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By

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Winter costs up

The winter of 1984 is shaping up to be more costly to Norwich Township than the mild winter of 1983.

The winter of 1984 will be "a lot more costly," Ron Smith, road superintendent for the township, said. Already twice as much sand has been used in Ward 1 as was used in the entire winter of 1983.

Even after the severe snow storm over the Christmas holidays, Mr. Smith said he expects the 1983 budget for snow removal to be underspent because of the mild winter at the beginning of the year.

The budget for snow removal "was looking pretty good before the last storm," he said. There was \$45,000 budgeted for snow removal in 1983 and \$40,000 for salting and sanding. The Christmas storm greatly reduced the supply of sand and more had to be purchased.

Oxford Centre was the hardest hit area in the township from the Christmas storm that dropped five to six inches of snow on the township. "There was more snow and a lot more wind" in the Oxford Centre area, Mr. Smith said. After the heavy snowfall township road employees worked steadily to get the roads cleaned using the nine township snowplows.

Problem areas were the main streets in Norwich which had to be cleared to accommodate the traffic in the streets, and strong winds in the north end of the township, one mile north of Burgessville, made clearing the roads difficult.

Banks of snow which have gathered will have to be pushed back and the banks in Norwich will be removed and taken to Phoebe Street.

During the clean up after the storm only one car had to be towed away at the owner's expense, Chief Robert Knight, Norwich Police Department, said. On Thursday the vehicle was obstructing snow removal on a side street in Norwich.

On the whole "everyone has been trying to co-operate" by moving their vehicles when asked, he said.

The cleaning of the sidewalks, which is also the responsibility of the township, has caused "no trouble" except on Highway 59 when the ministry of transportation and communication pushed snow onto the sidewalks, Mr. Smith said. The ice and hard-packed snow on the sidewalks is expected to remain until the spring.

Prepare for hydro fight

Oxford County's hydro liaison committee is gearing up efforts to stop Ontario Hydro's proposed transmission route along the 401.

The committee, which was formed earlier this month, has begun preliminary work and is busy familiarizing itself with the corridor issue.

Warden Charlie Tatham admitted the committee is aware it is fighting an uphill battle. "It's a difficult task," he commented.

The liaison committee has yet to retain a lawyer for its part in the upcoming February joint board hearings but will do so within the next few weeks, according to Mr. Tatham.

In the interim, representatives of the group have been invited to sit in on a meeting of Cambridge's hydro committee.



Cleaning streets

Township road crews were busy Tuesday clearing away some of the mounds of snow that had accumulated after the recent snow

storm. Jack Beckham, one of the township workers, loaded the snow into a truck where it was then dumped along Phoebe Street, Norwich. (Staff Photo)

Council looks at year ahead

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Holbrook dump major issue

By DOREEN HOOVER

The Holbrook landfill site is one of many major issues facing Norwich Township council in the coming year.

As council heads into its second year, one of the first issues that must be discussed will be the landfill site. Council will have to take a position in January, Mayor John Heleniak said. Norwich Township opposed any extension past the closing date of June 30, 1984 a year ago, but new circumstances concerning the proposed Salford site and the time when it will be available for use which is said not to be before 1985, has made it "an unresolved problem facing council," Mr. Heleniak said.

Ontario Hydro corridor routes will also be a continuing major issue for council. As both the Highway 401 and the 115 kv line affect the township, the development of the corridors will be of concern to council.

Although many major issues remained unresolved in 1983, the councillors and mayor made many accomplishments during their first year of working together.

Bob Carney, Ward 1, a newcomer to township council, believed that "council handled most things as they came up pretty well," he said. "The concerns of the ratepayers were utmost in the minds of council." He found his first year on council to be a learning experience.

Mr. Carney believes the Holbrook landfill site is "without doubt" the major issue for council in the coming year. Another concern for council will be to control spending and taxes. "Ratepayers will have to do with less than in previous

years," Mr. Carney said. "Council will have to deal with situations as they come up and keep this in mind."

Don Pettigrew, Ward 1, said 1983 was not a year of any "grand and glorious" projects and achievements because council had to use a "tread-water approach" because of budget restraints.

The Holbrook landfill site is a "perennial problem" that hopefully will be resolved this year," Mr. Pettigrew said. "Some people are not going to be appreciative of the landfill site wherever it is put, but I hope that people close to it are protected by the total ratepayers to the degree where their worries are alleviated to the greatest possible degree."

The expansion of construction on township roads is of interest to Mr. Pettigrew who found his first year on council to be an interesting and learning experience, but one that required patience. "You can't be terribly impatient and be satisfied," he said.

Michael Oliver, Ward 1, sees 1984 as a year of continued restraint. In 1983 council was successful in keeping its spending under a five per cent increase, Mr. Oliver said. Last year was also a bright spot for businesses in the township with the expansion to Shamrock Industries, William DeJong Enterprises Inc. and Norwich being chosen as the site for a new earthenware business.

A new location was found for the Otterville library, a township employee wage-grid system will "increase incentive and productivity" and major improvements were made in operating the

Holbrook landfill site, Mr. Oliver said. The site will be a "burning issue of 1984."

Mr. Oliver would like to see council bring about some improvement in the downtown core of Otterville and have the Kyte property cleaned up in 1984. He found his first year on council to be enjoyable but feels work could be done more efficiently if shorter meetings were held more frequently instead of the present "long, drawn out" meetings, he said.

Darrell Force, Ward 2, saw 1983 as a "relatively quiet year with the new council," he said. Many projects were started during the year of restraint.

Sidewalk improvements began but have "a long way to go," the Otterville library situation was acted on and council began the difficult task of instituting long-range planning which will be expanded on this year, he said.

Mr. Force, who has three years of experience on council, sees 1984 as a year when road and sidewalk improvements will be a major concern. Council and county's different views on the Holbrook site will have to be resolved, and the industrial park will still be a priority. The park "is coming along and hopefully will get a better response in 1984," he said.

A personal issue of Mr. Force will be to work towards the purchase of protective glass to be placed around the mid-section of the arena to reduce the problem of injuries to spectators. "I hope the Township of Norwich Culture and Recreation Advisory Committee and council can come up with something to have the problem

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pearance at a home game yesterday, began in October after Allyson Hagerman, president of the NDHS social committee, "felt it was time to get something to raise school spirit," she said. She approached Wendy Hayes, Grade 13, and the organization began.

Tryouts involving 20 interested students resulted in the choosing of eight regular cheerleaders and one alternate cheerleader to make up the squad.

NDHS has always had a cheerleading squad until it ended four years ago because of lack of interest and enthusiasm. "Unless you update cheers and clothes then you fall into disuse," Nancy MacKenzie, staff adviser to the newly-formed squad, said. The old squad "was not leading the school in cheers."

Before the decision to form a new squad, the students were asking for the formation of a cheerleading squad. The new squad will exist because the school and student body want it, Mrs. MacKenzie said.

The squad is made up of students from Grades 9 to 13. The cheerleaders are Wendy Hayes, Grade 13; Alison Warboys, Grade 12; Lisa DeVos, Grade 12; Lisa Oenema, Grade 12; Michelle Trotter, Grade 11; Chris Laking, Grade 10; Arlene Courwenberg, Grade 9; Donna VanBesien, Grade 9; and Marni Orth, Grade 9, as an alternate.

"These girls are really keen," Mrs. MacKenzie said. "It is an accomplishment to get this many girls interested after it ended on such a sour note" four years ago.

The squad is going to start out new and fresh with all new cheers and outfits. It has already received support from the NDHS Blue, Black and White Society which is paying for the new outfits.

The student body is also interested in the development of the squad. "A lot of people



Preparing for appearance

After a four-year absence the Norwich District High School once again has a cheerleading squad. The cheerleaders from Grades 9 to

13 hope to increase school spirit and enthusiasm for the school teams. (Staff Photo)

are interested to see what we are doing," Wendy said. Many students have come to watch cheerleading practices.

With the creation of the new squad the cheerleaders hope it will give more spirit to the school teams by showing the players

that there is interest in their teams. The girls also hope to keep school spirit going.

"It will be a shot in the arm for school spirit," Mrs. MacKenzie said.

The cheerleaders hope to become a strong squad that will continue from year

to year.

"I hope they have a lot of fun and represent the school," and that they can eventually be of a calibre where they can compete with other cheerleading squads, Allyson said.

Council looks at upcoming year

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solved," he said.

Norm Lusk, Ward 2, sees council in the coming year being involved with producing a more streamlined approach to budget preparation, finding a solution to the landfill dilemma as it applies to Norwich Township and working for continued industrial growth.

An accomplishment of 1983 was council's response to increased industrial activity by rezoning bylaws to allow for expansion of Shamrock Industries, William DeJong Enterprises, Inc. and the new earthenware manufacturing business which will all increase the area work force, Mr. Lusk said.

Long-range planning initiated by the public works committee to work with the Business Improvement Area (BIA), public utility commission, county and local merchants of Ward 2 to revitalize the core area by dealing with sidewalk and curbing improvements was an accomplishment of last year. "I look forward to a good positive start in 1984," Mr. Lusk said.

Another accomplishment of council was the establishment of a township employee wage-grid system which "coupled with a more clearly defined role of administration will benefit employees and ratepayers," he said. Mr. Lusk, who has four years of council experience, will work towards a "good, sound administration so all ratepayers can benefit equally from the tax money," he said.

Jack Lester, Ward 3, sees 1984 as being a year concerned with the Holbrook landfill site, Ontario Hydro corridor routes and continued road expansion.

"Hydro and the landfill site are in a confusing state," he said. "Council stood

firm on its decisions and hasn't swayed from it."

An accomplishment in 1983 was the expansion to the road program which "was a much-needed thing in the restructured township," Mr. Lester said. Council also participated in many government work projects during the year.

Mr. Lester, who has 12 years of experience on council, has a personal interest in the road program which "was stagnate after restructuring," he said. "We weren't getting our share before." He found this council to be "very congenial" and looks forward to the coming year.

John McNally, Ward 3, a newcomer to township council, thought the year went quite well and found the role of councillor to be "quite an experience." Mr. McNally believed the major accomplishment of 1983 was for council to keep the budget down. He sees the Holbrook landfill site and the Ontario Hydro lines as "quite a concern" for 1984, he said.

Hardee Richardson, Ward 4, believes that many of the concerns of 1983 such as the Holbrook site, the Hydro routes and careful spending will continue to be issues in the coming year.

Mr. Richardson would like to see paved roads in Ward 4 and will work towards it. Some resurfacing of roads in the township was accomplished last year and a lot of updating of municipal drains was done.

Mr. Richardson, who has been on council for five years, thought council "gave the people a lot of good service and tried to keep the services up for the ratepayer," he said.

Larry Martin, Ward 4, a newcomer to council, thought 1983 went "fairly well on

the whole" and found the experience educational and interesting, he said. Mr. Martin was pleased that council found a better home which is more accessible for the Otterville library after many years of discussion on the topic.

The Holbrook landfill site will again be a concern of 1984. "We thought we were out of the dark before but we were not," Mr. Martin said. Another area of concern for council will be the upgrading of roads. Mr. Martin would like to see more money spent in this area and would like hardtop roads in the north end of the township.

Helen Smith, councillor-at-large, feels the biggest issue before council in 1984 will be the landfill site. Water safety to areas by the site is a concern and Mrs. Smith, who has been on council five years, feels more consideration should be given to shipping the waste instead of extending use of the Holbrook site. Norwich Township and Oxford County should share responsibility of the site so it does not all rest on the township, she said.

An accomplishment of 1983 is that all the paper work for the industrial park is completed so if an interested business owner makes a bid it won't take long to get it into effect. "It would be nice if we could get some industry in the park," Mrs. Smith said. The council was also successful in staying within provincial bylaws in its budget and she hopes it will be as successful in the coming year.

Mrs. Smith also hopes that something can be worked out so the township can get an economic industrial commissioner. Although the study recommending a two-tier county-wide industrial commission was defeated by county council in 1983,

Norwich Township, which is unable to afford a commissioner itself, would benefit from an industrial commissioner. She would also like to see the sidewalk improvement project become a reality.

Mr. Heleniak found his first year as mayor of Norwich Township to be a rewarding experience. "It was enjoyable working with council," he said. "There was good co-operation and excellent members."

Last year saw the Otterville library find a better location, the formation of a township employee wage-grid system, and the development of industry in the township.

"One of my concerns is the amount of unemployment in the township," Mr. Heleniak said. "I'm pleased to see the employment opportunity with Shamrock Industries and William DeJong Enterprises Inc." A new earthenware manufacturing business is also going to soon begin production in Norwich.

The coming year will be concerned with keeping expenses down and yet providing services to the ratepayers, he said.

Council will have to deal with the development of the industrial park by deciding the lots and how much area to develop.

The council will also be busy updating bylaws. It is the last municipality in the county to update.

The development of the upper room in the Norwich Community Centre and the decision on how to best use the facility in co-operation with the township advisory committee will also be of concern to council as it begins its second year of duties.

Survey lists deficiencies in Norwich fire protection

T.N.
JAN. 13

The Norwich Township Fire Department is well organized and under competent supervision, but has a supply problem according to a survey of the fire defences in the township.

The Fire Underwriters Survey, which was conducted in November 1982, stated the fire department was "generally well organized" and the equipment was generally in good condition and well maintained.

Some recommendations to improve the fire department suggested every effort be made to increase department strength to at least 21 volunteers in each fire hall and the number of company officers be increased to a minimum of four for each fire hall. The increased manpower would increase the strength of the department and make it equal to the life and property loss potential in the township.

The report also recommended the department consider expanding the water supply facilities. Water storage facilities in Norwich and Otterville were found to have insufficient capacity to maintain the maximum daily consumption rate and the basic fire flow for the required duration of the tests in the survey.

Fire flow tests were conducted in various locations in the township and showed the available water supply would probably be insufficient in the event of a major fire. The report suggested the arterial and distribution system in the weak areas be strengthened.

The installation of additional fire hydrants to remove the present deficiencies in the hydrant coverage was also recommended.

Two pumpers in good operating condition should be maintained for the Norwich Fire hall and at least one pumper for the Oxford Centre Fire Hall. The report also noted a deficiency in the amount of 65 mm hose in the department.

The training of the firefighters in the township was considered "fairly good" the report noted but added the men lacked proper drill facilities. The report suggested acquiring a suitable training facility where smoke, water and fire could be used to simulate fire conditions to better train the firefighters.

Fire communications were considered good and the addition of standby power for all radio base stations was suggested as a way to further improve the reliability of fire communications in the township.

The present fire prevention program undertaken by Township Fire Chief Brian Workman was commended and its continuation was encouraged.

The report suggested more frequent inspections would ensure more effective control of fire hazards. It recommended a review of industrial, commercial and institutional properties twice a year and the inspection of dwellings at least every two years.

Councillor Michael Oliver, chairman of the township community services committee, expressed concern about the

deficiencies in fire protection in the township. He said he is concerned that if precautions are not taken, and a serious problem arises, the township could be blamed.

The committee will review the report thoroughly and "try to follow it to the letter," Mr. Oliver said. "We will try to make improvements."

Council Briefs

N.G.
JAN. 11

Support NDHS

Norwich Township Council gave its support to the Norwich District High School student council in its attempt to get a licence to hold a Monte Carlo casino night in January. The event will be held to raise money for the student council. Helen Smith, councillor-at-large, said the students were doing what the council encourages, "organizing fundraising events instead of asking council for money," she said.

Plan celebrations

Canada Day celebrations in Norwich Township will be held in Springford this year. An organizational meeting to discuss plans for events in 1984 to celebrate Canada's birthday will be held January 18 at the township hall at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will also be a chance for plans to be organized on ways to celebrate Ontario's bicentennial this year. Township council has requested that the bicentennial recognition events be held in conjunction with the Canada Week/Canada Day events and be co-ordinated by the Canada Week Celebrations Committee. The township will use the \$4-5,000 granted to it by the

province to aid in the celebrations in the municipality.

Appoint member

Councillor Don Pettigrew was appointed a member to the 1984 Local Agricultural Manpower Board at the township council meeting Monday.

Grant refused

Council was informed Monday that its \$70,000 grant application to the Canada Works program was turned down. The grant would have been used to do maintenance on municipal drains and improve sidewalks. The grant would have provided 12 persons with work for 223 man weeks.

"It is unfortunate that we were not considered or even given some of the funds applied for," Mayor John Heleniak said. "It could have provided jobs for unemployed."

The grant application was turned down because there were numerous other municipalities who applied for grants and there "must have been others of higher priority," Township Clerk Bob Watkins said.

Norwich council briefs

N.G. JAN 31

Dog tax

Norwich Township council will advertise for dog tax collectors for 1984 after council approved the recommendation January 24 made by the agriculture and works committee. The tag price for 1984 will remain the same as last year.

Stage Road

The topic of putting oil on the old Stage Road will be discussed during budget meetings after council approved the motion January 24.

Attend seminar

Council approved an agriculture and works committee recommendation that township drainage superintendent Doug Wilson attend a seminar on drainage law in Kitchener March 21 and 22.

Road construction

Construction on the Zenda Road will be discussed by township council during 1984 budget talks. The estimated cost of the project is \$9,000.

Approve bylaw

Council approved a bylaw January 24 allowing the township to borrow \$1.5 million to meet the current expenses of the municipality.

Church deed

Township council will pay the costs for necessary legal and survey work to enable the Oxford Centre United Church to be given the deed for the property for an addition to the Church. The property is now owned by the township.

Council awaits advice on Holbrook landfill

N.G.
JAN 25

While awaiting information from legal counsel, Norwich Township council is not expected to make a decision regarding the Holbrook landfill site until some time in February.

Two motions regarding further action dealing with the landfill site were approved by council Tuesday night.

The first motion stated that the clerk administrator was to contact legal counsel to determine the ongoing validity of the existing agreement between Oxford County and Norwich Township regarding the Holbrook site. The agreement made in December 1982 stated that subject to further opposition the county would cease waste disposal operations at the site on or before June 30, 1984.

The clerk was also instructed to relate to legal counsel all the pertinent facts made by Keith Latham, a hydrogeologist hired by the township, during his meeting with council Tuesday night which involved the reviewing of the new Holbrook landfill site

plan constructed by Don Pratt, director of engineering for Oxford County, and county engineers. The meeting between Mr. Latham and township council was closed to the public.

The second motion approved by council stated if the legal opinion received assures council that the landfill agreement with Oxford County is valid that the Latham group, consulting engineers from Richmond Hill, will be instructed to begin their study on the new site plan.

If the lawyer informs council that the landfill agreement from 1982 is not valid then further action will have to be decided at the next council meeting February 13, Mayor John Heleniak said.

Clerk administrator Bob Watkins was expected to contact legal counsel today.

Mr. Heleniak said he did not expect council to make a recommendation regarding the Holbrook site until it hears from its solicitor and hydrogeologist.

75 YEARS AGO January 1909

Last week the old established legal firm of Dowler and Sinclair was dissolved. Mr. Dowler has opened a business in Fort William.

Otterville - School reopened this morning with Mr. Hancock and Miss Scidmore as teachers.

Await answers on computers

Norwich Township council should have some answers about the use of computers in municipal offices once a feasibility study has been completed.

Norwich Township is applying for a grant to carry out the feasibility study on behalf of five Oxford County municipalities.

The idea of the study arose during a regular meeting of the county's clerks and treasurers, said Norwich Township's clerk-administrator Bob Watkins. All agreed a jointly funded feasibility study will go a long way to answering the many questions municipal staff have about computers such as when and how they can be used for municipal purposes. Mr. Watkins said the study may also shed some light on the available grants for computer programs and equipment.

Township council approved a recommendation at its last meeting to apply to Action 85, a program offered by the Ontario ministry of municipal affairs, which will fund the study up to 50 per cent.

Each of the participating municipalities will share in paying the remaining 50 per cent of the study cost, which Mr. Watkins doesn't believe will be more than \$1,000 each.

If the municipalities receive the grant, they can proceed with the hiring of a consultant to undertake the study. Mr. Watkins said the ministry staff will likely be involved for advisory purposes and municipal staff will probably be called upon to meet with the consultant intermittently. Woodstock city staff may also be involved in the discussions but probably won't be contributing toward the costs.

Mr. Watkins said a consultant told the clerks and treasurers about the Action 85 program at their meeting and recommended that one municipality spearhead the application. That's when he volunteered Norwich Township.

"One municipality had to take the tiger by the tail and apply for all municipalities," Mr. Watkins said.

Important Notice

TO OUR HYDRO CUSTOMERS BURGESSVILLE- NORWICH-OTTERVILLE

A rate review has been completed for the customers of the Norwich Public Utility Commission to ensure adequate financing for maintaining and operating the hydro system.

Effective with all energy used on and after January 1st, 1984, the following rates will apply, subject to Ontario Hydro approval.

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

First	250 kWh at	7.50c
All Additional	kWh at	4.20c
Minimum bill	\$4.00	
Flat Rate Water Heating - Schedule No. 252		

GENERAL SERVICE

Billing Demand		
First	50 kW	No Chg.
Balance	kW	\$3.60 per kW
Energy Charges		
First	250 kWh at	7.50c
Next	12,250 kWh at	4.60c
All additional	kWh at	3.15c
Minimum bill	\$4.00	

Above rates are NET with a 5 per cent late payment charge for bills paid after the final date for net payment.

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Winter's wonders

The ever scenic dam in Otterville was even more beautiful Saturday afternoon, as the snow and ice glimmered in the afternoon sunlight and sparkling water poured down over it all. (Staff Photo)

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Bulk kiln operations consolidated by companies

N.G. JAN 25

DeCloet Ltd. of Tillsonburg and Powell Agri-Systems Ltd. of Otterville agreed Monday to consolidate their tobacco bulk curing operations.

In a press release, it was announced that DeCloet has agreed to take over all Powell bulk kiln production and customer service for the Canadian market effective immediately. Powell will continue to sell tobacco combines, sprayers and transplanter until proper dealers can be set up.

Powell will continue to manufacture and

sell the Powell machine load big bin system.

The move was approved by the Powell directors in order to concentrate full efforts on the company's U.S. operations.

Gabe DeCloet, Secretary-Treasurer of DeCloet Ltd. welcomed the move and said that continuity of customer service was one of Powell's highest priorities.

Powell will continue to operate out of the Otterville plant until a more suitable facility can be obtained to distribute their combines, sprayers, planters and big bins.

Norwich issuing marriage licences

Norwich Township is providing a service for persons wanting to tie the matrimonial knot. Marriage licences will now be issued in Norwich.

Persons previously had to go to Tillsonburg, Woodstock or Simcoe to obtain a marriage licence. In November Township Clerk Bob Watkins was authorized as the registrar for licence applications. Mr. Watkins, along with Mayor John Heleniak, then appointed Rev. Herb Herring, Norwich, as the deputy registrar who will issue the licences from his home.

The issuing of licences in the township has long been a concern of Mr. Heleniak. "I questioned why people had to leave the municipality to get a marriage licence," he said. "I thought we should be providing the service here.

Applications for licences are available at the township office, Otterville, and at Mr. Heleniak's office on Robson Street, Norwich. Applications will be filled out and given to Rev. Herring who will then issue the licence. Rev. Herring will be available Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and evenings at 27 Washington Ave. (Northcourt Street entrance), Norwich.

Rev. Herring was chosen as deputy-registrar because he still wanted to keep active in the community after his retirement, Mr. Heleniak said. Someone was also needed who lived in a central area of the township and would be readily available.

Rev. Herring is "in favor of the township having its own facilities" for issuing marriage licences and likes the idea of being deputy-registrar.

For a fee of \$20 a marriage licence can be obtained and is valid for use anywhere in Ontario for up to 90 days after its issuing. The marriage can not be solemnized earlier than three days before the issuing.

In Ontario, marriages can be performed by a minister or clergyman who is registered under the Marriage Act or by a judge or justice of the peace.

Meeting called January 18 for bicentennial planning

Norwich Township bicentennial plans will get underway at a general meeting January 18 at the township hall in Otterville.

A bicentennial committee, consisting of

interested area persons, will be formed at the meeting. John Gilbert, township deputy clerk and treasurer, will contact 35 area persons who will be asked to participate on co-ordinating committees and special activity committees to plan celebrations for Ontario's 200th birthday this year.

Township council has been behind schedule getting a committee organized for the 1984 celebrations. Most of the pre-organizing has been Mr. Gilbert's responsibility and there "has been no time to get anything going," he said. The general meeting January 18 at 7:30 p.m. to which any interested persons are welcome, will get the township's celebration plans started.

"Everyone is encouraged to participate in any way," Mr. Gilbert said. "We need input."

Thieves take cigarettes

Almost \$2,000 worth of cigarettes was stolen in a break-in late last week, as a store in the hamlet of Otterville.

According to Tillsonburg Ontario Provincial Police, a plate glass window in a front door of Janny's Grocery Store, Otterville, was smashed. Thieves removed 139 cartons of cigarettes, valued at approximately \$1,910.50. The break-in was discovered and reported to police, by a London Free Press driver, at about 4:38 a.m. Friday, January 13.

Springford centre for Canada Day

By DOREEN HOOVER

This year appears to be filled with celebrations and activities as Norwich Township prepares for Canada Day and Ontario bicentennial celebrations.

At a meeting last Wednesday the Canada Week Committee and interested participants gathered to discuss plans for the fourth annual Canada Day celebrations to be held in Springford this year. Canada

Week Celebrations will begin June 25 throughout the township and wind up in Springford July 1 for the annual parade and other activities.

The Canada Week Committee will have Les Dickson, Burgessville, as this year's chairman as past chairman Carman Sweazey stepped down after three years to allow a "new chairman to add vitality and new blood" to the committee, Mr. Sweazey said.

This year a lot of organization will be necessary as the township prepares for Canada Week and bicentennial celebrations.

Committee members stressed the bicentennial celebrations can be carried on all year long and that it would be a "wasted" effort if a lot of bicentennial activities were planned for the same time as Canada Week celebrations.

The Canada Week Committee works to help organizations and committees in the township organize various activities to celebrate July 1. It oversees and co-ordinates activities and tries to get the entire township involved. Committee members are eagerly waiting for input from anyone in the township and from all organizations and clubs. "Hopefully people in the community will get behind it," Mr. Sweazey said.

A lot of organization is necessary in Springford where the main July 1 activities will take place and the "sooner Springford gets going, the better," Mr. Sweazey said. An open meeting will be held Monday, January 30 at the Springford Women's Institute Hall at 7:30 p.m. for anyone interested in participating in the organizing of activities.

Organizing of the parade will be handled again this year by Bob Scott and Don Miller, both of Norwich. The parade will draw people to the community of Springford and additional activities following the parade will help make the day of celebration enjoyable for all. Because July 1 lands on a Sunday this year, it is expected that the parade and major activities will be held Monday, July 2.

Canada Week celebrations throughout the township this year will again include garden parties, the Spring-Otter Optimist

Club street dance and soapbox derby, the Miss Township of Norwich competition, Norwich-Otterville Lions Club barbecue and the South Norwich Historical Society barbecue.

The Optimist Club street dance is scheduled for Saturday, June 30 in Otterville beginning at 8 p.m. The soapbox derby will be held the same day beginning at 10 a.m. Jim Countryman, a member of the Spring-Otter Optimist Club, said he hoped that contestants in the derby would make their entries resemble old vehicles to blend in with Ontario's bicentennial.

The Norwich Historical Show organizers are hoping to have an old-fashioned costume show this year and Don MacPherson, Norwich, encouraged other organizations to hold their own old-fashioned costume events to make it more inviting for people to make costumes and become involved.

The township will provide some funding for the celebrations to be used primarily for the publicizing of all the events. A calendar of events throughout the township will be publicized. Money will also be provided for trophies and general activities such as the parade. Donations will also be made to schools to promote participation in the celebrations.

The township has already received a \$4,000 grant for bicentennial celebrations which will be used for a variety of activities as yet undecided.

The next Canada Week Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, February 21 in the township office, Otterville, at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in helping to organize Canada Day or bicentennial celebrations or who may have suggestions for events are asked to attend the meeting.

"The idea is to get everybody involved," Mr. Sweazey said.

Lois Esther Harrington

Lois Esther Harrington of Exeter passed away at University Hospital, London, on Tuesday, January 31, 1984, in her 56th year.

Surviving are two sisters Mrs. Bert (Edna) Stevenson of Victoria, B.C., and Mrs. Derwood (Georgina) Spicer of Otterville; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Rested at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich, where the service was held today (Friday) at 1 p.m. conducted by Rev. Grant Darling.

Interment in the Anglican Cemetery, Otterville.

Memorial donations to the charity of your choice may be made at the Funeral Home.

New site for library

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1984, was a day many people of Otterville saw the achievement of a long awaited goal.

The Otterville Library moved to the new location and improved facilities that residents and library staff have wanted for some time. The library is now located in the Miller building, on the north side of Main Street, Otterville. The Norwich Township Council have rented 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 old location.

The new location, in contrast, is very accessible with two entrances, both on ground level, a spacious and bright room with washroom facilities and shelving capacity for double the number of books previously available. Additional furniture has yet to arrive and there is a special children's corner for books of interest for the younger age level. Renovations to the building were made by Budd Webb Aluminum, Michael Ash Construction and Harvey Miller.

A combination of local staff and residents and Oxford County Library staff moved books and furniture. Oxford County Library staff, Beth Ross, Susan Wilks, Linda Moritz and Don Fulkersen and Otterville Library staff, Lurene McMullen and Elaine Oliver and residents, Stella Hanson, Isabel Harris, Bunny Taylor, June Mudge and Joyce Leeming made quick work of this large undertaking.

Chief Librarian of the Oxford County Library, Jane Webb, and Judy Johnson of the library staff were present during the move. Very pleased about the move, they hope to see improved circulation of books and increased use of such good facilities.

Books are changed by the Oxford County Library four times a year and any requests of books not available at the Otterville Library can be put into the County Library. The Oxford County Library is a member of the Lake Erie Regional Library System. The library can go to this organization for book requests that cannot be filled by the county. As well, the County Library can supply records, foreign language books, large print books and films. Talking books are available for the handicapped but a doctor's certificate is required to obtain these.

The Otterville Library was open Thursday evening and the library staff is looking forward to seeing many library members both young and old. The library hours are Tuesday, 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; Thursday evening, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.; Friday, 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

An upcoming attraction during February will be a display by the South Norwich Historical Society in conjunction with Heritage Day, Feb. 20.



Elaine Oliver, Otterville library's assistant librarian, enters the library at its new location on Main Street, Otterville. The move was made last week and gives the library twice as much room for its books. The new location has seen several different users for the building over the years: craft shop, restaurant, furniture store, and — many years ago — a hotel. (Staff Photo)

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New library location

Elaine Oliver (left), assistant librarian, and Lurene McMullen, librarian, make final adjustments in the new location of the Otterville Public Library in the Miller building on Main Street. The library was moved last Wednesday to the new location which offers more space and better accessibility. (Staff Photo)

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Leisure club starts year

Members of the Otterville Leisure Club held their first meeting of the New Year at the Woodlawn Adult Centre on Wednesday afternoon.

Progressive euchre was enjoyed after which the President, Mrs. John Pritchard, called the members to order. Violet Cole, secretary, called the roll which was answered by members paying their membership fees.

Brochures were displayed concerning possible ideas for bus trips. Members were reminded that meetings would be held the first and third Wednesdays of the month beginning at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting, January 18, will be a business meeting.

Leisure Club

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Max Avey was the only member of the Leisure Club to be honored at the meeting held Wednesday at the Woodlawn Adult Centre for her birthday which she was celebrating on the day of the meeting. This is in correspondence to the custom which is held each month when members' birthdays are recognized with birthday greetings, cake and ice cream.

Two tables of cards were enjoyed with weather conditions lowering the attendance. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 1:30 p.m. at Woodlawn.



Book search

Since the moving of the Otterville Public Library last Wednesday, many people have visited the new location on Main Street to see the new facilities. Hali Walters (left), 11; Hayden Walters, 3, and Heidi Walters, 7, all of Otterville, quickly found books to hold their interest. (Staff Photo)

T.N. JAN 20

Buying library table

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Sunshine Club held their meeting at the home of June Ash on Thursday evening.

There were 12 members present. The newly elected president Lily Chisolm presided and welcomed the members. Secretary, Dorothy Wardell, gave the roll call suggested by Sandra Hussey, which was answered with the members giving suggestions for brightening a "blue day."

During the business, the group decided to purchase a table suitable for use in the new local library which is now open and is

located in the Miller building on Main Street, Otterville. Since the club has dispersed with their annual pancake luncheon, they are already planning for their pre-Christmas bazaar in Tillsonburg.

The next meeting will be held in two weeks time at the home of Doreen Mountain when new members are invited to attend. This meeting will include games of Court Whist and be a night of fun.

President Chisolm was in charge of lunch and Marge Pearce gave courtesy remarks for the splendid meeting.

80 children see films

OTTERVILLE (C) — Children of Otterville and surrounding areas had a chance to go to the movies on Saturday, January 26 when the Spring-Otter Optimist Club held a film festival at the Otterville Community Hall.

The response was excellent with approximately 80 children taking advantage of seeing the two feature films "Junior Robin Hood" and "Tale of Two Critters".

Admission was free and the Optimists

supervising the afternoon were kept busy making popcorn and providing free refreshments for the audience. Jim Countryman operated the projector and was extremely pleased with the good quiet behavior of such a large group of children.

The Spring-Otter Optimist Club are looking forward to another film festival which they are planning to hold February 25. Announcement of the films to be shown will be made closer to the date of the event.

Sunshine Club

The first meeting of the Sunshine Club for 1984 was held at the home of Dorothy Neale on Thursday evening, January 12.

The newly elected president, Mrs. Don Chisolm, presided for the meeting, and welcomed the members present. The roll call was answered with the members giving their opinions concerning the purchase of lottery tickets.

The club members who have sponsored the Pancake Luncheon in the Anglican Parish hall for the past 10 years decided this project would be discontinued. This is due to shortage of help and will be greatly missed by the public who have enjoyed this yearly event on Shrove Tuesday. However, their project of holding a bazaar annually in Tillsonburg will be continued.

Following business, Lily Chisolm thanked the hostess for the evening and June Ash invited the club to her home for the next meeting. A social time completed the evening.

Milldale meeting

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Milldale Cemetery Board met at the home of Jack and Lila Freeland, on Saturday evening, Jan. 15 with 10 present. Several items of business were discussed with the Annual Meeting being held March 10, at 8 p.m. at the Norwich Archives.

President, Mrs. Freeland, opened the meeting with the minutes read by secretary, Don McPherson. Treasurer's report was also given.

Lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Myrtle Dell and a social time was enjoyed.

37-year attendance chevron

for Lion Albert Cornwell

The Norwich-Otterville Lions club held their meeting on Monday, January 9 at the Legion hall with 39 Lions and three guests present.

Deputy District Governor Jack Daniels of Simcoe addressed the club on the work done with the blind and stressed the need of helping and encouraging the newly-handicapped to re-enter the community and the employment market.

He also spoke of the help we can be to the

diabetic. He also mentioned the Lions drug awareness program among the young people and suggested means of prevention as well as helping the addicted.

Several Lions received perfect attendance pins for the past year.

Congratulations were extended to Lion Albert Cornwell who received a chevron for 37 years perfect attendance.

An interesting letter was read from a girl in India that the club sponsors.

Lions club supporting two students in Asia

The regular meeting of the Norwich Otterville Lions Club was held in the community hall, Otterville, on Monday night, January 23, with president Les Dickson presiding.

There were 40 in attendance, with three visitors present from the Simcoe Lions Club.

The Club has again agreed to support two students in Asia for the coming year, with a donation to Can Save for \$384. There was also a donation towards the charter night for a new Lions Club in Townsend.

An additional donation has been authorized to help the Six Nations Lions Club purchase a wheelchair for a needy citizen.

Plans have been made by the club to visit nearby clubs to promote our candidate, Lion Colin Cope, who is endeavoring to be elected as zone chairman in this area for the coming year.

A 100 per cent pin was awarded to Lion Don Pettigrew.

Lion Jim Leal of the Simcoe Lions Club presented an interesting and fast-moving slide presentation supporting Deputy-District Governor Lion John Daniels of the Simcoe club, who is a candidate for Governor in the coming year.

Plans are moving ahead for ticket sales on the new Honda ATC to be drawn at the annual Lions Fish Fry to be held in the Norwich Community Centre on Saturday evening, March 31.

The convention draw was won by Lion Don Swanton.

Historical society meets

The regular meeting of the South Norwich Historical Society was held at Woodlawn on January 11.

Ed and Jean Moore showed slides of their recent visit to Japan, Taiwan,

Thailand and Indonesia.

In the business meeting which followed it was decided to postpone plans for an antique auction pending further discussion. The date for the annual supper was set for the second Monday in November.

After some discussion it was decided to put on a picture display for the month of February in the Otterville Library which will be established in their new quarters by that time. This is to be done to commemorate Heritage Day.

The trophy won by the historical society for their float in the Santa Claus parade is to be engraved.

A lunch and social time followed the business session.

Joint service held for confirmation

OTTERVILLE (C) — The special Holy Confirmation and First Communion service of the joint congregations of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, and St. Alban's Church, Delhi, was held on Sunday, January 15 and opened with the processional hymn, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling". The church was filled to capacity with approximately 200 people in attendance.

Scripture lessons were read by first reader, Janet Ryerse of St. John's Church; second reader, Carolyn Campbell of St. Alban's Church, with Rev. Grant D. Darling reading the concluding lesson.

The Rt. Rev. Morse Robinson, Suffragan Bishop of Huron, officiant of the service, welcomed everyone to a beautiful day and this second Sunday after Epiphany. Through his sermon Bishop Robinson pointed out that this special Sunday of Confirmation is a time of confirmation of faith. At the point of conversion we realize that God loves a person as an individual and we become part of the body of Christ. Our task is to let other people know about the love God has for them. We go out as disciples just as Andrew went out sharing this kind of love after the baptism of Jesus. In each of our lives we have the opportunity to share this love we have experienced.

The anthem, "Freely, Freely", was presented by the joint choir and junior choir of the two churches during the offering. Accompanied by Lorne Evans, organist of St. Alban's Church on the piano, the choir sang "Somebody Bigger Than You or I" and "Oh How He Loves You and Me" during the service. Offering was received by Ivan Pickering and Richard DeRoo.

Bishop Robinson received the confirmation candidates who were Bradley Paul Kreller, Colin Patrick Sztronga, Patrick Marcel DeRoo, Timothy Lionel Behrens, Timmi Charlene Brady, Christine Ann Eadinger, Dawn Renee Mounts, Carolyn Lee Campbell, Janet Yvonne Ryerse, Shirley Bernice Cole and Barbara Ruth Ecker.

Following the sacrament of Holy Communion and First Communion for the confirmation candidates, the service closed with the processional hymn, "I Feel the Winds of God Today".

Upon conclusion of the service everyone was invited to enjoy refreshments and social time together and to chat with Bishop Robinson and candidates in the Parish Hall. Refreshments were provided by the Anglican Church Women of both St. John's and St. Alban's Churches.

At the churches

OTTERVILLE ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN

Rev. Grant D. Darling greeted the congregation, Sunday, January 22, at 9:30 a.m. to the morning prayer service and to the first day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The choir and Junior choir entered to the processional hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That

Binds", with Lila Freeland as organist.

Psalm 27:1-6, The Lord is my light and my salvation, was read responsively. Scripture lessons were taken from Psalm 100 and Isaiah 9:1-4, There will be no gloom for her that was in anguish.

The children gathered with Rev. Darling to talk about this special week of prayer. He pointed out that everyone is God's child and He loves each one equally no matter what denomination of the Christian faith we may be.

Rev. Darling discussed in his sermon the importance of this week of prayer for Christian Unity. He reminded us that the problem of unity for Christians is not a new one. St. Paul urged Christians to love one another and have unity and every generation has had to deal with this problem.

Today, with many denominations of the Christian faith we have greater understanding, communication, co-operation and recognition of what each has to offer. But the place where we all have unique unity is at the cross. How can we love Jesus Christ and remain separate from others who love Him? The love of God is the one great gift all people have in common. The purpose we have as Christians is to break down the barriers that separate us from each other and Rev. Darling suggested various ways we can do this.

Offering was received by Ivan Pickering and Richard DeRoo.

The congregation was reminded that next Sunday, the fourth Sunday after Epiphany, will be Holy Baptism.

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Annual vestry meeting at St. John's Anglican

OTTERVILLE (C) — A delicious potluck supper provided an enjoyable social time together previous to the annual Vestry Meeting held at the St. John's Parish Hall, Tuesday evening, January 24.

Rev. Grant D. Darling opened the meeting with prayer. Carl Howse, elected as vestry clerk, gave the minutes of the last meeting.

Election and appointment of officers were Richard DeRoo, people's warden; Ivan Pickering, rector's warden; Violet Howse, lay delegate; and Olive Pickersgil, substitute lay delegate. In addition to these people, 10 other members elected to the board of management were Cathy Furlong, August DeWachter, Jack Freeland, Ann Rachar, Don Freeman, Ross McMullen, Evelyn Picknell, Wenda Smith, Janel Ryerse and Carl Howse.

Rev. Darling thanked the organizations, officers, parish treasurer, church organist and all members of the parish for their loyalty and devotion. Through the Rector's

Report various statistics were reviewed and aims for 1984 were outlined which included new changes in various services of the church.

Mr. DeRoo and Mr. Pickering thanked Mr. DeWachter for the excellent installation of the new heating system in the church and Mrs. Furlong for all her help and work as church treasurer.

