to the past

By JOANNE MOULTON

The first venture in brick making in Norwich began at a site where brick and tile is still being produced, at the Sutton - Clark house on Quaker Street.

In 1877 the brick and tile industry commenced in earnest when the property was purchased by William A. and Ann Close. In 1888 James A. Close and William A. Close purchased the property from their parents, operating until 1896 under the trade name of Close Brothers.

In the meantime, a brickyard was being operated on the farm of George Deller and Sons at Prosperity Point on the New Durham Road. On April 5, 1897 the Dellers purchased the 62-acre brick and tileyard from the Close Brothers.

The clay used was dug by hand in the fall and early winter and hauled to the mill by horse carts. The winter frost would recondition the clay readying it for use the following season. The yard machinery was operated by a 65-horse Whitelaw Steam engine but was replaced in 1916 by a 50 horsepower electric motor.

Once the tiles were cut and dried they were wheeled into the kilns to be cured, a process which would take five or six days. This process completed, the tile was ready to be shipped to various points across the province manufactured and some of the barns made with these clay blocks still exist today.

In 1920 Alfred Deller Sr. and Arthur Deller purchased the business from George Deller and Sons, continuing under the trade name of Deller Brothers. The company carried on successfully, moving more into the line of drainage tile as drainage was being both encouraged and assisted by the Agricultural Department of Canada. With the death of Alfred Sr. in 1933, his son Alfred Jr. assisted in the management of the yard and in 1935 purchased the entire operation from Arthur Deller, changing the trade name to Norwich Brick and Tile Works.

Over the next few years the tileyard was remodelled and modernized becoming a limited company in 1958. With shareholders of Alfred Deller, Marion Deller, and their daughter Vera M. Deller, the company increased in capacity and sales during the succeeding years.

In March of 1964 the company once again changed hands when it was purchased by Fred and Jack McKie, both of the Norwich district. The McKie's continued to successfully maintain the brick and tile industry adding a few further improvements.

A few years ago the tileyard was once again sold locally to Henry Kleen and it is working to maintain its long history of quality and courteous service.

Route to the past

By JOANNE MOULTON

A strong Quaker influence in the village of Norwich has been influential in the development of many outstanding pioneer women. It was the Quaker philosophy to raise the fairer sex with all the advantages given the male offspring. In education, authority, faith and business women were treated and regarded as equals.

Emily Jennings was born and raised on such ideals. Born May 1, 1831, this Norwich girl was destined to become not only the first Canadian female doctor but one of the most influential political activists in her day.

Emily Jennings began teaching school at the early age of 15. She often studied long hours to keep academically ahead of her students. Eventually she was able to enter Normal School (a form of high school/college), receiving her First Class Teacher's Certificate in 1854. She became the first woman principal in Canada later that year when she was appointed Principal of Brantford Public School.

In the year 1856 Emily married John Stowe and moved to Mount Pleasant in Brant County. It was here her three children Augusta, John and Frank were born. Mrs. Stowe also began teaching at Nelles Academy, a private school. Her return to teaching so soon after starting her family was due to financial reasons, as John her husband fell ill with tuberculosis. After his recovery, Emily supported the family while he fulfilled a life-long dream to become a dentist - quite a feat in those times as the discrimination in women's salaries was substantial, female teachers being paid only one-third the amount of male teachers.

It was this struggle for financial stability, coupled with her husband's illness, that helped Emily decide to go into medicine. The refusal of her application by Victoria College in Toronto (no Canadian colleges were accepting females) prompted her to go to the New York Medical College for Women. She graduated in 1867, Dr. Emily Stowe, M.D., Canada's first official female doctor.

Dr. Stowe returned to Ontario setting up practice in Toronto. The male doctors, however, accused her of practicing illegally because she was not a member of the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons. However, due to discrimination, women were still not allowed in Canadian Colleges making Dr. Stowe's practice illegal.