Financial reports given by representatives of various church organizations were Mrs. Furlong, church financial report; Mrs. Smith, ACW; Dorothy Durkee, ladies' guild and Mr. Howse, Sunday school and cemetery report.

During new business discussed the proposed new budget for 1984 was adopted and decisions were made in regard to new cassocks for the choir and junior choir.

Mr. Howse thanked Rev. and Mrs. Darling for their spiritual and friendly leadership and their patience and generosity throughout the year.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Expert speaks on nutrition

OTTERVILLE (C) — Nutrition, a key factor in good health of the individual and the family was discussed and explained by Kathryn Zimmer, guest speaker of the St.

John's Anglican Church Women January 5.

Kathryn, introduced by Marion Dowds, teaches student dietitians at the University of Guelph and has worked on the Quality Assurance program for Nutritional Care that provides guidelines for nutritional standards used in hospitals by the Ontario Hospital Association and the Ontario Dietetic Association. Mrs. Zimmer has spoken throughout Canada concerning these dietetic guidelines and outlined to those present standards they should follow everyday in accordance with Canada's Food Guide.

She showed how the guide is divided into four food groups, changed from the previously used five. The fruit and vegetable groupings have been joined into one since they contain similar nutrients. This group in combination with the other groups of milk and milk products, breads and cereals and meat and alternates provide the 15 nutrients needed by the body everyday.

Mrs. Zimmer pointed out key aspects to look for in selecting both nutritious and economical foods. Enriched pastas and breads provide good food value. Grades of vegetables and fruits should be considered in relation to their use while more economical cuts of meat can be used advantageously through the method of cooking. These were only a few of the helpful hints discussed during the interesting talk about healthful eating which Mrs. Zimmer outlined.

President Cathy Furlong thanked Kathryn for her most informative talk. Everyone acquired new ideas and approaches to use in their future food

planning.

The meeting opened with the singing of "The Year is Gone Beyond Recall". Devotional given by Mrs. Dowds followed, which dealt with "stretching and bending" - the necessity for people to give and take in relationships. This was concluded by the reading, "Kindness is Never Lost".

A business meeting followed during which thank you notes were read from the South Norwich Community Choir and Mrs. Harold Durkee.

Sunday, January 15 will be Holy Confirmation and First Communion of the joint congregations of St. John's and St. Alban's Anglican Churches to be held in St. John's Church at 11:15 a.m. Plans were discussed and made in relation to the lunch that will follow the service.

The members were informed of The World Day of Prayer, March 2, to be held at the Otterville United Church. Both the St. John's ACW and the Otterville UCW will be taking part.

The Vestry meeting will be held Tuesday, January 24 beginning at 6 p.m. with a potluck dinner.

Eva Deveney was the winner of the Santa Claus Teddy Bear offered by the ACW and was drawn on December 19 by president Furlong.

Discussion followed concerning the prices for catered dinners during the year ahead as well as night lunches when requested.

Offering was received by Lila Freeland and Mrs. Furlong closed with the benediction.

The next meeting will be held Thursday evening, January 19 at the Parish Hall.

Otterville UCW plans supper

OTTERVILLE (C) — In the absence of President, Mrs. Jack Walther, Mrs. John Walther welcomed the ladies present to the first meeting of the Otterville United Church Women for the year 1984.

Mrs. Walther opened the meeting with a poem, "He Asks So Little and Gives So Much" and read a letter from the president. The December minutes were read and approved.

Correspondence secretary Mrs. Earl Moore read a thank-you note from Camp Bimini and also reported that the articles taken to the Meeting Place in Woodstock were much appreciated. Upcoming events of the UCW were discussed. The Beef Supper will be held on April 11 with two settings at 5 and 6 p.m. with tickets to be sold in advance, adults \$6, children \$2.50. Presbyterial will be held January 25 in Dundas United Church, Woodstock. March 2 is the date of the World Day of Prayer which will be held in the Otterville United Church at 7:30 p.m. A lawn and bake sale are in the planning stages to be held in May or June. Isabell Harris is in charge of the newsletter and will be doing it quarterly.

Mrs. Irvin Gehring, the program convener for the past four years, thanked the ladies for their cooperation and help. Offering was received by Anna Treffrey. Accompanied by Jean Little at the piano, everyone joined in the singing of "Will Your Anchor Hold". Jean Hill read the scripture reading taken from Galatians 6:1-10. A devotional on the topic of Opportunity was read by Vera Welsh, program convener, followed by prayer.

Mrs. Welsh introduced the guest speaker, Inga Irie, who gave a very interesting talk on Brazil where she and her family had lived for several years. Following her presentation, Mrs. Hill presented Mrs. Irie with a gift.

The meeting closed with the singing of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and the repeating of the Mizpah benediction in unison.

A social time followed.

New slate of officers for Otterville United

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Otterville United Church annual meeting was held on Sunday evening, January 22, with 23 present.

Rev. Earl Moore conducted the business opening the meeting with Psalm 23 and prayer.

The 1983 annual report was discussed and accepted, and the proposed budget for 1984 was adopted.

The board of managers for 1984 was formed and the new slate of officers are: chairperson, Gail Lewis; treasurer, Joyce Hanson; assistant treasurer, Dorothy Neale; secretary, Elaine Oliver; organist, Betty Walther; assistant organists,

Eleanor Van Parys and Kelly Walther; custodian, Mrs. Hubert Hussey; UCW president, Betty Walther; and press reporters, Elaine Oliver and Bertha Gehring.

Newly appointed Elders on the worship committee are Jon Scott, John Walther and Marion Taylor.

The congregational life committee will include the Sunday school teachers, Donna Murray, Ina Arthur, Bertha Gehring, Vicki Walther and Karen Dowe, in addition to Mary Murray, Jean Gehring and Betty Walther.

Stewards appointed to the finance committee are David Arthur, Shirley White and Gary Walther.

In the election of officers for the Otterville Pastoral Charge, Shirley White, David Arthur and Jack Walther will act on the ministry and personnel committee. Gail Lewis, Joyce Hanson and Dorothy Neale will represent Otterville United on the finance committee. Newly elected members of the Manse committee are Lorne Treffrey, Dorothy Neale and Shirley White. Elsie McSpadden was appointed as a representative to Presbytery for 1984.

Various matters of business were dealt with during the meeting. David Arthur reported that Jeff's Pipe Organ, London, will recondition the organ. The small room behind the choir loft will be renovated.

It was decided that annual anniversary services will be discontinued but will be held every five years. A special anniversary service will be planned for 1987 when Otterville United Church will celebrate its 125 anniversary.

Rev. Moore briefly spoke on Venture in Mission which was discussed at the annual Otterville pastoral charge official board meeting, held at New Road United Church.

Rev. Moore expressed thanks to all who held office during 1983 or assisted him in any capacity. The meeting was closed.

OTTERVILLE FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST

On Sunday, January 22, Sunday school was held for all ages at 10 a.m. followed by morning worship at 11 a.m.

Bob Marshall led the service opening with a scripture reading of Psalms chapter two.

Pastor Bull's message this week centred on Christ as King. Kingship involves complete authority and the final say in all matters.

Christ's Kingship is based on three things. First of all is His divine right because He has been since the beginning and all things are created by Him and for Him.

Secondly is His redemption. Christ has bought us with his shed blood and Christians are reminded to have the same mind as Christ.

Thirdly is His conquest. Christ will put down all His enemies and as Revelations says, Jesus will win in the end.

As application, Christians are to be proud of their King and not be intimidated by the world. We are to be obedient. Loyalty will be blessed and rebellion results in discipline and judgment. We are ambassadors to represent Christ and we are to be ready for Christ's return. Will He be your savior or your judge?

Gail Spencer also favored us with a solo, "Deeper and Deeper".

Otterville Women's Missionary Fellowship meet

OTTERVILLE (C) — The New Year meeting of the Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Baptist Church was held at the home of Mrs. Ted Oenema.

An opening poem was read by Mrs. Hill, "Time is a gift of God". The president, Wilma Butler, read Philippians 3:13,14, about forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before and that we should determine to make the next year the best one.

The ladies gave reports on their visits to shut-ins at Christmas time and Mrs. Butler read a letter from Christian Service Centres and a financial commitment was made to them for the coming year. It was reported that Mr. and Mrs. Gould, former missionaries of the SIM had called at Mrs. Butler's recently. A letter from Dr. Hazel Wrigglesworth of the Philippines was read. Mrs. Fred Hill and Mrs. Bill Hansford led in missionary prayers.

Mrs. Dwight Davis opened the devotional with a New Year's poem and the ladies joined in singing "I am Resolved". Romans 12 was read by Mrs. Paul Hill. Mrs. Davis said we are renewed daily mentally, spiritually and physically and quoted Matthew 6:11, Give us this day our daily bread or daily communion.

Mrs. Jay Durkee presented a poem entitled "The New Year".

Mrs. Bill Smith, Hilda Stockmans and Mrs. Charter Davis sang "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow".

Mrs. D. Davis read a poem "Time is Passing".

Mrs. David Hill brought the message for the meeting which was about Eve. It is

true Adam existed first but God saw the incompleteness of man being alone and created woman from Adam's rib. This is significant because it was taken from the place nearest Adam's heart indicating the close relationship of man and woman.

When Adam was 130 years of age Seth was born of Eve. A great ancestry this was to be for the ancestry of Jesus Christ was to be traced back to the line of Seth.

Paul in his letter to Timothy argues that women ought to be in submission to men.

Adam was not deceived but Eve was deceived and fell into transgression. This should not be a discouragement to women because later in the New Testament women such as Lydia, Aquila and Priscilla spread the gospel of Christ.

But in Genesis it is recorded that male and female were created in the image of God but Eve was the one who rose above her transgression through her faith.

Mrs. D. Davis closed with prayer and thanked everyone who contributed to the program.

The hostess served a tasty lunch and fellowship was enjoyed.

Mrs. Marion Taylor speaks at WI meeting

January meeting of Summerville Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Stanley Gehring. President, Mrs. Gordon Gehring opened the meeting. Members answered roll call by naming a city and country with the initials of your first name.

Motto was; Sometimes we are so busy waiting for the big things we overlook the little things that make the wait worthwhile.

Mrs. Jay Durkee read minutes of the December meeting.

Members reported a warm response when they delivered plants and flowers at Christmas to the shut-ins.

Tweedsmuir history convener, Mrs. Stanley Gehring, reminded members to have house logs and pictures of their homes made and any other items of interest ready next month. These items will be put in the Tweedsmuir book and displayed at the Tweedsmuir tea this fall.

Mrs. S. Gehring gave an interesting reading by the late Nat King Cole.

Mrs. Don Barnim, convener of cultural activities, introduced Mrs. Marion Taylor, a well-known Otterville resident. Mrs. Taylor and husband Rod have travelled to Australia, New Zealand and the Fiji Islands, stopping in Los Angeles and Hawaii. Mrs. Taylor took us on an arm-chair tour of these countries, explaining as

we travelled along, the different scenes and many highlights of their trip.

The members thanked Mrs. Taylor for sharing her trip. Lunch was served by Mrs. S. Gehring, Mrs. D. Barnim and Mrs. Gordon Gehring.

February meeting hostess is Mrs. Don Barnim with Mrs. Don Arthur as convener.

Discuss parent teacher association

OTTERVILLE (C) — A group of interested parents met at the Otterville Public School on Thursday evening, January 19 to discuss the possible formation of a Home and School Association or a Parent Teacher Association.

Principal, Fred Brown, opened the meeting and pointed out that earlier in the fall when a survey was sent home to parents to see if there was enough interest in the formation of such an organization the results were very positive. These results prompted Thursday night's meeting.

Hilda Meyer and Shirley Barker representatives from the Tillson Ave. Public School PTA were in attendance to outline the work of their organization and to help in the discussion.

They explained to the group how their PTA's executive is formed and what topics are examined at their meetings through guest speakers and other presentations. Their fundraising techniques were outlined which help to buy things for the

school such as bicycle racks and playground equipment. Bazaars, bake sales, a Winter Carnival, and hot dog days will help to supply some of their resources.

PTA is an organization connected directly with the school, teachers, principal and with the Oxford County Board of Education. This produces a source of communication between the groups which form the school system.

An informative question period followed during which parents could raise any questions.

Mr. Brown closed the meeting by saying that he would send a newsletter concerning the meeting to all parents and if enough interest is still shown, efforts will be made to form a group from the Otterville school.

The Norwich Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion sponsored a poster and writing contest last November and prize winning efforts were produced by the following students at OPS: David Cope, Paul Marchuk, Mary Ann Rohrer. Marci

McMullen, Francine Countryman, Shelby McMurchy and Shawn Schut. Congratulations to all of them.

Both Otterville boys and girls are preparing in basketball for the Oxford County championships coming up the end of February. Staff members, John Lamont and Lisa Tafel are the coaches with Miss Tafel coaching a junior girls team as well.

House league beachball volleyball has started for students in Kindergarten to Grade 4 with Anna Orth and Dorothy Hill organizing this activity. House league volleyball for students of Grades 5 to 8 has also commenced with Miss Tafel, Elaine Campbell and Mr. Brown in charge.

Frank Gero, who is on the staff of Valley Heights School, is a noon-hour supervisor at the Otterville School relieving some teachers each day during the noon-hour period.

As well, new on the staff at OPS is Pattv Parr of Otterville, replacing Jane Campbell who has left on maternity leave.

The next Hot Dog Day, January 24 will provide a good hot lunch during these extremely cold winter days.

The girls physical education department held a very successful bake sale on Thursday, January 19 with parent helpers, Mrs. Csire, Mrs. Irie, Mrs. Norris, Mrs. Justus, Mrs. Mudge and Mrs. LeToile. The response was very favorable with all goods being sold. This raised \$150 to help in the purchase of school uniforms and a recreational outing.

A raffle is to be held January 27 by the girl's physical education department with first prize being a flower arrangement and second prize a fruit and cheese basket.

During the last quarter of the school day on January 27 a staff-student volleyball game will be held.

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Hydro meeting at Otterville

A public meeting will be held Wednesday evening in Otterville to bring landowners up to date on Ontario hydro's plans to install a 250-kilovolt transmission line through Southern Ontario.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in the Otterville community hall and any landowners that feel they are affected by the transmission line, are invited to attend. The meeting will not be open to the press, however, said the chairman of the 115 line group opposed to the selection of that route. Hugh Zimmer said legal matters will be discussed at the meeting and the group's lawyers have advised the holding of a closed meeting.

In addition to possible litigation over Hydro's land compensation procedures, the meeting is also being held to discuss the group's methods for opposing Hydro's plans and to bring landowners up to date on what action had already been taken.

Mr. Zimmer said the landowners will also be brought up to date on the divisional court hearing into the Stratford hearings and the decision reached there. The divisional court challenge by the Central Ontario Coalition of Hydro's route selection is scheduled for January 18 in Toronto and could be "the most crucial thing they (Hydro) have had to face," said Mr. Zimmer.

The Central Ontario Coalition wants the 1982 route selection overturned since it was never properly notified of the public hearings that were held to determine the location of the transmission line from the Bruce Nuclear Power Development to the Essa transformer station near Barrie. The

coalition also says its members are not within the Southwestern Ontario designation that embraces the \$300 million project.

Even if the divisional court challenge fails, it will at least help set guidelines that further clarify the way the public is informed of hearings of this nature, said Mr. Zimmer.

Preliminary route stage hearings for the proposed Hydro transmission lines will be held February 14 in Woodstock. In addition

to the installation of a 250 kilovolt line along the 115 line in 1990, Hydro has selected Highway 401 as its preferred route for another line to be installed around 1985.

The preliminary hearing, scheduled for 10 a.m. in Woodstock, is being called to consider procedural matters that will affect the later joint board hearings. The February 14 hearing will identify parties, issues and establish dates and locations for further meetings.



Sweeping motion

The Norwich Curling Club was full of enthusiastic curlers Saturday as the UCO Farmers' spiel was held. James McElhone (left) of LaSalette and Joe Webb of Otterville were just two of the players who came out to enjoy a day of curling. (Staff Photo)



UCO spiel

John Davis, Otterville, shows concentration in his curling as he participates in the UCO Farmers' Spiel Saturday at the Norwich Curling Club. (Staff Photo)



Atom finalists

The Norwich Atom I Knights house league team was the runner up in the Langton Christmas tournament. The team lost to the Norwich Atom II team in the finals. Players for the Atom Knights are front row left to right, Tommy Hampson, Chad Westmacott, Ian Alexander and Toby Taylor. In the second row are Adam Hahn, Chris Clifford, Jason Rolosen, Michael Beam and Scott Whitehead. In the third row are Harry VanZeggelaar, Jim Hughes, David Griffin and Gary Walther. In the back row are coaches Dave Beam, Rick Baxter and Gary Clifford. Absent from the photo is Darryl Hughes. (Staff Photo)

OF GROVE ST. OTTERVILLE

Lossing house grant applications refused

The rejection of two grant applications made by the Norwich and District Historical Society for research and development projects will now make volunteer help necessary for completion of the projects.

Both grant applications to the Canada Works program were rejected last week.

One project would have been used for a feasibility study into the restoration of the Lossing House now located on the Norwich Museum grounds.

The Norwich and District Historical Society was approached in 1983 to join with the Woodstock Business Improvement Area (BIA), Oxford Lung Association and Information Oxford in applying for a Canada Works grant for \$75,940. The joint application was approved, but the project submitted by the historical society and one project submitted by the Woodstock BIA were rejected.

The grant to the historical society would have been used to do research on Peter Lossing, one of the original settlers in the area, and conduct a feasibility study on the Lossing house to refinish it to its original

state and see how to make best use of the building. Funding would also have been used for a field trip to Dutchess County, N.Y. to examine house styles and compile more history on the Lossing house.

With the rejection of the grant application, the study and restoration of the Lossing house may be delayed, Scott Gillies, managing curator at the Norwich Museum, said.

Another grant application to the Canada Works program by the Norwich and District Historical Society in October was also rejected.

The application for \$28,000 would have allowed four persons to work for six months on designing educational packages for schools which would have included museum artifacts and slide and tape presentations. A major part of the grant would also have been used to catalogue the large photographic collection at the Norwich Archives.

Work on the project will now "fall back on the volunteers," Mr. Gillies said. "I hope some interest can be promoted through the volunteers to get working on these projects."

Norwich council briefs

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Street improvement

Improvements on Florence Street, Norwich, from Carman to Carroll Streets will be considered during budget proceedings. Previous plans to close the street have been changed and council will be deciding the future of the road during budget discussions.

Salary range increase

The Norwich Township employee-employment classification and salary range will be increased by five per cent effective January 1, 1984. The increase applies to all full-time employees such as public works, township office administration and arena staff and to all part-time employees including firefighters and custodians. The salary range increase excludes booking agents for Oxford Centre and Otterville halls. At council meeting January 24, council approved a motion stating that booking agents for the halls be paid a monthly rate of \$25 flat rate plus five per cent commission for rents received for work done, phone calls made and time spent taking bookings.

Want meeting

Norwich Township council approved a motion Monday stating that council wanted to meet the Oxford County public works committee as soon as possible to discuss the Holbrook landfill site. A closed meeting has been scheduled for today at 4:30 p.m.

Purchase land

Township council authorized the township clerk to make an offer of \$1,500 towards the purchase of certain lands from James McDowell, RR 4, Woodstock and if necessary to take further steps to acquire the one-third-acre of land. The land purchase would facilitate the construction of Middletown Line at Concession 5 in Ward 4 to lessen the curve in the road.

Official tree

Doug Harrison of Norwich has offered his property on the corner of Washington Avenue and South Court Street for the planting of a white pine which has been named Ontario's official tree for the bicentennial celebrations. The ministry of natural resources is offering one tree to each municipality in the province to plant for the bicentennial. Township council referred the matter Monday to the agriculture and public works committee for further input.

\$200 grant

Township council approved a motion Monday giving \$200 to the Milldale Burial Ground for a cemetery maintenance grant for 1984.

Offer cooperation

Council will offer encouragement and

full cooperation to DeCloet Ltd., Tillsonburg, in its efforts to relocate a manufacturing industry in Otterville, if that is the company's desire. DeCloet Ltd. recently purchased Powell Agri-Systems Ltd. of Otterville.

Approve donation

Township council approved a \$100 donation to Tillsonburg's St. John Ambulance Brigade at Monday's council meeting.

Approve increase

A five per cent increase in wages for the Norwich Public Utility Commission was approved by township council Monday. The chairman will now receive \$80.26 per meeting and commissioners will receive \$61.74. Compensation lost while attending to utility business will be \$61.74 per meeting plus travelling expenses. The wages are provided for in the Norwich PUC budget but the increase has to be approved by the township before it can take effect.

Intend to demolish

Norwich Township council will take any possible steps to assume the Kyte property on Main Street, Otterville, with the intention of demolishing the property for parking purposes. Council is concerned that the property is unsafe as well as an eyesore, Mayor John Heleniak said.

Do you remember that during the week of Feb. 13, 1974

The Quance Dam was sold by the Long Point Region Conservation Authority to Delhi Township for one dollar.

The old mill site was also of interest to the township at the time and an offer was made to purchase it as well. The purchase went through at a later date.

Romain Catry was announced as the new manager of the Delhi Auction Exchange.

The South Norwich Otterville Lions Club was busy planning ways and means to raise \$100,000 for a swimming pool to be built at Otterville Park.

That during the week of February 19, 1964: Delhi District High School Board approved the purchase of an electric organ, to which

\$1,400 was contributed by the students council, and also budgeted \$4,000 for the formation of a high school band.

Donations of \$150 each were presented by Roger Vandebussehe on behalf of the Knights of Columbus to the Minor Hockey Association and the swimming pool fund.

A.E. (Bert) Sullivan was presented a plaque in recognition of his many years of assistance to minor hockey at the annual Minor Hockey Tournament.

The Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board approved acreage transfer and a three-acre exemption of acreage control.

Nelson Gleason of Dundas purchased the Addison Funeral Home in Otterville.

Historical plaque will honour Norwich Doctor Emily Stowe

A provincial historical plaque honoring Dr. Emily Stowe will be erected in Norwich Township this year.

The Ontario Heritage Foundation, which donated the blue and gold plaque, has scheduled the erection of the plaque for sometime this year and is currently waiting to hear from Norwich Township Council for an unveiling date.

Mayor John Heleniak will suggest at the next council meeting Feb. 28 that the Norwich and District Historical Society and the South Norwich Historical Society be invited to address council and recommend a suitable location for the plaque to be placed and a date for the unveiling. Mr. Heleniak said input from both historical societies is needed to find an appropriate site. Dr. Stowe was born in the former township of South Norwich in 1831, but lived in Norwich at the property now owned by C. VanVliet on 22 Albert St.

Council began action towards the receiving of the plaque by sending a letter to the Ontario Heritage Foundation making a request for a commemorative plaque honoring Dr. Stowe in February, 1981.

The Ontario Heritage Foundation consists of 25 private citizens who deliberate on requests made for commemorative plaques and choose which requests are worthy enough of being approved. Since all requests are not accepted, "it is an honor" for a request to be accepted, Elizabeth Hill, consultant for the

Ontario Heritage Foundation, said. "With Dr. Stowe it was felt that a plaque should be erected."

The heritage foundation will pay for the construction and installation of the plaque. The only cost to the municipality will be the cost of printing programs and sending invitations for the unveiling ceremony and for the cost of a reception to follow the ceremony.

The plaque honoring Dr. Stowe will be one of 25 plaques erected in the province this year. Since plaques have started being erected in the mid-1950s, 1,000 plaques have been installed commemorating people and places in Ontario's history.

Mr. Heleniak is also trying to get Parks Canada, a branch of the department of environment, to consider commemorating Dr. Stowe.

Dr. Stowe was honored with a commemorative stamp by Canada Post in March 1981. A local ceremony was held in Norwich while an official stamp launching ceremony took place in the Senate Chambers in Ottawa.

Dr. Stowe was a Canadian woman who made leaps forward in positions held by women. Along with being the first woman principal in a school in Canada, founding Canada's first woman suffrage society in her struggle for equal rights for women and being the first woman in Canada to run for elected office and win, Dr. Stowe was the first woman doctor in the country.

From Our Early Files

25 YEARS AGO
February 1959

Earth tremors, similar to those felt in Walsingham, London and Cooksville, have been detected here in Tillsonburg during the past week and a half. Reports came from the Vienna Hill, Annandale Heights and North Broadway areas.

Help in restoring the Edison Cemetery at Vienna may be forthcoming from a son of the famous inventor, Thomas A. Edison. Charles Edison, speaking in Detroit, said he was anxious to see the cemetery, where a number of his relatives are buried, restored and hinted he would provide some money for its upkeep.

50 YEARS AGO
February 1934

Springford — The roads during the past week have been blocked with snow and practically impassable for cars. The weather here through February has been very severe; reported 37 below zero.

15 Years Ago
February 13, 1969

A by-law was passed at the February meeting of the South Township Council, for the collection of taxes twice a year on June 15 and December 15, instead of once a year as in previous years.

The clerk of South Norwich council was instructed to purchase shelves for the vault in the basement of the township offices, from Bennett's Stationery, Tillsonburg.

100 YEARS AGO
February 1884

Springford — Mr. Garnett has opened out a general store here in the shop formerly occupied by Wilcox and Inglesby.

Brownsville — We have got two wagon shops in this place now. Mr. Charles Glover has opened out one. We wish him success.

Mr. William McDonald, senior partner in the firm of McDonald and McLeod grocers and wholesale liquor dealers, has sold his interest in the business to Mr. J.W. Husband of Langton, formerly of Tillsonburg.

Mount Elgin — Both in the village and community the water supply is said to be very scarce. Some of the farmers are driving their stock to their neighboring farmers for water. In the village many of the cisterns are either dry or frozen up.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1980, CHAPTER 337 AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESSES IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Norwich intends to designate the properties, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal addresses as properties of architectural and historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337.

A. LOCATION - SUTTON-CLARK HOUSE - Part Lot 13, Concession 4, former Township of North Norwich.

REASON FOR DESIGNATION:

The Sutton-Clark House is a red brick house built in the period 1850 to 1860. The house design, which recalls the Greek Revived form, contains the Quaker influence in its simple dignity. The cobblestone foundation finish at the front of the house is a feature unique to this area. The back portion of the house, approximately 9 metres by 6 metres, was built about 1850 with a brick bake oven and fireplace in the middle of the structure. The front of the house, 12 metres by 9 metres, contains two front windows, each containing 20 panes. This front portion was built about 10 years later. It is believed that the windows came from New York State. There are original blue glass side lights and transom over the front doorway. The house originally had full length closing shutters on door and windows. An unusual feature is the three wooden window grills under the eaves that allow light into the upstairs bedrooms. The house also has a slate roof and chimneys at both ends of the roof peak.

B. LOCATION - BECK STORE - Part Lot 1, Concession 11, Village of Hawtrey, former Township of South Norwich.

REASON FOR DESIGNATION:

The present Hawtrey Store was built in the 1870's by George Southwick when the Village of Hawtrey contained two hotels, two stores, two blacksmith shops, and a large shingle and planing mill. The store was purchased from Sam Innis by the late John Beck in 1920 and was initially leased to the United Farmers of Ontario. Soon thereafter, John Beck married and he and his wife operated the store continually until shortly before his death in 1974.

This French Renaissance commercial building is architecturally exceptional for a small village. Its decorative Mansard roof, providing extra head room for the upper storey, was originally adorned with a roof walk with turned balusters, and two distinctive double chimneys. The hooded dormers are relatively simple except for the scroll designs on the sides. The elaborate brackets under the eaves have turned pendants.

The body of the building is finished at the corners with brick groining. The original facade had large four-paned windows surrounding a recessed double door. These windows were topped with a scalloped edge. The front has been covered over but the original windows and door are still inside. The original counters and shelving are found inside the store.

C. LOCATION - CURRIES UNITED CHURCH - Part Lot 18, Concession 3, Curries, former Township of East Oxford.

REASON FOR DESIGNATION:

The exterior and sanctuary of this 1891 Victorian red brick church are original as designed by Cuthbertson of Woodstock. Cuthbertson also designed the Woodstock Opera House, the House of Refuge and the County of Oxford Court House.

The asymmetrical facade features regularly placed windows, intricate brick work and a bell tower. The interior dark wooden ceiling has curved portions along the wall and is supported from above by hidden hand-hewn beams. The gallery boasts a detailed wrought iron railing, also designed by Cuthbertson, in addition to the pews from the original 1855 Church. Features of the sanctuary include sloping pine floors, wainscoting and stained glass in the original windows.

This building represents a historical focal point for the rural community of Curries. Several families have worshipped here for five and six generations and include members of the 1891 congregation in their ancestry. A Wesleyan Methodist congregation was formed in 1855 and purchased land in the same year with the cemetery property acquired in 1861. Additional property was purchased in 1885 to allow the erection of the present church which was opened on Thanksgiving Day, November 12th, 1891. The name was changed from Zion to Curries in 1903. Twenty-two years later, the church became part of the United Church of Canada.

Norwich Twp. applies for funding to update local historical buildings

Provincial grants are available to aid in the updating of properties designated under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Norwich Township council has decided to enter into the Building Rehabilitation and Improvement Campaign (BRIC) available through the ministry of citizenship and culture. Applications for funding can be made to update buildings designated as being of historical and architectural significance.

Grants amounting to one half of the eligible project costs up to a maximum \$2,000 are available. The grant must be matched by an equal contribution by the owner of the property or through other sources other than provincial and federal aid. Grants are based on the actual expenditures of the owner and donated material and labor are not considered part of the owner's matching contribution. A property may receive one grant per calendar year.

When participating in the grant program the municipality is required to enter into a legal agreement with the ministry. Applications for grants are submitted to the municipality which reviews the applications and refers them to the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC). The Norwich Township LACAC will then prepare comments and reasons for council to accept or reject grant applications. Council's decision is final.

If the project grant is approved by council, the municipality will pay the owner the grant when the project is completed. The municipality is then reimbursed by the ministry for the grant

plus an additional 10 per cent for administration costs.

The availability of the grant program "may provide stimulus to having more designated properties," James Hill, chairman of the Norwich Township LACAC, said.

Projects that are eligible for grants are those that conserve or enhance elements specified as reasons for the properties to be designated as having historical and architectural value.

Exterior features such as doors, windows or decorative trim, and conservation renewal of original siding and roofing materials and restoring the building to structural soundness can qualify for grant consideration. Any property may receive only one grant for exterior painting in the property's original colors. Interior work such as woodwork and plaster work can qualify for grants if these features were specified as reasons for the building to be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Since the Ontario Heritage Act was established in 1974 municipal councils have established more than 1,000 LACACs that advise councils on conservation-related matters. More than 1,200 individual properties have been designated.

Norwich Township has five designated properties - Curries United Church, The Sutton Clark house, the Beck Store in Hawtrey, Treffry Mill and the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre.

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DATED AT OTTERVILLE THIS 15th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1984.

ROBERT C. WATKINS,
CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR.

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Historical — Agricultural — Beautiful

There is nothing quite like the countryside draped in the snowy elegance of winter.

This week, the simple elegance of Norwich Township is captured on film and the bustling activities of the residents are depicted in features by staff writer/photographer John Surgeoner.

Some familiar sights and scenes clockwise from the top right are the historic Norwich Post Office clock tower, the stately Otterville dam, garbed in a cloak of ice-laden majesty; the Norwich Museum and Archives, which is undergoing a face-lift; the Treffry Mill, another historic landmark in the area and directly below is the name plate of the local municipal offices located in Otterville.

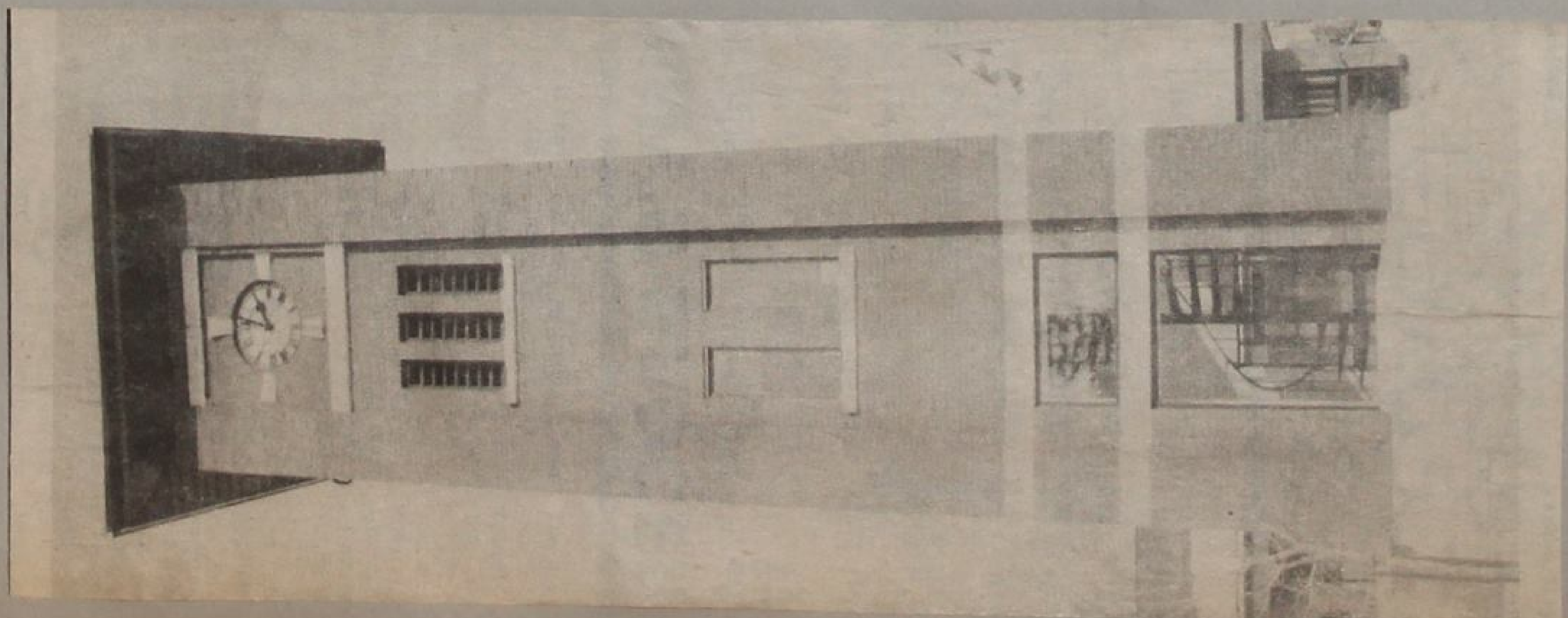
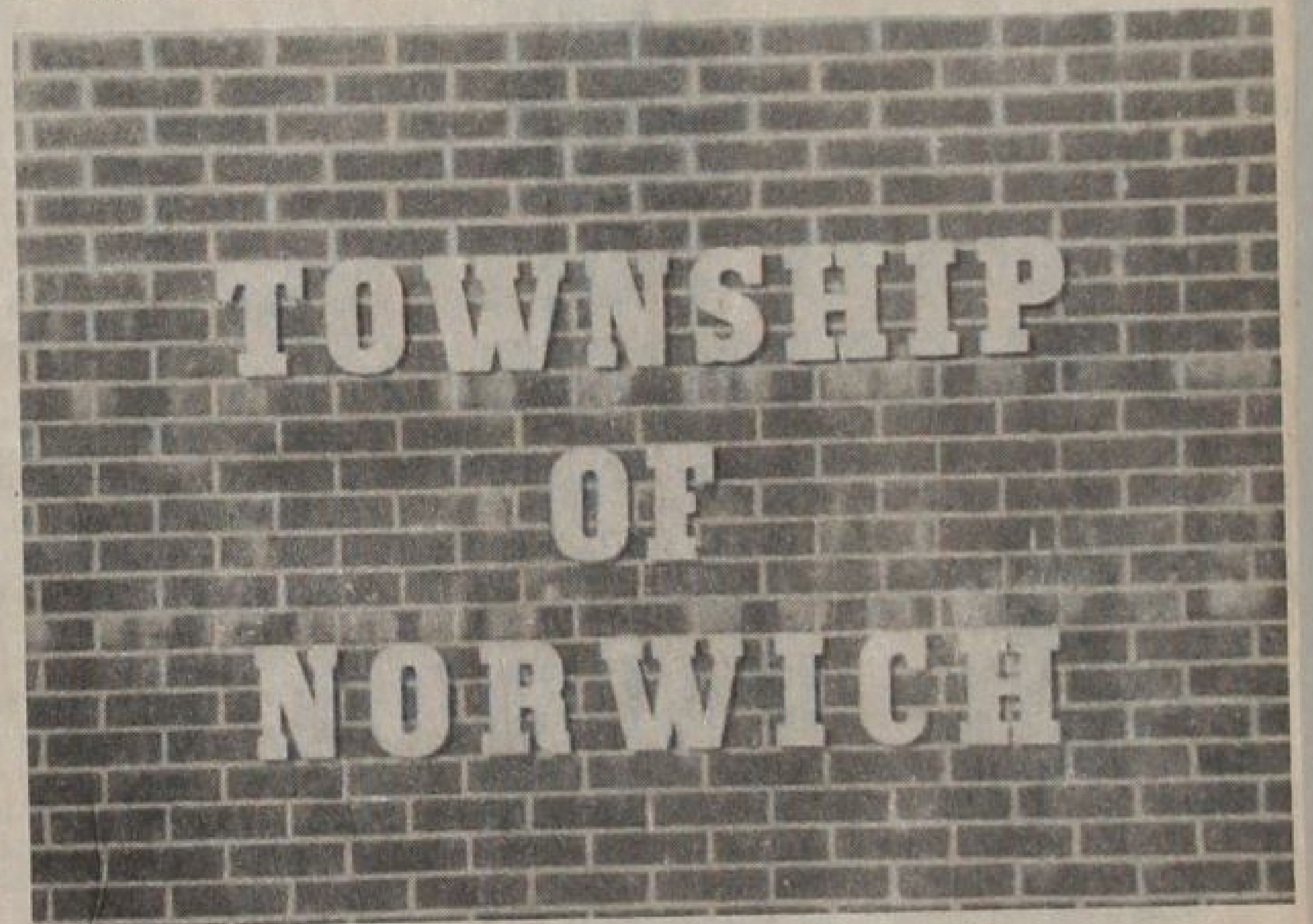
On the ensuing pages, Mr. Surgeoner features Nor-Del Cable Ltd. as it launches a multi-lingual station for subscribers, which

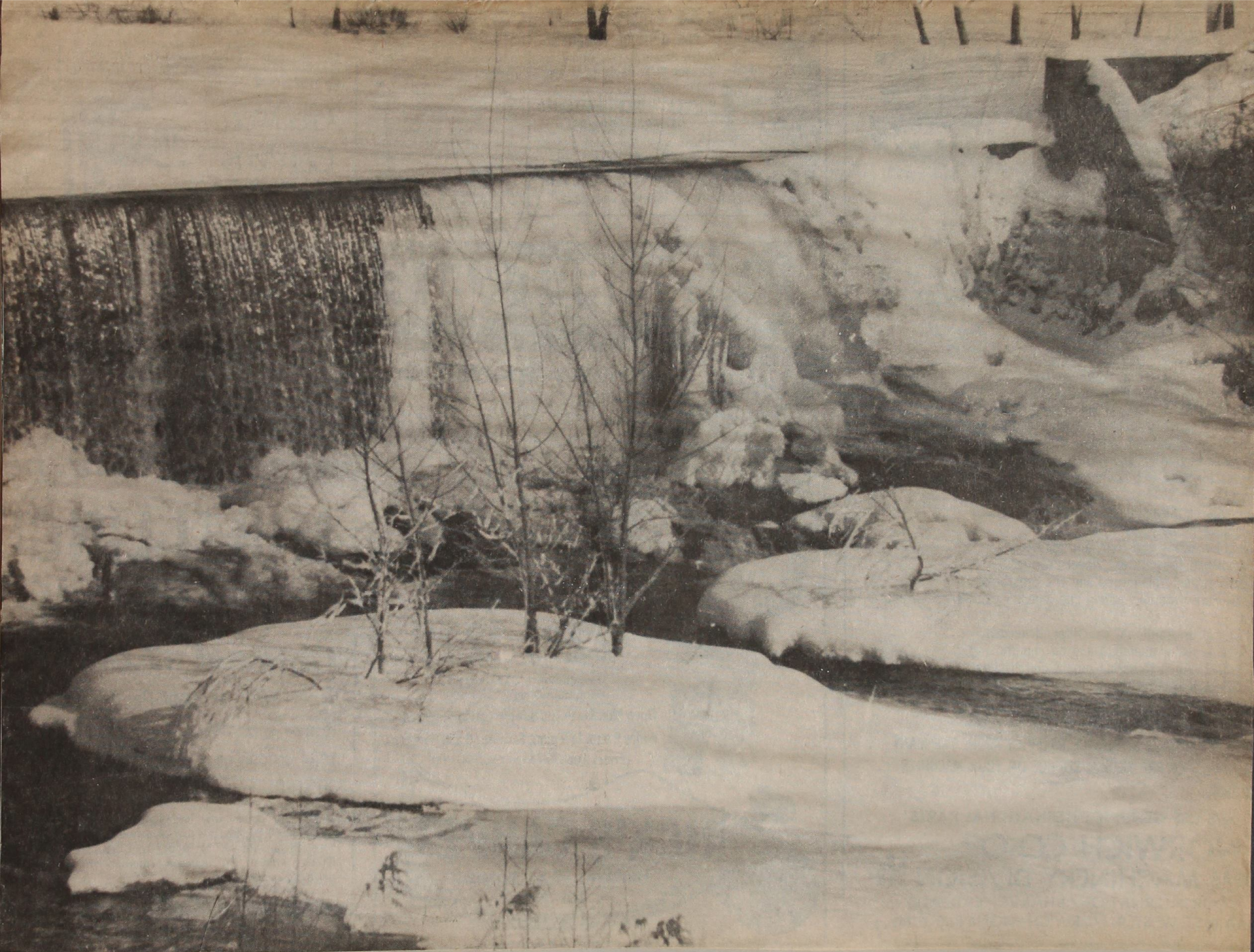
is sure to become a favourite among local residents.

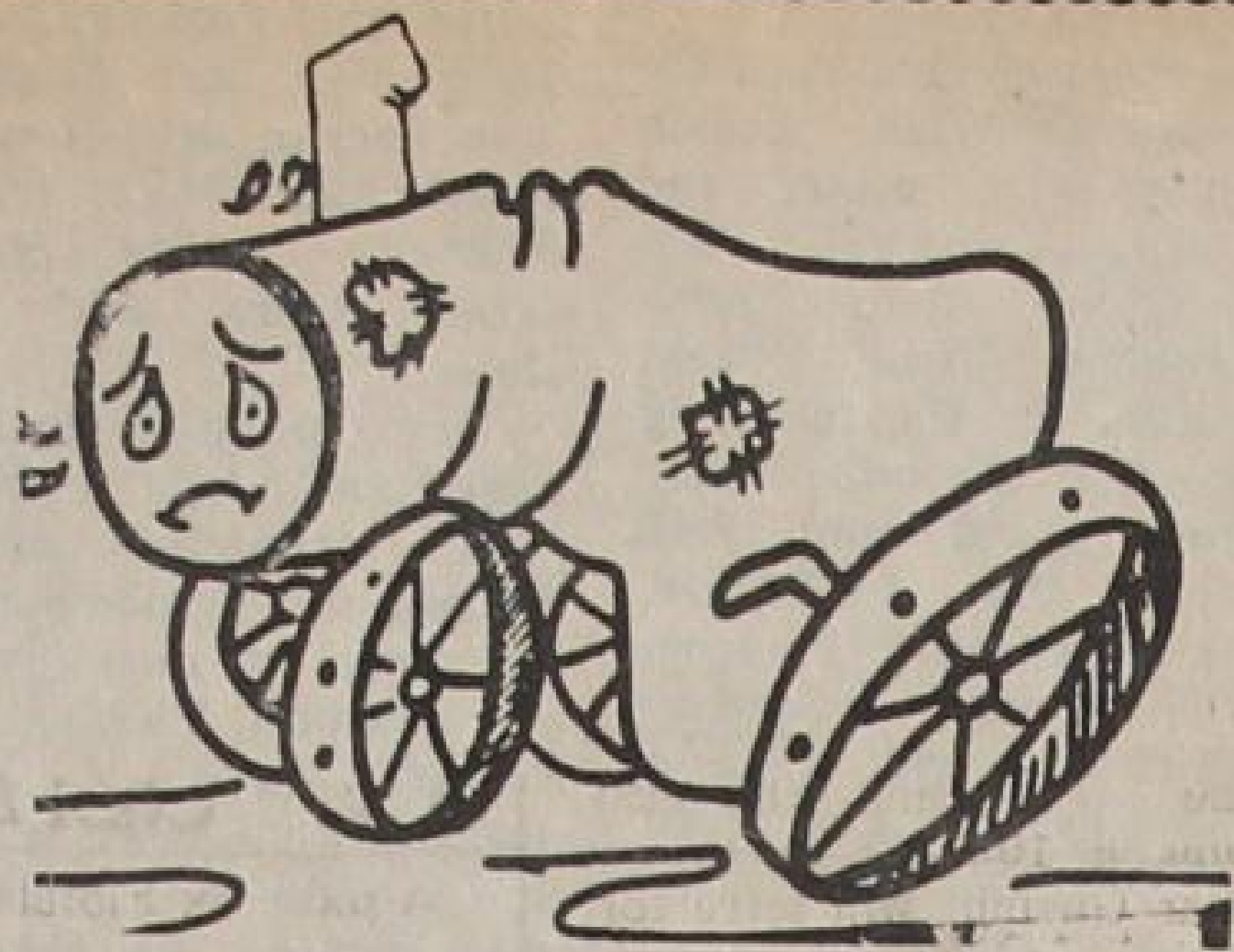
Holland Equipment unveils its new Aer-Way, low-cost, low-maintenance tiller. Renovations at the Norwich Museum are highlighted and Curator Scott Gilles outlines the changes taking place.

Other features include a look at Otterville's new library facilities; Shirley Glendinning talks to church social convener Jean Little and correspondent Mrs. Harold Waring provides some insights including a Confirmation and First Communion Service of joint congregations St. Alban's Church in Delhi and St. John's Anglican Church in Otterville, attended by more than 200 people.

For a look at an interesting Township, its people and some new developments, see inside pages.







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Jean Little was busy preserving peaches and pickles the day we visited her at her Otterville home. (Photo by Shirley Glendinning)

OTTERVILLE — Being social convener for a church ladies' group that caters for meals at least five times a year, Mrs. Boyd Little finds it best to file recipes used at these events.

Not only does Jean keep track of the recipes but other pertinent facts related to the meal servings including costs. Mrs. Little is social convener of the Otterville United Church Women.

In April of each year the church holds a bazaar at which a luncheon of Chicken a la King and salads is served. At the end of October is the annual turkey supper. In December there are three Christmas meals served. If any anniversaries are celebrated and the ladies are asked they cater to that too.

"But don't ask me for the recipe for our turkey dressing," laughs Jean. "That's a secret recipe that everyone would like to get hold of."

The two pickle recipes Jean has given us are favourites of hers that have been admired by others. We think you'll find the sandwich fillings different and worth trying. The Calico Bean Casserole has been a hit at service club banquets when it was served.

Mr. Little is a retired principal of the Otterville Public School. Since Boyd has retired the couple still find that they keep very busy and also enjoy travelling.

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90 children at film festival

OTTERVILLE (C) — Saturday may have been a cold, blustery day, but Otterville children had a warm and entertaining place to spend the afternoon at the Community Town Hall.

A film festival, sponsored by the Spring-Otter Optimist Club was held for children of all ages and featured the films, "Who Killed Doc Robins," "Winter of the Witch," "The Gold Bug" as well as cartoons.

Admission, popcorn and refreshments were all free and the Optimists were very pleased with the excellent response of almost 90 in attendance. Everyone had a great time and due to such interest another festival is planned for Saturday, March 31.

Members of the Trail Trotters Snowmobile Club held their fourth breakfast which for the first year was served in smorgasbord style.

The breakfast was held at their club, RR 3, Tillsonburg, which was attended by approximately 300 people.

The weatherman was very cooperative and snowmobiles came as far away as Burford. The group apologizes for the inconvenience and lack of parking area since they were not prepared for such a response, this being the first year for the smorgasbord approach.

The club hopes to see everyone at their next smorgasbord breakfast in the fall of 1984.

Kindergarten registration was held at Otterville Public School in the evenings on Wednesday, February 22 and Thursday, February 23 with the expected number registering. An orientation program will be carried out in the Spring to familiarize the new students with the school environment they will be enjoying in the fall.

Both the Otterville Public School Junior and Senior girls basketball teams have been playing exhibition games against Norwich, Oliver Stevens and Maple Lane schools. The teams have worked hard and improved their skills with the Juniors

Interested people in the renovation of the Springford Women's Institute hall met Monday evening, February 13, in the hall. The unique response from this small hamlet and area with pledges has been gratifying to the committee, and are in excess of \$12,000 with a need of a further \$3,000. Donations may be made to the chairman of the renovation committee, Mr. Stanley Palmer, and official receipts will be issued.

continuing extra practices after the Senior tournament at College Avenue Secondary School, Woodstock.

A dance-fitness class for girls grades 4-8 will be held after Otterville Public School hours by Miss Tafel beginning during the spring term.

Mildred Addison, Mississauga, spent several days with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Don Broad and Janet, Otterville, during which they attended funeral services of their aunt, May Broad held Saturday, February 18 at Ostrander Funeral Home, Tillsonburg.

Murray and Dorothy Wardell have at-

tended the Hydro Convention in Toronto this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Little have returned home after holidaying in Florida.

Members of the Norwich Township Council attended the Good Roads Convention held in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walther have returned home from Florida where they visited with relatives and friends.

The regular Foot Clinic was held on Monday, February 27 at the home of Evelyn Waring, Main Street, Otterville.

Springford gearing up for Canada Week events

Plans for Canada Day celebrations are progressing as Springford prepares activities to be held in the community this year.

Members of the Springford Canada Week organizing committee met with members of the Norwich Township Canada Week Committee last Tuesday to discuss plans for the Canada Day celebrations which will be centred in Springford in July.

The Springford group is planning such activities as a ball tournament on Friday, June 29 and Saturday, June 30 with the parade to be held Monday, July 2. A black powder shoot is planned for Sunday, June 24, a model aircraft display on Sunday, July 1 and Monday, July 2 and a wood-carving display to be held at Lawrence Woodworking beginning June 30.

The Springford United and Baptist

Churches are planning a barbecue on July 2 and a joint church service on July 1. A gospel sing involving the two churches will also be held July 1. The Springford Agricultural Society will hold a flea market Saturday, June 30 and July 2.

All Springford groups are interested in the celebrations and are participating in one or more of the events, Doug Wilson, a member of the Springford local group, said.

Many activities planned for Canada Week throughout the township will also be blending bicentennial celebrations into the activities, Les Dickson, 1984 chairman of the township Canada Week Committee, said.

The next township Canada Week Committee meeting will be held at the Otterville Township Office Tuesday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Bicentennial plans made by Irish Club

LaSALETTE (C) — Approximately 40 people attended a meeting of the newly formed Irish Club on Sunday afternoon at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Delhi. Plans were finalized for participating in the Ontario Bicentennial celebrations which are being sponsored by the Multi-Cultural Heritage Association of Norfolk on March 3.

Conveners, Pat O'Brien of Otterville, Patrick Murray and Mrs. John McNally of Norwich, and Mrs. Carmen Scott of Tillsonburg, gave reports on food, display table, entertainment and pioneer or Irish attire. ^{OTTERVILLE}

It was decided to donate a Blackthorn walking stick, flown in from Ireland, for one of the draws. John McNally volunteered to arrange a dance at Otterville hall on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. Bud Webb volunteered to supply membership cards. Lucy Gaynor of Tillsonburg, Charlie Weeks of Otterville and Genevieve Byer of La Salette were named membership conveners.

Members voted to adopt the name of The Irish Club of the Tri-Counties. President Tony Murphy of Delhi, vice-president Michael Murray of La Salette and James Boll of Simcoe will present a constitution at a later date.

Next meeting will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, February 26, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Delhi.

Laura Pettigrew recently celebrated her 93rd birthday. She was the recipient of numerous cards, telephone calls, callers and flowers. She was a birthday guest at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pettigrew and family, on the celebrated day. A resident of Otterville she is far from being idle for she keeps busy in crafts making wicker baskets and crocheting and bakes her own bread. She has had her niece, Ethel Grant of Sandy Cove, visiting with her for a few days.

Bicentennial funding

Applications for funds to finance bicentennial celebrations can now be made by residents and organizations in Norwich Township.

Funds to be used to commemorate Ontario's bicentennial are now available and council is inviting applications. The municipality received a grant for about

\$4,000 to go towards bicentennial activities.

Applications will be reviewed by the township culture and recreation advisory committee and the chairman of the Canada Week Celebrations Committee, Les Dickson of Burgessville. The proposals will then be recommended to and approved by township council.

Tea at shop

OTTERVILLE (C) — Residents of Otterville had a chance to enjoy a cup of tea and conversation Saturday, February 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Old Barbershop on Main Street, Otterville.

Many articles were on display including several craft items created by members of the Sunshine Club. There were South Norwich Historical Publications available for one's perusal as well as copies of "South of Sodom". There are still some copies available of all the various reading materials which can be obtained from Doreen Mountain at the Barbershop.

It provided a friendly, informal afternoon to brighten a dull, dreary February day.

Optimist club sponsoring trip to sportsmen show

The Spring-Otter Optimist Club is sponsoring a bus tour to the Canadian National Sportsmen Show March 24.

The club will order tickets to the exhibit show in Toronto on a group basis. Tickets

will be \$15 a person and will include the admittance price and return transportation.

The bus will leave Otterville Saturday, March 24 at 8 am. and leave Toronto at 6 p.m.

St. John's ACW

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the St. John's Anglican Church Women, held Thursday evening, February 16, was of a business nature when plans were made about upcoming events.

A Pancake Luncheon, co-hosted with the Otterville Sunshine Club, will be held Shrove Tuesday, March 6 at the Parish hall and a committee to work on this day was formed.

The ACW Spring Fashion Show to be held Thursday evening, March 29 will feature fashions from Hi-Lo, Tillsonburg. This fashion event will be held at the Otterville Community Hall at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be \$3 with lunch and refreshments being served.

The members were reminded that Friday, March 2 is World Day of Prayer and a joint service will be held with the Otterville United Church Women at 7:30 p.m. in the United Church.

Further discussion focused on the purchase of choir gowns for the senior and junior choirs and on the purchase of dishes with samples on display.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by secretary, Janet Ryerse and treasurer's report was given by Wenda Spicer.

The meeting opened with the singing of "Spirit of the Living God". The thought for the meeting entitled "You Can't Beat The Price" was presented by Barbara Ecker. As can be found in I Peter, chapter 4, a wonderful gift given to us absolutely free is the manifold grace of God. It is an undeserved favor, an ability for people to live God's way. God's grace brings blessing to us and to others and honors the name and kindness of the giver.

Grace is free and surpasses everything the world has to offer.

The Lord's Prayer closed the devotional.

A tasty lunch was provided by Kay Darling and her committee while a social time was enjoyed.

Library display focuses on Otterville industries

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Otterville Public Library is the place to be this month to discover interesting facts about the heritage of Otterville.

During February, there is a display focusing on Otterville Manufacturing in the library, arranged by the South Norwich Historical Society.

Pictures and articles help to explain and tell the story of various industries which once operated in the village.

As early as the 1870s J.F. Bullock and W.F. Kay started manufacturing and later built a factory across from Lake Huron and Port Dover Railway Station which was known as the Otterville Sweeper Company.

Carpet sweepers varying in price up to \$2.75 were made until about 1900 when the patent was sold to Bissel. The name of the company was changed to the Otterville

Otterville Anglican Church Guild disbands

OTTERVILLE (C) — The St. John's Anglican Church Ladies Guild met at the home of Mrs. Harold Durkee on Thursday, February 2.

Six members were present which included Winnie McMullen, Dorothy Durkee, Violet Howse, Edna Furlong, Olive Pickersgill and Winnie Leach as well as Rev. Grant D. Darling.

The major concern of business focused on the decision to disband the organization, since a newer organization of the Anglican Church Women is now in existence. However, the Ladies Guild has provided the church through many years with strong and responsible support.

The members of the executive, Mrs. Howse, president since 1976, Mrs. Durkee, secretary since 1976, and Mrs. McMullen, treasurer since 1951 and the oldest living member of the organization since 1934, in addition to all other members demonstrate many years of service.

Other members of the Ladies Guild for 1984 are Mrs. F. Church, Mrs. K. Darling, Mrs. M. Riste, Mrs. B. Strudwick and Mrs. R. Saunders.

Mary Furlong and Georgina Spicer, still active in the church, are past members and officers of the Guild.

The St. John's Ladies Guild has an interesting history of service and work in the church. Facts can be found through various records, the most recent being "South of Sodom", published by the South Norwich Historical Society. According to this document, in 1895 the Old St. John's Church, located at the northwest portion of the present day cemetery, was in need of extensive repair. "New pews made by the Otterville Manufacturing Co. at a total cost of \$80 were paid for by the Ladies Guild and installed," it said in the book.

It goes on further to say that "Funds for the operation of Old St. John's were raised



Longtime members

The St. John's Anglican Church Ladies Guild, Otterville, recently decided to disband after many years of service to the community. Some longtime members were Edna Furlong (front row left), and Winnie McMullen. In the second row are Olive Pickersgill, Dorothy Durkee, Violet Howse and Winnie Leach. Absent from the photo are Florence Church and Myrtle Riste. (Staff Photo)

through its Ladies Guild by means of garden parties, and socials, as well as concerts held in the Town Hall, the Otterville Park, the church grounds, and on the lawns of John McFarlane's residence. These community-oriented functions featured ice cream, candy, lemonade, cigars and Woods famous Boston Coffee as well as strawberries..."

Early records of the Guild for 1912 state the executive were president, Mrs. C. Reavely; secretary, Etta Colver; and treasurer, Elizabeth Bullock.

At this time meetings were held in the homes and one of the main activities centred on sewing such things as quilts and aprons. Membership fees were 5c a month with teas being held at many meetings for 10c each. This high price provided a lunch of tea, bread and butter, meat or sandwiches, cake, fruit and pickles.

The Anglican Ladies Guild has seen many events and changes through the years. The first church service to be held in the newly completed Parish Hall was October 10, 1915. Services continued to be held here until the St. John's Church and its parish hall, built and donated by Henry Bullock, were dedicated on December 10, 1916 by Rev. David Williams, Lord Bishop of Huron.

Various notes of interest can be found about the Guild. A notation in 1928 stated

the ladies would serve refreshments if a street dance was held when the new pavement was completed.

Pancake socials were favorite fund-raising projects for the ladies which were held in the parish hall and basement. In 1930 a pancake social was held with a menu of pancakes, maple syrup, cake, doughnuts, jello, baked beans, pickles and tea. These socials were hosted until 1942.

The Guild was the group which began the annual Turkey Supper, the first one behind held January 1960. At this time admission was adults \$1.25, and children 75c with turkey costing 45c a pound.

Other activities the group has been involved in during its formation were bake sales, bazaars, summer picnics with meetings behind held both in the homes and the church. World Day of Prayer was an event in which the group always participated.

It has been this consistent devotion to church work of the many members of the Ladies Guild that has given St. John's Anglican Church much of its strength through the years. It has also laid down a strong foundation upon which future organizations and activities can be based.

To all members of the St. John's Anglican Church Guild, both past and present, a sincere "thank you" of appreciation is extended.

Historical Society meets

The regular meeting of the South Norwich Historical Society was held at Woodlawn on February 13.

During the business session there was considerable discussion of a Bicentennial project. A committee of Rick Singer, Jack Smith, Peter Pickersgill and Dave Hussey were appointed to take charge of this. Plans for the July 1 barbecue at the Mill were also discussed.

Lorraine Downing reported on her meeting with the South Western Ontario Tourism Association. Her offer to prepare a package of information on local points of interest for use by S.W.O.T.A. was gratefully accepted by the meeting. This material will be made available to operators of bus tours.

It was also decided to reserve space for the Society at the Genealogical Fair to be held in Norwich on May 5.

Lurène McMullen reported that the display put on by the Historical Society in the Otterville Library during the month of February was creating considerable interest.

Following the business session a Bicentennial film was shown which depicted many facets of our early history.

ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN

OTTERVILLE (C) — The 9:30 a.m. Sunday service was a special one with the First Otterville Brownie Pack in attendance for their annual Thinking Day church parade.

Rev. Grant D. Darling welcomed everyone to the service previous to the parade of the Brownies into the church and the placement of the flag. During the opening hymn "Come And Go With Me," the senior choir entered the church accompanied by Lila Freeland at the piano.

Throughout the service various modern songs of praise were sung. "Come My Brothers," "Praise The Lord" and "I've Got Peace Like A River" were enjoyed in combination with the scripture lessons. Scripture was taken from Leviticus 9:11-17 read by Brownie Joni Ryerse and St. Matthew 5:38-48 read by Brownie Ami Gehring.

Recitation of the Brownies' Promise was led by Brownie leader Dianne Monsere. Members taking part were Joni Ryerse, Lindsay Picknell, Karen Kramer, Pam Hussey, Ami Gehring, Melissa Leguee, Carrie Lewis, Lasandra Love, Rebecca Monsere, and Tammy Hewitt. Absent was Melissa Wilkinson.

Rev. Darling invited all children in attendance to join him at the front where he posed the question, "What Is The Greatest Thing in the Whole World?" After many good suggestions and some discussion the decision was made that love is the greatest thing of all.

Rev. Darling suggested the thought to the congregation of Sharing The Work Load. We all must be aware of work that needs to be done within a church and congregation and should be ready to share the responsibilities. Rather than the work load being carried by a few it should be shared with the many and thus the Lord will bless us.

The offering was received by the visiting Brownies.

The service closed with the singing of "Let Us Thank The Lord Our God."

OTTERVILLE FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST

On Sunday, February 26, following the Sunday school time, morning worship was held at 11 a.m.

To begin the service Bety Oenema, librarian of the Church library, gave a presentation to the outstanding book readers during the past year of the library and Pastor Bull promoted the new book additions to the library.

Bob Marshall led the remainder of the service opening with a Scripture reading of I Peter 5:1-11.

Pastor Bull began a new series of messages regarding Church membership and all that is involved. Using a selection of Scriptures, Pastor Bull described the need of membership.

In membership we need to be devoted to loving each other when we are benefiting and when we are not benefiting to have unity. There will never be unity until there is commitment to each other and our God-given leaders.

Missionary Fellowship

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. David Hill was the hostess for the February meeting of the Missionary Fellowship of the Baptist Church, Otterville.

The president, Wilma Butler, opened the meeting with some thoughts about love and the heart with February being heart month. "In My Heart There Rings a Melody" was sung by all.

Mrs. Bill Hansford read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hiron, missionaries in Nigeria. A letter was read from the Leprosy Mission telling of their work. Mrs. Butler had received a letter from Christian Service Centres and one also heard from Mr. and Mrs. Ross Helgeton in Saskatchewan who have a new baby boy, Eric James, born December 31.

Mrs. Dwight Davis and Betty Oenema led in missionary prayers.

A shower for the Alfred baby was announced for February 14.

Mrs. Charter Davis opened the devotional section of the program which was to promote the book "How to Study the Bible for Yourself" by Tim LaHaye and the Muskoka Baptist Conference for ladies held in Muskoka each June.

Mrs. Bill Hansford read the hymn "The Bible Stands" followed by a responsive reading of selected Bible verses entitled "The Holy Scriptures".

Mrs. Butler played parts of recordings made of last year's speaker at Muskoka, Mrs. Doris Jennings. The section stressed was that one must "be" before he can "do". She said Christian common sense is to be punctual, orderly, clean, loyal, dependable and gracious. Mrs. Jennings also said appearance is vital for a good ministry as is temperance or self-control.

Mrs. C. Davis said, quoting from LaHaye's book that daily Bible reading and studying takes mental work, self-discipline and time.

Mrs. Joseph Bull closed the meeting with prayer.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Hill assisted by Mrs. Fred Hill and Mrs. D. Davis. Mrs. Butler gave the courtesy remarks.

Tease people demonstrated

OTTERVILLE (C) — Thursday evening, February 2, many people attended the regular meeting of the St. John's Anglican Church Women, some who were very special for they were "tease people".

Kaye Darling demonstrated the art of making these cute little people from material scraps, nylon stuffing and needle and thread. Their name is derived from the fact that their head is made from a dried teasele with the addition of pins for facial features. These dried teasele heads can be found along any roadside or field during the fall and winter. Through Mrs. Darling's experience guidance everyone was able to make and take home one of these interesting creatures.

The singing of "Osion Open Wide Thy Gates", opened the meeting followed by prayer. Betty Jean Davis presented a thought provoking devotional suggesting that things that really matter in life can not be bought.

The business portion of the meeting involved the making of plans for the ACW fashion show to be held March 29 and the Beef Supper, April 29. Minutes of the last meeting were read by secretary, Janet Ryerse.

Mrs. Darling and her committee provided a delicious lunch and a social time was enjoyed. The meeting closed with prayer.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 16 at the Parish Hall.



New pastor inducted

The new pastor of the Otterville Fellowship Baptist Church was officially welcomed into the community Friday during his induction service. Present for the induction were Robert Marshall (left), Deacon; Judy Bull, Pastor Joseph Bull holding son Nathan, and Charter Davis, chairman of the Board of Deacons. (Staff Photo)

Otterville Baptist Church attracts new pastor

By DOREEN HOOVER

The friendly people of Otterville and the appearance of the Otterville Fellowship Baptist Church have attracted a new pastor to the community.

Pastor Joseph Bull, who held his first service at the Otterville Fellowship Baptist Church January 1, first visited Otterville in October with his wife Judy and their three and one-half-year-old son Nathan after he was offered the position as pastor. They liked the people and were impressed by the church.

"We liked the folks, church and the community," he said. "There is a lot of potential for growth so we decided to settle here."

During the last month Pastor Bull has seen new people attending the services

already. "There is a good spirit in the church," he said. He was inducted as pastor of the church Friday night.

Born and raised in Toronto, Pastor Bull first decided to enter the ministry while attending Ryerson Poly-Tech Institute in Toronto where he was studying finance and computers. He was discontented with his life and thought back to his Christian upbringing.

"I felt that if I wanted peace I had to get to God," he said. "I felt God wanted me to go into the ministry."

Pastor Bull left Ryerson and began attending the Ontario Bible College, Toronto. He graduated in 1978 with a bachelor of theology degree majoring in pastoral ministry. He is now working towards his masters at the Ontario Theological Seminary, Toronto.

While still attending school Pastor Bull was a pastoral intern at the Oakwood Baptist Church, Toronto, in 1976 and pastor of the Stouffville Baptist Church in 1977. From 1979 to 1982 he was pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church in Collingwood. He was ordained in Collingwood in 1980.

After a year of sabbatical which included studying for his masters, preaching at various churches, being a layreader in Barrie and working at his hobby of cabinet making, Pastor Bull decided to settle in Otterville.

As pastor of the Otterville Fellowship Baptist Church he will be involved with preaching, teaching, visiting members of his congregation and dealing with the administration of the church.

After getting settled and getting to know the people in the community and the needs of his congregation, Pastor Bull will begin putting special programs together in the church if needed. He has already renewed interest in the Young Peoples group in the church. Young families in the area will also be a special area of interest for Pastor Bull. Building up the resources in the church library to offer more information for young families will be another future activity.

They are enjoying getting accustomed to living in a small town after having lived in larger communities.

"It is interesting adjusting to a small town," Pastor Bull said. They find that everything is so handy for them such as the post office and the bank.

"We have found the town very friendly," Pastor Bull said. They have found the people to be open and helpful.

Norwich-Otterville

Lions planning

family night

The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the Legion Hall, Norwich, Monday evening. Lion president Les Dickson presided.

There were 35 members present and one guest and one honorary member.

Wayne Moodie was introduced by Lion Alf Lossing. Wayne was a Norwich District High School student who spent the past year as a Rotary exchange student in Sweden.

Wayne showed a very interesting series of slides taken during his year in Sweden, which he found to be very beneficial. His trip was partially funded by this club and other organizations in this area.

The club has received considerable information regarding the District "A" convention, which will be held in Niagara Falls, Ontario, May 31 to June 3.

Lion Howard Fleming reported that he had attended the charter night of the new Townsend Club, February 4.

Reports also included two recent visits to area clubs at Dereham District (Mount Elgin) and Courtland Lions Club, in support of Lion Colin Cope, a candidate from this club as Zone Chairman for the coming year.

Plans were announced for the Lions "Family Night", to be held in the Legion Hall, Norwich, Monday evening, March 12.

There was a discussion regarding the annual Lions Fish Fry and Dance, to be held in the Norwich Community Centre, Saturday night, March 31. Ticket sales for the dance and for the Honda ATV draw are both progressing well.

The convention draw was won by Lion Murray Cornwell.

UCW meeting

The Otterville United Church Women held their regular meeting on Thursday, February 16, downstairs in the Sunday school rooms. Jean Carney presided while president Betty Walther was absent on holidays. She opened the meeting with a poem and welcomed all. Business was conducted, noting that the beef supper which will be held April 11 was not too far away and the ladies should start preparing now.

Following business, the meeting was turned over to Bertha Gehring, convener for the month, and her committee.

Her theme for the evening was based on "God is Love". Mary Lynn Rochus began the program with a Bible reading, I John 4:7-21. Helen Davis read a devotional entitled "All the Forms of Love", taken from the book "Salt In My Kitchen". Jean Hill played the piano while the ladies sang "Love Divine". Devotion was read by Bertha Gehring "God is Love, a High Water-Mark". Offering was taken by Mary Lynn Rochus and Helen Davis.

Bertha Gehring introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Henny Cawthra. Henny is involved with Oxford Presbytery and would like to go to each United Church in Oxford County to speak on Christian development. Henny emphasized that the main purpose of a UCW is to get together for Christian fellowship and not just to organize to raise money. She stated that there are other organizations outside the church that just raise money. "Our purpose is to get familiar with the Bible," she said. Leaflets were handed out on how to study the Bible, and the group proceeded to do a Bible study on "The Lost Coin".

Jean Gehring presented Henny Cawthra with a gift and a social hour followed.

Otterville man sentenced for stealing mayor's car

An Otterville area man who stole a car belonging to the Mayor of Norwich Township and committed 15 other unrelated offences, including two of drinking and driving, was sentenced in Woodstock Provincial Court to eight months in reformatory Thursday.

Mark Rachar, 21, of RR 1, Otterville, was also placed on probation for two years and ordered to make restitution of \$1,305 which included the amount of damage done to Mayor John Heleniak's car, a 1976 Cadillac.

Mr. Rachar was sentenced to eight months on the car theft charge. He also received sentences of from three to four months on other charges but these will be served concurrently with the eight month sentence.

The court was told Mr. Rachar took the Cadillac from the lot of the Elm Hurst Restaurant near Ingersoll last November 21. The car was later found abandoned by Woodstock OPP south of Otterville.

Damage to the drive shaft and transmission had been inflicted and was valued at \$1,171.

The two impaired charges were laid last May 10 and June 11 when Mr. Rachar was stopped by police and discovered to be driving while in an impaired condition. Breath samples from the first incident registered at .122 and .144 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood. Samples from the second violation were .105 and .125.

The legal limit is .80.

At the time of the second impaired charge, Mr. Rachar was also discovered to be driving while his license was under suspension.

Two previous convictions for impaired driving in 1982 were revealed in court.

Other charges for which Mr. Rachar was sentenced included four thefts, a second charge of driving while under suspension, two of breach of probation and two for failing to appear in court.

Terry Thompson, Mr. Rachar's attorney, blamed alcohol abuse for his client's participation in the various offences. Judge R.G. Groom recommended that Mr. Rachar be screened for alcohol treatment while he is in jail.

Marty Hodgson, 21, also of Otterville, who was involved with Mr. Rachar in the thefts, was fined \$400 and placed on probation for two years. He was also ordered to perform 100 hours of community service.

Otterville B and E

Two Brantford men were arrested by Tillsonburg OPP Friday, February 3, during a break-in at a private residence in Otterville.

The men, both in their late 20s were apprehended by police inside the home of Ernest Gyori of 23 Main Street East, Otterville, at about 7:20 p.m.

Charged with "break and enter with intent," the two are scheduled to appear in provincial court in Tillsonburg, February 29.

Constable Jim Wallington of the Tillsonburg detachment is the investigating officer.

Sunshine Club members enjoy court whist

OTTERVILLE (C) — Four tables of Court Whist were enjoyed Thursday evening, February 9 at the regular meeting of the Otterville Sunshine Club held at the home of Doreen Mountain.

Eleven members and five visitors took part in the fun evening and winners were Betty Oenema, high lady; Marj Pearce, high man; Marg Shearer, low lady and Inga Irie, low man. Dorothy Neale and Inga were winners of the marked chair and cup and saucer. The lovely ceramic gifts given were made by Sunshine Club

member, Dorothy Wardell.

Lily Chisholm, president, opened the meeting and welcomed the visitors present. Roll call was answered by telling a favorite dessert you make for company. Business involved discussion and the decision to co-host a Pancake Luncheon on Shrove Tuesday, March 6, with the Anglican Church Women.

Marion Pettigrew thanked the hostess Doreen and Evelyn Picknell and Marg for the lunch.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 23 at the home of Lily Chisholm.

Otterville stake out

OTTERVILLE — Tillsonburg Ontario Provincial Police laid a trap here Friday night and two Brantford men are facing charges as a result.

Police said they suspected something might occur at the residence of Ernest Gyori, Main St., Otterville. Apparently Mr. Gyori received a false letter sent to get him out of the house, the evening of Feb. 3. He contacted police.

Constable Jim Wallington of Tillsonburg stationed himself in the home next door and staked out the Gyori house. About 7:20 p.m. two suspects Tim Cornelius Bogema, 27, of Brantford and James Russ Steedman, 26, Brantford were taken into custody after the door to Mr. Gyori's home was jimmied.

The two men were charged with break and enter with intent. One day earlier, Haldimand-Norfolk Regional Police reported Mary Gerhard of Hillside Ave. in Delhi had her purse snatched in Simcoe and a suspect was charged as a result of that incident as well.

Parent group considered

OTTERVILLE (C) — Principal, Fred Brown greeted parents who gathered at the Otterville Public School on Wednesday evening, February 15 to further consider the formation of a parent's group.

He reviewed the last meeting and explained that enough interest had been shown to form a viable organization.

An executive was formed through the generous volunteering of services by August DeWachter, Floyd Lewis and Ina Arthur.

An initial major decision to be made by the group is whether to become an affiliate of the Home and School Association or to be a private Parent-Teacher organization. The executive will be looking further into information about both kinds of groups.

Everyone present was given an opportunity to express ideas about what type of activities the organization should do and what direction it should take.

It was decided regular meetings would be held every last Monday of the month with the first meeting to be held March 26 in the school library at 7:30 p.m. with the topic being dealt with "Sex Education in the Schools".



Large book selection

Students of the Otterville Public School had a vast array of books to browse through during a book fair at the school Monday. Many

teachers and parents attended the book fair which offered books for sale for all ages. (Staff Photo)

Valentine's Day

OTTERVILLE (C) — February 14, Valentine's Day, is a special occasion for everyone, with no exception given to the Grade 1, 2 and 3 students of Otterville Public School. The traditional exchange of valentines was enjoyed but other activities made the day extra special.

An indoor picnic was held at noon with the students bringing a variety of items such as sandwiches, desserts, munchies and fruits or vegetables. This allowed for a wide variety of tastes as well as adding a touch of Spring through a picnic atmosphere. Much appreciation is extended to all parents who made this special lunch possible.

During the afternoon children were allowed to play games brought from home as well as take part in specially organized physical education activities.

Kindergarten was buzzing with valentine activity as well. With parent helpers, Dorothy Brayley and Vicki Walther and teacher Dorothy Hill, the children made heart sandwiches, tea biscuit hearts, cookie hearts, finger jello hearts and red apple-berry punch during the morning. In the afternoon all these goodies were enjoyed while valentines were exchanged and delivered to the students' mail bags which they sewed themselves.

As well, it was Red Day for the entire student body when everyone was encouraged to wear something this color to celebrate Valentine's Day and acquire points for their house league teams. All in all it was a fun day.

Book Fair at Otterville and Norwich schools

OTTERVILLE (C) — Children and adults had an opportunity to expand their reading libraries on Monday, February 20 when a Book Fair was held simultaneously at both Otterville Public School (OPS) and Norwich Public School.

The event was organized by Janice

Buchner who is the librarian at both schools and put on by a warehousing group which obtains books from stores and publishers which are no longer needed.

The fair, conducted in the gymnasium of OPS, displayed a wide variety of books, both hard and soft covered, from coloring

books to information books for adults. The majority of books however, were for children in the kindergarten to Grade 8 level. Students and parents were made aware of this day in advance and every class in the school had a chance during the day to look at or purchase any books they wished. It gave students a sampling of the wide variety of books available to the interested reader.

The warehousing group is going to be holding book fairs at schools throughout Oxford County for the entire week with Otterville and Norwich being the first ones to take part.

In exchange for their cooperation, the school receives 10 per cent of the book sales to use in purchasing books for its own library. Therefore it was a beneficial day for all and everyone was pleased with the response to this new venture.

Holding book fair at Otterville school

OTTERVILLE (C) — Otterville Public School is a busy place of many upcoming events during these winter months.

In the near future school pictures will be taken which will feature a new approach with family poses as well as individual poses being taken. Class pictures to be taken outside will be done later in the Spring.

A Book Fair will be held on February 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. for students and parents. This will be conducted in the school gymnasium and book purchases may be made at this time.

A school display of work done by the students will be arranged at the new Otterville Public Library during the month of March.

Valentine's Day, February 14, was Red Day at Otterville Public School when everyone was encouraged to wear

something red in correspondence to this special day. As well, this activity provided an opportunity for students to earn points for their House League teams.

A Winter Activity Day will be held on February 23 for the Senior students of Grades 4-8. There will be various activities for the students to choose from and for which to sign up. These include skiing, skating, bowling, swimming, computers, badminton and winter outside activities.

During this day the students of the Primary grades will be carrying on their own special activities of snow sculptures, math games and special gym activities.

March 5 there will be a McDonald's Day for the entire school when students may order McDonald's food for their lunch if they wish.

March 6 will be Pancake Day for the children in Grades 1, 2 and 3 when they will be making pancakes as an extra activity.



Team work

Students from Grades 1, 2 and 3 had fun playing basket relay during the Otterville Public School Winter Activity Day Thursday. Each team had to pass the contents of a basket down the line as quickly and carefully as possible to see which team was the fastest. (Staff Photo)

Special activities day for Otterville pupils

OTTERVILLE (C) — Thursday, February 23 was a day of special activities for all students at Otterville Public School.

Primary grades enjoyed special activities in their classrooms during the morning. At noon a McDonald's Winter Fun Day lunch was enjoyed with Mr. Brown, Mrs. Shearer and Mr. Lamont making it possible for the food to arrive hot and delicious. Special thanks to the parents who made the day possible.

The afternoon offered team games in the gymnasium made up of students from the classes of Anna Orth and Jeanette Berenz. Prizes and ribbons were awarded.

This day was one of Winter Activity for the senior students also, with all activities being arranged by teacher, Lisa Tafel. It was a tremendous success with everyone enjoying themselves and hoping it will be repeated another year.

Skiing which was originally planned for Oxford Ski Hill was rained out and

changed to Spring Skiing at Chicopee Ski Hill in Kitchener. Students had a special package for tow tickets, rentals and lessons with qualified instructors for an hour. Teachers, Miss Tafel and Mrs. Parr as well as parent Mr. Corbeil accompanied the students who chose this activity.

Other activities offered in Woodstock were swimming at Southside Pool, skating at Perry Street Arena and bowling in the afternoon at the Woodstock Bowlerama. Teachers supervising were Mrs. Hutchinson, Mr. Lamont and Miss Amos.

Special activities of badminton, trivia games and work with the computer were planned for students who wished to stay at the school. These programs were operated by Mr. Brown, Mrs. Buchner and Mrs. E. Campbell.

All students were very enthusiastic participants and it was a very enjoyable day for all as well as a change from the usual school schedule.



Computer games

Students of the Otterville Public School participated in a Winter Activity Day at the school Thursday. While some students went bowling and swimming in Woodstock others found activities at the school to participate in. David Cope (right), Grade 8, and Cornelius Dyck, Grade 6, enjoyed playing computer games during part of the day. (Staff Photo)

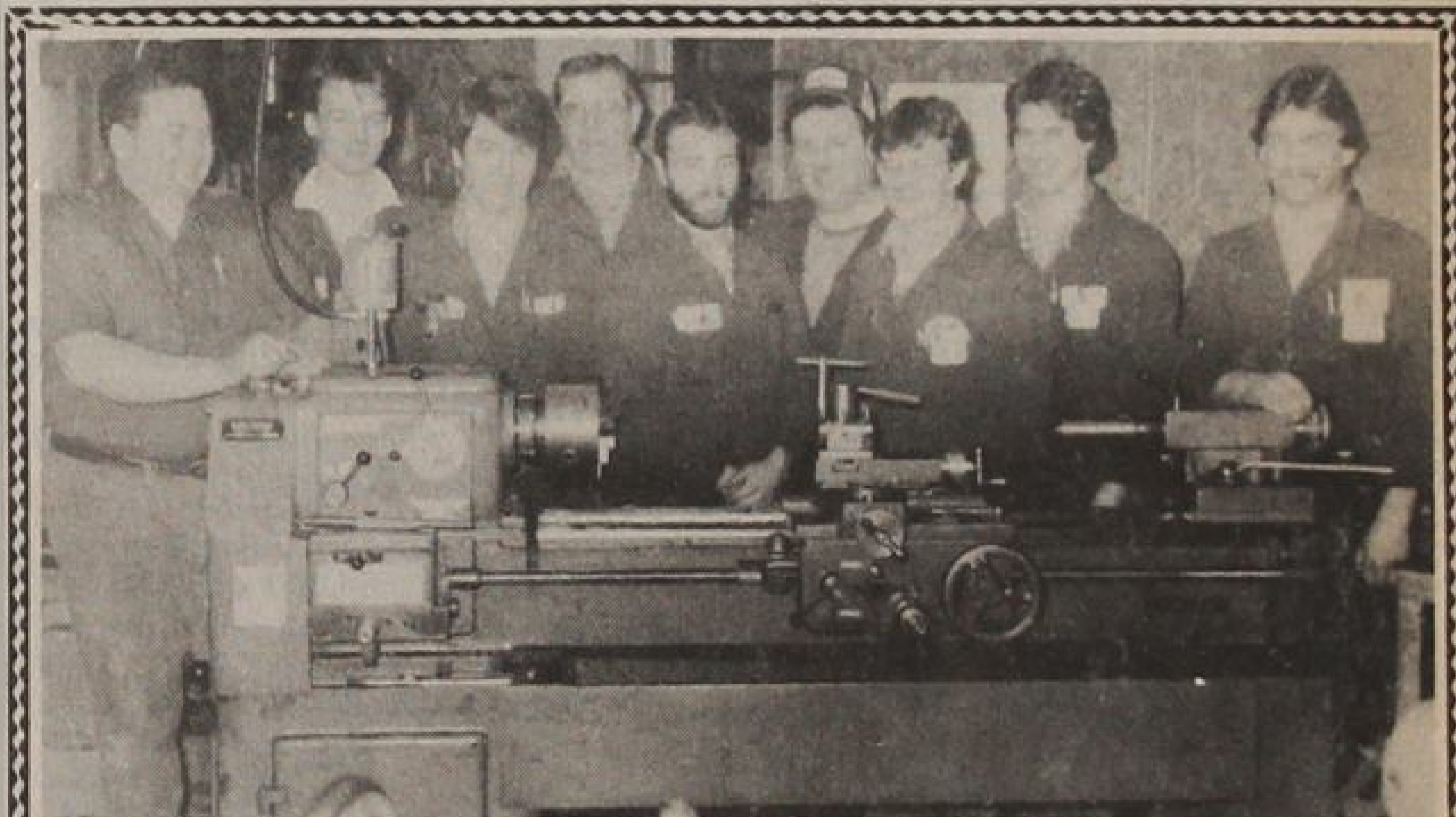
Otterville basketball team fares well in Oxford tourney

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Otterville Public School Boys Basketball team did extremely well at the Oxford County Basketball Tournament held Saturday, February 18 at Huron Park Secondary School.