Later, she was accepted but the male chauvenism was so strong it made the two years extremely difficult. Dr. Stowe did graduate in 1870 and was licensed to practice in Canada.

Dr. Stowe's practice quickly earned her the respect of her colleagues and the reputation of a competent, hard working doctor. Her medical work prepared her for her work as a suffragette leader. Her fight for better sanitary conditions for factory workers and in promoting women's rights made her a successful leader.

Dr. Stowe once commented on her own career: "My career has been one of much struggle characterized by the usual persecution which attends anyone who pioneers a new movement or steps out of line with established custom."

Dr. Emily Stowe overcame the problems and persecutions breaking a path of opportunities for many others to follow.

Route to the past

By JOANNE MOULTON

In last week's column, the accomplishments of Dr. Emily Stowe were portrayed. This week's column will elaborate more on Dr. Stowe's role as a suffragette leader and to also clear up any discrepancies from last week's article pertaining to her medical career.

As stated, Dr. Stowe's husband, John, suffered from tuberculosis and was forced to spend time in a sanatorium. It is true that his illness caused Dr. Stowe to choose the medical profession but it was also during his illness that she was applying at medical colleges and trying to save enough to see her through as well as feeding and clothing the family.

As usual, the determined Emily saved enough to attend the New York Medical College for Women but also enough to care for her family while she was away. It wasn't until Mrs. Stowe returned to Canada and was practicing medicine that her husband was able to attend dental school. By 1878, he and his wife ran a joint practice in Toronto.

Dr. Stowe practised illegally in Canada for 13 years, before she was awarded her licence in 1880. (Last week's article gave 1870 as the year she received her licence). Even after attending the Toronto School of Medicine and agreeing to the stipulation of making "no fuss, whatever happened" the College of Surgeons and Physicians held out against her until July 16, 1880. Their refusal may have been based on Dr. Stowe's refusal to fulfill the required examination, especially since it was partly an oral exam. "It was hardly in Dr. Stowe's character to submit to the indignity of being quizzed by a hostile group of 'male men'."

This predictable and uncompromising hostility also explains Dr. Stowe's licence being withheld for she had become, to the medical profession, public enemy number one. In 1877 she organized the Toronto Women's Literary Club, a suffragette society in sheep's clothing, in which Mrs. Stowe had plenty to say about the role of women.

In 1896, Dr. Stowe staged her most publicized efforts towards female suffrage. It was a Mock Parliament, meant to draw attention to "the absurdities of not letting women vote." And it did indeed point out the absurdities when the arguments against women were transposed to arguments against men - for instance, that men have no place in the professions because they are physically designed to be "hewers of wood and drawers of water."

All of Emily Stowe's life was spent fighting for her beliefs, few of which were then considered orthodox. She even experienced a change in her religion; not as a believer but by calling herself a 'scientific socialist' seeking truth and knowledge from the interior life. Even in death she was different than most requesting she be cremated (for 'sanitary and convenient motives').

Emily Stowe passed away before women were finally given the federal vote in 1918, but she was still honored as one of Canada's greatest suffragettes. No matter how much opposition she evoked or how much she may have been disliked, all were "bound to acknowledge in retrospect that she, as much as anyone, had brought about the emancipation of Canadian women."

Route to the past

By JOANNE MOULTON

To many, Quakerism and its Society of Friends is a way of life that exists only in the history texts of our local schools. But in 1809, the settlement of Norwich Township began with the arrival of Peter Lossing and several other families, all members of the Society of Friends and all from Dutchess County in New York.

Quakerism was founded in England in the mid-seventeenth century by George Fox. Fox's beliefs involved the breaking down of the barrier between everyday life and Sunday morning religion; that every man was his own priest and also that it was improper to worship in consecrated surroundings, resulting in the plain and functional Quaker meeting houses.

Members who strayed from the beliefs of the society could be disowned and an overseer was appointed to watch and report any deviation in members.