The team was victorious in their first two games with scores of 36-12 and 11-18. After playing in the semi-finals they tied for third in the county.

Team members are Brian Walker, David Cope, David Braun, Chris Rachar, Trevor DeGroot, Bret Butler, Brent Rochus, Rob Hussey, Paul Harrison, Blair Oatman, Paul Marchuk, George Bowerman and Lany Winter. The boys have acquired a great deal of skill, teamwork and confidence in their abilities during this fine basketball season. Congratulations.

The girls' basketball tournament will be held this Saturday, February 25 at College Avenue Secondary School, Woodstock, in which the Otterville Girls' Basketball Team will be competing.



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Also marks settlers' first tobacco crops

By Ward McKenna

With Ontario celebrating its bicentennial this year, Ward McKenna's article reminds us that it was 200 years ago when the first settlers in the southwestern

part of this province began to grow tobacco. While tobacco had been cultivated in the area by Indians long before that, Mr. McKenna says United Empire Loyalists, accustomed to growing the crop in more

southernly climates, are credited with initiating its production by settlers in Essex and Kent counties.

Mr. McKenna of Aylmer is a free-lance journalist and history buff. Now retired, his career with Imperial

Leaf Tobacco spanned many years, first in Quebec, then Ontario. The photo of the Lynndale farm accompanying the article comes from Mr. McKenna's collection.



Harvesting burley tobacco in 1911 on the Lynndale farm, which is now part of the Town of Simcoe. (From Ward McKenna's collection)

John Rolfe, an Englishman, was probably the first white man to grow tobacco in the New World. John was an habitual pipe smoker, used to the sweet mild leaf, *Nicotina tabacum*, and not the stong *Nicotina rustica* which he found the local Indians growing when he landed at Jamestown, Virginia in May, 1610. Realizing that tobacco would be a means of survival, a means of exchange for the settlers, he studied with care the Indians' skill at cultivating tobacco, determined to produce his own.

MARRIED CHIEF'S DAUGHTER

He married an Indian princess, Pocahontas, daughter of Chief Powhatan, whether because he was actually in love with her or his desire to learn more about growing from her father who grew his own tobacco, will probably never be known. Historians disagree about Rolfe's reason for marrying Pocahontas, but nevertheless, it did help relations between the settlers and the Indians, and Rolfe did learn about tobacco, eventually knowing more about it than the Chief.

He now determined to produce a milder type of tobacco and arranged for a sea captain to bring some seed from Trinidad. By 1613, Rolfe's first modest crop was ready and sailing for England. He further

improved his crops by blending into new plantings, some seed from Venezuela.

Other settlers were now growing tobacco, seeing it as a livelihood. They used it as currency; they grew it in their gardens for home use; they chewed it, puffed it, snuffed it, sold it and used it as barter. Wives were bought with it and ministers were paid with it. Churches were financed by the sale of it.

UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS

Shortly after the War of Independence, 1775-1783, between Great Britain and the American Colonies, United Empire Loyalists, those people who had been on the British side, began moving to Essex and Kent in Upper Canada, to start a new life in a new country. Many of them had grown tobacco and arrived bringing their tobacco seed with them.

On their arrival they found themselves face to face with the thickest growth of trees in the country, an almost impenetrable forest, liberally laced with swamps. Some of these people gave up almost immediately moving on to Illinois, but the balance persevered and after months of chopping trees from morning till night, finally cleared sufficient land to establish crops.

Along with edible crops was also tobacco, a few

(continued from page 4) plants at first for the use of the men, but then as more and more land was cleared, more tobacco was grown, the surplus being used as barter to purchase other necessities of life.

Later, at the start of the 1820s, tobacco was being taken to Amherstburg, and there packed in hogsheads by the Berczy brothers, William and Charles, Amherstburg merchants, and shipped to Montreal for manufacturing. The first shipment, three hogsheads, brought six pence per pound. In 1822, 30 heads were shipped to Montreal and the following year, 100 heads.

Tobacco growing expanded rapidly, principally in Colchester and Malden, but also in Gosfield, Mersea and Chatham areas. Tobacco growing made the settlers' lives easier. Money was scarce but tobacco was being sold or bartered, paying off farm mortgages and generally making life better.

Tobacco production increased rapidly, and, by

1850, the crop exceeded 750,000 pounds most of it being taken for manufacture in Montreal and Kingston. In 1851, 22 hogsheads were shipped via Montreal to England, 11 to Liverpool and 11 to London.

The Reciprocity Treaty in 1854 between the United States and Canada, which allowed goods to flow either way duty free, practically eliminated tobacco production in Ontario. But with the outbreak of the American Civil War in 1861, production again started increasing rapidly during the war years. However, soon after the war ceased, in 1865, and tobacco was again being shipped into Canada. Prices collapsed and production again dwindled from 399,840 pounds in 1871 to a low of 160,251 pounds in 1881.

PEACHES

Specialized farming in the Leamington area began to come into prominence at this time. Edward Tyhurst began growing peaches on a commercial scale, followed shortly afterwards by many

others and peach growing continued to expand. Severe cold and lack of protective snow cover and dry soil conditions in February 1899, killed many peach trees and helped create a shift to tobacco.

Production of tobacco had kept at a slow pace into the 1890s. But in 1897 the House of Commons put a tariff on imported tobacco which protected the Canadian growers and the almost immediate result was an increase in production. Another reason peach farmers were attracted to tobacco was it could be grown and sold the same year, whereas, peach trees took five years to grow before any revenue was forthcoming.

HIRAM WALKER

In 1885, during this slow period of production, Hiram

Walker decided to try his hand at growing tobacco and experimented on a large scale. Hiram was born in the eastern United States, later moving to the city of Detroit, and then to Canada in 1858. He began to accumulate tracts of farm land and by 1893 owned over 8,000 acres.

He used all the latest methods in farming, often inventing his own. One of the crops grown was tobacco, using all the latest ideas and information he could secure.

By the time he retired he was satisfied that his sons could carry on with all aspects of farming that he had started, plus managing the distillery. The sons carried on after Hiram's death in 1899, with William Bernard of Walkerville, in charge of the farm in Sandwich, East Township where the tobacco was being grown. Production

settlers first tobacco crops

had increased on this farm to the point where nearly 200 acres were being grown in one field by 1901. The enterprise required the use of 14 large barns for curing, besides a brick warehouse for packing and storing.

EMPIRE TOBACCO CO.

The Empire Tobacco Company, after locating in Granby, Quebec, in 1895, built huge warehouses and an office in Leamington, Ontario, making it a central point to receive all their tobacco purchases in the area. Here, the tobacco could be received, inspected, weighed, paid for and then stored for shipment to Granby.

The company was now using more Canadian tobacco in their manufacturing since the tariff had been imposed, and were able to produce and sell their various brands at a lower price than their competitors; William MacDonald of Montreal, and Tuckett and Billings of Hamilton. Consequently sales were booming and domestic leaf supplies were running low.

This was when a decision was made to hire a competent man from the Southern U.S. tobacco growing area to come to Leamington, take charge of the warehousing and office, and try to interest more farmers in growing tobacco.

COL. WILLIAM GREGORY

The man chosen was Colonel William Gregory, a man well versed in all phases of tobacco culture. He was a man who would be capable of helping new growers in tobacco as well as increasing production among those already involved.

The company also had the idea that possibly flue-cured could be grown in the area, so shortly after the Colonel arrived in 1899, the subject was broached to him. His reaction was favourable and he would experiment with a few acres in 1900.

FRANCIS GREGORY

Three acres were rented that year in a cow pasture

on the edge of Leamington and Col. Gregory planted Warne, a flue-cured variety from the South. A corner of the Michigan Central warehouse was closed off and fitted to act as a kiln for curing the tobacco in the fall. The tobacco was harvested, cured and piled and William sent for his brother Francis Gregory, to come to Canada to act as his assistant. Francis arrived on January 3, 1901, in time to strip, grade and bale the experimental tobacco then ship it to Granby.

The experiment turned out well but it wasn't until 1912, after the Imperial Tobacco Company of Montreal had taken over the Empire Tobacco Company that the Gregorys were again asked to produce flue-cured but this time on a commercial basis.

PAUL ANGLE

Another pioneer worth mentioning in the history of tobacco, a man somewhat like Hiram Walker was, in the person of Paul Angle.

Mr. Angle was farm manager of a 600 acre farm, part of which was the north east portion of what is now the town of Simcoe, growing all types of farm produce including fruit.

Mr. Angle, an industrious and pioneering type of person, in his own words, "a trailblazer," was forever attempting or trying something new to make the farm more efficient. He was skilled in making changes which would cut down on the labour force required for such a large operation, making workloads easier in the use of machinery, incorporating new methods to cut down on lost time. He was much the same as our present day efficiency experts.

For cutting down on lost time, for example, he designed a heavy leather pouch in which a set of tools was placed and charged to each teamster, and carried by him with his team at all times for simple repairs in the field.

One of his main problems concerned winter employment. He wanted to keep a staff of permanent employees, but in this type

of operation, there was little or no work to do in the winter time. To solve this problem, he decided to introduce the growing of burley tobacco. He had heard of tobacco growing in Essex and Kent, and if it could be grown there, surely he could grow it here and it would solve the lack of work during the winter months.

Accordingly, he went to Walkerville where Hiram Walker was producing burley on a large scale with all the most modern equipment, to learn all about tobacco culture. He also found they were in corn and beef farming and producing a liquid manure for the land and spreading it using log tiles.

Mr. Angle had a very retentive mind and he returned to Norfolk County knowing just about all there was to know about the handling of burley. He had curing barns built and grew his first crop of 20 acres in 1911, the first commercial crop of burley to be grown in Norfolk County. The now permanent employees stripped burley during the winter months, baling it for shipment in the spring to the Empire Tobacco Company in Granby, Quebec.

The burley was planted between newly planted fruit trees, utilizing what he termed as waste space, instead of having to use other land where farm produce was being grown.

He continued to grow burley until he left for California in 1916, and by then many of his neighbours were also growing tobacco, including "Hell" Bill Culver, who attempted to grow 100 acres in 1915 and lost his shirt in the attempt.

During his farming days at Lynndale, the name by which the farm was known, Mr. Angle also served for a time as Agricultural Representative for Norfolk County.

Later in life, he returned to Ontario, going back to farming once again. Now, at the age of 95, he still leads an active life in Richmond Hill, driving his own car daily.

FOOTNOTE

The last time I talked with Mr. Angle was in 1979.

SAINT JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH , OTTERVILLE

REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION - Feb.12,1984

At the first meeting of our 1984 Board of Management, held last Monday(Feb.6), the following matters were determined:

- that the Board would meet at 7pm. on the 4th Monday of the months of Feb., Apr., June, Sept. & Nov. and at any other times if circumstances required so.
- A building & grounds committee was formed from the Board, and the following projects were deemed by the Board to be urgent needs of our church:
 - new and adequate kitchen and washroom facilities.(A study committee was established to initiate this project).
 - Insulation: a) above the organ loft
b) calking around doors & windows.
c) Storm-glazing of windows.
 - painting wherever needed both inside & out.
 - refurbishing of our two stained-glass windows on the south wall of the church.
 - pouring a concrete ramp at the side entrance of the church to allow eady access to the church.(wheelchairs,etc.)
 - adjusting swinging doors at church side entrance so that they only swing in one direction(out to the Parish Hall), and putting "push" & "pull" signs on the appropriate sides.
 - adequate drainage system for kitchen & washrooms.
- the Board accepted the Rector's suggestion that the following list of items be published with the hope that individual members or friends of our church might wish to donate some of them as gifts or memorials:

A Processional Cross (already promised)
A Silver Chalice (already promised)
A Ciborium: This is a bread container which matches the Chalice.
Wine and Water Cruets(for the Credence Table)
A Host Box(a silver container for bread, to go along with the Wine & Water Cruets).
An Altar Book(The large Prayer Book on the Altar - our present one is several years out-of-date)
New Altar Linens(Fair White Cloth,Purificators, Corporals,etc.)
Coloured Vestments for Altar & Priest.
Altar Vases
Large Silver Altar Candlesticks.
Pulpit Light (already promised)
Large Print Prayer Book for the Prayer Desk.
Memorial Book Stand
Parish Archives Cabinet
Choir Robes (already promised to be paid for by the Board)
Choir Cupboards(for robes,books,music,etc.)
Christmas Creche(Nativity Manger and Figures)
A Church Sign at the street corner(already promised!!!!!!!)

Your Board felt that none of the above are absolutely essential, but that they are items that would be appreciated and add to the dignity of our services and the decore of God's House.



Building in disrepair

The Kyte property on Main Street, Otterville will be torn down in the near future now that Norwich Township council has sold the property. The building has been in disrepair for many years. (Staff Photo)

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Council accepts offer MAR 16 for Otterville building

The Kyte property on Main Street, Otterville will be cleaned up as a result of Norwich Township council's acceptance of an offer of purchase last week.

David Finch, Otterville, offered \$1,000 for the property with the plan of removing the building now on the property and leveling it within 90 days after the offer of acceptance from council. The township will provide a survey of the property and any warrants necessary to protect against encumbrances on the property. The township will also allow Mr. Finch to remove enough fill from the Otterville dump site to level the basement of the building. Council has retained a lawyer to finalize the purchase.

The Kyte property on the north side of Main Street has been a problem for many years, Mayor John Heleniak said. After failure to pay taxes on the property by its owner, Floyd Kyte, Tillsonburg, the

township took possession of the property which has \$7,000 in tax arrears.

The building has also fallen into disrepair and has been called a public health hazard by the Oxford County Board of Health. There is easy access to the building that is in an "extremely unsafe condition," Mr. Heleniak said.

"I am very pleased to see it cleaned up," he said. It has been a concern of Mr. Heleniak's for many years. "I'm glad council has taken some action on the matter."

Mr. Heleniak intends to recommend to council at a future date that a bylaw be passed requiring buildings and lawns to be put in a safe and clean condition to guard against fire and other risks of accident.

Norwich Township Council Briefs

Historical societies to meet

Norwich Township council will ask the South Norwich Historical Society and the Norwich and District Historical Society to meet to arrive at a suitable single location for the bilingual historical plaque honoring Dr. Emily Stowe. The plaque will be erected in the township this year by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. Council will then be told the desired location so plans can be made for the ceremony.

Apply to program

The municipality will apply to the Province of Ontario Experience '84 Program to get six youths, ages 15 to 24, to work on various jobs. Possible work could be at the Otterville Pool, Otterville booth, maintenance such as beautification of parks throughout the township and for local improvements in various Wards.

Grant approved

St. Peter's R.C. Cemetery Board was granted \$400 by council March 6 for cemetery maintenance for the year.

Membership fee

Council approved the payment of a membership fee of \$44 to the Municipal Police Authorities at council March 6.

Attend seminar

Norwich Police Department Chief Robert Knight was given authorization by council to attend a provincial seminar on Family Violence Prevention in Toronto March 27 and 28.

Dog tax collectors

The election of dog tax collectors in the township was approved by council March 6. The collectors will be Eva McMillan, Ward 1; Margaret Roswell, Ward 2; Betty Thomas, Ward 3, and Trudy Kroes, Ward 4. An approximate seven per cent increase in the commission earned on each tag was also approved.

Rental charge waived

The ice rental charge of \$45 was waived to the Norwich Minor Hockey Association for charges for the Atom-Pewee Tournament held in November.

Bicentennial medals to be awarded

Norwich Township council is looking for suggestions from the community on possible nominees for bicentennial medals to be awarded by the provincial government in recognition of volunteerism and community service.

To mark Ontario's 200th birthday the provincial government will be honoring 1,984 persons this year with bicentennial medals. Each municipal council, Indian Band and local service board has been invited to nominate persons for the medals.

Council can nominate three persons from the township. Nominees must be chosen by the council and presented to the government by June 30.

Elected officials currently holding public office are not eligible for nomination. Each nomination should be accompanied by a statement telling why the award is deserved with particular reference made to community service and volunteerism.

Individuals and community organizations will also be able to nominate persons by submitting names to the Bicentennial Awards Committee. Nominations will be invited through advertisements to appear in late March or early April. Nominations from the public will be screened and some 200 persons will be selected to receive bicentennial medals.

All awards will be presented in the Fall during a series of presentation ceremonies throughout the province.

Suggestions to council can be submitted to the township office in Otterville.

Of times gone by

50 YEARS AGO

March 8, 1934

The Pettigrew Chick Hatchery, located south of Otterville, suffered a considerable loss by water. Flood waters from nearby high land found its way into the hatchery, and completely filled the basement, and putting out the fire that is quite necessary to give warmth to incubators, which were filled with about 10,000 eggs.

The King George VII Trophy, won by the High School Cadet team now rests in Norwich and will be on display soon. The trophy is made of solid silver and weighed 100 pounds. A handsome medal for each member of the team accompanied the trophy.

15 YEARS AGO

March 13, 1969

Two men escaped injury when their single engine plane crashed south of Norwich on Highway 59. Stephen Frankiewicz of St. Thomas, the pilot, and Gerald Pettit of Norwich, his passenger, escaped through a narrow opening in the side of the crushed cockpit after the plane snapped a hydro pole and telephone line on take off from the Aeross Limited runway and landed upside-down in a field across from the airstrip.

Council passed a resolution giving Powell Agri-Systems permission to haul full loads during the half-load season on the township road known as the Coal Road between Highway 59, north to the corner of Dover and Norfolk Streets in the Village of Otterville.

Back stamp for mail pioneer

Efforts are being made to honor the area's pioneer in rural mail delivery, George Wilcox.

Norwich Township council is supporting efforts to get a commemorative stamp issued by Canada Post to honor Mr. Wilcox of Springford who is regarded as the Father of Rural Mail Delivery in Canada. Council will be sending a letter of support for a commemorative stamp to the chairman of the stamp advisory committee, Rene J. Marin.

Council also decided Monday to suggest to the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to Parks Canada to consider the issuing of provincial and federal commemorations of Mr. Wilcox.

The idea of issuing a commemorative stamp was begun by Gordon Shearer, Postmaster of the Norwich Post Office, who first contacted Canada Post last April. He has not had any reply to his letter and asked council to offer support to the idea.

"I thought because he was a local man that I'd like to see him honored," Mr. Shearer said. Efforts to have a commemorative stamp approved can take from two to four years, he said.

Mr. Wilcox, who was born in 1846 and lived most of his life in Springford, undertook a publicity campaign between 1905 and 1908 to induce the government to establish a rural mail delivery system in

Canada. After spending some time in Michigan in the early 1900s Mr. Wilcox saw the benefits of door-to-door rural mail delivery there and on his return to Canada set about to end the need for Canada's rural residents to drive to town to pick up their mail.

Mr. Wilcox's efforts were rewarded on October 10, 1908 when the rural mail delivery wagon left the Hamilton Post Office enroute to Ancaster on the first rural mail delivery route in Canada. There

were 37 stops on the route. Mail was delivered to farmers in South Norwich in June, 1911. Mr. Wilcox died in 1937 in his 91st year.

Canada Post prefers to issue commemorative stamps on an anniversary such as 50th, 100th or 150th anniversary of a person's birth or death. Dates for the possible issuing of a commemorative stamp for Mr. Wilcox could be 1987, the 50th anniversary of his death or 1996, the 150th anniversary of his birth.

Donations made to library

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Otterville Public Library continues to be a place of activity and progress.

A new blackboard has been installed, donated by Jean and Don Stewart, Main Street, Otterville with a frame and complimenting bulletin board donated by McMullen's Machine Shop, John Street, Otterville. The library greatly appreciates the generosity of these donors.

During the month of March there has been a display of projects and art from the students of Otterville Public School in the library for everyone to see. The grade levels represented are Grades 4-8 with a variety of endeavors such as pencil sketches by Grades 7 and 8 students showing aspects of shading, proportion and perspective. Grade 4's booklets of poems and seatwork provide interesting

reading in addition to Grade 5's Tall Tales which are literally written in a lengthy format as their title suggest.

The Resource Room Whiz Kids contributed St. Patrick's creative writing and phonetic work. Sketches of cartoon characters, French stories, riddles, writing activities and a colorful cooperative mural of different animals complete the display. One should definitely take this opportunity to have a look and see the type of work and creativity the students of O.P.S. are capable of producing.

Library staff are still very pleased with the greater circulation of books and increase in membership and look forward to seeing even more new faces visit the Otterville Public Library.

Family night held by area Lions Club

The Norwich-Otterville Lions Club held its annual Family Night on Monday, March 12 with 26 Lions, 29 children and one guest in attendance.

Lions' wives, Muriel Lossing and Shirley Miller served a meal of fried chicken and ice cream that was enjoyed by all.

In business arising from the executive meeting it was announced that the Otterville park would be the location for a sparerib and pigtail barbecue on June 16; \$100 was donated to the high school's Student Parliament; \$100 was donated to the Lions Youth Exchange; and fireworks would be held on Victoria Day in Otterville.

Lion Gay Walther announced the ATC would be exhibited at the Norfolk Mall on Friday, March 16, and Saturday, March 17.

The Fish Fry tickets appear to be going fast but there may be a few available come Saturday.

The Jolly Jeweller, Al Munro, then brought his own special brand of magic and laughter to the stage. Mr. Munro again captivated both young and old in the audience with his usual excellent performance.

Route to the past

by Scott Gillies



As I mentioned last week, a large tract of land was purchased from the Mississauga Indians, by the Crown in 1784. This transfer of ownership, including land in the Otter Creek watershed, was finalized in 1792.

The survey of some of this land was started by Augustus Jones in 1794, but not completed until 1800 by William Hambly. This was probably because Jones was so busy performing other surveys at the same time.

Yonge Street was one such survey. At the same time there were surveys which included the delineation and construction of Dundas Street west of York (Toronto). In 1799, it was decided to extend Dundas Street eastward towards Kingston. To offset the cost of constructing this pioneer artery, it was suggested that the two townships of Dereham and Norwich be offered for sale.

The survey of these two areas was started in 1799 by Hambly, but not completed until several years later — Dereham in 1810 and Norwich in 1821. Under the standard agreement, these two surveys included property for the church and the state. These Clergy, and Crown Reserves,

as they were called, were found all over the province. One out of every seven lots was reserved for the Clergy and one out of every seven for the Crown. The remainder of the land, some 134,400 acres came into the possession of only ten owners.

One of the earliest settlements in Norwich Township was that of Otterville. In 1807, a grist and saw mill was built below the forks of the Otter and Sweet Creeks by John Earl and Paul Avery. This was later sold to Cook and Galloway and eventually succeeded by the Cromwells. The first white child born in this area was Peter Avery.

In 1831, Peter Hamilton and William Hardy built an iron smelting furnace on Lot 12, Concession 10. They brought in large amounts of iron ore from Middleton, but an accident at the furnace caused the business to be abandoned. In 1833, Asa Durkee built a tannery with a shoe and harness making business.

The original land patents for the village of Burgessville, was granted to absentee landowners in 1800. In 1811, Elias Snyder settled at the four corners and became the second teacher in the Township. E.W. Burgess, for whom the village was named,

was born in the vicinity in 1821.

The community of Cornell was established by the two brothers, John and Samuel Cornell, in 1855 on Lot 15, Concession 10 of the Township of South Norwich. They laid out part of Lot 15 into village lots and built a store, warehouse, meat-packing house on the Northwest corner of the road intersection. This became the central grain, egg, and pork market for the country for miles around; wagons were sent as far east as Port Dover and as far west as St. Thomas to collect eggs. Farmers brought their grain and pork here, where it was cured and shipped in waons to Woodstock or Brantford and then to New York. This was before the Erie and Niagara Extension Railway, later the Michigan Central, was built in 1868.

There were two blacksmiths, two hotels, a shoemaker, a log school house, a sawmill on the Otter Creek and two churches. After the death of John Cornell, the store which had acted as a bank was robbed. A few years later, the store, warehouse and pork-house were destroyed by fire. These were rebuilt, but proved to be too costly to operate, which led to the eventual bankruptcy of the company. The buildings

were torn down and the bricks were used to build the J.W. Fish block in Otterville. The sawmill moved on after the timber was gone. Hick's hotel and the Church of the Messiah were moved to Tillsonburg.

A similar community to thrive and then decline is that of Milldale. Lot 7, Concession 8 was originally owned by William Willcocks, who sold the property to Peter Lossing along with the rest of the tract. Two streams flow through this lot — the Otter and Crystal Creeks. Each stream supplied power for a mill.

The side road between Lots 7 and 8 was the main road between Otterville and Norwich. A spur road from the main road led to the first mill dam on the Crystal Creek. By 1890 Frederick Watkins operated a saw and cooperage mill as well as a cider mill. The "Old Red Mill" was operated by Duncan McNaughton, a Society of Friends meeting house and driveway stood at the corner of the Old Mill road. The land for these two buildings was given by William Barker in 1877. His son James Frederick Barker was the first minister. By 1949 the mills were gone, the dams were gone, and the church and shed were torn down.

Make progress on mill restoration

OTTERVILLE (C) — During the past year and this year to come the South Norwich Historical Society (SNHS) have been busy steadily progressing with the Treffry Mill restoration.

In February 1983 the SNHS signed a lease with the Township of Norwich for the Treffry Mill with plans to restore and maintain it as funds became available. During the year the building was raised in order to replace over one-half of the foundation.

This year 1,200 board feet of donated lumber is ready to be planed and installed on the mill siding with a logging bee

currently in the process to obtain more donated lumber. Mill chairman, Rick Singer, is still trying to acquire good sized pine logs to complete the siding project.

Other improvements to be done is the replacement of the original front porch and the levelling and reseeding of certain areas of the grounds for easier maintenance. Hopefully these endeavours will be completed for the South Norwich Historical Society July 1 barbecue at the Mill.

In order to continue the Treffry Mill restoration the Auction Sale Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. M. Downing

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will be holding their Second Annual Auction of antiques, good collectable items, books and toys at the Norwich Community Centre on Monday, November 5 at 7:30 p.m. The committee of Jean Davis, David Hussey and Catherine Mann would appreciate receiving donated articles (no clothing) whenever possible and as early as possible if minor repair is necessary. The donor will receive a tax deductible receipt for all articles selling at \$10 or more.

Another busy year is obviously in store for the SNHS and all community support has been and is greatly appreciated.

Cemetery board meeting is set

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Milldale Cemetery Board met Saturday evening at the Norwich Archives despite adverse weather conditions.

Consequently, there was a small attendance which prevented the group from making any final decisions about matters discussed.

Another meeting of the Board will be held Saturday evening, March 17, at the Norwich Archives, 8 p.m., when the attendance of any interested members would be greatly appreciated.

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Society float in bicentennial parade

The regular monthly meeting of the South Norwich Historical Society was held on the evening of March 12 at Woodlawn with the president Lorne Treffry in charge.

During the business session it was decided to enter a float in the Bicentennial parade to be held in Springford in July. Announcement was also made of the auction to be held by the Society at Norwich Community Centre on November 5.

A motion was approved instructing a committee to investigate probably costs and feasibility of reproducing the gazebo which had stood behind Woodlawn house in its original location.

There was considerable discussion of a proposed photography contest to be open to public school children in South Norwich, where prizes would be awarded for the best picture of buildings or structures of historic interest in the township. It was decided to proceed with this project under the direction of Juanita DeRoo. The combined fund-raising drive and collection of genealogical information which will be initiated next week by the Norwich and District Historical Society was briefly explained.

Doreen Mountain reported for the Book Committee that proceeds from sales of "South of Sodom," the history of South Norwich township, published last year by the Society, had now well exceeded all costs and that she expected the entire printing would be sold out during 1984.

The speaker for the evening, Mrs. Kerr from Waterford, was introduced by Joyce Pettigrew. Mrs. Kerr who is a very active member of the Waterford Historical Society gave a most interesting and informative talk on the early settlement of Townsend.

Records of Townsend settlement go back for 190 years and Mrs. Kerr traced the migration of Loyalist families into the counties north of Lake Erie by way of the Niagara peninsula. Early Loyalists were

granted 200 acres each, plus an additional 200 acres for each child as they reached their majority. At first officers received grants of 5,000 acres, but this was later reduced to 1,000 acres.

The first survey of Townsend township was started in 1793 and the township was named the following year. It is known that there had been some settlement by squatters even before the first survey was made. A group of men were given very large grants of land on condition that they establish settlers in the new township.

One of the very early Townsend settlers was Paul Averill (sometimes known as Avery) who came to Townsend, took up land and built a mill. A few years later he sold his mill and left Townsend to push farther west and build a mill on the Otter Creek around which the village of Otterville developed.

The speaker told many other interesting anecdotes of early history. She was thanked by Mary Murray and presented with a book in appreciation of her much appreciated talk.

New slate presented at Lions meeting

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the Community Hall, Otterville with Lions president Les Dickson presiding.

Due to unusually stormy weather there was a small attendance with 24 members and two guests.

Guests included Anne Vankerrebroeck, representing the Norwich and District Skating Club. She thanked the Lions Club for past donations.

Don Irvine, representing the First Norwich Boy Scouts and Cubs, expressed thanks to the Lions for acting as their sponsors and for past donations. Don has helped with Scouts and Cubs for the past 45 years.

It was announced that the Lions Club had looked after another child eye case in this area during the past two weeks.

Members of the club have made visitations to the Langton, Tillsonburg and Straffordville Lions Clubs in support of Lion Colin Cope who is campaigning for the position of Lion Chairman of Zone 4 west for the coming year.

Lion Cope, chairman of the nomination committee for the coming year, presented the slate of nominees: past president, Les Dickson; president, Jack Walther, first vice-president, Paul Wood; second vice-president, Gary Walther; third vice-president, Murray Cornwell; secretary, Gord Shearer; treasurer, Murray Wardell; one-year directors - Fred Thompson, John Sandham; two-year directors - to be voted upon March 26; Tail Twister, John Sandham; and Lion Tamer, Rene DeCooman.

Lion Walther reported that ticket sales on the Honda A.T.V. are progressing well. The draw will be made at the annual Fish Fry to be held in the Norwich Community Centre, Saturday night, March 31.

Ticket sales for the Fish Fry are also very good, with few tickets remaining for sale at the present time.

The next regular meeting will be held on March 12 in the Legion Hall, Norwich. This will be the Lions annual Family Night. The convention prize was won by Lion Bill Orth.

Graduation



Mr. and Mrs. Robert VanParys, Otterville, are pleased to announce the successful completion by their son, Brent, of the Uniform Final Examinations as set by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. Brent will receive his designation as a Chartered Accountant in September 1984. He is presently employed by the firm of Thorne Riddell in London, Ont. as the co-ordinator of their Small Business Advisory Department.

Otterville groups join for pancake luncheon

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Sunshine Club who have sponsored the Pancake Luncheon in the St. John's Parish Hall, Otterville, for the past several years were assisted by the members of the Anglican Church Women of the St. John's Church.

The event was held on Shrove Tuesday, March 6, in the Parish Hall during the hours of 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Lillian Chisholm is the president of the Sunshine Club and Cathy Furlong president of the ACW. Edna Furlong was the cashier at the door. Bob Pettigrew and Don Chisholm were the very capable cooks in the kitchen, with many able helpers from both groups.

Proceeds of the day were divided, with the Sunshine Club's portion going towards their projects in the Community Park and the money for the ACW going towards Church projects.

Several couples and friends, all members of the Otterville United Church, have

been enjoying an evening in the Sunday school rooms showing their skills at carpet bowling. This activity is held every Friday evening of each week at 8 p.m. When games are finished the group gather for a brief snack and a social time together. Members of the Church who would like to participate are welcome at any time to "bowl for fun".

Final plans were made for the Pancake Luncheon at the meeting of the Sunshine Club which was held at the home of Lillian Chisholm. There were 11 members present with the roll call being answered by naming a popular song when you were a teenager. Margaret Shearer expressed thanks to Mrs. Chisholm for the evening and to Sandra Hussey for the lunch. The next meeting will be held at the home of Evelyn Picknell.

Rev. Earl and Mrs. Moore have returned home after a holiday in Florida.



Women's Missionary Fellowship meeting

OTTERVILLE (C) — The March meeting of the Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Otterville Baptist Church, held at the home of Mrs. Fred Hill, featured Mrs. Sam McSpadden who played some favorite hymns on her accordion. These hymns, enjoyed by all, were in coordination with Mrs. Murray Treffry's devotional program which opened with the hymn "The Light of the World is Jesus". As well, she shared a reading, "The Life Inside".

Hilda Stockmans presented the topic for the evening, "A Wise Woman", which concerned Abigail, one of David's wives. She was both famous and wise for she acquired David as her husband by meeting him with food and advice about Nabal. This was concluded by the hymn, "Peace, Peace".

Mrs. Ted Oenema, vice-president, opened the meeting with a reading that pointed out that March is an unpredictable month with changeable weather but that Christ is dependable and never changes. The roll call was answered with a verse of wisdom from Proverbs. Letters were read from the Pollards, missionaries in Kenya, Africa. Missionary prayers were offered by Mrs. Bill Smith, Mrs. Charter Davis and Mrs. Oenema.

The Church's Family Night will be Friday, April 6 at 7 p.m. Ruth Groke and Harriet Wallace will be there to bring a gospel message.

Mrs. Oenema gave the courtesy remarks and Mrs. Smith offered prayer and returned thanks for the lunch.

During the social time the hostess was assisted by Mrs. C. Davis and Mrs. Smith.

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Otterville Sunshine Club, held at the home of Evelyn Picknell on Thursday evening, March 8, was opened by President, Lillian Chisholm. Twelve members answered the roll call given by secretary Dorothy Wardell, which was telling of a possession they treasured and prized.

A committee of Olive Pickersgill, Evelyn and Dorothy Neale was formed to begin organization of the Annual Christmas Bazaar held at the Norfolk Mall, Tillsonburg.

Next meeting to be held Thursday, March 22 will be at the home of Marion Pettigrew. Courtesy remarks were given by Jean Dowe.

The Milldale Cemetery Board met on Saturday evening, March 17 with a small attendance. Several matters are to be discussed and dealt with at the next meeting and therefore all interested people are strongly encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held at the Norwich Archives on Saturday, April 14 at 8 p.m.

The regular Foot Clinic of the V.O.N. will be held at the home of Evelyn Waring, 9 Main Street, Otterville on Monday, March 26 at 1 p.m. Those patients needing treatment are reminded to take note of time and date.

Keith Squance of Oliver, B.C. has been a visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Squance and accompanied his parents to Brantford on Saturday where they were dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Squance.



Before... and after

People eager to help and others more eager to eat could be found in St. John's Parish Hall, Otterville, on Shrove Tuesday as the Otterville Sunshine Club sponsored a Pancake and Sausage Luncheon with the assistance of the St. John's Anglican Church Women. Don Chisholm (top) of Otterville was one of the cooks for the day who was kept busy providing pancakes for such eager eaters as Joey Dowds (bottom left), 8, of Otterville. (Staff Photos)

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Film festival Saturday

Children of all ages can enjoy films of adventure and comedy during a film

festival in Otterville Saturday.

The Spring-Otter Optimist Club will be sponsoring the afternoon of events including the feature film, "Gulliver's Travels" and "The Last of the Red Hot Dragons" and the Laurel and Hardy film "Brats".

The film festival will be held at the Otterville Town Hall Saturday, March 31 beginning at 1 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments and popcorn will be provided.

St. John's ACW plans fashion show

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Otterville St. John's Anglican Church women, held Thursday evening, March 15 at the Parish Hall, was convened by Evelyn Picknell and her committee. The thought of the meeting, "He will feed the flock like a shepherd," was emphasized through the singing of "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

The devotional, presented by Mrs. Picknell, dealt with the theme of gentleness as seen in Jesus; gentle, meek and mild. This is not to be confused with weakness but is a quality which is in combination with strength. Gentleness may appear in any walk of life whether it be the doctor's touch, the minister's words or the parent's heart which wishes the best for their child. Above all one must show the nature of the Lord; to be meek, loving in heart and always gentle. Prayer was shared.

Through the organ accompaniment of Lila Freeland a sing song of Irish music was enjoyed featuring the old favorites of "My Wild Irish Rose," "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," "That's An Irish Lullaby," "Harrigan" and "Galway Bay."

The business portion of the meeting finalized plans for the A.C.W. Spring Fashion Show to be held Thursday, March 29 at the Otterville Community Hall, 7:30 p.m. The show will feature fashions from Hi-Lo and Threads and Fashions of Tillsonburg as well as door prizes and refreshments. Tickets are available from any of the A.C.W. members.

The upcoming Turkey Supper to be held April 29 at the Parish Hall was discussed. Settings will be held at 4, 5 and 6 p.m. with Adults \$5.50, children \$3 and pre-schoolers, free. The purchase of dishes was con-

sidered further with a final decision made on the set to be obtained.

Olive Pickersgill presented a report on the Pancake Luncheon with both the Sunshine Club and A.C.W. being very satisfied with the results. The Annual A.C.W. Conference will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, London on May 10 with Janet Ryerse volunteering to attend.

Everyone joined in singing Happy Birthday to Winnie Leach, celebrating her birthday March 16.

Lunch and refreshments were provided by Mrs. Picknell and her committee and the meeting closed with prayer.

Otterville UCW bus trip planned

OTTERVILLE (C) — The March meeting of the Otterville United Church Women featured a presentation of a television interview to explain the United Church Ventures in Mission, a fund-raising program, with Isabel Harris acting as the hostess who was interviewed by Shirley White.

Everyone joined in singing "Kum-ba-ya" and stories were read by Joyce Hanson and Shirley White. Scripture lessons were taken from Luke 19:28-46 and Mark 11:1-10. The story of the sacrifice of Terry Fox was read by Mary Murray followed by the hymn, "They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love" with Betty Walther at the piano.

The offering was received by Jean Bernard and the devotional closed with the singing of "I Am The Church" and prayer.

A comical reading, "One Woman's Bridge Party", a few excerpts from the Otterville Parsonage Record Book, 1899-1925, and a poem "A Little Town", presented by Shirley, provided some entertaining thoughts to everyone present.

The meeting was opened by President, Betty Walther welcoming the ladies and reading "Live By Faith and Not By Feelings".

An invitation was extended to the group from the Norwich U.C.W. for their General Meeting, March 27. As well, the ladies were invited to a Motivation Day at the Resource Centre, March 19.

Various matters of business were dealt with during the meeting. Members were

reminded of the bus trip to the Shaw Festival, June 11 with a few tickets still available. A church newsletter will be issued for March and May and the suggestion was made that a Lawn, Bake Sale be held in the Fall.

It was announced that the Girl Guides would be selling daffodils March 30 and 31 for the Cancer Society and that there would be a move-a-thon this year instead of a Cancer ride.

A social time completed the evening with Joyce in charge of the lunch.

Ken Griffin

Ken Griffin of 104 Lisgar Avenue, Tillsonburg, passed away on Thursday, March 29, 1984, at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, in his 90th year.

Born in Otterville, July 29, 1894, he was a retired employee of Livingston's. He was a member of St. Pauls United Church and was also a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge in Otterville.

Surviving are his wife, the former Clara Lamoure; two daughters, Miss Ileen Griffin of Tillsonburg and Mrs. Edwin (Jean) Smith of Beachville; six grandchildren, Mrs. Wendy Capling, Jeffrey Smith, Beth Chambers, Mark Chambers, Douglas Chambers and Ken Chambers and two great-grandchildren.

Predeceased by one daughter, Mrs. Nellie Chambers, in 1983.

Resting at the Ostrander's Funeral Home, Tillsonburg, where funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 31 at 1:30 p.m. conducted by Rev. Merrill James of St. Pauls United Church, Tillsonburg.

Interment in Springford Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Ontario Heart Foundation appreciated.

Mrs. Eva Ellen Oatman

Mrs. Eva Ellen Oatman of Tillsonburg passed away on Wednesday, March 28, 1984 at Maple Manor Nursing Home, Tillsonburg, in her 93rd year.

Born in Trinity, Ontario, July 22, 1891, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Graham and the former Mary Lowe. She was predeceased by her first husband Wyman S. Cooper in 1921 and by her second husband Lyman (Dime) Oatman in 1954.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Russell (Evva) Jackson and Mrs. Russell (Mary Ellen) Mabee, both of Tillsonburg; one son, James T. Cooper of Simcoe; eight grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; one sister, Mrs. Edna Rice Shipley of London; one nephew Wallace Rice of London and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary Cooper of Cambridge.

She was predeceased by one son, Frank Cooper in 1979.

Rested at the Ostrander's Funeral Home, Tillsonburg, where service was held on Friday at 11 a.m. by Rev. Canon Sidney Lupton of St. John's Anglican Church, Tillsonburg.

Interment in Tillsonburg Cemetery. Memorial donations to St. John's Anglican Church, Tillsonburg, would be gratefully appreciated.

Mrs. Marguerite VanHooren

Mrs. Marguerite VanHooren of RR 1, Otterville, passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, March 14, 1984 in her 81st year.

She was the former Marguerite VanTomme. She was born in Handzame, Belgium, daughter of the late Alois VanTomme and the former Sidonie Lins. She came to Canada in 1926 to the Chatham area and then moved to the Otterville area in 1938. She was a member of Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Women's League.

Predeceased by her husband Julius VanHooren, November, 1976.

Surviving are one son, Daniel, of RR 1,

Otterville, one daughter Mrs. Archie (Dianne) DeGroot of Hanover. Also four grandchildren Danny, Dianna, Brian and Bradley.

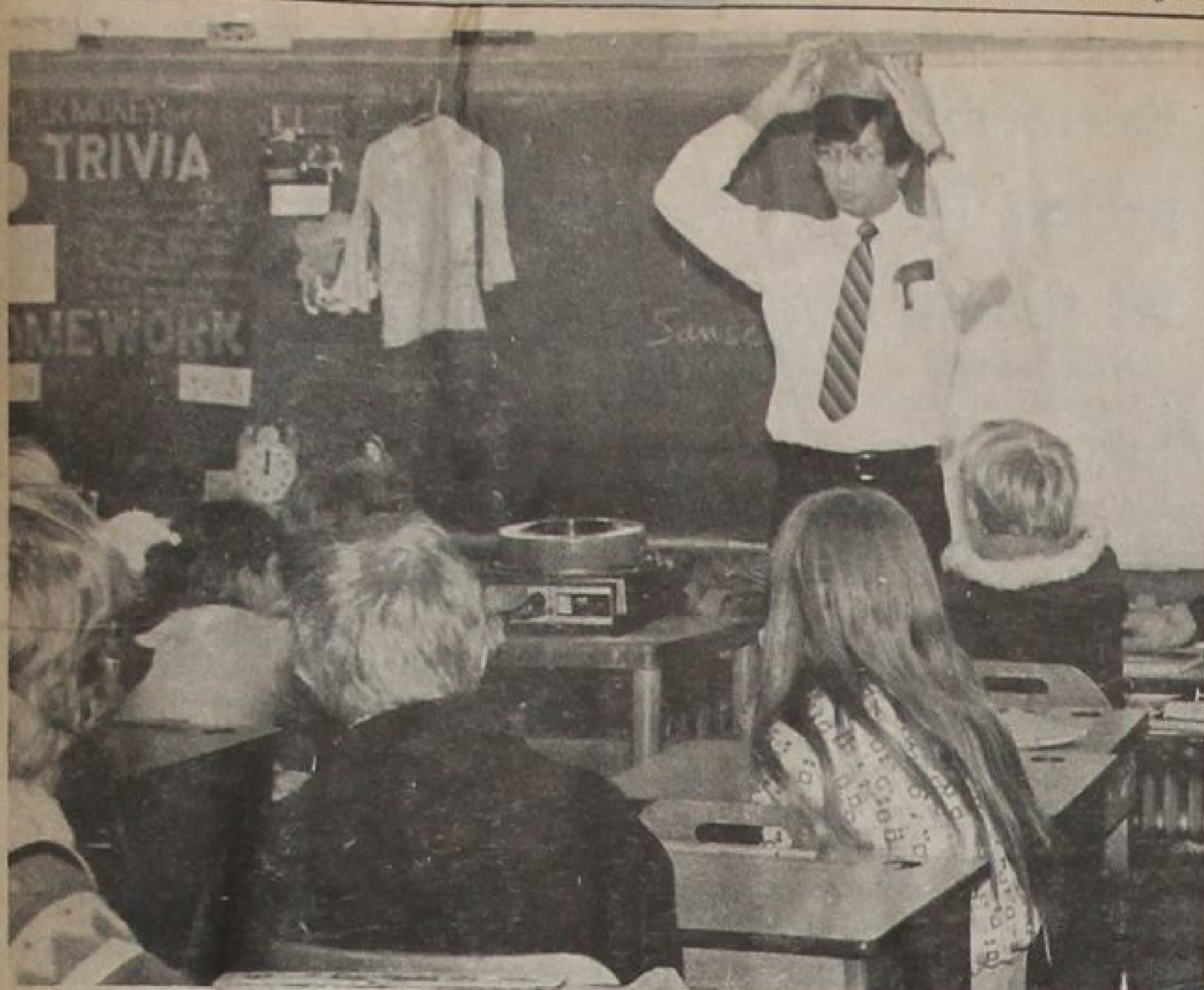
Predeceased by three sisters and two brothers.

Resting at the Murphy Funeral Home, Delhi until Saturday morning, thence to St. John's Brebeuf and Companions Roman Catholic Church, Delhi for funeral mass at 10 a.m.

Interment in Delhi Cemetery.

Prayers will be said Friday at 7:30 p.m.





Learn about India

Chandrakant Desai of Woodstock visited the Otterville Public School Monday to tell the Grades 4 and 5 students about the culture and beliefs of India. Mr. Desai also displayed various traditional clothing such as the turban that was worn by his father. (Staff Photo)

Native of India speaks at Otterville school

Knowledge of India was increased for Otterville Public School students when a guest speaker visited the school Monday.

Chandrakant Desai of Woodstock spoke to Lisa Tafel's Grades 4 and 5 class as part of their studies on India in their Social Studies class.

Mr. Desai, who was born in Bombay, India, described some of the culture, religious beliefs, climate, food, language

and showed traditional clothes and jewelry of India. He also showed slides of the country.

Mr. Desai, who is head of the physiotherapy department of the Woodstock General Hospital, first arrived in Canada about 16 years ago to further his education. He occasionally gives talks to students and Church groups on the culture and beliefs of his native country.

OTTERVILLE (C) — Production Line Cooking may sound like the process carried out in a factory to produce fast foods. The location is not a factory but Otterville Public School and the people are not factory workers but the students in Grades 1, 2 and 3. So what is this all about?

March 6, better known as Shrove Tuesday, provided an opportunity for the children in the classrooms of Jeanette Berenz and Anna Orth to make their own pancakes through the method of production line cooking.

Although many children have probably cooked in their classrooms, the teachers more than likely have been the most active through the process. Production line cooking allows each child to make his own product, in this case, his own pancake. The children develop a systematic approach to cooking and a feeling of satisfaction in completing their own creation. The feeling of competence results. The process of cooking certainly teaches children about the ingredients used, the changes due to cooking, sensory awareness, number and proportion.

The students each used an individual plastic mixing bowl. The ingredients of egg, shortening, oil and pancake mix were each placed in bowls in order of use. Each bowl had an instruction card which showed the name of the ingredient and an outline tracing the number of spoonfuls needed.

After measuring the ingredients, the students mixed them in their individual bowls and placed the mixture in the frying pan. While the pancakes cooked the students washed their bowls and spoons. Now the best part of all! Each student placed their cooked pancake on a plate, covered it with syrup and enjoyed the delicious taste.

Often the finished products differ considerably one from the other depending on how level the measurements have been. These attempts result in quite original products!

Monday, March 5 was McDonald's Day at Otterville Public School when all the students had the opportunity to have a lunch from McDonald's if they wished.

Organized by teacher, Mrs. Berenz in coordination with John Essif and staff of McDonald's, Tillsonburg, the day provided an enjoyable change to the school lunch routine. Coolers to transport the food were provided by various people in the community and teachers. Various parents who picked up the food were June Mudge, Bonnie Braun, Reme DeGroot, Jean DeWachter and Ina and Dave Arthur. All these people made it possible for the children to have a lunch hot off the grill. A percentage of the money collected from the lunches will be donated by McDonald's to the school for upcoming activities.

Day of prayer held

OTTERVILLE (C) — World Day of Prayer, March 2, was celebrated through a joint service of the Otterville United Church Women and the St. John's Anglican Church Women which was held at the United Church, Friday evening at 7:30 p.m.

The theme, Living Water From Christ, Our Hope, was presented through a booklet prepared by lay Christian women under the direction of the World Day of Prayer Committee and distributed by Women's Inter-Church Council.

UCW president, Betty Walther, welcomed everyone present and thanked members of the ACW who would be taking part as well as Jean Little, pianist.

Through the service, Living Water was

presented in the Old Testament, the New Testament, For Our Day, and as Hope For The Future.

Those taking part in the service were Lorraine Downing, Cathy Furlong, Vicki Walther, Bertha Gehring, Janet Ryerse, Marion Taylor, Lila Freeland and Marion Dowds.

A vocal duet, "How Great Thou Art", was shared by Barbara Cope and Jean Carney.

Meditation, presented by Betty, expanded upon the theme of Living Water from Christ, Our Hope. In the literal sense water gives us living hope while in the figurative sense it stands for something good that renews. Water is essential to all living things on earth and through its different forms and shapes it produces innumerable services for us.

Jesus offers the water of life which will renew our strength and lead us to the fullness of life. Jesus said that whoever believes in me, let him drink. If we come to the rock of salvation we may drink the living water. God the Creator and Redeemer is the source of the living water and if we put our trust in the Lord we have nothing to fear. Therefore, we should let the living water from Christ flow into our lives and our community.

Offering was received by Olive Pickersgill and Vera Walsh. These donations given will support the work, programs and concerns of Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.

School taking winter break

OTTERVILLE (C) — Students, teachers and all school staff are enjoying the Winter Break with everyone having their own way of taking a holiday whether it be seeking warmer climate elsewhere or enjoying winter activities here at home. If the latter should be the case, old man winter has sure provided everyone with a cold, blustery environment.

Upon contemplating their upcoming holidays, the students of Lisa Tafel's class expressed their ideas about this wintery month of March and the following are ideas of various students in Grade 4.

WINTER BREEZE

by Francine Countryman

W - Winter time is finally here
I - I like winter so give a cheer.
N - Nothing is as great as winter
T - Think of all that great snow.
E - Enter a life with no end
R - Remember all the fun we had.

B - Blow, wind blow
R - Remember the snow.
E - Entertain the Spring
E - Excellent is the winter breeze.
Z - Zip the cold up in your sweater
E - Easy does the wind blow.

SKIING

by Melissa Justus

Across the snow white plains
The happy skiers came.
One behind the other
Father, mother, sister and brother.
Speeding down a hill
Hope they don't catch a chill.
We have a yearning
To see and feel the fireplace burning.

WINTER FUN

by Daryl Vanbesin

W - Windy, wet, wonderful winter
I - Icy icicles and igloos
N - Like the North Pole
T - Terrific Toronto hockey games
E - Exciting snowball fights
R - Racey, wreckless snowmobile racing.

F - Fun figure skating
U - Unusual curling
N - Nice ice hockey.

38th birthday for Otterville Violet Rebekah Lodge

OTTERVILLE (C) — On March 19 Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330, Otterville, celebrated their 38th birthday. Guests were present from Norwich, Delhi, Tillsonburg, Belmont, Harrietsville, Springfield and St. Thomas.

A large birthday cake centred the table with four large pink and green candles in crystal holders on either side. Lighting the candles were P.P. Sister Mabel Mabee, D.D.P. Sister Ella May Ostrander, Sister Winnifred McMullen and Sister Emma Strudwick. Sister Emma was the first Noble Grand and Sister Winnie was the first Financial Secretary and later faithful treasurer of the Violet Rebekah Lodge. A delicious lunch was served by the committee under the convenship of Sister Vera Welsh, P.N.G.

A Bake-Walk, which created a lot of fun, was conducted with Sister Jean at the piano.

N.G. Olive Pickersgill and V.G. June Ash opened Lodge in regular form. District Deputy Sister Ella May Ostrander of East St. Thomas District No. 17, introduced by Sister Josephine Howse J.P.N.G. and P.P.R.A. Sister Mabel Mabee, introduced by Sister Margaret Kitchen P.N.G., were welcomed by Nobel Grand and were seated on left and right of the dais. As well, all visitors were welcomed by Violet members. Cards and a plant were taken to Brother Clayton Arthur in hospital and a corsage was given to Sister Alice Arthur who celebrated her 80th birthday on March 20.

D.D.P. Ella May Ostrander spoke briefly as did P.P. Mabel Mabee. Noble Grands from visiting lodges spoke and all brought birthday greetings.

District Deputy Ella May Ostrander gave courtesy remarks, bringing a wonderful birthday to an end.



WEATHER

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Loss of 800 tobacco farmers

By Mark Nusca
Woodstock Bureau

WOODSTOCK — A cut in demand for Ontario tobacco could put 800 farmers out of business this year and kill about 8,000 planting and harvesting jobs, the chairman of the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board predicted Thursday.

George Demeyere said in a telephone interview from Tillsonburg that the first three days of negotiations in Toronto between the marketing board and the Canadian Tobacco Manufacturers' Council to set 1984 crop quotas have produced preliminary but alarming numbers indicating a drop in demand to a 20-year low.

Demeyere said the cigarette manufacturers have indicated they will require a

tobacco crop of between 63 and 65.2 million kilograms (140 and 145 million pounds) this year, a drop of about 32 per cent compared to the 1983 crop of 93.1 million kilograms (207 million pounds). The two groups are to resume negotiations on the 1984 crop quota and prices Tuesday in Toronto but Demeyere warned "there is no indication from the manufacturers that there will be any change in these numbers."

As a result, Demeyere said, roughly one-third of the industry, which already suffered a 13-per-cent production cutback last year, could be wiped out by a drop in demand that is being blamed on lower cigarette consumption caused by high tobacco taxes.

"This is the lowest suggested crop we've faced in 20 years. We are talking here about the possibility of 800 out of about 2,500 farm-

ers going out of business," Demeyere said shortly after meeting in Toronto with Dennis Timbrell, the province's agriculture minister, and Treasurer Larry Grossman to discuss the situation. "I'm saying that in my opinion 800 farmers will close down and about 8,000 more people will be out of work as a result."

Demeyere said that tobacco planting and harvesting last year employed about 25,000 workers but with tobacco crops being cut by about 30 per cent, the whole industry will "most definitely" shrink by equal proportions. And he added that unless provincial and federal governments can offer some assurance of increased stability in the tobacco taxing system, the entire industry will eventually be killed.

"We are literally being taxed right out of business," he said of taxes applied by sen-

ior levels of government, adding that provincial cigarette taxes alone have soared by about 163 per cent during the last three years. "They are literally taxing us to death. Fifty years ago this land was a dust bowl and if someone doesn't get their act together soon it will return to being a dust bowl."

Demeyere said that in the meeting with Timbrell and Grossman, tobacco board representatives asked for "a definite answer as soon as possible . . . with regards to this very unfair ad valorem tax on cigarettes." He added that the tobacco producers will seek a meeting with Eugene Whelan, federal minister of agriculture, to emphasize the serious impact high tobacco taxes are having on the industry.

"It is the board's intention to bring the

Otterville parents form private organization

OTTERVILLE (C) - Monday evening, March 26, interested parents of Otterville Public School gathered in the school library when they voted to form a private parent organization for the remainder of this school year.

During this time the executive of President August DeWachter, Secretary, Ina Arthur and Treasurer, Floyd Lewis will acquire more information about the Home and School Association.

The evening featured a presentation concerning Sex Education in Oxford County Schools. Principal Fred Brown, substituting for Physical Education Consultant, Jim Grant, opened by providing an overview of the Oxford

County Health Curriculum focusing on sex education which is dealt with in Grades 6, 7 and 8.

Mr. Lamont, teacher on staff of O.P.S. outlined the course of study used with Grades 6, 7 and 8 boys during the previous year and the course to be used during this year.

Miss Tafel, the girls' Physical Education teacher, outlines the girls' teaching guidelines for the same grade levels involving such topics as relationships, foods, nutrition, cleanliness and understanding of physical and emotional changes.

Ruth Ferris, health nurse for the school, explained her role in aiding teachers to carry out sexual education curriculum. She

pointed out that the school deals with the various topics factually and she stressed the excellent opportunity it provides for parents to talk with their children.

Various films, video-tapes filmstrips and tapes are available to help stimulate discussion with students. Two examples of such video-tapes entitled "The Body Human," were shown to the group to show the different approaches taken with boys and girls.

Mr. Brown concluded the presentation by saying that parents are still the primary source of information for children but that the school can provide facts and answer questions to help ensure students do not acquire incorrect information. He thanked Mrs. Ferris, Mr. Lamont and Miss Tafel for taking part in the presentation and both Mr. DeWachter and Mr. Lewis thanked the group on behalf of the parents.

Various committees were formed to aid in the functioning of the group and were quickly decided upon through the generous volunteering of members. These committees are Refreshment Committee: Freda Arthur, Bertha Gehring; Program Committee: Jean DeWachter, Lorraine Davis and Fund Raising Committee: Wenda Smith, Evelyn Picknell, Helen Davis, Mary Lynn Rochus and Bernice Degroote.

Mr. Brown encouraged everyone to participate in the groups' activities to make it a useful and viable organization.

Mr. DeWachter suggested a decision about each family's input into the group should be made at the next meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance and participation in the evening.

OTTERVILLE ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN

OTTERVILLE (C) — Rev. Grant D. Darling welcomed everyone to the 9:30 a.m. service and explained that many greetings could be used for this, the fourth Sunday in Lent.

This Sunday is the Traditional Sunday in the Anglican Church when we thank God for our mothers and motherhood in general and for "Mother Church" in particular. On Mothering Sunday the need to feed the world's hungry is emphasized through the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. As well, this day is April Fool's Day, Daffodil Sunday for the Canadian Cancer Society and Refreshment Sunday marking the mid-point of Lent.

The senior and junior choirs entered to the processional hymn, "My God" and is "Thy Table Spread?" accompanied by organist Lila Freeland.

Scripture readings were Psalm 23, The Lord Is My Shepherd, read responsively; Ephesians 5:8-14, Once you were in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord and John 9:1-41, As he passed by, Jesus saw a man blind from birth.

The children adjourned to Sunday school during the singing of "When Mothers of Salem".

Due to the occasion of Mothering Sunday, Rev. Darling focused his sermon on love, that quality which is special to all mothers. He explained the three different forms of love which are important to our relationships with each other.

Offering was received by Richard DeRoo. The sacrament of Holy Communion was shared by Rev. Darling and the congregation. The service closed with the singing of "O Mother Dear, Jerusalem".

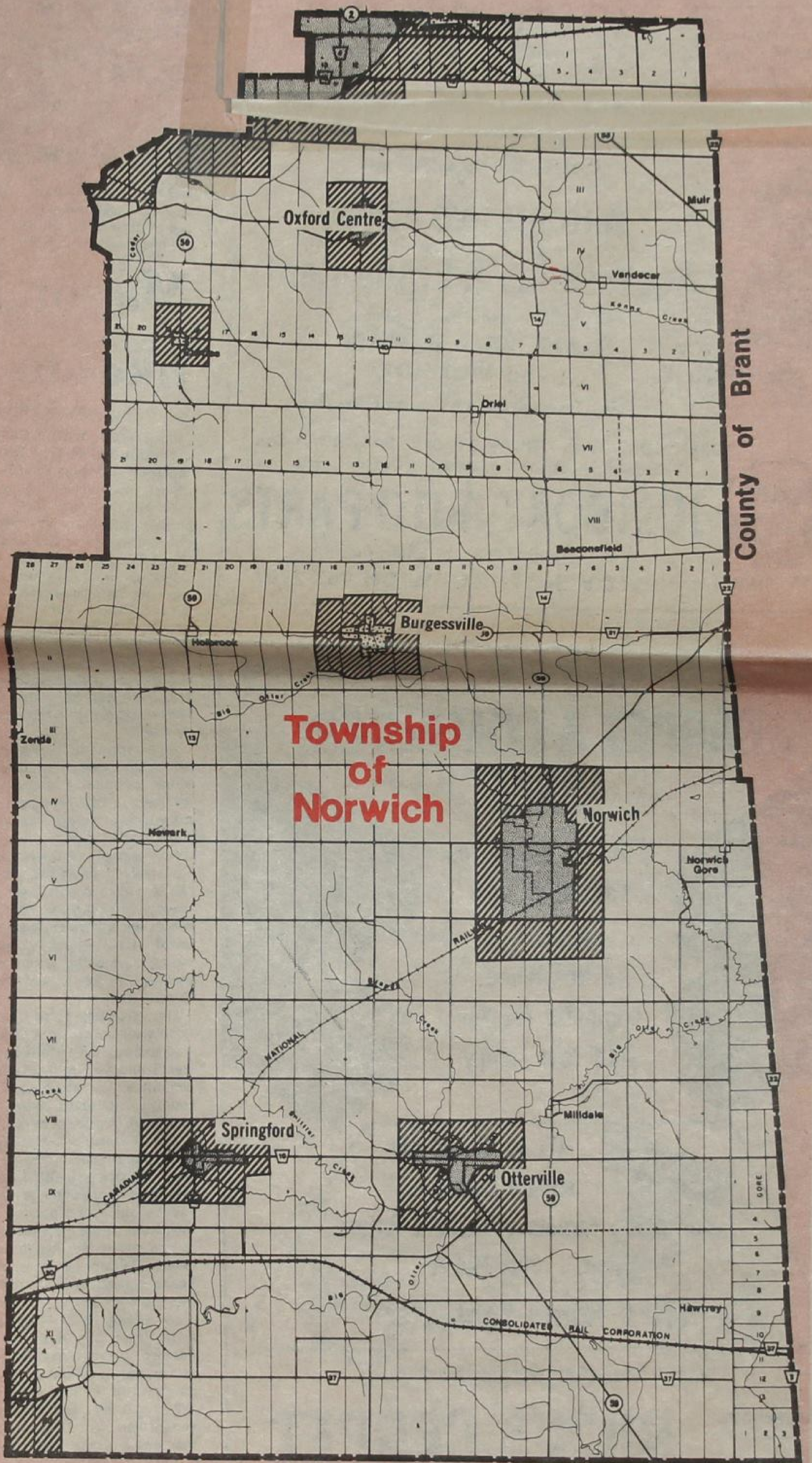
Following the service, traditional Mothering Sunday cake or Simnel cake was served with coffee in the Parish hall. Thanks to Violet Howse who made the cake, everyone was able to enjoy this tradition together.

strongest possible arguments to both the provincial and federal governments to change their unfair tax policies on cigarettes as well as continuing negotiations with the buyers," Demeyere said. "The concern now among manufacturers is the unknown future policies of the governments on taxation."

Last summer the marketing board initiated a campaign opposing federal and provincial tobacco taxes which escalate the price of a pack of cigarettes. Demeyere said that so far he has seen no results from those efforts to emphasize the problems facing the industry.

"Everybody seems to understand the problem but they don't seem prepared to do anything about it," he said.

SPECIAL FEATURE



County of Brant

Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk

Norwich Community Centre offering new rate schedule

The Norwich Community Centre is offering new rates to encourage more persons to make use of the facilities.

Norwich Township council approved a new rate schedule last Tuesday in the hopes of increasing use of the facilities during the week.

Instead of charging \$150 for midweek rentals, \$100 will be charged for groups up to 200 persons, for 200-300 persons and for 300-400 persons, but \$150 for groups consisting of 400 persons and up. On Fridays and Saturdays group rates will be \$150 for up to 200 persons, \$175 for 200-300 persons, \$200 for 300-400 persons and \$250 for 400 persons and up instead of the previous rate of \$250 no matter the size of the group.

A new charge will be bar rental for \$15 and increased corkage charges. Corkage fees include one bartender, all mixes, glasses and ice including cooling. Kitchen charges without dishes will be \$20 and with use of dishes and the dishwasher will be \$40.

The new rates are to be put into effect as of March 28 and all bookings to this date are to have the option of either the new rates or the original booking rate.

The new rate schedule was proposed by the Norwich Township Culture and Recreation Advisory Committee that researched fees charged at community centres in the county and in the area and made the recommendations. The township

community services committee reviewed the recommendations and presented them to council.

Marcel DeWitte, manager of the Norwich Community Centre, expressed concern that the new rate schedule did not cover such events as auctions. He said he did not know why the new rate was introduced because rental for the facilities increased in 1983 compared to the previous year.

"I still think there are only so many functions taking place," Mr. DeWitte said. "We can only draw so much." There are community centres located in such close areas as Tillsonburg, Oxford Centre and Delhi to draw potential users of the Norwich facilities out of the community, he said.

The new rate schedule will be used on a trial basis for one year so a review can be made to see if bookings increase, Mayor John Heleniak said. "We are trying to encourage more persons to use the facilities."

By LINDA HULME
Sentinel-Review staff writer
OTTERVILLE — Cheaper rates at the community centre in Norwich may prove attractive to small groups in the area — at least that's what Norwich Township council is hoping.

TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH

— requires —

qualified persons to manage and staff the Otterville Lions Pool. Applications should be submitted to the undersigned by April 11, 1984 at 4:00 p.m.

Robert Watkins
Clerk, Township
Office, 10 Main St.
Otterville
Phone 879-6568

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Last night council approved a new rate schedule which introduces fees based on group sizes for mid-week use, Fridays and Saturdays. Most councillors agreed something had to be done to increase use of the complex, but some were concerned it would only serve to increase the perennial deficit.

The idea to implement a sliding fee scale came from the township's culture and recrea-

tion advisory committee — a group of citizens working with appointed township councillors. The group researched fees charged at other community centres in Oxford County and area and made recommendations. Those were later reviewed by the township's community services committee and presented to council.

Up to now, the auditorium has been rented for \$250 on Fridays and Saturdays, and \$150 for mid-week. The same rates applied to any size group.

Now the fees are broken down to four levels — \$100 mid-week and \$150 Fridays and Saturdays for up to 200 people, \$100 and \$175 for 200 to 300, \$100 and \$200 for 300 to 400, and \$150 and \$250 for 400 or more people.

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Councillors increase pay

After an approved five per cent increase in salary for members of Nor-

wich Township council, Mayor John Heleniak will receive \$108.88 per meeting, Councillor-at-large Helen Smith will receive \$103.01 and councillors will receive \$93.31 per meeting retroactive to the first of the year.

Draft plan extended

Township council extended draft plan approval of the plan of subdivision of Currah Feed Company Ltd. for Lots 17-31 in Norwich. The draft plan of subdivision was first approved by county council and the decision finalized in May 1981. The county planning department will be advised of township council's approval of the extension to the draft plan approval.

BIA recommendation

Township council approved a recommendation last Tuesday from the Norwich Business Improvement Area (BIA) that William Hajdu replace Earl Gillespie as a member of the board of management of the BIA. Mr. Gillespie tendered his resignation due to his retirement.

Norwich Council Briefs

Budget discussions begin

Norwich Township council began budget discussion sessions Monday. This meeting is the first of a series to be held until the final budget is adopted.

Approve cash payout

Norwich Township council has resolved to take a cash payout on the debentures on the North Norwich Municipal Telephone System (NNMTS) and will establish a sinking fund in township accounts to meet its obligations in respect to borrowed funds, council decided Monday at a budget meeting. In discussions with Hurontario Telephones Ltd. that purchased NNMTS, the township was given the option of taking a cash payout on its debenture of \$438,500 plus interest or of taking alternative security for the debt such as a mortgage on the telephone system's assets.

Installation given approval

Council has approved the installation of a heating system and a new roof at the East Oxford Library in Oxford Centre.

Plant white pine

A white pine donated to Norwich Township by the Grand River Conservation Authority was planted on the Oxford Centre Community Hall property April 20. The conservation authority donated one of Ontario's official trees to the township. Council decided because of the devastation caused to the Oxford Centre area by the tornado in 1979 that

it was the proper site for the tree to be planted.

Request plaque

Council will request to the board of the Ontario Heritage Foundation that it erect a provincial historical plaque commemorating George Wilcox, the Father of Rural Mail Delivery in Canada.

Install lights

Township council approved the complete installation of ball park lights in the Otterville park at a cost of \$14,498.25. Speedy Electric will install the lights and do additional wiring of electrical services as a result of the removal of the old lights that will cost \$814.40.

Clearing snow

Township Road Superintendent Ron Smith received permission from council to hire a contractor to clear snow from sidewalks in residential areas in the village when necessary.

Manage pool

Les Dickson of Burgessville has been hired by the township as manager-supervisor for the Otterville Pool this year.

Rental fee charged

The Norwich and District Historical Society will be charged \$1,600 for use of the Norwich Community Centre and grounds for the 14th annual Norwich Historical Show June 1, 2 and 3. All energy consumption above the normal everyday usage during the show will also be charged to the historical society.

Revitalization of Norwich proposed

Norwich Township council will determine funds available in 1984 before making a decision regarding a downtown Norwich streetscape revitalization project.

The township agriculture and public works committee will meet with the county public works committee possibly Thursday to see if any funding is available this year for drainage or street work on Main Street, Norwich.

Council was presented with the beautification project and its estimated costs by Harold Fritz, of Philips Planning and Engineering Ltd., Burlington, at council Tuesday. The planning company was hired by the Norwich Business Improvement Area (BIA) in January to start planning ways to beautify the downtown area. Initial proposals of the project were also presented to council.

The total cost for the project if a full-road reconstruction was undertaken would be \$309,800. The figure would include road reconstruction costing \$155,500, street-scaping at \$84,300, parking lots at \$40,000 and engineering and contingency costs of \$30,000. The road construction cost would include costs for road and sidewalk reconstruction and storm sewer replacements.

Total costs for a second concept which would involve parking lane reconstruction, instead of total road reconstruction would cost \$188,400.

Ways to help pay for the revitalization project were also described to council by Mr. Fritz. A Commercial Area Improvement Program (CAIP) would give half the cost responsibility to the

municipality and the other half to the province which would present one-third of the cost in a grant and the other two-thirds as a low interest loan at about a five per cent interest rate based on a 10-year period. The cost to the municipality would be divided between the township, county, and the Norwich businessmen would contribute, Mr. Fritz said. The Norwich BIA is hoping not to exceed \$50,000 for its share of the project, he said.

Councillor Hardee Richardson expressed concern about vandalism to the trees that are part of the beautification project. "There are young people who don't appreciate something like this," he said.

Mr. Fritz said vandalism is always a problem for streetscape plans and that some tree branches have been broken off

in areas before but never enough to kill the tree.

Mr. Fritz who was involved with the Delhi beautification project has been told by the chairman of the Delhi BIA that he is pleased with the results of the project. The beautification projects brings people into the area to shop but they also set up businesses for they see that the BIA is active and that it would be a good place to situate, Mr. Fritz said.

After meeting with the county public works committee to see what funds are available, council must then make a decision whether to approve the project, and if so decide between total road reconstruction or parking lane reconstruction. The deadline for applying for the CAIP is May 31.

Placating residents with rebates

By Mike Ambrose
Staff Writer

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Norwich residents may be bribed with tax rebates from the County of Oxford to quiet protests over the proposed extension of the Holbrook Landfill Site's operating permit.

Mayor John Heleniak of Norwich said the Ad Hoc committee of Township Council met with the Oxford County Public Works Committee last week to discuss the issue.

No motions or recommendations came out of the meeting, but the County committee suggested that Norwich "put their concerns in writing" and the County would then address them formally, and get back to Council to work out some compromise solution.

The County hopes to resolve some of Norwich Council's objections before the

Environmental Review Board hearing. According to John Heleniak, the Mayor of Norwich, the hearing should be before June 30, which is when the present Holbrook operating permit runs out.

Township's Ad Hoc committee was promised by the County that the site "absolutely would be closed" after another two-year extension; and they would guarantee it with a County bylaw to that effect.

The County is hoping the Salford Landfill Site will be opened in the two-year period allowed by another extension of the Holbrook site.

As for the suggested tax rebates (read bribes), the County came up with the idea of compensating residents in the immediate vicinity of the Holbrook site.

Compensation would be tied to the rate of taxation on a given property, with two other provisions: it would be paid only on

properties where there are residents, and only when the site is under operation.

The Ad Hoc committee of the Township must now bring up the County proposal at a full Council meeting in order for a decision to be made.

During the meeting, the Ad Hoc committee suggested to the County Public Works Committee that the County should proceed with another waste disposal study in order to find alternatives in case the extension is not approved, and in case the Salford site is not opened in the next two years if the extension is approved for Holbrook.

According to Mayor Heleniak, the "last study was 10 years ago . . . it recommended Salford as a waste disposal site, but it has not been approved in the nine years since."

If the Holbrook extension does not go through, and the Salford site is not opened soon, the 60,000 tons of waste that go into the Holbrook site a year would present quite a problem.



Inspect road conditions

Members of the Norwich Township council and representatives from the Ministry of Transportation and Communication participated in the annual township road tour Thursday. Road conditions and important areas of the township were reviewed. Councillors Michael Oliver, Don Pettigrew and Norm Lusk were some of the participants in the tour. (Staff Photo)

Fashions on parade at Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — Although winter tried to give one last blast of cold snowy weather on Thursday evening, March 29, the bright, cheery feeling of spring dominated the atmosphere of the annual Otterville St. John's Anglican Church Women's Spring Fashion Show, held at the Otterville Community Hall.

Spring flowers and a tree blossoming

with pussywillows and brightly-colored balloons provided the setting for Threads and Fashions and Hi-Lo Fashions, both of Tillsonburg.

ACW President Cathy Furlong welcomed everyone to the evening which was commentated by Olive Pickersgill with Lila Freeland providing soft background music on the piano.

Designs presented by Doreen Melanson of Threads and Fashions created the first half of the evening. Dresses suitable for a special evening out opened the show varying from delicate georgette materials to a flash dress of linen and cotton blends. The flash dance look is a dominate one for spring seen in sporty T-shirts, coordinates and dresses.

Sporty casual wear, lounge attire and clothes suitable for the working woman created a wide variety of designs from which the audience could choose.

Door prizes were drawn during intermission by Georgina Spicer and Winnie Leach, members of the ACW. Jodi Smith, Heather Picknell, Liza Parr, Julie DeWachter and Timmie Brady were eager helpers to distribute gifts to the recipients as they were drawn. Prizes generously donated by the following local merchants and businessmen were received by the following people: Budd Webb Aluminum - Evelyn Waring; Kramer Tool and Die - Violet Howse; St. Lawrence Grains - Heather Hanson; DeWachter Electric Ltd. - Deborah Finch; Avon Representative Violet Howse - Winnie Leach, Pat Schmidt, Eleanor Briggs, Julie Love; Davis Brothers Plumbing and Heating - Winnie McMullen; Brick Rusnak Masonry and Contracting - Bernice DeGroot; Otterville Heating Service - Priscilla Zancheta Meira, Eileen Arthur; Paul Groeneveld and Sons Garage - Liza Parr; Ash Aluminum Products - Joyce McMullen; C.L. Finch and Son - Donna Murray; Don Broad Carpentry - Betty Oenema; Janny's Groceries - Marge Pearce; Speedy Electric - Julia Belaen; The Herbal Touch - Brenda Pickersgill; Adam Oliver Insurance Brokers Ltd. - Patty Savoie; McMullen's Machine Shop - Cheryl Neale; George Forsyth Plumbing and Heating - Wendy Kunderman; William Dowds Alarm System - Gladys Ferguson;

The Village Garden - Tina Irie; St. John's ACW - Dianne Smith, Marilyn Treffry and Hi-Lo Fashions - Marion Dowds, Julie DeWachter, Grace Gehring, Connie Jull and Jean Hill.

The latter half of the evening showed clothing provided by Ruby Abbot and Jerry Bell of Hi-Lo Fashions and opened with spring coats of corduroy and suede-like materials.

Coordinated suits of matching jacket, skirt and slacks are very striking in shades of rose, blue, soft green and white. A very practical yet fashionable outfit to have.

Swimwear by Christine was a highlight which with color matching terry cover-ups presented complete swim ensembles for the summer season ahead. A terry jogging suit for the expectant mother-to-be would be a very comfortable and useful outfit for the summer months.

Night wear completed the show which focused on everything from floor length designs, coffee coats, bed jackets to a maternity T-shirt nightie.

The models who took part were members of the St. John's ACW with a few girls assisting from Tillsonburg. They were Jane Furlong, Deb Davis, Kim Maybee, Dawn Mounts, Lori Vanderheide, Wenda Smith, Cathy Devos, Kathy Durkee, Kay Darling, Barbara Ecker, Joyce Leeming, Marion Dowds, Ila Howse, Dorothy Durkee, Judy Freeman, Cathy Furlong, Janet Narancsik and Julie Weszner.

Cathy thanked all those who took part with special thanks to commentator Olive, pianist Lila and store managers Doreen, Ruby Abbot and Jerry Bell. She also expressed great appreciation on behalf of the ACW to the merchants and businessmen whose generosity made it possible to offer so many beautiful door prizes.

Everyone was invited to enjoy a buffet lunch and refreshments provided by the ACW members

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Expositor Photo

Members of the South Norwich Historical Society clear away brush from the front of Treffry Mill in Otterville on Saturday.

Major restoration program under way at Otterville's historic Treffry Mill

OTTERVILLE — South Norwich Historical Society members have been busy this year with restoration work at the three-storey Treffry Mill here.

On Saturday, members were levelling the ground in preparation for reseeding, burning off brush and cleaning up the area.

During the past month, five members have felled 30 trees from a bush belonging to Ken and Catherine Mann, of Otterville, who donated the wood for the renovation project.

David Hussey, treasurer of the historical society and head of the grounds committee for the mill, said the logs will be taken to a Langton mill to be cut into lumber for re-siding the mill.

He said the lumber will have

to be given time to dry out. Some of the siding may be installed this fall. The society is planning to contract the work.

Leased by society

The mill is owned by Norwich Township and was leased by the society last year. It was built in 1845 by Edward Bullock and operated by Matthew Maddison as a flour and grist mill. It was situated near the site of the first mill on the Otter River which was erected in 1807 by John Earle and Paul Avery.

Bullock's mills included saw and woollen mills above the present dam. They were sold in 1877 to E.M. Schooley and then purchased by Solomon Lossing in 1880. The Lossing family owned the mill until 1942 when it was

bought by Ernest Treffry. Ten years later, it was bought by his son, Lorne, and operated by him until its closing in 1980.

Today, the mill is one of the oldest, continuously operated, water-powered mills still in existence in the province.

Mr Hussey said the society plans to restore and maintain the mill as funds become available. Total cost of the project is not yet known.

Mr. Hussey said the society would like to keep the mill operational. It hopes to operate tours and perhaps maintain a museum. However, there are no firm plans.

Last year, the society did work on the mill's foundation and

weatherproofed it. The mill also needs new windows and roof repairs.

This year, the society would like to replace the original front porch and reseed the grounds for easier maintenance. Society members hope to have this work done before their July 1 barbecue at the mill.

In order to continue the restoration work, the society will be holding an auction sale at the Norwich Community Centre on Nov. 5. The auction of antiques, books, and toys will be under the leadership of Dr. Murray Downing. A committee, which includes Jean Davis, Mr. Hussey and Catherine Mann, would appreciate donations as early as possible. Clothing will not be auctioned.

South Norwich Historical Society meeting held

The April meeting of the South Norwich Historical Society was held at Woodlawn on April 9 with a good number present.

President Lorne Treffry conducted the business session following the reading of the minutes. Rick Singer reported the old gazebo is structurally sound and plans were made to move it to a spot near Woodlawn house, and to furnish the owner with a replacement building.

Logs donated by Ken and Catherine Mann have been cut and skidded by

volunteers. It is planned to have them sawn into siding to re-cover the Treffry Mill. It was also decided by the meeting to have the mill's wiring inspected.

A motion was passed that the Williams family Bible and organ be moved to Woodlawn, if this is approved by the Woodlawn Committee, and that a letter acknowledging ownership of these items be sent to Jack Parker.

Juanita DeRoo told the meeting she had found considerable interest in the

proposed photography contest, and that a number of people had asked for a further class for adult (amateur) photographers. The meeting approved of this added class.

Mr. Treffry, Joyce Pettigrew and Marjorie Pearce volunteered to act as a committee to work with the Royal Bank in the proposed placing of an historical plaque on the bank in Otterville. Boyd Little brought a request from the school that the Historical Society assist the celebration of the bicentennial by

demonstrating various crafts, costumes and artifacts of earlier times at the school. Plans for this project were discussed and various suggestions will be followed up.

Norwich Township Council has asked for suggestions from both the Norwich and District Historical Society and South Norwich Historical Society as to the proper location for a plaque in honor of Dr. Emily Stowe. Since research indicates that she was born and spent her first 13 years on a farm on the 12th Concession of South Norwich, it was the opinion of this society that the most suitable location would be on Highway 59 at the point closest to the place of her birth. This wish is to be sent to the township council for their consideration. There was also some discussion of a plan to have a plaque erected honoring George Wilcox as the man responsible for the establishment of Rural Mail Delivery. It was agreed that this project should be carried forward in the future.

Mrs. Pettigrew introduced Jim and Shirley Riddick, two active members of the Beachville Historical Society and the Beachville Museum. Mr. Riddick showed two interesting reels of pictures: "Birth of Oxford" and "The Quarries". The limestone quarries of Beachville were described as Oxford County's oldest industry. There is some question as to whether the first settler in Oxford came to Beachville or Blenheim Township.