There has always been controversy between historians as to the reason for the migration of the Quakers to Norwich Township. Amelia Poldon believed that they left New York due to their Loyalist sympathies; Miss Mott claimed it was because Dutch patroons dispossessed them. Other historians believed that it was more than just Loyalist sympathies and the need for economic improvement. Quakers all across America were on the move, perhaps to maintain the segregation of their communities.

From 1811 to 1839 the Quaker population of Norwich Township grew from 89, the total number of its inhabitants, to 692. It was during these years that the Quaker community developed to its peak. The area was ideal for settlement; the land was fertile, the Otter Creek had many locations for mills and a clay bed providing a potential brick industry.

The Quakers had always excelled in every sort of business or commerce, largely due to their religious convictions to uphold honesty and integrity in all business dealings. It's, therefore, not surprising that by 1830, 60 per cent of all "identifiable business establishments in the township were in Quaker hands." By 1839, however, the situation reversed. This was due mainly because of the large influx of non-Quaker settlers in the area.

The structure of Quakerism was based on a system of meetings; those for worship, and those to deal with the business of the church. Both the men and the women held 'business' meetings of their own, known as Preparative Meetings. It was at these meetings that overseers presented complaints against individual members.

Since Quakerism was a lay religion, it was free of ceremonies and rites. Children were received into membership by the permission of all members. Both Baptism and Communion were thought to be "an inward spiritual experience which made unnecessary any outward act." When two Quakers wished to marry, their request was submitted to the couples' respective Preparative meetings for approval. The marriage was witnessed by friends and was accomplished when the husband and wife promised to be faithful and loving until death. A priest was unnecessary because as Fox himself said, marriage was "God's ordinance, not man's".

The major problem was that marriage to a non-Quaker was a violation of Quaker discipline invariably leading to disownment. This created a severe problem in Norwich, especially in the second generation as the Quaker population itself had drastically declined leaving marriageable partners few and far between.

Another reason for the decline of Quaker influence was dissension among the Quakers themselves. In 1828 a split occurred and two factions emerged, the Hicksites and the Conservative Friends. This split, as recorded in Norwich, showed that out of the 363 Conservative Friends, 122 Hicksites had broken away, leaving the Quaker settlement permanently weakened. Also the increase in the non-Quaker population after 1830 also meant that the unity and discipline of the Quaker meeting was seriously threatened.

Their segregation from the rest of society could no longer be maintained.

The involvement of several Norwich Quakers in the 1837 Rebellion once again points out the further deterioration of the faith as they saw war as "contrary to the spirit of Christ".

Unfortunately, there seems to be nothing that could have prevented the decline of the Norwich Quaker community. The very nature of the faith made its demise virtually inevitable. As practised in the 19th century, it could only flourish in a frontier society. When it was no longer possible for the Quaker community to remain isolated it gradually lost its support and declined.

The Norwich Quaker community did, however, have a profound effect on the quality of life in the area. Their masterful skills in agriculture and strong belief in a proper education served as an excellent example to non-Quakers.

"Norwich township got off to a good head-start by having Quakers as its first settlers."

Route to the past

By JOANNE MOULTON

HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE OF NORWICH

The very first recollections of the history of Norwich relate the surveying of the township, then part of Oxford County, by surveyor William Hambly in 1790. It was his task to divide the township into twelve concessions consisting of lots containing two hundred acres each.

After a territorial division of Canada West in July of 1799 the township became part of Norfolk County. It was during this time that the township was given the name Norwich originating from the village of Norwich in Norfolk County, England. Once again, in 1800, the status of the township changed through an Act of Parliament becoming once again part of Oxford County.

That same year the government, following the practice of the day - a practice that eventually led to the 1837-38 rebellion - granted parcels of the townships to its friends. In this manner William Wilcox of York (now Toronto) became owner of 15,000 acres in Norwich Township.