The story of the limestone quarries was especially interesting to the Downings of Otterville as the Downing family came to Beachville very early in the 1800s and played a prominent part in the development of the quarries for many years. They had previously been engaged in this industry in Devonshire before coming to Beachville. Mrs. Downing thanked Mr. Riddick for his excellent presentation.

Before the meeting adjourned, Dr. Downing outlined plans for the coming fall auction to be held November 5.

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Heritage photography contest

Area residents will be offered a look at the heritage of the former Township of South Norwich through a photography contest being sponsored by the South Norwich Historical Society in honor of Ontario's Bicentennial.

The "Bicentennial Through the Viewfinder" is open only to residents of the former South Norwich Township with subjects being heritage buildings and structures being erected prior to 1920 within the boundaries of the former South Norwich Township.

Once submitted, the photographs become the property of the Society for use in future projects.

The contest is divided into two sections, elementary school children and adult amateur. All persons not attending an elementary school much enter the adult amateur class and must not have received payment for work done as a professional photographer.

The contest sections are also divided into two categories: black and white and color with first, second and third prizes being awarded in each category of each section. A total of \$200 in prizes will be awarded in celebration of the bicentennial to encourage residents to take a closer look at their heritage and to enjoy its preservation through the medium of photography.

Entry forms for the competition will be distributed from the Otterville public library during regular library hours. The contest begins May 1 and ends May 31, 1984. Completed entries may be returned to the Otterville library during regular hours or mailed or delivered to Juanita DeRoo, Norfolk Street, Otterville.

Contest winners will be announced prior to July 1, 1984 and the awards will be presented on that date at the annual barbecue held by the South Norwich Historical Society at the mill property in Otterville at approximately 7 p.m. Entries will be limited to 50 in each section.

Join the South Norwich Historical Society in celebrating the Bicentennial!

That during the week of April 15, 1964:

The Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers Marketing Board approved a motion to hire a tobacco export promoter at a salary of \$16,000 plus \$10,000 for expenses.

Otterville blanked Scotland 5-0 to take the Delhi Industrial Hockey League title. Wayne Slagt scored three goals for the winners. Ken Mann and Archie MacDougall scored the others. Sensational goaltending also helped the winners.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO MARCH 1884

Guysboro - One of our citizens, E.S. Garnham, has gone into the maple sugar business extensively this season. He has purchased a thousand or more tin buckets and has built a camp with all the modern improvements for sugarmaking.

Hawtreys - Mr. Luther Hussey is learning telegraphy at the C.S.R. station. He pays \$30 and has six months allowed him in which to learn it.

Vienna - Mr. E. Payne, foreman in Williams & Emery's mill, has quit work because his employers would not increase his wages. He was getting \$1.50 per day.

50 YEARS AGO April 12, 1934

The old Otterville Manufacturing Company plant is being dismantled. The old company was founded in 1882. The firm was formerly known as the Otter Sweeper Co. and was the first firm in Canada to manufacture carpet sweepers and later piano stools.

50 YEARS AGO April 26, 1934

Morley Pettit, of La Salette suffered the loss of 20 ewes and lambs which were killed by dogs.

Mabel Stoakley, a former North Norwich girl, was elected president of the Women's Advertising Club of Toronto.

The large storage garage on Stover Street South owned by Will Nethercott is being taken down.

15 YEARS AGO April 24, 1969

"Innisfree," a 100-acre farm near Otterville, 20 miles south of Woodstock, has been acquired by the Harold Innis Foundation as a country retreat for University of Toronto students. It will also be used by staff as a centre for the study of the work and ideas of the late Harold Innis, Dean of the University's School of Graduate Studies, at the time of his death in 1952. Mr. Innis was one of Canada's most eminent economists and economic historians.

Lynded Candy with Doug Arthur at the controls, finished second in a \$1,100 trot at Greenwood. Professor Doniedo was the winner, with National A earning the show position.

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New Otterville library a tremendous improvement

By LINDA HULME

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OTTERVILLE — It's quaint and unpretentious, but despite its plain decor, the new Otterville Public Library is being lauded as a tremendous improvement over the former basement facilities in the village's old town hall.

Since its opening in mid-January, residents are adjusting to the realization that there's more to do at a library than merely pick up books and drop them off.

"People in this town are going to have to learn how to use a library," said supervisor Lurene McMullen.

The storefront location on Otterville's Main Street is quite different from the dingy, depressing, and cramped room which formerly served as the library. A branch of the Oxford County Library, it's now bright, cheerful, spacious, and inviting.

Mrs. McMullen said the direct exposure from the street is already helping to boost the library's use. It's not only great for library employees who no longer feel claustrophobic about spending a few hours there, users are finding the building easily accessible.

The former library had a

narrow staircase physically disabled people and senior citizens found difficult to negotiate. Now everything is on level with the street.

It also attracts people who never bothered to use the library before.

"We have to make it appealing to the non-reader, that you'd come to a library for something other than a reading book," she said.

People can now feel comfortable about spending an hour browsing among the ever-expanding shelves. Students can come in after school and do research for projects or homework.

Regular users will notice a better selection of books. Shipments are constantly arriving from the county library's Woodstock branch.

Mrs. McMullen said she and other library staff like the idea of having space for exhibits and activities. Lack of space prevented anything but book-borrowing in the former facilities.

Elaine Oliver, Mrs. McMullen's assistant, said she's thrilled with the new look.

"It's wonderful, after being down in a hole in the ground," she said.

Youth ministry at Otterville

The Group Friendship, a team of eight young people from different parts of Canada ministered throughout the

weekend to celebrate the Otterville Fellowship Baptist's 126th anniversary beginning with a visit to the nursing home in Tillsonburg to minister to the older ones on Thursday evening.

only one in Canada. The members will begin performing in western Canada next month.

Family night supper

OTTERVILLE (C) — The annual Family Night supper was served by the Women's Missionary Fellowship ladies of the Otterville Baptist church on Friday, April 6 in the Sunday School room of the church.

The president, Wilma Butler, welcomed everyone and thanked the social committee, Mrs. Fred Hill, Lorraine Davis, Evelyn Walters and Mrs. Ken Lee for their work of planning the supper. Mrs. Butler welcomed Ruth Groh and Harriet Wallace from the Children's Bible Mission who have been with the mission for 30 years.

Mrs. Robert Innis was presented with a gift for her baby from the ladies by Mrs. Dwight Davis.

Letters were read from missionaries Mr. and Mrs. H. Pollard and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hirons in Africa, also from Dr. Hazel Wrigglesworth in the Philippines.

Miss Wallace led in the singing of some favorite choruses with Miss Groh at the piano. Miss Wallace then told of instances of God's blessings to them throughout the 30 years of serving Him.

She told of the three times God's finger has written to mankind. The first time was when He wrote the Ten Commandments on the tablets of stone, which is the law. The second time was when Belshazzar was having a feast of making merry with drinking wine from vessels that were taken from the temple. A hand appeared and wrote on the wall which was interpreted by David. It said their kingdom hung in the balance and that night the king was slain which is judgment. The third time was when Jesus met the woman taken in adultery with Moses' law commanding that she be stoned. Jesus wrote on the sand that he who was without sin to cast the first stone. This shows God's grace.

Miss Wallace concluded with John's revelations, Rev. 3:5, He that overcometh, I will not blot out his name out of the book of life.

Mrs. Butler thanked the ladies for coming and providing the program and Pastor Bull closed in prayer.

On Friday afternoon the team entertained the children of the Otterville Public School.

On Saturday evening, following a lunch for the Young People of Otterville and North Broadway, all were kept busy by the group throughout the evening by ministry in music, skits and a variety of games and activities and a devotional time.

On Sunday, April 15, the Friendship Team used the Sunday school hour to put on a concert of music, puppets, drama and presented lessons from the word of God.

Friendship Ministries perform at churches, nursing homes and schools in Canada and the United States 10 months of the year. The Christian organization has its international headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colorado and its Canadian headquarters is in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

The visitors to Otterville were one of the four Friendship Ministries on tour and the

Following the Sunday school time, Pastor Bull led the morning worship service beginning with a praise thought of Psalm 92:1-8. Friendship ministered in music singing several selections including a medley of songs, "Have a Nice Day with Jesus", "I Will Call Upon the Lord" and "Someone is Praying for You".

Rev. Lambert Baptist of Hamilton, our anniversary speaker used the passage of Luke 12:15-21 to show us the "Failure of Success".

Also in the evening service, Friendship Ministries put on a mini concert of skits and music and Rev. Baptist spoke from Psalm 42 concerning depression.

A time of lunch and fellowship was enjoyed following the service. All in all, a great time of blessing was enjoyed throughout the celebrations.

On Friday, April 20, at 10:30 a.m. a joint Good Friday service will be held at North Broadway Baptist Church in Tillsonburg. Come worship with us.

Otterville Baptist 126 years old

Otterville Fellowship Baptist Church will be celebrating its 126th anniversary April 12-15.

A team of young people from Friendship Ministries will be sharing in the

celebration through puppets, drama and excellent music. Also Pastor Lambert Baptist will be ministering from the word of God in the morning worship service and also in the evening service on Sunday, April 15.

The Young People will be having a supper and concert at the Otterville Public School with Friendship Ministries beginning at 6 p.m.

The Church first began in 1858 when Rev. William Haviland held evangelistic meetings in the town hall. In 1865 a one-storey Church building was erected on the corner of North and John Streets. In 1904 the Church had a basement put under it and was veneered in brick. The Church joined the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in 1953. The current Pastor Rev. Joseph Bull is the Church's 27th pastor who began ministering on January 1.

The Church still has the goal of serving God and meeting the needs of the people in the community. Otterville Fellowship Baptist Church invites all to come and join in our services.



Learning to smile

Performers with the Friendship Ministries entertained students at the Otterville Public School Friday through the use of songs, skits and puppets. The group of performers were in the area to participate in the 126th anniversary of the Otterville Fellowship Baptist Church. (Staff Photo)

Congregation shares Easter breakfast

A delicious Easter breakfast was shared by many members of the Otterville St. John's Anglican Church congregation on Sunday morning.

Following morning service over 70 people gathered in the Parish Hall and blessing was given by Carl Howse previous to the meal.

The breakfast, organized by Richard

DeRoo and prepared by several men of the congregation offered a menu of hot scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, breads, juice and coffee. A very enjoyable way to celebrate Easter together.

Much appreciation was extended by Georgina Spicer to all those who worked so hard in preparing the meal. Everyone looks forward to future breakfasts to come.



Preparing Easter breakfast

Richard DeRoo (left) and August DeWachter, both of Otterville, were kept busy organizing and preparing the Easter breakfast held at the Otterville St. John's Anglican Church Sunday. (Staff Photo)

ACW to hold turkey supper

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Otterville St. John's Anglican Church Women, held Thursday, April 5, was a time of creativity and instruction.

Kay Darling demonstrated the art of fabric picture framing and assisted the ladies in the creation of their own frames. Through the use of matting, fabric and batting a soft, attractive frame can be created to suit any surroundings or picture. A practical item as well as one that can be used as a gift, many varied and eye catching frames were made by the ladies in attendance. Everyone greatly appreciated the knowledgeable guidance given by Mrs. Darling and admired the different examples of work she had on display.

The meeting opened with the singing of "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" and Scripture taken from Matthew 28:1-10, ... came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

The devotional, presented by Cathy Furlong, focused on Joy, the outstanding element of Christianity. Spring is the most joyous time of the year for it is a time of rebirth and resurrection. Easter is a joyous time because we are given the assurance of eternal life. In the early days of the Church the common greeting of Christians was "He is risen - He is risen indeed." We too must recapture this sense of joy of the early disciples for he is risen indeed. Prayer followed.

During the business members were

reminded of the Thank-Offering Service to be held at the Otterville United Church, April 19 at 8 p.m. The upcoming St. John's Turkey Supper, held Sunday, April 29 was discussed. Settings will be held at 4, 5 and 6 p.m. with adults \$5.50, children, \$3 and preschoolers free.

It was concluded that the Spring Fashion Show was very much a success and members were encouraged to make their donations for St. Monica House as soon as possible.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Turkey supper held

OTTERVILLE (C) — The annual Spring Turkey Supper of the Otterville St. John's Anglican Church Women was once again enjoyed and appreciated by the many people who took advantage of the hot, home cooked meal.

Approximately 300 people attended the three sittings of 4, 5 and 6 p.m. which were opened with the blessing being offered by Carl Howse, member of the church.

Floral table arrangements of daisies, snapdragons and baby chrysanthemums, arranged by Jean DeWachter, helped to accentuate the spring atmosphere and

weather which had been enjoyed throughout the day.

Several men in addition to the ladies helped out in various capacities and dinners were delivered to those who wished to have the meal in their homes.

The dinner was convened by A.C.W. president Cathy Furlong and great appreciation is extended to all those who helped in making it such a successful evening.

Choir presents Easter cantata

OTTERVILLE (C) — Good Friday, marking the first day of the Easter weekend, was recognized in a special way in Otterville through the presentation of an Easter cantata, "Behold the Lamb," by the South Norwich Community Choir.

Held at the Otterville United Church on Friday evening, the service emphasized

the meaning of Good Friday through word and song.

Rev. Earl Moore, minister of the church, welcomed everyone present as well as the choir following a short hymn sing of appropriate Easter songs.

The choir performed "Behold the Lamb" written by Don Krueger, with the

direction of Jean McClintock, Otterville and accompaniment on the piano by Lillian Broad, Springford.

Through the sequence of songs, the Easter story was vividly told of Jesus' selection to be the lamb of God, his agony during the crucifixion and the celebration of his resurrection. Paul Babcock, Otterville, performed solo portions and provided narrative interludes throughout.

The recessional hymn, "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today," sung by the choir and congregation, closed the service on the joyful note of Easter.

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Good Friday celebrated

The South Norwich Community Choir presented an Easter cantata on Good Friday at the Otterville United Church. The presentation

of "Behold the Lamb" expressed the meaning of Good Friday through word and song. (Staff Photo)

Lions have district's best bulletin

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the community hall, Otterville, April 23. Lion president, Les Dickson presided.

There were 36 lions present including three guests from the North Brantford Lions Club.

Plans were completed for the Annual Lions Ladies Night to be held by attending a dinner theatre in London, Wednesday evening, April 25. Entertainment was supplied by the Second City TV group.

A report on the annual Fish Fry, dance and A.T.V. draw showed that the event was well attended and a financial success. All profits will be used towards local community projects.

Lion Gary Eves, president of the North Brantford Lions Club, addressed the

meeting expressing the thanks in attending the meeting and also brought news from his club. He is the in-coming zone chairman for region A-15.

Lion Murray Wardell reported on the Lion district mini-convention held in

Niagara Falls. This club was awarded the District Award for the best club bulletin. Lion zone chairman Colin Cope has been our club bulletin editor.

There was a brief discussion regarding the prizes for the annual Lions Fall Car-

nival. It was decided that the main prize will be a Pontiac Grand Prix with a video cassette recorder as a special prize on July 2.

The convention prize was won by Lions Jack Walther and Dave Beam.

Double birthday marked by Happy Bluebird Club

OTTERVILLE (C) — A perfect day was spent at the home of Dorothy Daniels, Tidy Street, Norwich on April 25 on the occasion

of her birthday as well as that of the Happy Bluebird Club of which she is president. This marked 36 years for the organization.

At noonday the members were welcomed to pretty decorated tables where a delicious fish dinner awaited along with trimmings, birthday cake and ice cream provided by Ann Davis. A lovely party was enjoyed reminiscing years in the past not forgetting secretary, Mrs. Mitchell and treasurer Helen Davis.

When dinner was finished members enjoyed card bingo with winners receiving gifts donated by the president.

On behalf of the club an attractive scarf was presented to Mrs. Daniels by Daisy Ash and Happy Birthday was sung for both her and the club. Dorothy showed birthday greetings, cards and flowers she had received.

The Happy Bluebird Club's membership has been derived from the community and surrounding area and from their activities much hard work has been accomplished. The first president of the organization was Daisy.

Appreciation was expressed for such an enjoyable time spent on this special day.

for several years in Otterville moved on Wednesday to their new residence in St. George.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland spent a portion of the weekend with her sister, Marion Heatley and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Mike O'Neil and family of Chatham.

Ada Morley of Burgessville spent the weekend with Evelyn Waring, Otterville. Ethel Wiles, Norwich, was a Sunday evening dinner guest.

Leisure club names officers

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Otterville Leisure Club held their meeting in the Woodlawn Adult Centre on Wednesday, April 18, with the election of officers being held.

Gladys Evans presided for the election with the following slate of executive being formed: Past President - Annie Pritchard; President - Gladys Evans; Secretary - Violet Cole; Treasurer - Mel Beecroft; Social Committee - Bertha Lee; Press - Evelyn Waring; Kitchen Convener - Annie Pritchard; and Good Cheer Convener - Grace Squance.

At noon a delicious dinner served smorgasboard style and featuring Kentucky Fried Chicken was enjoyed with members being the waitresses.

Following the election appreciation was expressed to Annie Pritchard by Bruce Alexander for holding office of president for the past four years and performing all the work necessary. A card was signed for Edith Avey and it was noted that Clayton Gilmore had returned home from the hospital.

After the business, cards and bingo were played with winners receiving prizes. A social time was enjoyed during which new thoughts and ideas for future meetings were discussed. The meetings will be held every two weeks at the Woodlawn Centre with the next meeting being Wednesday, May 2 at 1:30 p.m. Meetings will close in June for the summer. Regrets were expressed of the absence of several members among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hicks and Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey.

Otterville UCW

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Otterville United Church Women held their Easter Thankoffering on April 19 with guests from local churches in attendance.

The president, Betty Walther opened the meeting with an Easter poem and a welcome to all, followed by singing "It Is No Secret." The Scripture lesson was Cor. 15: 1-23. Karen McSpadden favored with two solos "He Is Risen" and "Because He Lives." She was accompanied by Jean McClintock who also played for the enthusiastic singing of "The Old Rugged Cross," "To God Be The Glory" and "Blessed Assurance."

Elsie McSpadden presented the message which was a defence of the doctrine of the resurrection. Some of her ideas drew a remarkable comparison between the Resurrection and the Watergate conspiracy, of which he was a part in the 1970s.

The Watergate cover-up amounted to corruption in high places. A handful of men who were dedicated to President Nixon became distrustful of each other and one by one they abandoned their cause. What does this have to do with the Resurrection of Jesus Christ?

Modern criticism of the historic truth of the Resurrection boils down to three propositions that the disciples were mistaken, that they knowingly perpetuated a myth intended as a symbol and that the disciples conceived a Passover Plot.

The disciples were powerless people, abandoned by their leader, homeless in a conquered land, yet they clung to their enormously offensive story that their leader had risen from the dead and was alive. In contrast, the Watergate politicians saved themselves at the expense of the leader, that they professed to serve so zealously.

Colson was convinced that nothing less than a witness as awesome as the risen Lord could have caused those men to maintain to their dying whispers that Jesus is alive, is Lord of Lords and King of Kings.

During the time of fellowship several ladies expressed appreciation of the various churches represented and all joined in singing "Bless Be The Tie That Binds." It was also noted that lecture used by Mrs. McSpadden was made by her husband Sam and was donated to the U.C.W.

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Otterville Leisure Club met at the Woodlawn Adult Centre on Wednesday, April 4 at 1:30 p.m., the first time in several weeks due to health and weather conditions.

In absence of the president, Annie Pritchard, Violet Cole conducted the meeting and opened with a reading and a welcome to everyone in attendance. Roll call was answered by naming a favorite program on television or radio. Treasurers report was given by Mel Beecroft.

It was decided the next meeting would be held Wednesday, April 18 at 12 o'clock when a dinner of Kentucky Fried Chicken will be enjoyed in addition to dishes brought by members to complete the meal.

Mrs. Evans gave suggestions for a bus trip and a card was signed for Clayton Gilmore who is a patient in hospital.

Following, members took part in games of euchre and pool.

Fred Pinnoy returned home on Wednesday after being a patient in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, due to surgery.

Evelyn Waring accompanied Deborah Haight and Anna McPherson to the McCleister Funeral Home, 30 Brant Ave., Brantford on Tuesday where they paid respects to their cousin, the late William Waring. He had been a resident of the John Noble Nursing Home, Mt. Pleasant Street, Brantford.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keller of Langton spent Tuesday with Katie Mics.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cope who have lived

Committee to investigate playground equipment

OTTERVILLE (C) — A committee was formed to look into playground equipment for the park at the April 12 meeting of the Otterville Sunshine Club held at the home of Dorothy Wardell.

Those on the committee are Marion Pettigrew, Evelyn Picknell and Marg Shearer. It was also decided the club's evening out on May 23 would be at the Cove Room, Port Dover.

Tickets were sold on an arrangement, donated by Pat Clifford, and was won by Marion Pettigrew.

Evelyn, vice-president, conducted the meeting of nine members and one visitor, in the absence of Lily Chisholm. The roll call was responded to by naming the oldest article in your fridge.

Marj Pearce thanked Dorothy and Marion for the lunch and the next meeting will be held at the home of Marg Shearer on April 26.

A pre-Easter roast beef dinner, under the management of the United Church Women, was served in the hall of the Otterville United Church, Wednesday evening, April 11, with sittings at 5 and 6 p.m.

Rev. Moore, minister of the church,

offered thanks at the beginning of the dinner.

Donations of home baked foods were shared by members of the congregation and many helped in the kitchen, serving and doing after-dinner duties. This included several men of the church whose help in serving tea and coffee was greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Jack Walther, Jean Gehring and Jean Little helped in organizing the evening which all considered a great success.

Approximately 300 tickets were sold and several dinners were delivered to those who wished to eat at home. Lorraine Downing was the capable person who carried out the delivery.

William Morrison of Toronto was a Thursday visitor with his cousins Dr. G.M. Downing and Mrs. Downing and also called at the home of Evelyn Waring.

The regular foot clinic will be held at the home of Evelyn Waring, 9 Main Street West on Tuesday, April 24 at 1 p.m. VON nurses will be on hand to care for your needs.

A phone call to 879-6655 would be appreciated.

55th anniversary cake for Summerville WI

The Summerville Women's Institute held their April meeting at the home of Mrs. Donald Arthur with 16 members present.

President, Mrs. Gordon Gehring opened the meeting and secretary, Mrs. Jay Durkee, read minutes. Roll call was answered by telling about a good book, tape or record you have enjoyed, and the paying of dues.

Mrs. Lorne Treffry installed the new officers.

The resolutions convener, Mrs. Bert Redman, had a trivia game for the program. Winner was Mrs. Steve Sabo.

Meeting closed with the Institute Grace and O Canada.

Mrs. Keith Arthur made a 55th anniversary cake that was served for lunch. Officers for 1984-85 are: president, Mrs.

Joseph Duffy; first vice-president, Mrs. Kenneth Arthur; second vice-president, Mrs. Jay Durkee; secretary, Mrs. Joseph Ash; treasurer, Mrs. Keith Arthur; district director, Mrs. Gordon Gehring; alternate district director, Mrs. Donald Barnim; curator, Mrs. Stanley Gehring; good cheer, Mrs. Joseph Ash; nominating committee, Mrs. Joseph Duffy and Mrs. Gordon Gehring; auditors, Mrs. Donald Arthur and Mrs. Gordon Gehring; public relations officer, Mrs. Jay Durkee.

Conveners: agriculture, Mrs. Jack Walther; Canadian industries, Mrs. Gordon Gehring; citizenship, Mrs. Kenneth Arthur; cultural activities, Mrs. Donald Arthur; education, Mrs. Irvine Gehring; family and consumer affairs, Miss Vera Welsh; resolutions, Mrs. Bert Redman; world affairs, Mrs. Reg Walter.

Canvassing underway for Cancer society

OTTERVILLE (C) — The past weekend marked a special one for the Canadian Cancer Society when the annual daffodil sale and Daffodil Sunday were both enjoyed.

Daffodils, the traditional flower associated with the Cancer Society were available for purchase at various locations in Otterville on Friday and Saturday. Operated by the senior Brownies, Joni Ryerse and Amy Gehring and supervisors Stephanie Harris and Jeanette Butler, many bunches of daffodils were sold to be enjoyed during these next few days of spring.

Another upcoming activity for the Norwich Branch of the Cancer Society will be a move-a-thon on Saturday, April 28 which is to take the place of the traditional

ride for cancer. This will allow anyone to take part by moving in anyway they wish be it running, walking, biking, jogging or any combination of movement. Sponsor sheets will be available at the Otterville Post Office, Janny's Groceries or from Bertha Gehring (879-6877). Rain or shine, the move-a-thon will follow a 12 mile or 22 kilometre route from the Otterville Town Hall to Norwich, Road 18, Middletown Line road, returning to Otterville. Refreshments will be provided throughout the route.

The canvas for cancer will commence April 2 and it is hoped everyone will give generously when the canvasser comes to their door.

Promote respect for law

The Spring-Otter Optimist Club is hoping to create awareness of the need for public cooperation to aid in crime prevention by participating in Respect the Law Week May 1-7.

During the week the organization will be displaying posters urging the community to respect the law and become concerned and involved in aiding law enforcement officers.

Optimist Club International became actively involved in Respect the Law Week in 1965 in reaction to public apathy to the increasing crime rate. This is the first year the Spring-Otter Optimist Club will be

actively involved in creating public awareness.

The Optimist Clubs in North America try to exert positive leadership and try to get the community involved in aiding law enforcement and increasing respect for the law. "We need cooperation between citizens and law enforcement officers," Jim Countryman, president elect for 1984-85, said. "The community expects good law enforcement but it also needs to participate by offering cooperation in every possible way. We are totally apathetic until something happens to us and then all we do is complain."



Volunteers appreciated

Appreciation for work done by volunteers at Norvilla Nursing Home was expressed during the annual volunteer tea at the home

Thursday. Present for the event were left to right Nellie Hyndman, resident; Audrey Clark, volunteer; Joyce Day, volunteer; Myrtle Riste, resident and Erma Lemon, volunteer. (Staff Photo)

A bridal shower was held in honor of Shelly Fallowfield for her forthcoming marriage, on Sunday afternoon, April 29, at the Community Hall, Otterville. Hosted by the bridal party of Kim Fallowfield, sister of the bride, Lorie Morris, cousin of the bride, Roxanne Sweazey, sister of the groom, Leanne Tribe, niece of the groom, Tammy Pinnoy, aunt of the bride, and Janet Rosehart, Denise Freen, Dianna VanHoooren, friends of the bride, the guests were seated at individual tables. Mothers and grandmothers Pinnoy, Fallowfield and Sherman were introduced.

The guests enjoyed appetizers, tea and coffee while the bride opened her many beautiful gifts assisted by the attendants. Shelly expressed her appreciation for the guests' thoughtfulness in making the day such a special one.

Luncheon was served for the 60 guests who attended from the surrounding area.



Attends meeting

Elsie Gillian (left) author of the column Stepping Stones, was presented with a gift by Jean DeWachter, member of the program committee of the Otterville PTA organization, after being guest speaker at Monday night's meeting. Mrs. Gillian talked about building a family and the parents' responsibilities at home and school. (Staff Photo)

Otterville school getting first female principal

OTTERVILLE (C) — Elsie Gillian, well known to many through her weekly column Stepping Stones in The Tillsonburg News, was guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Otterville Parent and Teacher Organization, Monday evening.

Her theme of building a family and parents' responsibilities at home and school outlined five keys to life.

Love is something everyone needs and especially children. Not only must parents reprimand but they must praise and take time to listen. Acceptance is important but is so often given with conditions. Let children be themselves, accept them as they are and let them express their feelings and communicate with them.

Discipline, often lacking in homes, can not be completely carried out by the school. Parents must be united in their discipline to help children learn responsibility. This takes time and energy which many people are not willing to give.

Faith is necessary to give children strength and it should be seen by children in their parents. Respect of self, God and fellow man should be shown in the home as an example for children to follow. These five basics are necessary to have a strong family foundation.

Mrs. Gillian stressed to the parents to become involved in school and what their children do. She encouraged them to give of their time to show children that they really do care. Children face pressures and testing for which they need a strong foundation upon which to rely. She left the group with the challenge of What Could They Do For Their School?

Jean DeWachter thanked Mrs. Gillian for her presentation on behalf of the group

and presented her with a gift of appreciation.

During the business portion of the meeting a Car Wash to be held at the school Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. was announced. Parents were reminded of a Potluck Supper to be held Thursday evening at the school at 6 p.m. A committee of Chris McMullen, Mary Lou Pickering and Marg Kramer was formed to look into the setting up of a Block Parent organization for the village.

Board trustee Rick Stangel announced that the Otterville Public School Principal Fred Brown would be principal of Rolph Street School, Tillsonburg, in September. In his place, Kathy Murphy will become the Otterville school's new principal becoming the first female principal for the Oxford County Board of Education.



Beautifying park

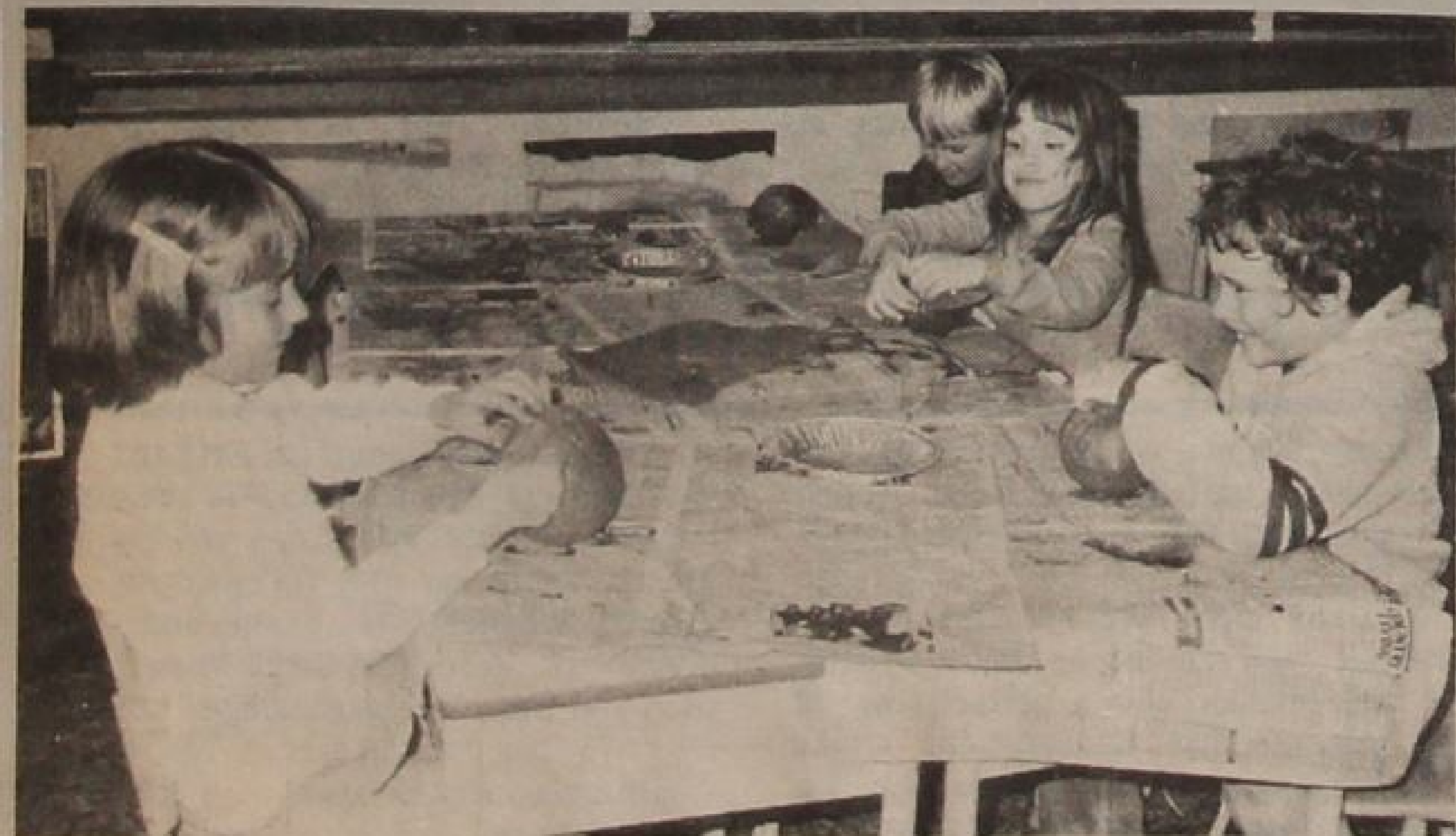
About 28 Grade 7/8 students from Otterville Public School spent Friday cleaning up the Otterville Park. The students were busy

raking up leaves and branches preparing the park for future use. The clean-up job helps raise money for the class as well as promotes community betterment. (Staff Photo)



Helping hand

Pam Hussey, a Grade 3 student from the Otterville Public School, receives help from Frieda Arthur, one of the parents present when the Grade 2/3 class visited the Oxford County Museum School in Burgessville Friday. During recess the children played some of the games more common to their ancestors such as stilts and hoop and stick. (Staff



Creating Easter eggs

The creation of sticky eggs for Easter took place in the Grade 1/2 class at the Otterville Public School Thursday. Lindsay Picknell (left), Tim Taylor, Charlene White and Peter Dyck work on pasting pieces of paper onto a balloon to create paper Easter eggs. (Staff Photo)



Education of early settlers

In the Early days, children had no time to attend a school because their parents needed their help at home with daily chores.

When a community got more settled the parents would get together and build a one-room school house.

Children and young adults were taught the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic. They were all taught by one teacher in one room.

Before a school house was built the parents would have to take time in their busy schedule to teach their children to read. Sometimes there was an older, educated woman in the community who would take young children in and teach them to read, write and do arithmetic. This type of school is called a dame-school.

These were replaced by one-room school houses.

The opening of a village school was a big social event for the children and the parents. The whole community would lend a hand in building their first school. Before a church was built the school was used for Sunday Services or Vice Versa.

It was hard to run a school in a community because the parents would have to build the school, hire a teacher, pay her wages as well as supply all the necessary materials the school may need. This was a hard task because money was not in great quantities those days.

By this we see how lucky we really are. Those days, things were not handed to you on a silver platter as they are these days.

Jennifer Vandenbrink,
Grade 8, Otterville P.S.

Schools of yesteryear

The schools of yesterday were more strict. They would apply the strap for only small things.

School teachers believed that students who wrote with their left hand should be changed to write with their right hand. They would get the strap or ruler across their hand if they wrote with their left hand. There used to be all grades in one room with only one teacher.

In the winter sometimes there would be wood carried in.

They wrote with straight pens and dipped them in ink wells. The desks usually held one or two students. The desks could not be moved because they were fastened to the floor.

The playgrounds were divided with girls on one side and boys on the other. There were also separate cloak rooms and entrance ways. There was no indoor plumbing so there would be outhouses. They also used to learn to write first instead of print.

Schools of Today!

The schools of today have changed from many years ago.

They are not so strict. They do not very often apply the strap these days.

Students can write with the left hand today.

Today the classes are divided up with one or two grades in a class room. Today they do not have to carry wood; they have heating.

They write with pencils and pens today and the desks are not fastened to the floor.

There is one student to a desk today and they have a senior and primary side. There is two entrances for each end. There is indoor plumbing today. Today they also learn to print first rather than write.

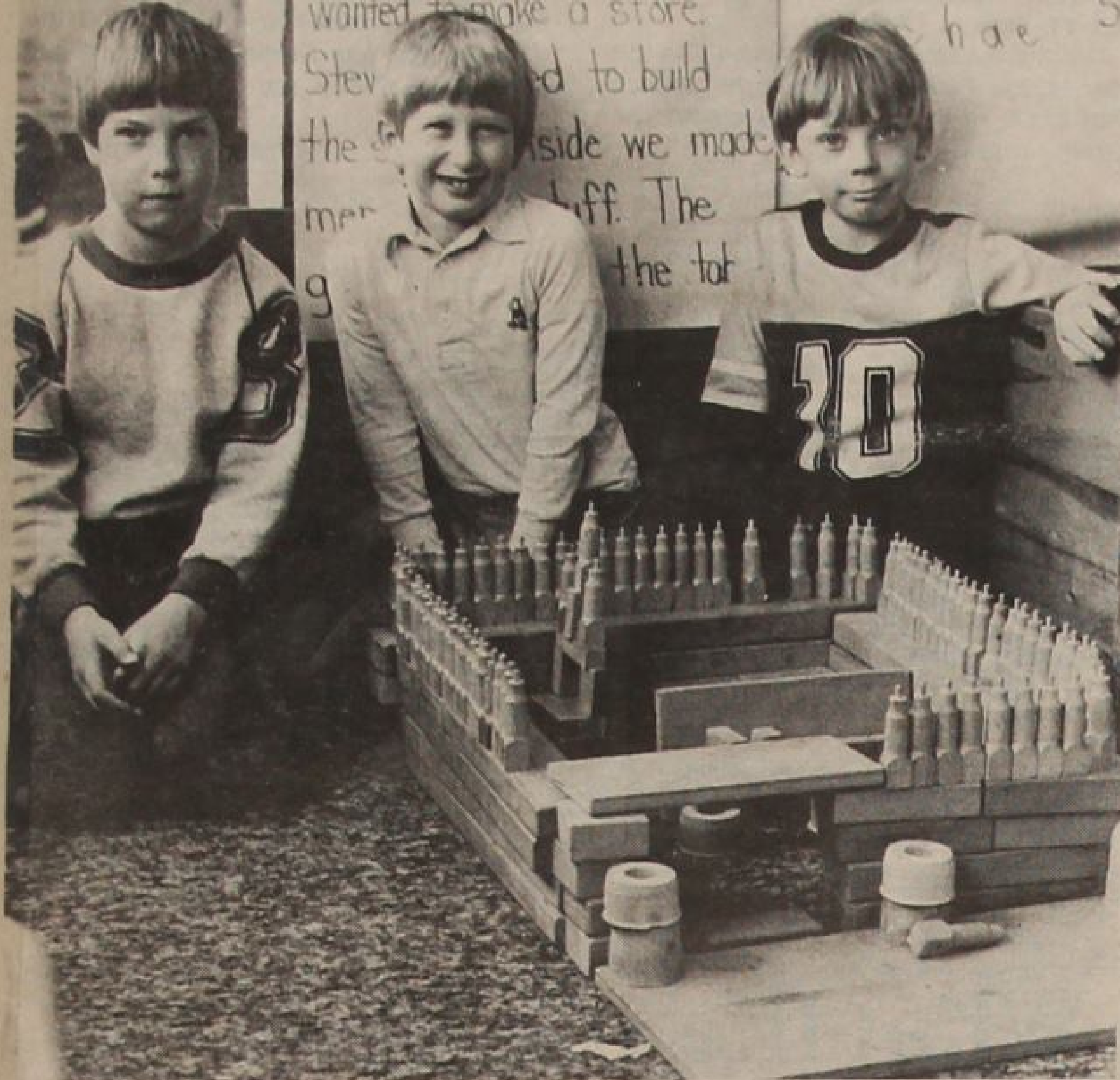
Jennifer McMurchy,
Otterville P.S.

SCHOOLS OF YESTERDAY

The Schools of Yesterday were one room.

I think it would be nice because if you had a friend in Grade 5 or Grade 7 or 8 you would be in the same room. The advantage is that in one room if the next year you are going to be in Grade 7 you can hear what you are going to learn when you are in that grade.

Brady Parr,
Otterville P.S.



Build pioneer store

Michael Kapin (left), Steven Sherman and Floyd McCormick, Grade 1/2 students, built a pioneer store with big blocks. The boys along with their teacher created a story to accompany the project.

Way back then

Way back 200 years ago the Christmas did not have Santa Claus, Christmas stockings, Christmas trees and Christmas cards.

All the things we know about at Christmas came many years after to North America.

In the new year, Christmas was often celebrated by men alone.

Many men came to make a new life. There were even young men who were not married yet. Sometimes the men would go and later the families would come.

The men worked as loggers in the woods. Often if they celebrated Christmas it was simple, just a dinner with plum pudding. Not many celebrated this.

Years later the Christmas tree became the new symbol for Christmas.

SCHOOLS OF YESTERDAY

I think the strap shouldn't be used in schools today.

The reason is that the kids don't learn from it. Some kids that don't deserve it, get it for no reason.

Like if your in a fight and your backing away you shouldn't get the strap. I think you should just get warned more. If that doesn't work nothing will work I think. Maybe suspend them for a week.

Darren Forsyth,
Grade 6, Otterville P.S.

TODAY AND YESTERDAY

Today our schools have more knowledge.

We don't have outhouses. We have our inside bathrooms.

Our playground is not divided like they had it. We don't have the strap. We are in separate rooms. They weren't in separate grades and had one teacher. They leaned writing first, printing last. They had no left-handed people. We do.

We have paper and notebooks. They had slates. We used one entrance. They used two. I think it would be very rough in those days.

Tina Irie,
Grade 6, Otterville P.S.

At first the families who settled in were to work nearly all the time and usually no time was spared. The chores many did were: chopping down trees, houses had to be built, crops to be planted and roads to be made.

They usually didn't celebrate even if they could, only because they did not have the money to buy things.

Later Christmas became more important. People gathered together in a special effort to rejoice the Christmas season.

Often it was necessary for settlers to work at more jobs than one. Some of the men would work as loggers or trappers.

Most of the time men were in the woods for many months. All the men looked forward to going home and celebrating Christmas because they were with family and friends.

Early Christmas was fun for adults. There were no celebrations for children yet children get about one or two homemade gifts, but gift giving was not yet important.

Christmas changed into a Christmas for kids during the second half of the 19th century between 1850 and 1900. About 130 years ago people started getting Christmas trees and hanging stockings and waiting for Santa Claus.

Shelby McMurchy and
Liza Parr,
Grade 4, Otterville P.S.

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that far away from each other. In the olden days the bathrooms were far apart, one on each side of the school house.

Nowadays we use ballpoint pens to write

SCHOOLS OF YESTERDAY

Remember the olden days and all the problems in school.

Do you remember the strap, the dunce cap, and most of all the one-room school.

Didn't you hate all the big kids picking on you, or all the big kids getting annoyed by having as they called them "little runts" around. I wouldn't like it either. I could just hear them now saying "We're too old for you" or I'm to mature." But that has nothing to do with it. I'd really feel sorry for the little ones. They likely feel down or depressed because they don't know as much or they aren't smart enough. It really isn't good for all the kids in one room.

The schools of today are more appropriate for our needs. You could sort of say we have it easy!

Hali Walters,
Grade 6, Otterville P.S.

COMPARING SCHOOLS OF TODAY WITH SCHOOLS OF YESTERDAY

Yesterday all grades are put in one room with one teacher.

Today all grades are in separate rooms and each grade had a teacher. Yesterday they taught writing then printing. But today they teach printing first then writing.

They had outhouses. We have in-door bathrooms.

Their desks were fastened down to the floor. Today they are just placed down.

They used slates. But we use paper. They couldn't write with their left hand. But we can use whatever we wish.

Tammy Boughner,
Grade 6, Otterville P.S.

WHAT LIFE WAS LIKE 200 YEARS AGO

The food 200 years ago wasn't bought at the store very often.

The people made their food themselves. Some of the foods they would make were butter, bread and ice cream.

The schools had only one room with a lot of different grades in it.

The kid didn't talk back as much as we do now. When they get home they do chores like help milk the cows or help in the fields. On Sundays they never work.

They didn't have very big houses. They only have a kitchen and some bedrooms. The houses are made of wood.

Rene Letoile,
Grade 4, Otterville P.S.



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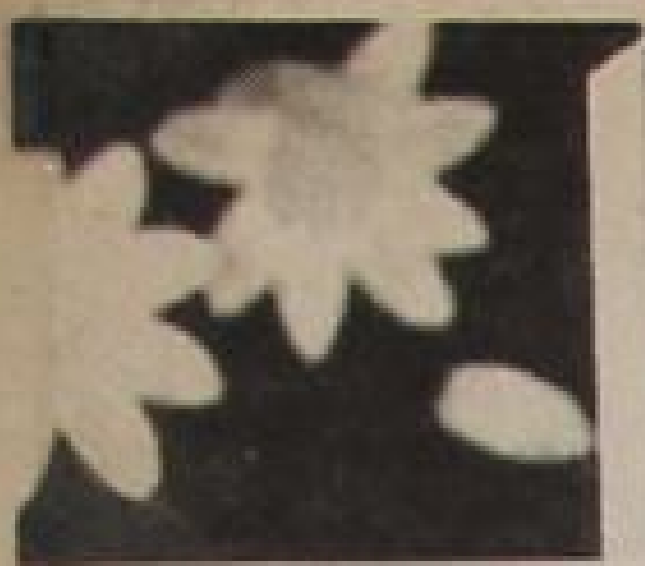
Did you like it? Do you remember it? Were there both advantages and disadvantages? These are some questions you can ask yourself. Have fun thinking about what the good old days were like.

Debbie Anderson,
Grade 6, Otterville P.S.

MORE THAN ONE CLASS

I think there should be more classes than one because there are about 40 to 50 people in a class and one teacher can't control 40 to 50 people and it would be crowded.

Jacqueline Zimmer,
Grade 6, Otterville P.S.



The Store and shelves We
 We made it out of a sidewalk around
 big blocks. The roof store We liked m

Pioneer transportation
 Ben Klassen (left), Grade 2, and Lloyd Durkee, Grade 1, created examples of pioneer
 transportation in class. Ben created a flat wagon drawn by a horse and Lloyd made a
 wagon drawn by a pony, both made from plasticine.



Marcie McMullen,
 Grade 4, Otterville P.S.

bread, ice cream and more foods.
 The rooms were up high in the attic. The
 beds were padded down with hay and
 straw. The women would get together and
 make lots of different quilts and jackets.
School
 School was really different 200 years
 ago.
 The student didn't wear decorated pants
 and shirts like we did. They wore long
 dresses and bonnets and the boys wore
 pants and suspenders to school.
 The student would bring slates to school
 with leather ropes on them. The school had
 only one room in it for grades kindergarten
 to eight.
The Parlor
 In the home, the parlor was the most
 important place in the house.
 The parlor is where the piano goes. On

like wheat, wild rice and corn. In those
 days they would make up their own ideas
 for cooking.
Recipes
 (This is a recipe I liked.)
 Hot apple cider punch
 4 L apple cider
 200 mL sugar
 2 lemons, studded with cloves
 10 mL whole cloves
 3 cinnamon sticks
 Heat cider, cloves, cinnamon and sugar
 to boiling. Cover and simmer for a half
 hour. Strain and pour into punch bowl. Put
 studded lemon into punch.
 If you want to know about anymore
 recipes just contact Marcie McMullen 879-
 6934.

Let off easy now

Today the schools let kids off easy. They
 don't give the stran that often: all they do

with, then they used inkwells and quill
 pens.

Also then they learned how to write first
 everything was in writing and second they
 learned how to print. Now we learn how to
 print first then we learned how to write.

Julie DeWachter,
 Grade 6, Otterville P.S.

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Strap was common

In the days way back the strap was very
 common. In some schools they just used a
 ruler. But that is not what I am going to
 talk about. I thought the one room school
 house would be a good topic.

Did you like it? Do you remember it?
 Were there both advantages and
 disadvantages? These are some questions
 you can ask yourself. Have fun thinking
 about what the good old days were like.

All the grades from 1-8 were in one little
 room that was sometimes used as a church
 or for important meetings to be held. It
 had one door for the girls to enter and exit
 and one for the boys. The cloak rooms
 were separated too. They only had one
 teacher too.

Debbie Anderson,
 Grade 6, Otterville P.S.

I would not like that because the teacher
 would be talking to all the other grades and
 if you had a question you would have to
 wait for a long time and then you would be
 wasting your time.

MORE THAN ONE CLASS
 I think there should be more classes than
 one because there are about 40 to 50 people
 in a class and one teacher can't control 40
 to 50 people and it would be crowded.

Jacqueline Zimmer,
 Grade 6, Otterville P.S.

40 yrs.

Finch's hardware: a busy

OTTERVILLE (C) — To many, the country general store - where everyone gathers to buy merchandise, find out information and just chat and catch up on the news - is a thing of the past.

It is only a fond memory among present modern trends toward larger centers and specialty shops. However, for the people of Otterville, it is not just a memory but a reality very much alive in the business of C.L. Finch and Son Pro Hardware.

Frank Finch and his son Dave, who now operate the business, carry a tremendous stock of hardware, housewares, farm supplies and some giftware. Everyone knows, if nowhere else, this is the place where usually anything can be found. As well, it is still a place for people to gather for a chat...which they often do throughout the day. This is important to the Finch father and son who feel meeting people is one of the joys of store keeping.

The atmosphere of the old-fashioned general store and the remembrances of days gone by are still evident; with the cash register, filing system, shelf ladder and hitching post, which continue to be used in the store's operation.

During April 5-7 Frank and Dave celebrated their anniversary of 40 years in business. Quite an accomplishment in this day and age of shopping centres and convenience stores.

The business was started by Cecil and Erie Finch in April, 1944, when they brought their family to Otterville and bought the store from Erwin Acklend. Frank, then 18, joined his father in running the general store. The store was

expanded in the 1950s when the adjacent building was purchased from Charles Mannell. The grocery line of goods was phased out the year provincial sales tax came into being and in 1964, when his father died, Frank took over the store's operation. Mrs. Finch, now 86, resides in Tillsonburg.

Frank has worked in the store for the entire 40 years except for the one-and-a-half years he was in the army.

They joined the Pro Hardware chain in 1976 and Dave Finch, third generation of the family storekeepers, has been involved in the business for approximately 14 years.

It was pointed out that many stores in Woodstock and Tillsonburg recommend their customers to C.L. Finch and Son due to their incredible stock of hardware

which is where the emphasis of the store lies.

The general concern for peoples' needs, preferences and problems by Frank and Dave Finch is reflected in the thriving business and support given by their many customers. During the anniversary celebrations, between 400 to 500 people dropped in to extend wishes of congratulations and enjoy the coffee and donuts provided by the proprietors. Floral pieces were received from other village businesses along with many well wishes.

Dave plans to continue the family business in the same tradition of carrying a vast variety of stock in a fair and friendly way. Recently he acquired the adjoining building owned by Floyd Kyte. This building, formerly known as Spicer's Bakery, is to be demolished in the near future with no immediate plans for reconstruction.

Perhaps the best way to summarize the achievements of the Finch business was heard in a customer's comment as he left the store: "It's a great place to shop."

And indeed it is.

Keep fit, lose blahs

OTTERVILLE (C) — Now that spring is here, many of us feel like getting out of our winter doldrums, becoming more active and getting some exercise. Many women in the Otterville area are 'way ahead for they have been and still are participating in weekly exercises, becoming more physically fit to enjoy the summer activities that lie ahead.

These women have been taking part in the Fun-Fit program held twice a week in the Parish Hall of the St. John's Anglican Church.

This program, organized by Lynn VanPuybroeck of Tillsonburg, provides a fun, safe approach to exercise for women of all ages.

Lynn has been operating Fun-Fit classes for three years and 12 years of teaching experience, during which time she was department head of the health club at the Tillsonburg Community Centre. She has six instructors who provide exercise routines done to

music, offered in five-week sessions of two hours each.

In addition to the exercises, tips on stress management and nutrition are given. An emphasis is put on social interaction among the members that helps make exercises fun and more enjoyable. As well, it encourages the ladies to become comfortable with each other and themselves in an exercise situation.

The instructor for the Otterville program is Jay Quarrie of Tillsonburg who teaches eight classes throughout the week. She has been involved with the Fun-Fit program for two years with 10 years of dance experience.

Babysitting services are made available with most of the daytime programs to mothers who have pre-school children at home. Mrs. VanPuybroeck soon hopes to have a co-ed program operating as well.

In total, 40 classes, 15 of which are held in the evening, are taking place in Aylmer, Langton, Delhi, Straffordville, Norwich, Otterville, Ingersoll and Tillsonburg.



Finch and Son Hardware, Otterville, has been serving its customers for over 40 years. The store, located on Otterville's Main Street, is rumoured to have just about anything anyone could want. (Staff Photo)

VanTorre-Barnim vows said

Our Lady of LaSalette Roman Catholic Church was the setting on Saturday, April 28, 1984 at 2:30 p.m. for the wedding of Brenda Lynn Barnim, daughter of Mrs. Lillian Barnim of Otterville and the late Murry Barnim to Randy Mitchell VanTorre, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcel VanTorre, also of Otterville.

Rev. Fr. George Childs officiated. Mrs. Betty Walthers of Otterville was soloist and her daughter, Trudy Walthers, was organist.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Richard Barnim, and chose a gown of white organza and satin with a schiffli re-embroidered neck and satin bodice covered with alencon lace and pearls, and an organza skirt lined with taffeta and ruffled satin bottom. The headpiece was a white satin hat with pearls and alencon lace, also a blusher and waist length veil. The bride carried a crescent styled bouquet of white Agapanthus, mauve bridal rose, spider orchids, white gardenias with pearl loops and mauve satin ribbons.

Tammy Barnim, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Leona Harkis, sister of the groom, also Dianne Adam, Darlene Smith, Isabel Varga, all friends of both bride and groom. Each wore a tuxedo styled gown of mauve satin taffeta with mauve net hats with white bustle on the back. Each girl carried an arm bouquet featuring yellow azaleas, plum verbena, star flowers, mauve roses and grapevine.

Danny Adam, a friend of the bride and groom, acted as best man and ushers were Ken VanTorre, brother of the groom, Richard Barnim, brother of the bride, and also Scott Hanson and Gary Couckout, friends of the bride and groom.

A reception was held at the Belgian Hall, Delhi.



Mr. and Mrs. Randy Mitchell VanTorre
(Rose-Le Studio, Simcoe)

The mother of the bride chose a gown in baby blue with waist length sheer jacket, high ruffled neckline and long, sheer sleeves. She also had a corsage of pink roses. The groom's mother chose a gown of sand color crepe georgette featuring shoulder sequins and cape sleeves. She also wore a wrist corsage of salmon colored roses.

For a wedding trip to Niagara-on-the-Lake the bride chose a two-piece, pink and gray suit with hat, purse and shoes to match.

Guests attended the wedding from the United States, British Columbia, Ottawa, Windsor, Manitoulin Island, Toronto and Kitchener.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy VanTorre are residing at RR 1, Norwich, Ontario.



After 18 years in the same location, Ken Lee & Sons Appliances is moving to a modern building. Here Ken poses with his good friend the Maytag repair man. His wife Shirley is on the right, while in the back are Paul Nicholson, (left) and Allan Lee. (Staff Photo)

Lees move to new building

OTTERVILLE — After 18 years at one location Ken Lee is moving down the street to a more modern building, the former Home Hardware store.

Mr. Lee has purchased the structure, located at 7 Main St. West from Bob Carney, operator of a hardware store at the east end of town.

The proprietor of Ken Lee & Sons Appliances said his old building was "cramped — really small," and an expanded showroom would allow him to have more models on display, as well as improve efficiency.

"Here (the old store) we have seven washers on display. At the new store we'll have 20," he said.

"The new place has a nice warehouse, so we can get our parts organized. It will increase our service because we'll have a lot more room for parts and stock," he added.

Mr. Lee will also be carrying an expanded selection of electrical supplies and parts. Having been an electrician for years, this should be a good sideline for the store.

"I'd like to get more into TVs, electronics and stereos," he said. "We just don't have the room here to display them."

His son Scott is studying electronics at Fanshawe College and Mr. Lee hopes that he will come back to work at the business.

"I want the boys to take over," he said. His son Allan is already involved in the business as an appliance repairman.



Searching for eggs

With basket in hand three-year-old Jamie Davis of Otterville accompanied by Julie Weszner, Otterville, was only one of the approximate 150 children who searched for hidden Easter eggs in the woods by Norvilla Nursing Home Friday morning. The Easter Egg Hunt was sponsored by the Norwich-Burgessville Optimist Club. (Staff Photo)

outstanding citizens

Norwich Chamber of Commerce honors

Outstanding service to the community was rewarded last Wednesday when two long-time Norwich Township citizens received certificates of merit from the Norwich Township Chamber of Commerce.

Nellie Taylor of Norwich and Dr. Harold Batson of Otterville, were this year's recipients of certificates of merit awarded to outstanding citizens of the township at the annual Chamber of Commerce Ladies' Night banquet.

In presenting the award to Mrs. Taylor, Paul Moore, Norwich, outlined some of her history and many contributions to the community.

Mrs. Taylor was born in Wycombe in Norfolk County in 1896 and spent most of

her early life in that community. She married Charles Taylor in 1917 and they farmed in South Middleton. Their daughter Fanny was born in the same house in which her mother was born. Mrs. Taylor now has five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

In 1921 the Taylors moved to a farm on the sixth concession of North Norwich and retired to the Village of Norwich in 1944.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor accepted the responsibilities of being custodian of the Norwich United Church in 1952 and after Mr. Taylor's death, Mrs. Taylor carried on the duties of custodian from 1964-1983.

For those 31 years as custodian the church was kept "spotlessly clean, comfortably warm in winter, reasonably cool in summer and always neat and attractive as a near 100-year-old building could be," Mr. Moore said. "Many a winter morning she would be at the church at 7 and sometimes 6 a. m. to stoke the fires or turn up the heat." She would also attend the meetings held in the church or return afterwards to make sure the lights were turned off and the door locked.

When Mrs. Taylor found it difficult to keep all the grass cut around the church and the snow shovelled from the sidewalks, she resigned as custodian last year. But she can still be found in the church setting out cups and saucers, arranging chairs and checking the thermostat in preparation for various meetings held in the building.

Mrs. Taylor has also been an active member of the community. As well as being a valued member, constant attendee and financial supporter of the church for 73 years, she has shared in the work of the Women's War League, Women's Institute, Utility Club, Golden Age Club and many other church and community organizations.

Mrs. Taylor is a great visitor, an excellent cook and can accompany a soloist or play a piano solo any day you ask her, Mr. Moore said. She enjoyed playing badminton in the 1930s and took up alley bowling and lawn bowling when she was nearly 70 years old. She was on a Norwich Club rink that came close to winning the Ontario Ladies' Trebles Championship and last summer was the lead on a rink that won a Simcoe Tournament.

"A great lady, your friend and mine; one who has served her community well for all of her 88 years," Mr. Moore said.

The other recipient of the certificate of merit was presented to Dr. Batson by John E. Davis of Otterville.

Dr. Batson was born on or near the turn of the century near Tranquility, Ontario, north of Brantford on Highway 24. He was raised in a rural atmosphere, attended elementary school in Tranquility and graduated from Brantford Collegiate Secondary School.

Upon finishing his formal education, Dr. Batson decided to make his living in farming which he did for several years.

His family doctor thought Dr. Batson could be successful in medicine and prevailed upon Dr. Batson's parents to send him to university. Although reluctant, he was persuaded to attend and when he arrived at the University of Toronto he found himself pre-enrolled. Dr. Batson agreed to attend university for one year and was successful to the point that he graduated in medicine in 1923.

Dr. Batson interned at New Burg, New York, and in 1925 began practising with another doctor in Chapleau. That same year he went from Chapleau to the Calbeck Clinic in Welland for a short time, back to Chapeau due to the illness of his former colleague and late in 1925 came to Otterville.

Dr. Batson set up practice in the home of the widow of a Doctor Colver and roomed with her until he married his first wife Lois Adams in 1927. They lived in the house on the north side of Main Street for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Batson had two daughters, Joyce Pettigrew and Frances Darkes and Dr. Batson has several grandchildren.

Later in life Dr. Batson's first wife passed away and he remarried, Nancy, who passed away last year.

"Harold has been successful in medical practice as we could see when he was in full practice by the number of people he treated and the length of time that they used his help," Mr. Davis said.

Along with his work Dr. Batson took time to enjoy curling for more than 25 years and is past president of the Norwich and District Curling Club. He is also a long-time member of the Norwich Lawn Bowling Club.

"He is a good citizen of Otterville and a good citizen of the area," Mr. Davis said.

As well as being presented with the township certificates of merit, Mrs. Taylor and Dr. Batson were presented with provincial congratulatory plaques presented by Dick Treleaven, Oxford MPP, and Bob Scott presented them with congratulatory notes from Dr. Bruce Halliday, Oxford MP, and medallions from the federal government.



Citizen of year

Nellie Taylor of Norwich receives congratulations and her certificate of merit from Paul Moore, Norwich, for being an outstanding citizen in the community. Mrs. Taylor was one of two township citizens honored by the Norwich Township Chamber of Commerce at its annual Ladies' Night banquet last Wednesday. (Staff Photo)



Certificate of merit

Dr. Harold Batson (left) of Otterville receives his certificate of merit from John E. Davis, Otterville, for being an outstanding citizen in the township at the Norwich Township Chamber of Commerce annual Ladies' Night banquet last Wednesday. Dr. Batson also holds a plaque he received from the provincial government. (Staff PHOTO)



Ed Heal of The Free Press

Adiel and Maria Spriet made a good life for themselves and their 10 children on their Langton area tobacco farm, but now the dream is dying.

Dream turning to nightmare

Once prosperous farm family facing ruin

By Gord Wainman
of The Free Press **APR 5**

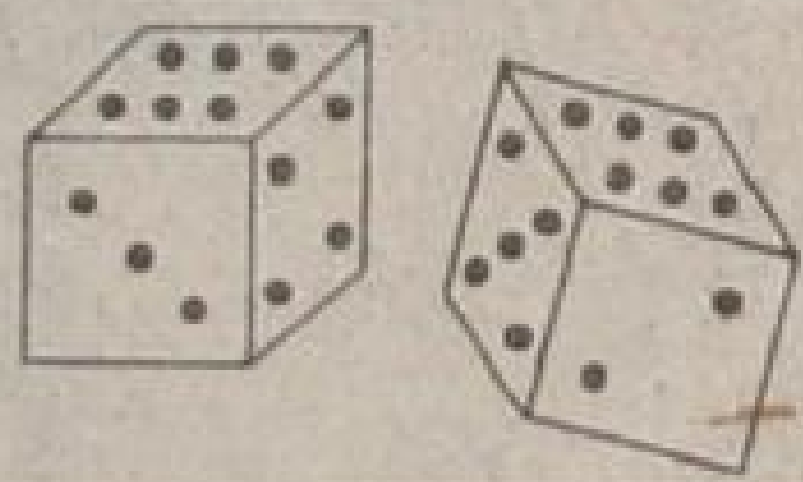
LANGTON — It was 30 years ago Wednesday that Maria and Adiel Spriet and seven children disembarked from the ship in Halifax which carried them from their native Belgium. They were full of trust in the North American dream, work hard and earn a just reward.

It was a dream that evolved slowly but surely in tobacco farming even through their retirement five years ago. But in the last few years it's a dream that has soured — for themselves and their expanded family of 10 children.

Four children have taken jobs outside farming. But four daughters and two sons, as did their parents, dived into tobacco farming, building their dreams on the good health of the tobacco industry which many now fear is dying.

Anticipated drastic production cutbacks this year — compounded by two years of frost losses and one year of machinery problems — have already forced one daughter and her husband out of tobacco. They and their five children stand to lose \$170,000 in equity and the Spriets \$60,000.

TOBACCO Losing the gamble



"If things keep going like they are now . . . we have a couple more kids that will be in the same position. The whole industry is in trouble," Adiel said.

The Spriets reluctantly agreed to talk of their problems because they felt it might publicize the corner into which tobacco people have been backed.

Their fears are the fears of many in the once golden tobacco belt. Plunging incomes could force as many as 800 of the tobacco belt's 2,550 farmers out of business this year, industry spokesmen say.

Although they say it may seem old fashioned, the Spriets face adversity as a

family. The retired Spriets are pledged to stick by their children they feel are as much victims of outside circumstances as anything else.

Excessive government taxes and the cancer scare have cut consumption at home and abroad and foreign competition has stiffened, they say.

"We have to help our kids. . . . We brought them up and they were hard-working, good kids," Maria said. She paused, tears welled in her eyes and she put her head in her hands.

Adiel, with a heavy sigh, said tears don't solve anything. "You have to help all you can. . . . It was the good days when they were small. At that time we saw a future in tobacco, where we now see disaster. There'll be many tears shortly. . . . Hundreds of families will be losing their livelihood."

The Spriets said that in the last year or so they have both had trouble sleeping because of the financial stress and have been prescribed sleeping and nerve pills. They say tobacco farmers feel betrayed by a government that on one hand fills its cof-

50 Years Ago — 1934

SWIMMING POOL — Construction of a swimming pool on the beach at Port Stanley was authorized by the London Railway Commission.

● The Stevens commission on mass buying and price spreads was told in Ottawa that large Canadian tobacco companies were piling up huge profits while growers were having a difficult time making ends meet.

That during the week of April 1, 1964:

Basic tobacco acreage was to be cut 55 per cent for the 1964 crop. This was the largest acreage cut on record in the Canadian tobacco industry. It was disclosed that there was sufficient tobacco in stock to last until July 1966.

That during the week of April 3, 1974:

The Township of Delhi Council was accused of "building an empire" by Councillor Tom Casselton, Ward 3. The Councillor told the Council at its Steering Committee Meeting he had received phone calls from ratepayers asking what kind of empire the Township was trying to build.

The 1973 Ontario flue-cured auctions were expected to wind up that week, with an average price in the vicinity of 79.5 cents per pound.

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fers with excessive cigarette taxes and on the other discourages smoking.

And they feel snubbed by a society that can't separate tobacco farmers as persons from the increasing negative feelings they harbor for tobacco.

"In the tobacco business, it seems you've got the whole world against you. . . . I don't think people give a damn about tobacco farmers . . . any farmers for that matter," Adiel said.

The Spriets warn that more than farmers will suffer if the tobacco belt continues to slide. For decades the industry has stimulated the pocketbooks of many communities in Southwestern Ontario as well as earning the country a favorable balance of trade with lucrative exports, they said, but that's changing.

"Farmers aren't talking much else. . . . Their heads are pretty low right now. I went to a hockey game and saw a lot of sad faces. . . . They're all over the place," Adiel said.

It's time the federal and provincial governments — which have skimmed billions in tax dollars off the tobacco industry — returned some of that booty to the industry

to help it survive or at least adjust to the new economic reality, Adiel said.

Tobacco has turned into a high-risk business instead of a sure thing.

"When you grow tobacco and go out, you stand at the end of your road naked. . . . There's no unemployment insurance. You're covered for nothing.

"Government helped bail out that airplane business (Canadair Ltd., a crown-owned manufacturer) that was billions in the hole. What about Massey-Ferguson, Chrysler? Money was dumped in. Why can't they do that for tobacco farmers . . . any farmers?"

The Spriets said that seemingly insoluble problems continue to keep them awake at nights.

"We hardly ever joke any more, but we try. . . . I say, God didn't make humans exactly right . . . he should have put a switch on our heads so we can switch off our worries and get some sleep once in a while. . . . It's not much of a joke, but it helps," Adiel said.

The Spriet family may all go crazy before they go hungry, he said. "As long as we have food, our kids will have food. . . . We all go or none go — dying from hunger. . . . We're sticking together."

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Tobacco cuts worry Tillsonburg main street

By Gord Wainman
of The Free Press

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TILLSONBURG — This town of just over 10,000 is the hub of the rich Southwestern Ontario tobacco belt. It exudes the look of quiet wealth that tobacco has generated in the sandy tobacco soils.

But this week, just a few short days following announcements that as many as a third of the tobacco farmers could be forced out of business by tough financial times, people on main street seemed more than apprehensive. They know it will affect their lives as well.

There was general agreement that when tobacco farmers do well everyone prospers, because farmers spend when they make. But announcements of anticipated severe cutbacks in tobacco production by the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board, headquartered in town, have main street worried.

Brenda Boughner, an 18-year-old Grade 12 student at Annandale High School, was the only pedestrian who hadn't thought too seriously about the production cuts, al-

though she had heard talk of it.

But she was stunned when told that as many as 8,000 farm worker jobs could be lost. She planned to work in tobacco this summer to help finance studies next fall at Mohawk College in Hamilton.

"This sounds like a lot of us kids might be cut of luck. When we start back to school in September, there are usually only about five kids in class because they're all working the tobacco harvest," she said. Students can make \$100 on a weekend, and that's good money, she said.

"I was counting on it this year. I didn't really think things were this serious."

Ron Tutt, manager of Lovers department store, first heard of the production cut proposal at last week's tobacco trade fair held on the floor of the tobacco board auction exchange.

"We heard it in our booth . . . the word spread like wildfire," said Tutt, who felt an immediate cash flow cut this summer at his store which includes Radio Shack merchandise.

The job losses, he expects, will spread beyond Southwestern Ontario and Quebec



WALT ZAMECNIK



BRENDA BOUGHNER



CHERYL VERSHEURE



RON TUTT

to as far away as the Caribbean where many farm workers are recruited by the Canadian government to fill Southwestern Ontario tobacco and fruit farmer needs.

"The fellas that come in from the islands are good customers. If they're not around, they can't spend, can they," Tutt said. "There's no getting around it, this will eventually affect us all. But I don't know that I'd want to be in the tobacco business right now."

Cheryl Versheure, 24, works at the re-

gional commercial office of the Bank of Montreal in Tillsonburg and she sees the cutbacks having an impact on banking.

"All our business really is dependent on tobacco . . . all we've got left in town is tobacco," she said, referring to heavy layoffs at the Livingston Industries plant in town.

"A lot of the guys laid off, I'm sure, were counting on jobs on the tobacco farms," she said, and apparently there will be as many as 8,000 or more of those jobs in jeopardy.

Versheure worked in tobacco for seven years through high school and college where it paid her tuition and accommodation. Her boyfriend's family are tobacco farmers.

"In five years, I really wonder what Tillsonburg will be like. It's scary."

Walt Zamecnik of RR 6, Tillsonburg, started work as a car salesman just this week at Stauffer Ford-Mercury on Broadway Street and already he figures the tobacco production cutback could cost him \$12,000.

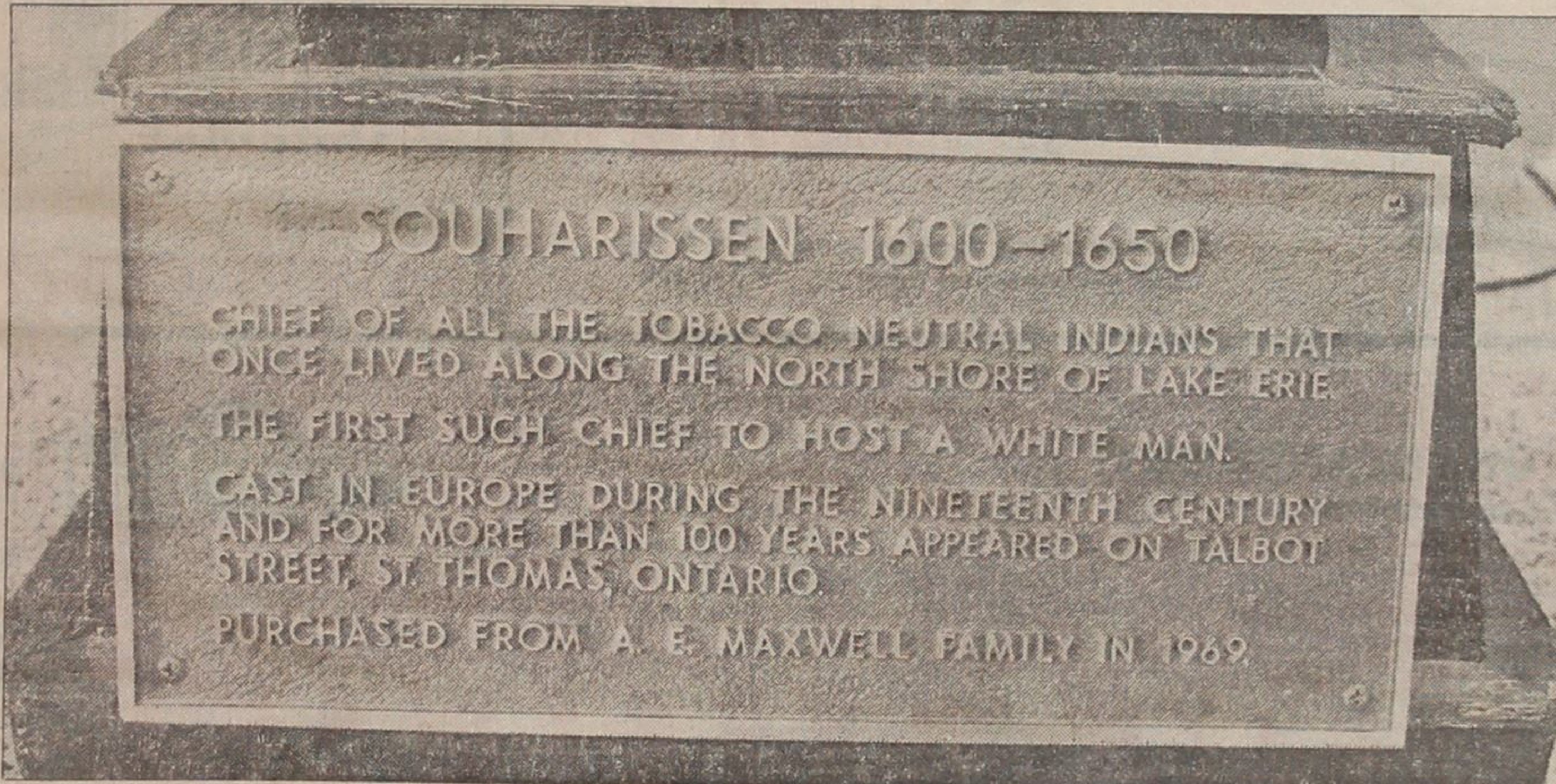
A former tobacco farmer himself, he still owns his farm. He gave up tobacco farming two years ago when he had cancer surgery on his neck, but he retained his production quota (licence) which he leases out to other tobacco farmers.

It's in that leasing of tobacco where he could lose \$12,000 this year, he said, so he will try his hand at selling cars.

"I gotta do something," he said, but admits the pinch on the tobacco industry will make it harder to sell a car.

"The situation is critical. It could bust the industry. People used to think tobacco farming was the only thing to do. When tobacco farmers prospered, everybody prospered," he said. "I hate talking like this. It sounds like I'm a pessimist and farmers are optimists."

Another report on the tobacco industry will appear Friday.



Ed Heal of The Free Press

The tobacco heritage of Southwestern Ontario has left its marks, including this statue of Souharissen, chief of the tobacco neutral Indians who lived more than 300 years ago. As the base, above, notes, the statue was cast during the 19th century and spent more than 100 years on Talbot Street in St. Thomas.

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GEORGE DEMEYERE

TOBACCO
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JACK GRAVES

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Tobacco heyday feared thing of the past

By Gord Wainman
of The Free Press

TILLSONBURG — Southwestern Ontario cigarette tobacco was once considered the province's Cinderella crop, but today it appears to be more a horror story in the making than a fairy tale with a happy ending.

Mother Nature has dealt tobacco farmers serious blows in the last five years with a devastating blue mould infestation, two damaging frosts and extensive hail damage. But tobacco has always bounced back.

However, it appears tobacco may never recover as a crop to its lucrative heyday. Health fears and heavy tobacco taxes have cut seriously into consumption at home and increased world competition has eroded tobacco exports, say industry spokesmen.

The result is that this year farmers are threatened with a one-third reduction in their production and that is a low blow many fear will knock tobacco out of the ring. The cuts are proposed by manufacturers and are under negotiation. That severe a cut could force 800 of the province's 2,550

tobacco farmers off their farms and 8,000 or more planting and harvesting jobs might be lost, says chairman George Demeyere of the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board.

What is feared as much in the sandy tobacco belt is the economic domino effect on tobacco-dependent communities such as Tillsonburg, Delhi and Aylmer. Stores, car dealerships, real estate salesmen and even high school students who work in tobacco for spending money will suffer. There's a sort of rule of thumb in tobacco country — when tobacco farmers do well, everybody prospers; when they hurt, everyone hurts.

Wardens from five tobacco growing counties — Oxford, Elgin, Brant, Norfolk and Middlesex — are concerned enough about the impact on their property tax coffers that they initiated a meeting Thursday with Demeyere for a briefing on how many farmers will be hurt and how severely.

Undoubtedly farmers and government will be looking at boosting the fledgling peanut industry as an alternate crop for sandy tobacco soils, but the Ontario peanut industry has just ironed out growing and harvesting problems any fledgling crop is

expected to experience. Even if peanuts were to become a major crop it would take time and won't help farmers being forced to the wall this year. Research has also been done into sweet potatoes which are also suited to sandy tobacco soils.

Demeyere doesn't downplay health concerns as a factor in the dwindling of smokers ranks, but feels heavy government taxes are the main culprit, taxing the industry out of business.

"The smoking and health campaign certainly has some influence . . . but when you price cigarettes out of the range of the working man's ability to pay, you've lost," says Demeyere.

The growers and manufacturers are attempting to get government to reduce increases in taxes to stabilize production at the reduced levels and prevent further erosion.

Last year's crop of 214 million pounds (97 million kilograms) paid farmers about \$348 million but if manufacturers cut the production contract by a third as proposed, and prices stay the same, about \$120 million would be lost directly from the farmer

pocketbook. When you take into account the economic multiplier effect — for every dollar spent seven dollars are generated elsewhere — the loss not only to Ontario but the country would be a substantial \$840 million.

Put another way, if farmers were to glean the same income they did from the 1983 crop, they would have to achieve \$2.49 per pound of tobacco. That's an out-of-reach expectation when compared with last year's \$1.63 per pound, according to a tobacco board official.

"I think the government should quit the hypocrisy," says former tobacco farmer and now real estate agent Jack Graves. "On one hand they're bleeding the tobacco farmer by taking so much out of him in taxes (cigarette as well as income) and on the other hand they're saying tobacco isn't good for your health . . . don't smoke."

Graves and fellow Tillsonburg real estate agent Eugene Varga, who deal in tobacco farms, say last week's announcement will kill tobacco farm sales because reduced tobacco income won't pay for high mortgages. Aylmer real estate agent Andre Verhaeghe says he believes it's too early to tell.

Graves says that even if farmers aren't running to agents immediately to post their farms for sale, he senses a number are having to deal with the prospect.

"I'd guess that probably a third of the tobacco farmers, if they could get any kind of price that would let them out from under their financial obligations, would sell," Graves said. But the more farms for sale and the fewer buyers means many sellers will undoubtedly take a loss.

"Basically at the price most farmers are asking now, you wouldn't buy . . . it wouldn't make economic sense."

Farm consultant Ron Phillips of Kingsmount Financial Services in Arva has had a rush of tobacco farmer inquiries since January and he can't help most of them.

"I'm frank. I discourage them from coming to me because I can't do much for them," he said. He advised one farmer to put his farm up for bids in hopes he could get out some equity. A real estate agent had told him there were too many farms for sale. "Buyers simply aren't going to pay a premium price, if there's an oversupply of farms on the market."

Tobacco industry seeks break on taxes

TILLSONBURG (Staff) — The tobacco industry senses it's fighting a rearguard action to prevent further erosion of its marketplace, knowing the anti-smoking movement will continue the process.

To stabilize the situation, the industry is lobbying the federal and provincial governments to give it tax breaks. The industry argues that taxes make the price prohibitive to many who want to smoke, and at the same time enrich government tax coffers. In 1983, the federal and provincial governments collected \$2.6 billion in tobacco product taxes, an increase of \$400 million from a year before.

In their lobbying, the tobacco growers' board and the Canadian Tobacco Manufacturers Council argue that combined taxes on a package of 20 cigarettes have escalated from 53 cents in 1981, to 65 cents in 1982,

to 78 cents in 1973 and \$1.05 this year, representing a four-year increase of 45 per cent federally and 163 per cent provincially.

The industry wants the Ontario provincial sales tax on cigarettes dropped, arguing it is, in effect, a tax on a tax because the seven-per-cent sales tax places a tax on federal and provincial taxes included in the taxable price of a package of tobacco. It suggests the province maintain its value-added tax rate.

The grower and manufacturer representatives want the federal government to change its tax calculation from a cost of production index to a tobacco products index, which would mean that when taxes are automatically increased this year the rise will be six per cent instead of 17 per cent.

"The present tax system will automati-

cally escalate the December, 1983, retail price by 10.4 per cent by December, 1984, by 19.8 per cent by December, 1986, and 24 per cent by December, 1990," the industry says in its lobbying brief.

The industry also argues that the country's trade balance benefits from tobacco exports. Industry statistics show total expenditure by foreign consumers on tobacco products in 1982 was \$132 million of which \$119 million stayed in Canada, representing 0.3 per cent of Canada's gross national product.

Negotiations between the growers board and manufacturers were put on hold Wednesday in an attempt to set up lobbying meetings with government officials, including federal Finance Minister Marc Lalonde.

Alternate crops for tobacco farms easy to grow but marketing tough

SIMCOE (Staff) — Sandy tobacco soil can grow just about any crop, but the director of the provincial research station here warns it will prove little good to tobacco farmers scrambling for alternate crops to their dwindling tobacco acreages.

"It's a market problem. For God sake don't put any plant in the ground until you know you can sell that crop when you've got it," said researcher Arthur Loughton. Already he's been getting inquiries from tobacco farmers desperate to supplement their plummeting tobacco incomes with other crops.

"We're getting desperate," said Loughton. "I'm getting two or three calls a day from tobacco farmers who desperately want to get into something. There's no way I'm going to tell a grower to go out and grow, say sweet potatoes. We know they can be grown, but what's he going to do with them when he harvests them?"

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, Simcoe research station tests showed sweet potatoes are a viable crop, but the stumbling block was that canners of baby food, a ma-

ior market, showed no interest in buying Canadian.

Peanuts have proven a viable commercial crop, but after four years just more than 500 acres (200 hectares) have been planted in the province and large increases aren't being contracted this year.

John Picard, general manager of Picard Peanuts Ltd. in Windham Centre just north of Simcoe, confirmed Loughton's conviction that growing isn't so much a problem as is marketing. Canadian peanut consumption has fallen to 1.2 pounds per capita today from 8.5 pounds in 1975, due in part to a U.S. shortage and escalating prices in the late 1970s. Picard sells many of its peanuts to Skippy peanut butter.

"We're trying to boost our snack peanut market at retail outlets in London as a start, but it's a slow process," Picard said, but it won't likely do desperate tobacco farmers any good this year or in the near future. Picard said his firm has turned away 30 tobacco farmers who want to contract peanuts with the firm this year. Picard is increasing its acreage to 400 (162 hectares) from 285 (115 hectares) in 1983

and has taken on five new growers on top of the 11 from 1983.

Loughton said pretty well any crop can be grown on sandy tobacco soils, including muskmelon, pepper, pickling cucumbers, sweet corn, tomatoes — "stop me when you've heard enough."