The village's founder, Peter Lossing, then of Dutchess County, New York first heard about this fertile, inexpensive land for sale in Canada at a Friend's Meeting in Prince Edward County in Upper Canada. Lossing was for the most part dissatisfied with the poor infertile land, and found large landowners were making economic survival virtually impossible for small farmers.

Lossing journeyed to this area with his brother-in-law Peter De Long (his second wife's brother) and together they purchased Wilcox's entire tract for fifty cents per acre, a total cost of \$7,500. Once back in Dutchess County, they had no trouble in selling parcels of land to others willing to settle in Canada's wilderness.

Adam Stover purchased four thousand acres to be divided among his sons Michael, Frederick and Adam; and his one daughter Mrs. Peter McLees. Joseph Lancaster agreed to take three thousand acres. Many other families decided to come to Norwich, including the Motts, the Cornwells, the Snyders and the Sackriders to name a few.

Having secured the co-operation of these families, Peter Lossing and Sears Mott prepared to move with their families in the fall of 1810 settling in the northern part of the township on the third concession now known as Quaker Street.

In the first season, 32 acres of land were cleared and put into crop; in the second 735 acres.

Peter Lossing was a man of many talents, one of them being a minister in the Society of Friends, thus establishing religious services in his home in 1811. Later, in 1813, a Friends' meeting house was erected on Quaker Street. The first school opened in a small log cabin house on the banks of the Otter, in 1812, with William Hulet, a step-son of Peter Lossing instructing the class of fifteen students.

In 1811 the De Long's, Cornwells and Barnes' followed, then came the Lancasters, Snyders, Youngs, Hunts, Sackriders, Woodrows, Corbins, Emighs, Gillams, Barkes, Siples, Haight, Suttons, Cohoes, Moores and a host of others.

The actual village of Norwich (known at one time as Sodom, then Norwichville) began to grow up around a Methodist Church that had been built one concession south of Quaker Street. A general store was opened in 1828 by James and William Barker dealing in dry goods, groceries, glassware, crockery, hardware, patent medicine and drugs. In 1830 Norwich's first post office was opened and in 1831 Dr. Ephraim Cooke became the community's first licensed doctor.

(Continued next week)

Route to the past

By JOANNE MOULTON

The following is the second part in a two-part article on The Story of Norwich, highlighting some of the history of the community from early days. The first part of the article was run last week. This will also be the final column written by Joanne Moulton as her job with the archives through the federal employment program has ended.

The village continued to grow and in January of 1876 Norwich became an incorporated village.

At the time of incorporation, there were two railroads passing through the village: the Port Dover and Lake Huron with president Gilbert Moore, a village resident; and the Brantford, Norfolk and Port Burwell. Dr. James Carroll, president of the latter, also lived in Norwich.

There were three churches at the time, the Trinity, Canada Methodist and Presbyterian, and four physicians.

Norwich businessmen in 1876 were: John A. Tidey Jr., Medical Hall; D. Nicholson, photograph gallery; W. Addison and Son, steam cabinet factory and undertaking; S. Pitcher, dry goods and groceries; Royal Canadian Bank, Jas. Macdonald; C.G. Sutton, jeweller; G.A. Wilson, painter; M. Charlton, boot and shoemaker; W. Poldon and Son (Earnest), general worker in iron and steel; H.J. Adams and Son, harness shop; Chas. Brown, meat and poultry; George Walker and Son, furniture warehouse and undertaking; Claudius Tidey, conveyancer, notary public, commissioner; Couzens and Rawlings, carriage makers; William Strode, butcher; W. Hand and Co., general groceries; Jos. McCormick, painter, grainer and grazier; S. Carter, livery; Joseph Will, boot and shoemaker; Bungay and Merritt, dairy furnishings, hardware and iron works; Mrs. F.J. Clarke, variety store and millinery; D.W. Miller, dry goods, groceries, tailoring; P.H. Clark, merchant, millinery, etc.; Haken and Co., boots and shoes; T. Batty, stove emporium and tinware; Geo. Bleakley, manufacturer and dealer in furniture; Donald and Nicholson, architects, builders and planing mills; John Fitch, pumps; R.S. Aikman, confectionery and bakery; William Walker, commission merchant, dealer in plaster, lime, etc.; Geo. Zufeldt, dentistry; Brady House, N. Brady; Stoud House, C. Dake; and the Brown House, W.R. Brown, the latter being public houses.

In 1876 the first Fire Company was organized with 50 members on the company roll. In that year it was also decided to form a Mechanics Institute (a library).

The only street light in town at this time was a street lamp erected on a pole of The Standard (newspaper) office; the sidewalks were constructed of planks and these were only on a few streets besides Stover and Main. In 1890, William Merrill introduced the first street lighting system which was purchased by the Beattie Bros. in 1894 after the death of Mr. Merrill.

The first business block was erected in 1876 as the D.W. Miller block. It included the Molson's Bank with the manager's residence and a store. Today this block would be where the Chinese restaurant and Wrights Real Estate now stand, next to the Otter Dorchester Insurance Company.

Gilbert Moore, mentioned earlier as the president of the P.D. and L.H. Railway, also constructed a brick block on the Main Street. In 1881 he expanded his block and \$75,000 were invested in new buildings in the village's core. This was probably due to a fire in 1872 which wiped out most of the buildings in the business section of Norwich.

Mr. Tidey, who owned and operated the Medicine Hall erected a block of white brick facing Stover Street. It was destroyed by fire and rebuilt by Jas. Haken and was occupied by McWhirter's Drug Emporium, with the Masonic rooms on the second story. Today, the building is being used by D.M.T. Discount.

Seneca Pitcher also constructed a block on the south side of Main Street as well as Carroll's block, the Traders Bank, post office and express office and on the north side of Main was Bleakley furniture emporium, Mr. Forsyth's music and variety store, R.A. Vair's groceries, Sutton block, Jas. Searls occupied by T.E. Patterson. Also on Main Street was a block constructed by James Barr (he was the issuer of marriage licenses), and another by a Mr. Henderson.

Needless to say, the late 1800's and early 1900's were a time of prosperity for Norwich. Besides the numerous businesses that lined the Main Street were several industries as well. Donald's Produce Company was operating at this time as well as the Allen Vinegar Works and the West, Taylor Bickle Co., Ltd. manufacturers of brooms and whisks. The village also housed several flour, grist and planing mills, although they often were subject to fires.

The village has since continued to change adding new businesses and industries and losing old ones. The face of the Main Street may grow old and lined but its history and heritage hold fast.

This brief account of the early settlement and history of the village barely touches on the growth and changes in Norwich when a proper history would fill several volumes. Norwich can be proud of its history of prosperity in its youth and the prospects for its future.

Route to the past

by Scott Gillies

How many times are you bothered by sore feet? How many pairs of shoes do you own -- one for each day, or one pair to match each dress? Have you ever stopped to wonder how shoes are made? Thanks to today's modern technology a machine forms, stretches and stitches the various pieces of leather into a specific shape we call a shoe. Often, however, these shoes wear out; they need a new heel, the sole has worn thin or the stitching has given way to the successive miles. What to do! Throw them out, or, have them repaired?

Certain communities have shoe repairmen in their midst. These are skilled craftsmen who have learned the trade from master shoe makers. Who were these teachers? Where did they come from? How did they make shoes?

Every town and village had at least one boot and shoemaker. Wherever a mill was built small businesses soon followed. One important entrepreneur was the shoemaker. In the days before automobiles and rapid transit, people walked if they did not drive a horse and wagon. (If they had a horse the shoemaker often doubled as a harnessmaker.)

According to the 1861 census these craftsmen came from many different countries. Some like John Cane of Newark and Robert Titchburn of Otterville came from Ireland; others came from England as did William Hand and Samuel Chiswell, while still others originated in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and New York. This does not mean that all boot and shoemakers were immigrants; many of the younger ones in the 1861 census were born in Canada West (Ontario). It does indicate the types of people that were settling in Norwich Township at the time.

Further investigation might uncover that many of these people were itinerant tradesmen travelling to wherever they could open a business.

Sometimes these became rather large businesses too. J.L. Clutton, proprietor of the "Parlour Shoe Store," advertized boots, shoes, trunks, valises and satchells for sale in the 1878 *Gazette*. Often partnerships would arise out of this business. Haken & Company and Hand and Company are two such examples. James Haken and Henry Wood operated the "Old Reliable Boot and Shoe Store" since 1849. Both born in England, these two men expanded their operation to include not only boots and shoes, but groceries as well. Likewise, William, Walter and John Hand operated Hand & Company out of the Moore Block advertizing groceries, boots and shoes, flour and canned fruit in 1876. When William, the proprietor, died in 1883, the business was purchased by C.E. Grove, who sold fish and oysters from the store.

These businesses often employed several laborers each performing different jobs. For instance, Charles Knowles was a tanner for Hand & Co. Similarly Daniel Cheswell and William Bryant were shoemakers for the same outfit, and John Muir was apprenticing under Messieurs Hand.

The same was occurring elsewhere. Asa Durkee built a tannery, shoe and harness shop in Otterville in 1833. By the 1860s several men were working for Durkee. William McLim was shop foreman, M.J. Britain was a shoemaker, Robert Morris made horse harness while Harrison and Henry Wiltsee were tanners.

Some shoemakers even became local politicians. Asa Durkee was Reeve of the Township in 1852 and Justice of the Peace

during 1862-63. James Haken was treasurer of Norwich in the 1880s.

There were boot and shoemakers in the surrounding villages as well. There were three in Burgessville and the same number in Eastwood. Samuel Ward made shoes in Holbrook as did A. Clark in Vandecar. In total by 1852, there were 183 shoemakers throughout the country.

One important associate for a boot and shoemaker, or a harnessmaker, was the tanner. As mentioned earlier both Asa Durkee and Hand & Co. employed their own tanners; others were independent like John Douglas. Early in the 1860s he refitted M. Killmore's tannery on the east side of Church Street south of Front Street. Here he dealt in hides and leather until 1877 when he was arrested for stealing a horse. (I wonder what his intentions were for the horse!)

Tanning hides is a long process, taking up to a year to complete. Cowhides were often acquired from Beef Rings for a share of the leather. The tanner would keep half of the hide while the owner of the cow would receive the other half.

The hides were first soaked in a lime solution to loosen the hair. Then the hair and flesh were scraped off using a long, dull knife so as not to cut the skin. This was then rinsed well in clear water, often the near by stream. The hide was tanned in a solution of water and tree bark, either chestnut, oak or hemlock. After about 90 days the leather was then hung to dry after which it was softened by rubbing oil and fats into the grain or pores.

The leather from the back of an animal made the best soles because it was thicker. The thinner leather from the animal's sides was used for shoe uppers or harness.

Some very strange tools exist today as

silent reminders of the hours required to make one pair of shoes by hand. Odd shapes and sizes of hammers, knives, nippers and awls are but some of the more identifiable items. Yet, these tools appear odd -- a 'stitching horse' that acts as a clamp to hold the shoe leather in place leaving both hands free to work, and 'lasting nippers' that have curved jaws and a hammer built into them for driving wooden pegs.

Wooden pegs were used in place of tacks to hold the sole and heel in place. Hardwood, such as maple, was cut and split into pegs the size of matches then driven through the sole and into the upper. Longer pegs were used to attach the heel. Waxed linen thread was used to sew the sections of the upper together.

The entire shoe was shaped, stitched and pegged together over what appears to be a wooden foot without any toes. This "foot" is known as a last, an Anglo Saxon word meaning footstep. This was a mold or form of the human foot over which boots and shoes were made. Metal lasts can be found as well today but they were generally used for repairing footwear.

We have a small collection of both wooden and metal lasts as well as a few other tools and some examples of shoe styles over the years at the Norwich and District Museum. A complete bootmaker's shop can be seen at Wentworth Heritage Village at Rockton, while the largest collection of shoes in Canada is to be found at the Bata Shoe Museum in Toronto.

The next time you slide into your slippers, or tramp off in your hiking boots remember the small town shoemaker. Through his efforts your ancestors were able to walk all those miles in comfort.

Route to the past

by Scott Gillies

I recently made a timely discover in the archives. I found a scrapbook on loan from Mrs. C. Parkhill that tells the story of rural mail delivery in Canada. More specifically, it recounts the life of her grandfather, George Wilcox of Springford, the "Father of Rural Mail Delivery." Seventy-five years ago rural mail delivery was first implemented in Canada.

Born in 1846, Mr. Wilcox lived most of his life at Springford except for a few years in Michigan. During those few years he managed his son's farm when the latter was injured. While in Michigan free mail delivery came to the farm. This innovation did away with the thousands of miles travelled each year to pick up the mail in the local town or nearby village store.

Mail delivery has undergone a number of changes over the years. One advance was the development of the self-adhesive stamp by James Chalmers of Dundee, Scotland. At first this was frowned on because it meant that the sender had to pay for the letter before the receiver was responsible. Eventually, however, this method was accepted.

Mail was being delivered in the urban areas of the United States free of charge until 1892 when it was decided to share this opportunity with the rural population. By 1905 mail routes had spread as far west as Michigan.

When Mr. Wilcox returned to Springford that same year, he was so taken with this form of free mail delivery that he immediately set about petitioning the Liberal Government. Perhaps ironically, Mr. Wilcox used the mail to send his letters for the next three years.

Many local newspapers supported the efforts of Mr. Wilcox. The editors of these and other papers across the country realized that increased subscriptions would result from this service.

The majority of people and members of parliament were in favor of this idea. The largest barrier came in the form of the Postmaster-General, Sir William Mulcock, who was adamantly opposed to the in-

creased service, because of increased costs Mr. Wilcox's argument was centred around the time saved. If farmers did not need to travel to and from the local post office they could utilize that time to produce greater foodstuffs. Greater food production, Mr. Wilcox argued, would result in increased tax revenues, which would in turn pay for the service.

During the election of 1908 both political parties adopted this service as part of their respective political platforms. The Conservatives, under Robert Borden, made it one of their main political planks. The new postmaster-general, the Honorable M. Rodolph Lemieux, stated in September of that year that the Liberals too had adopted Mr. Wilcox's idea. The Liberal party retained power and Mr. Lemieux became known as the political father of rural mail delivery.

The first delivery took place between Hamilton and Ancaster on October 10, 1908, with 37 stops. By 1911, there was wide-scale rural mail delivery. Unfortunately, Mr. Wilcox did not receive his due recognition as quickly. This partially because of his own modesty. He did not claim to have been responsible for the whole postal reform movement. He publically thanked Joseph E. Armstrong, MP of East Lambton and M.S. Schell, MP of South Oxford, who both urged the federal government to give the new system a try. He also gave credit to the many newspapers and farm journals that gave space to his letters.

It was not until June, 1911 that mail was being delivered to the farmers of South Norwich. Mr. Wilcox sent many letters to members of the Laurier government, the leader of the opposition, the postmaster-general and Joseph Armstrong.

Mr. Wilcox lived to see many changes in the postal system, for he lived until 1937, his 91st year. The last two years of his life, and that of his wife, were spent at Miss Beckham's Nursing Home on Stover Street North, Norwich.