Loughton couldn't be more adamant about tobacco farmers scrambling for a saviour crop:

"I hope you guys in the press do a fair job on this. We are getting a tremendous backlash from tobacco growers. The thing I'm afraid of is that the press will get hold of these crops — peanuts, sweet potatoes, garlic — and give the impression there are fortunes to be made out there."

Loughton said there are "infinite possibilities" for growing crops in the sandy-soil tobacco belt area, except the obvious — citrus, cotton and tropical crops.

"There's no reason why we can't expand acreage enormously, but the limitation is markets. That's ironic when you look at the fact that within one day's truck drive from Delhi, you've got a (U.S.) population of close to 100 million people."



LARRY GROSSMAN

Ottawa gets blame for high tobacco tax

TORONTO (Bureau) — The federal government is to blame for the high rate of tax on Ontario tobacco products, Treasurer Larry Grossman said Friday.

He said it is Ottawa's fault that federal and provincial taxes build on each other and take progressively bigger chunks out of the tobacco dollar.

MPP Gord Miller (L — Haldimand-Norfolk) complained in the legislature that higher prices caused by taxes have decreased the demand for tobacco products.

(The chairman of the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board said Thursday that 800 producers could go out of business this year, taking as many as 8,000 workers with them

because of the decline in demand.)

"It could well be the young farmer, who probably will never return," said Miller.

He said the province now takes 63 cents and the federal government 43 cents on every packet of 20 cigarettes. *farmer 68*

"We are dealing in our government with the tax-on-tax spiral," said Grossman, but Ottawa is not co-operating. He said there is not another industry in the province with which he has spent more time than the tobacco industry.

Grossman pointed out that Dick Treleaven (PC — Oxford) and Ron McNeil (PC — Elgin) have lobbied extensively with him to provide a break for tobacco producers. *L.F.P. APR 6*



We wish to congratulate our parents, Henry and Jane Vanden Brink, on their 25th wedding anniversary. They were married on April 17, 1959 in Chilliwack, B.C. Hope you have many more years together. Love Marguerite, Henry Jr., Neil and Lee Ann, Aleta, Gary-John, and James.

Norwich Council Briefs

Approve licence

Norwich Township council approved the issuance of a special occasion permit licence to the Springford Blues Fastball Club for August 4 during a tournament to be held in the Springford Park, August 3, 4 and 5.

Beautify Otterville

The Otterville Beautification Committee will be given \$200 from the township Bicentennial Celebration grant, if available, to install floral planters throughout the village.

Board members appointed

Members of the Board of Management of the Norwich Downtown Improvement Area were approved by

council Monday after the third reading of the bylaw 9-79. Members of the board of management are Roy Arn, Reginald Black, Andy Buck, Keith Gay, Gary Kuney, Ross Munro, Norm Lusk and William Hajdu.

Hunting licence fees

A bylaw setting the maximum fees for hunting licences in the township during open season for pheasants and rabbits commencing this year received its third reading by council Monday. The maximum fee for non-residents of the township will be \$8 and \$4.50 for residents. There will be a minimum number of 500 licences made available to non-residents and no limit to licences issued to residents. Licences are not valid on Crown lands, landowner agreement properties and provincial hunting areas.

Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — Several members of the Eastern Star attended the reception held at the German Hall, Delhi, for Keith Post previously Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Petch of Ancaster, Dr. and Mrs. Brodie and family, St. Agatha, and Dr. Howard Petch and Linda, Vancouver, attended a family dinner with their mother, Edith Petch, at her home in Otterville on Sunday.

Mrs. Petch had just recently returned to her home after spending two weeks in Victoria and Vancouver at the home of Dr. Howard Petch.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Taylor of Cannington and Dr. and Mrs. Julius Narancsik, Otterville, were weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Rod Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Campbell of Saskatchewan, Mrs. Luy Adama and Karli of British Columbia and Gordon Welsh of Montreal were Sunday guests of Vera Welsh.

Lillian Hill, 84, was a birthday celebrant at the home of Evelyn Waring on Saturday afternoon, May 5. Nine close friends were present for the occasion and a pretty decorated cake centred the lace covered table with a potted plant, a birthday gift, decorating the room.

During the social time Mrs. Donald Gorrie gave two readings from the book, "Friendship". Happy Birthday was sung while the candles were lit on the cake. Mrs. Hill, receiving greetings and other gifts, was assisted in opening them by Mrs. Little, for which the recipient expressed thanks.

While Mrs. Waring hosted the ladies, Mrs. Gleason and Mrs. Little took charge of the kitchen and served cake, ice cream and tea. Those present for the afternoon were Rev. and Mrs. Gorrie, Woodstock, Jean Little, Orris Beecroft, Vera Welsh, Laura Pettigrew, Wilma Gleason, all of Otterville. Mrs. Janet Narancsik and son Brendan, were callers during the afternoon.

Mrs. Hill thanked Mrs. Waring for the lovely party and everyone for making it such a memorable day.

This time of year makes everyone think of plants and growing things. The Otterville Public Library is no exception with pretty green plants now decorating the room. These were generously donated by Isabelle Harris, Marilyn Driedger and Bertha Gehring.

For those who are planning their spring gardens many books are available in the library about this topic. Such titles as Common Sense Organic Gardening, Vegetable Growing, From Garden To Table, Gardening For The Physically Handicapped and Elderly and Backyard Flowers sound very interesting.

Rod and Marion Taylor have returned home after a three week tour of several Asian countries during which they visited Hong Kong, China, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Japan.

Lions donate to foster children

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the Community Hall, Otterville on Monday evening.

Lion first vice-president Jack Walther presided. Thirty members attended.

The club approved a donation towards a picnic at Willow Lake Park for area foster children on June 10.

Lion Gord Shearer reported that the annual Victoria Day ball game and fireworks held in the community park, Otterville, May 21, was well attended, partly due to the fine weather.

Tickets have been distributed to all members for the Pig-Tail and Spare-Rib Barbecue to be held in the Otterville community park, Saturday, June 16. This event replaces the annual chicken barbecue held previously. Dancing will follow.

All members now have tickets for the draw for the Pontiac Grand Prix at the annual fall carnival, September 8. There will be an early-bird draw for a video recorder at Canada Day celebrations, July 2, at Springford, included in the car ticket.

The club wishes to thank the Otterville Good-timers and the Norwich Slo-pitch team, as well as the Otterville fire-fighters for their help in making the Victoria Day such a fine success.

Council taking steps to purchase locally

N.G.
MAY 16

Norwich Township council will develop a policy concerning the purchasing of commonly used products in the township to try to end an ongoing dispute.

The policy will be a "step in the right direction" regarding the purchasing of products concerning maintenance supplies, tendering and authorized personnel in the township, Councillor Darrell

Force, said.

Council members have expressed concern for months about the fact that products are bought outside the township that could possibly be purchased from local businesses. "We are spending a great deal of money outside the township and if we can get the products here, why not spend here," Councillor Force said.

Councillor Bob Carney said it was "bloody outrageous" that council is taking taxpayers' money and spending it outside the township. "We should be tarred and feathered," he said.

With approval of the motion Monday, council will try to organize a guideline for township personnel to follow for the purchasing of products used in township property.

Norwich Council Briefs

Replace siding

The South Norwich Historical Society was granted permission by council to replace the existing siding on the Trefry Mill with pine siding comparable to the existing siding. The proposed project will not alter the building's

designation as an historical building.

New refrigerator

Council approved a motion to purchase a new refrigerator at a cost no more than \$450 for use in the township offices. The one in use now in the building will be moved to the booth in Otterville Park.

N.G. MAY 30

Promote greater use of Woodlawn centre

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Advisory Committee of the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre held their quarterly meeting at the Centre on Friday evening, May 11.

President Doreen Mountain presided with minutes and financial report being given by the secretary treasurer, Wilma Butler. It was decided to divide the secretarial duties with Mrs. Butler acting as recording secretary and Dr. Murray Downing as corresponding secretary.

A letter was read from the South Norwich Historical Society regarding the Williams family organ and Bible which has been donated to them requesting that they be put on display at the Centre. These items were accepted for display.

A letter regarding the Gazebo or garden house which was built by Mr. Wright (builder of the octagonal house which is now Woodlawn) was read. The Gazebo is still on the original property, and the committee will be glad to meet about the situating of the Gazebo on the Woodlawn property.

There was discussion regarding extending the use of Woodlawn facilities to groups for craft classes or bridge lessons in the fall on a weekly basis or to organizations for their regular meetings. It was also suggested that the Centre

should be promoted throughout the community since it was felt that many people were not aware it was available for a variety of uses such as family gatherings, anniversaries, Christmas get togethers and showers.

Its beautiful large room, cozy living room and well equipped kitchen are adaptable to many occasions. It was decided reservations should be made through the secretary Wilma Butler. The Leisure Club would be contacted about the use of the recreational facilities in the lower level by groups on a regular basis.

On Friday, April 19, 1984, Mr. and Mrs. H. VandenBrink celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They were married at Chilliwack, B.C. on April 17, 1959.

About 80 guests attended the evening celebration which was held in the Otterville Community Hall. Relatives from Hope, B.C. and Elst, Holland and family and friends from the surrounding area were here to attend. Wishing Henry and Jani many more years together is the wish of their six children, family and friends.

The Foot Clinic operated by the V.O.N. will be held at the home of Evelyn Waring, 9 Main St., Otterville, on Tuesday, May 22 at 1 p.m.

Society to hear of native history

Members of the South Norwich Historical Society will learn some of the history of our native people at Monday night's meeting.

Dr. Douglas Leighton, history professor at Huron College, University of Western Ontario, will speak on Six Nations in Ontario after 1784 at the meeting Monday, May 14, at the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre at 8 p.m.

This is the 200th year since the signing of the Haldimand Treaty that gave the Six Nations land along the Grand River.

Dr. Leighton is a well-known authority on the native people of the country and Amer-Indian white relations. He is a contributor to the Canadian Dictionary of Biographies and Ontario History among other publications.

Mr. Leighton's appearance at the historical society meeting is part of the society's bicentennial program for the year.

UWO professor tells historical society

Six Nations bicentennial too

The May meeting of the South Norwich Historical Society held at the Woodlawn Adult Centre, Otterville, featured Dr. Douglas Leighton, an associate professor of Huron College, University of Western Ontario.

Introduced by Jean Moore, Dr. Leighton, who has interest in Indian affairs and is chairman of the Native Historical Study Group, spoke on the Six Nations in Ontario after 1784.

He dealt with various aspects of this topic beginning with the identity of the Six Nations. They, like the province of Ontario, are celebrating the bicentennial of the turning over of the land by Sir Fred Haldimand to the the Six Nations, Iroquois Confederacy.

Between the 15th and 16th centuries five small tribes of Iroquois origin decided to put an end to their inter-tribal warfare and band together with the sixth band joining between 1720-1722 forming the Six Nations. They became important in the mercantile and fur trade with the Mohawks being the most eastern tribe; the Senecas the most westward members. The Iroquois Confederacy was shattered by the American Revolution because some fought for the Americans while others for the British. When the war ended there were two to four groups within the Six Nations.

The early years in the Grand River Community saw the emergence of Joseph Brant, a Mohawk war chief who became involved in the Six Nations Reserve. Brant pressured for the land grant by Governor Haldimand which was a 12-mile strip of land along the Grand River. The Six Nations were to possess this forever and do with it as they pleased.

After the death of Brant and his son John, the Indians did not have the kind of leadership as they had previously enjoyed. During the 19th century the issues of maintenance of the Indian identity and communication with the white world were major ones.

John Johnson an orator known as the Mohawk warbler became an Indian focal point. His son George Henry Martin Johnson, marrying an English bride, had a daughter Pauline who became so well known for her poetry.

During the later 19th century the reserve lands were good for farming and until World War I agriculture progressed well.



Interest in history

Dr. Douglas Leighton, an associate professor at Huron College, University of Western Ontario, discusses an Indian resource book with friend Jean Moore after speaking at the South Norwich Historical Society meeting in Otterville Monday. Mr. Leighton's appearance was part of the historical society's bicentennial activities. (Staff Photo)

However, the 20th century brought new challenges with the advance of urban industrial society. Over population also produced a type of poverty since their resources could not support the population.

Consequently, Dr. Leighton pointed out how the history of the Six Nations community was not as smooth as history books suggest. As well, the native people have contributed much more than text books say due to the fact that historians have not focused on the native people.

He concluded by stressing that the Six Nations have been much closer to the core of our history than we realize. We must look at the history of our province from a native perspective. A short slide presentation and question period followed.

Joyce Pettigrew thanked Dr. Leighton for his informative talk and presented him with a copy of South of Sodom to show the group's appreciation.

All members of the S.N.H.S. were made aware of the annual meeting of the Ontario Historical Society to be held June 15, 16 and 17 at Cornwall.

The moving of a gazebo to be located near the Woodlawn Centre was discussed. It is presently located on the property of McKay Davis. The S.N.H.S. is undertaking this as a bicentennial project.

The next meeting to be held June 11, will feature Mel Robertson who has written local histories being especially knowledgeable about the Burford Townships.

Otterville ACW

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Otterville St. John's Anglican Church Women, held Thursday evening, May 10, provided an opportunity for Janet Ryerse representative to the ACW Annual Conference, to report on this event which was held earlier in the day at St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

She explained various matters of business covered as well as sharing the theme, "Here I Am Lord", which was presented by the main speaker of the conference, Sue Lawson.

All members were encouraged to give thought to the matter of election of officers to be held at the next meeting, Thursday evening. Also, the appointment of one or two social conveners was suggested.

Discussion centred around future program plans for meetings in June as well as several financial matters.

The meeting was opened with the singing of "Lead On O King Eternal" followed by Bible reading by Ann Rachar.

Cathy Furlong presented the thoughts of devotion about Praise. We should praise God in whatever way we can whether it be through words, prayer or song using our voices, thoughts using our minds or by simply using our hands in service to Him.

Herb growing talk given to Otterville group

OTTERVILLE (C) — Election of officers for the year 1984-85, officiated by Rev. Grant D. Darling, was the opening activity of the last May meeting of the Otterville St. John's Anglican Church Women.

The executive for the coming year to begin in September, are President - Cathy Furlong; Vice-President - Joyce Leeming; Secretary - Janet Ryerse; Treasurer - Wenda Smith; and Social Conveners - Olive Pickersgill and Georgina Spicer.

Guest speaker for the evening was Marilyn Driedger, a resident of Otterville who has been enjoying the hobby of growing herbs for the last 12 years. Marilyn, who has two young children, Kaleb, five years and Kyla, two years, is director of the Delhi Horticultural Society and has become busy talking to various groups about herbs.

Herbs only require about four hours of sunlight a day and good drainage. To enjoy the distinctive aromas of the different varieties, herbs must be touched or

brushed which breaks the leaf follicles, releasing the scent.

Herbs were considered magical plants and are steeped in folklore and legend. Early man used herbs for medicine, flavoring, preserving, dyeing and Mrs. Driedger uses her herbs for cooking, herbal vinegars, teas, bath waters, wreaths, decorations, pot pourries, sachets and tussie-mussies which are small hand bouquets of herbs.

Marilyn showed various herbs both dried and as living plants. The vast varieties of each kind such as 18 kinds of basil, more than 80 kinds of geraniums, and different strains of sage and nutmeg was only a beginning of the many herbs one is able to grow and of which Mrs. Driedger is very knowledgeable. Through her interesting presentation she revealed much historic background and use as well as practical applications of herbs today.

As well as herself, the rest of the Driedger family is active in her herbal garden, helping to plant and harvest. She

provided sources to obtain seeds reference books available and shared her own personal favorite sources of information.

For anyone interested in finding out more or wishing to be introduced to herbs Marilyn Driedger will be holding an open house at her home June 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and June 3 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Janet Ryerse thanked Mrs. Driedger on behalf of the group for her most informative and interesting talk and presented her with a gift of appreciation.

Following a delicious lunch provided by Ms. Ryerse and birthday cake in honor of Kay Darling, was enjoyed. Herbal mint tea offered by Marilyn completed this "herbal evening".

Members of the A.C.W. were made aware that the next meeting would be held June 7, 6 p.m. at the Parish Hall, being a pot luck supper. Everyone may bring either salads or desserts and was encouraged to bring other church members with them.

RESEARCH GRANT ACCOUNTING

May 6th, 1983.

Account No.90-203
at Royal Bank,
Otterville

December 11,1981	Received	500.00	
December 31,1981	Bank Interest	2.44	
January 30,1982	Bank Interest	5.15	
February 27,1982	Bank Interest	4.67	
March 25,1982	Paid Treasurer of Ontario Archives account for photocopies		16.10
March 25,1982	Paid Otter Publishing Ltd. for newspaper notice		22.68
March 31,1982	Paid Bennett Stationery Ltd. account for rental of typewriter and purchase of paper		61.85
March 31,1982	Bank Interest	5.22	
April 30,1982	Bank Interest	4.24	
April 30,1982	Bank Service Charge		1.25
May 14,1982	Barbara Oenema on account of typing (188 pages @ 40¢ per page)		75.20
May 31,1982	Bank Interest	3.93	
May 31,1982	Rod Taylor on account map drawing services		300.00
June 3,1982	Lovers Ltd. rental of new typewriter at better rate		26.75
June 30,1982	Interest	.30	
July 5,1982	Received remainder of grant from Ministry	600.00	
July 14,1982	Juanita DeRoo to reimburse typewriter rental paid because not sufficient funds in account, paid on June 30 for July 3		26.75
July 14,1982	Barbara Oenema, on account typing (188 pages)		75.20

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Heritage Buildings Along
The Talbot Trail

HERITAGE BUILDINGS ALONG
THE TALBOT TRAIL

PRESENTED TO: The South Norwich Historical Society
Monday, May 9, 1983

PRESENTED BY: John Carter
Museums Adviser
Museums Section
Ministry of Citizenship and Culture

At the churches

OTTERVILLE

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST

On Sunday, May 27 Paul Loveday and his family were with us and showed slides at the start of the Sunday school of the work in Kenya. Mr. Loveday a former teacher at Norwich District High School is going into full-time missionary work in Kenya with Africa Inland Missions.

Also in the morning worship Bill Hansford led the service and Mr. and Mrs. Loveday gave testimonies of how the Lord has guided their family into full-time service and then Mr. Loveday ministered to us from the word of God using 2 Peter 2:1-11 to show us the way of Christian growth.

He emphasized that we don't work to be Christ-like but instead God works on us to be what He wants.

We need to be committed and disciplined to help our faith to grow. The qualities we must add to our faith are a high moral standard, learning more about God, having self-control of our lives, ongoing patience, godliness, helpfulness and caring and love.

Cheryl Hansford ministered to us in music at the piano singing "If I Could See The World The Way You Do".

At the next Lord's Day, Ray Kaufman of the new Maranatha Baptist Church of Paris will be ministering to us and reporting on the Lord's work going on there.

OTTERVILLE UNITED

Service opened with an organ prelude with Mrs. Jack Walther at the console.

Rev. Earl D. Moore led devotions reading Scripture from Mark 8. he based his sermon on verse 34, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me", and verse 36, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his soul."

The title of the sermon was "Spiritual Roadblocks", these being - gossip, greed, lust, pride, envy and an unforgiving spirit.

Prior to the sermon, Mrs. John Walther presented awards for attendance to the Sunday school students.

The choir praised God in song, singing the anthem "Sing Praises To All".

Offering was received by Mrs. Leslie Gehring, Mr. Donald Neale, Mr. Boyd Little and Mr. Stuart Godby.

Service closed with the hymn, "Take Up Your Cross".

The Sunday school and families enjoyed lunch after the service, as the classes recessed for the summer months.

OTTERVILLE

ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN

OTTERVILLE (C) — The 9:30 a.m. prayer service celebrated Rogation Sunday, the day which precedes the following three rogation days of prayer for the earth at seed-time.

The service opened with the processional hymn, "Lord in Thy Name Thy Servants Plead" while the junior and

senior choir entered the church accompanied by organist Lila Freeland.

Scripture lessons were taken from Acts 17:22-31, Then Paul stood in the midst of Mashill, St. John 14:15-21, If you love me you will obey what I command and Psalm 149, O sing unto the Lord a new song, read responsively.

Rev. Grant D. Darling invited the children to join him at the front to discuss their ideas about the planting and growing season of spring. He suggested they themselves are like seeds which grow outwardly as well as inwardly. Just as God provides sun and rain for plants to grow, he makes it possible for everyone to grow in their own way. The children adjourned to Sunday School during the singing of "We Thank Thee, O Our Father."

Rev. Darling continued his theme of growth and seedtime through his sermon which stressed we are special seeds which God has planted in this world. We are special because Jesus Christ died for us. What then is our purpose in life?

He suggested that there are three aspects of ourselves which we must cultivate. We must be ourselves though there are many pressures that attempt to change us. Too much emphasis is put on a person's outer appearance when the inner self is the most important part of a person. We should love ourselves, enjoying our individual uniqueness and share ourselves with others. We all have a need for satisfaction and fulfillment. This can be satisfied by giving of this most valuable gift of our unique selves.

We are all seeds that are growing so be, love and share yourself.

Offering was received by Richard DeRoo. The service closed with the recessional hymn, "This Is My Father's World."

MCMULLEN - In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Nate McMullen, who passed away May 15, 1980.

He loved to walk on the farm,
With God and nature, He walked
arm in arm,

Each hill he knew, each valley and
tree,

He was quiet and good, and kind
as could be.

He had a smile for everyone, and a
kind word,

Gossip or slander from him, never
was heard.

Although we may not say it every-
day,

We miss him, each in our own way.
God keep him in your heavenly
rest,

For on earth he was one of the
best.

— Dearly missed by wife Winnie,
daughter and son-in-law
Catherine and Ken. 9

Otterville Women's Missionary Fellowship

OTTERVILLE (C) — The May meeting of the Women's Missionary Fellowship was held in the Sunday school room of the Baptist church.

The president, Wilma Butler opened the meeting with II Tim. 1:5 where Paul tells of Timothy's faith and suggests we are raised with a grandmother's influence as well as that of our mothers. Prayer followed.

Mrs. Bill Smith brought the Mother's Day message. She said the first adopted son was John by Mary at Christ's crucifixion when He said, "Woman behold thy son." Likewise, we as Christian women, can mother others who are not our children - the needy and older ones also. We should ask ourselves if we are approachable. We should be ready to open up to all. We can mother or be concerned about others by praying for them.

Mrs. Walters thanked the speaker and Rhonda Treffrey read "A Mother's Prayer".

Evelyn Walters opened the devotional section of the program with a poem "My Day". The hymn "Faith of Our Mothers"

was sung. A reading "When God Created Mothers" was presented by Mrs. Ted Oenema. Mrs. Paul Hill read from Prov. 31 followed by Mrs. C. Haggith giving a reading.

A letter from North Broadway Baptist was read as an invitation to their W.M.F. June 7 at 7:30 p.m.

A letter from missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Ross Helgeton was read.

Missionary prayers were offered by Mrs. Dwight Davis and Mrs. Bill Hansford.

The ladies were reminded of an offering that will be taken for Dr. Hazel Wrigglesworth at the next meeting.

Mrs. Butler assisted Mrs. Ken Lee in serving lunch and Mrs. Butler gave the courtesy remarks.

Leisure club meets

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Otterville Leisure Club, held Wednesday afternoon, May 2, at Woodlawn Adult Centre, featured an interesting program convened by Bertha Lee.

Readings were given by Mrs. Lee, Ella Weidrick and Mel Beecroft. Using a list of clues the members enjoyed a contest which required them to identify different parts of the body. Following, everyone took part in playing several games of cards.

Mrs. Gladys Evans was chosen to be the club representative to the annual Annual Convention to be held at the University of Windsor, August 7 and 8. A Zone Meeting will be held at St. George, May 30. It is hoped that another potluck dinner will be held before the end of June.

President, Mrs. Evans, opened the meeting with O Canada, followed by 18 answering the roll call by showing or

describing an interesting article received or obtained when travelling.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 16, at 1:30 p.m. at the Woodlawn Adult Centre.

Stanley Allen Palmer

Stanley Allen Palmer of 39 Main St. E., Springford, passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Friday, May 18, 1984, in his 73rd year.

Born at Vienna, July 4, 1911, he was a son of the late Samuel Palmer and the former Katherine Olsen. He had lived in Springford for the past 56 years. Mr. Palmer conducted a heavy construction (road building) business, retiring in 1978. He was a former member of Norwich Otterville Lions Club and was a councillor on Norwich council in 1968-69. He was involved in sports, coaching for a number of years the

women's softball team of Springford. For the past three years he was manager of the Springford men's slo pitch team. He was also on the committee of the Springford Water Board and was a member of the Seniors Curling Club.

Surviving are his wife, the former Dorothy Rodgers; two sons, Bob Palmer of Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, and Jim Palmer of Springford; one daughter Ms Wanda Palmer of Calgary; and four grandchildren, Glen, Michael, Kelly and Lindsay.

He was predeceased by a brother, Harold Palmer, in 1972.

Rested at the H.D. Verhoeve Funeral Home, Tillsonburg, until Monday, May 21, thence to St. John's Anglican Church for service at 11 a.m. conducted by Canon S. Lupton.

Interment in Springford Cemetery. Memorial donations to the St. John's Church memorial fund; to Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital or to the Springford Area Agricultural Society Building Fund would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Pallbearers were Louie Neale, Jack McCarthy, Doug Smith, Bryce Smith, Mert McClintock and Don Pettigrew.

Visitation and the funeral service were both largely attended.

Hendrikus Van Den Brink

Hendrikus Van Den Brink of Otterville passed away suddenly at his home in Otterville on Saturday, May 26, 1984, in his 51st year.

Born in Holland, he came to Canada in 1956, settling in British Columbia. He moved to Ontario in 1960 and has since resided in the area. Mr. Van Den Brink was a member of the Old Reformed Church and was a general merchant, operating a store in Otterville.

Surviving is his wife, the former Jane Van der Spek; dear father of Marguerite, Henry, Jr., Aleta A., Gary-John and James H., all at home, and Neil and his wife Leann of Tillsonburg; also one grandson. Also survived by his father, three brothers and two sisters in Holland.

Rested at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich until Tuesday, May 29, thence to the Old Reformed Church, Salford, for service at 1 p.m. with Rev. C. Lemain officiating.

Pallbearers were Geurt Ryksen, Bas Megcheisen, Jack Veldhuizen, Everett Jansen, Theo Van De Scheur and Bill Klassen.

Interment in the Old Reformed Cemetery, Burgessville.

Memorial donations to the Ontario Heart Fund would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Sunshine, Optimist clubs donate library furniture

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Otterville Public Library was a recent recipient of new library furniture. Two large tables and accompanying chairs were furnished by the Oxford County Library Board.

In the children's section of the library, a new primary table donated by the Otterville Sunshine Club and primary chairs donated by the Spring-Otter Optimist club have been arranged in the centre of the area.

The Sunshine Club, provided the table through their general funds raised by weekly collections and their lawn and bake sale. This year's upcoming sale will be

held at the home of Dorothy Wardell, secretary of the club, on Saturday, June 9, beginning at 9 a.m.

The Spring-Otter Optimist club supplied the chairs through their general service funds which are raised through their weekly Bingo programs and raffles. A new project which is also supplying funds is the selling of buttons to all Optimist Clubs in Canada saying, "I'm an Optimistic Canadian".

The Otterville Public Library has every reason to be optimistic too as its facilities become more complete and membership and circulation continue to rise.



Donation to library

The Otterville Public Library has new furniture for the children's section since the Otterville Sunshine Club donated a table and the Spring-Otter Optimists Club donated chairs. The new furniture was tested by left to right, Jaclyn Day, 6, of London; Lurene McMullen, Otterville librarian; Cindy Day, 8, of London; Lily Chisholm, Sunshine Club president; Ashley McMullen, 1½, of Otterville; Nick Visser, secretary of the Optimist Club; Kaleb Dreidger, 5, Marilyn Dreidger and Kyla Dreidger, 2, all of Otterville. (Staff photo)

Summerville W.I.

Summerville Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Keith Arthur on May 8th with 12 members present. Vice-president Mrs. Kenneth Arthur opened the meeting.

Minutes were read by secretary Mrs. Joseph Ash.

A crocheted teapot cover was donated by Mrs. Joseph Ash, to be taken to the District Annual at Curries by Mrs. Jack Walthers.

Hostesses for the coming year were chosen.

The meeting on agriculture was very well taken by Mrs. Reginald Walters, who spoke on different commodities grown both at home in Canada and around the world. She also spoke on preserving food products, vegetables and fruits by freezing and other ways. She gave several readings and a poem, "Thoughts on Friendship", and conducted a very interesting game contest. The winner was Mrs. Donald Arthur.

Roll call was "What seeds can you save over from your garden". Members are planning an outing on June 19 with dinner in Woodstock, then back to the home of Mrs. Joseph Ash for a social evening. The members are to bring a gift value \$1 to be used as prizes at the social evening.

Meeting closed with O Canada and delicious lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Walters, and a social time enjoyed.



Winning poster

Dale Cheney, president of the Spring-Otter Optimist Club places a first prize ribbon on the winning overall poster made by Robert Sherman, Grade 6, at Otterville Public School for the Bicycle Safety Poster Contest sponsored by the Optimist Club. The winning posters in the contest are on display at the Otterville Public Library.

Bike safety contest sponsored by Optimists

OTTERVILLE (C) — During the past few weeks children have been busily completing their entries for the Bicycle Safety Poster Contest sponsored by the Spring-Otter Optimist Club of Otterville.

The contest was carried out at the Otterville Public School, Delhi Public School and St. Frances Separate School, Delhi. In total, approximately 350 entries were submitted with the only requirement being that they be done in black and white and focus on bicycle safety.

The posters, having been judged, winners for each grade level were selected. The winners for Otterville Public School in order of first, second and third are Grade 1: Beth Hansford, Lloyd Durkee, Jeff Arthur; Grade 2: Sara Dyck, Verna White, Jacob Friesen; Grade 3: Lysandra Love, Kathryn Arthur, Jason Hird; Grade 4: Liza Parr, Tiffany DeGroot, Shelby McMurchy; Grade 5: Jodi Smith, Jennifer Hicks, Nicole Rochus; Grade 6: Robert Sherman, Julie DeWachter, Samantha Letoile; Grade 7: Criss Rachar, Mike Ash, Bret Butler; and Grade 8: Jennifer Vandenbrink, Annette Mudge, Timmi Brady.

All first-place posters were judged to determine the overall winners for the school with Robert Sherman achieving first place. Medal awards for the posters will be given to the winners later in the

week.

For everyone interested in seeing these prize-winning works of art, all winning posters are now on display in the Otterville Public Library.

Bicycle Safety Week is May 19-26 with the Optimists concluding the week by holding Bicycle Rodeos in both Otterville and Delhi on Saturday, May 26.

In coordination with Constable Verne Fleming of the Tillsonburg Provincial Police, the Bicycle Rodeo will be held Saturday morning beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Otterville Post Office. Unlike previous years which saw riders showing their bicycle skills through obstacle courses and various requirements, this year the riders will be judged on their ability to handle their bicycles in street riding. The rodeo will begin at the Post Office and proceed around the town, or streets south of the Main Street of the village.

Rene Letoile, Otterville, Bicycle Safety Week Chairman, is looking forward to seeing many children participate and test their skills as good bicycle riders. Trophies and medals will be awarded to winners of the different boys' and girls categories and age groups.

Following, a similar rodeo will be held in Delhi during the afternoon.

Optimists hold bike rodeo

OTTERVILLE (C) — Saturday morning the Spring-Otter Optimist Club held their annual Spring Bicycle Rodeo in Otterville at the parking lot behind the Municipal Building.

Due to the fact that Constable Vern Fleming of the Tillsonburg Provincial

Police was unable to be present for the rodeo, the location was changed from the Otterville Post Office. Likewise, the program was also changed from street riding to an obstacle, skill course set up and operated by the Optimists.

The results of the rodeo were Junior Girls winner - Liza Parr; Senior Girls winner - Samantha LeToile; Junior Boys winner - Rene LeToile; Senior Boys, first - Robert Sherman; second - Darren Forsyth; third - Warren Hird.

All participants had to begin by answering a true and false traffic knowledge test. Then an actual riding skill test was administered by means of a course which tested balance, diminishing clearance, change of balance, single obstacle, stop street and traffic light.

This was the final activity of Bicycle Safety Week which saw Robert Sherman achieve outstanding success by placing first in the Bicycle Rodeo, Grade Six Class of the Bicycle Safety Poster Contest and over-all winner for the poster contest of Otterville Public School.



Heather Picknell is not the least bit dismayed by being treated like a criminal. That's because it was all in fun. Otterville Optimists are promoting Respect for Law week, May 1-7, on behalf of Optimists International. Vern Fleming, of Tillsonburg OPP gets the "dabs" as Rene Letoile of the Optimists helps out. Teacher Lisa Tafel is on the far left. The 37 students, grades four and five, each were fingerprinted, and they were given the card with their thumbprint as a souvenir. If they got lost the card could be used as identification. The public relations effort was done in order to make students more aware of the law, and less afraid of police. (Staff Photo)



Sense of balance

Ron Davis of Otterville rides his bike over a teeter-totter to test his balance during the Spring-Otter Optimist Club's Bicycle Rodeo held Saturday behind the Township Offices. Participants were also tested on manoeuvring around obstacles, clearance and knowledge on traffic lights. (Staff Photo)

N.G. MAY 30

OTTERVILLE (C) — The May meeting of the Otterville United Church Women, convened by Mary Murray, featured guest speaker Scott Gillies, curator of the Norwich and District Museum, who told the various aspects of his job.

He suggested we take a lot of things for granted when we should stop to appreciate little details giving objects and artifacts more meaning.

To demonstrate he displayed several flat irons explaining what aspects we should take time to examine. Why were they patented? Did our ancestors make any of these irons? Which one might our grandmother have used? Such questions provoke many thoughts and answers. He concluded by showing a few pictures of the museum building project. Margaret Ryder thanked Mr. Gillies for his talk and presented him with a gift of appreciation on behalf of the group.

The devotional portion of the meeting opened with the singing of "I Want to Live in a Friendly World" followed by the poem "Where There Is Love" read by Betty Walther. Donna Murray shared Scripture, Mark 6:2-10. Mary Murray presented thoughts about our goals in life and what effects they have had on our families and those around us.

President, Betty Walther honored Jean Gehring by presenting her with a life membership certificate enabling her to

wear her late mother's life membership pin with which Betty presented her. Jean gave words of appreciation.

Members were made aware of many upcoming events. A letter had been received from Malcolm, the group's adopted child, and everyone was reminded the last newsletter would be June 17.

The Presbyterial would be having a U.C.W. retreat at Innisfree. The Alma School for Women is August 19-22 and the Westminster Weekend would be June 1-3. Assistance will be given with the lunch for the Sunday Service, July 1 in Springfield. All members were invited to attend the Newark Birthday Meeting, June 6 at 8 p.m. with guest speaker Lorraine Downing. Notice was given of Open House to be held at the home of Marilyn Driedger, June 2 and 3. Lorne and Anna Treffry are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, June 17 with Open House at Woodlawn Adult Centre.

The president urged members to participate in outreach projects which require children's books, wool, cash, bandages and quilt squares.

Reminders were given of writing the Member of Parliament about feelings on pornography and consideration of support for the Women's Emergency Centre and bridge-head trading.

Catering plans were discussed for the Norwich Baptist Anniversary Supper, June 23 and Otterville Public School Grade 8 Graduation, June 25.

Good cheer report was given by Marion Taylor. A social time completed the evening.

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Otterville Parent-Teacher Association scheduled to be held May 28 has been changed to Monday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. in order that Constable Verne Fleming of the Tillsonburg Provincial Police may attend.

Constable Fleming will be outlining the Block Parent Program through a talk and film presentation. The Otterville P.T.A. has formed a Block Parent Committee of Chris McMullen, Mary Lou Pickering and Marg Kramer to proceed in setting up a program. Therefore anyone interested,

both parent or non-parent, is strongly urged to attend the meeting or contact any committee member of P.T.A. President August DeWachter.

A recent meeting of the Sunshine Club, held at the home of Sandy Hussey, focused on approved playground equipment to be installed in the Otterville Community Park. A primary swing and benches around the pool is this year's project which the playground committee are now proceeding to carry out.

Wednesday, May 23, will be the annual night out for the members which will be held at the Cove Room, Erie Beach Hotel, Port Dover. Following everyone will return to the home of Marj Pearce.

Marion Pettigrew thanked the hostess and Dorothy Wardell for the delicious lunch.

Present crafts, skills T.N. MAY 9 to Otterville students

OTTERVILLE (C) — Thursday was an exciting and busy day at Otterville Public School. This being Education Week with emphasis on Ontario's Bicentennial, special activities provided all the students with lessons which could not be learned from books.

This was education taught by the experienced hand. Many skills and crafts were demonstrated to the students by people of the community and surrounding area.

The children were divided into groups made up of all grade levels with Grade 8 students being group leaders. Due to time, it was possible for each group to see only six demonstrations each lasting 20 minutes.

Verna Norris, Otterville, explained knitting through her display and presentation while Marie Hill, Otterville, showed the lost art of tatting as seen in her edgings and doilies.

A quilting bee was in progress as Anna Treffry, Sandra Hussey, Otterville, and Helen Rice, dressed in bicentennial dress, demonstrated this skill on a crib quilt.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hornyak, Otterville, made sausage for the children, showing them how the meat mixture fills the casing forming sausage which is later smoked.

Marie Avey, the teacher in charge of the Oxford County Museum School, was on hand with wooden pencil boxes, a strap, tin dinner pail, Union Jack flag and a series of Old Ontario Readers, to help describe some of the old teaching techniques and school activities.

Joyce Pettigrew, Springford, representing the South Norwich Historical Society which is restoring the Treffry Mill, gave some first half mill experience by having the students grind corn and grain in wooden bowls with grinding stones to produce flour. A tedious chore as they soon found out.

Ray Fullerton, art consultant for the Oxford County Board of Education, produced various pieces of pottery at his potter's wheel, changing a lump of clay into an attractive and practical dish.

Marilyn Dreidger, Otterville, involved with the growing of herbs, explained the history and use of different herbs with live plants, wreaths, dried herbs and sweet pillows.

Rug hooking, a skill dating back to the sixth century, was outlined by Donna Beaton, RR 3, Norwich. This craft, revived in the last 50 years, used material cut in narrow strips that is pulled through a backing to form a design. Different designs were available for examination.

James Squance, Otterville, caught the students' attention with his wood carving. Such things as chairs, wagons and a replica of the Otterville Woodlawn Adult Community Centre made in miniature, enthralled the children by its accuracy to detail and design. As well, novelty game items easily kept the children entertained.

Jane Lambe, Embro, who has been spinning wool from her sheep for eight years, demonstrated this craft, explaining different wools, carding and plys of wool.

As the wheel spun, the children could see the wool fibres being pulled and spun into yarn.

Activities were not restricted indoors as Cathy Wills, Canadian National Field Archery Champion, showed the basics of shooting outside giving the students "hands on" experience with bows and arrows. Mr. and Mrs. Wills are both champions in their field as well as their son and will be attending the World Championship in Sweden in August.

As well, the pony drawn stagecoach of Mert McClintock, Springford, driven by Albert Wardell, Springford, gave some of the students a short ride in a replica of a stagecoach like many of our ancestors must have used as a major means of transportation.

Freshly pressed apple cider was served to the students throughout the day and a wiener roast was held at noon for those who wished to roast a hot dog over open fires built by school custodian, Carl Howse.

During the dinner hour of 6 to 7 p.m., a Potluck Dinner for approximately 70 people was held in the school gymnasium, organized by the Otterville P.T.A. Jean DeWachter, Janet Ryerse, Sandra Hussey and Dorothy Brayley helped to supervise the meal with everybody helping make it a great school-parent effort.

During the evening Open House was held from 7-8:30 p.m. when parents, teachers, students and anyone interested could come to the school, tour the classrooms and see the varied and interesting programs being carried out at the various levels in the school.

Tuesday and Wednesday provided an Education Week Elective Program for all grades during which the children had a choice of bicentennial activities in which they could take part. These were planned and carried out by school staff with some parent help. They were square dancing, Mrs. D. Hill; tie dye, F. Brown; ice cream making, Mrs. M. Shearer; rug hooking, Mrs. J. Berenz; pioneer games, Miss J. Amos; archery, Miss L. Tafel; stitchery, Mrs. J. Campbell; braiding, Mrs. D. Hutchinson; pioneer tools, J. Lamont; bread and butter making, Miss J. Ryerse; candle and soap making, J. Lamont; knitting, Mrs. V. Norris; quilting, Mrs. J. Buchner; pioneer toys, Mrs. P. Parr and corking, Mrs. A. Orth.

Friday morning Miss Tafel's Grade 4 and 5 class tried their hand at some pioneer relay races. These provided both fun and different learning experiences. The relays were of a varied nature being the sack race, three-legged race, wheel barrow race, leap frog, skipping, tug of war, egg race, pyramid, work with hoops and sticks and making cream.



Teach tatting

Marie Hill of Otterville teaches George Bowerman, a Grade 7 Otterville Public School student, the old craft of tatting during the Otterville Public School Bicentennial Day Thursday. Students alternated to various demonstrations based on the bicentennial theme during the special day. (Staff Photo)

Parents and family members visited area schools to view classroom displays and meet teachers during Education Week April 30 - May 5.

Good attendance was reported at the Open Houses held at Norwich Township elementary schools as parents became familiar with the various school activities their children are involved with.

Open Houses were held at East Oxford Public School on April 30, Sweaburg Public School and Norwich Public School on May 1, at North Norwich Public School on May 2 and at Otterville Public School on May 3. All had good attendance and response from parents eager to see the school work and activities of their children.

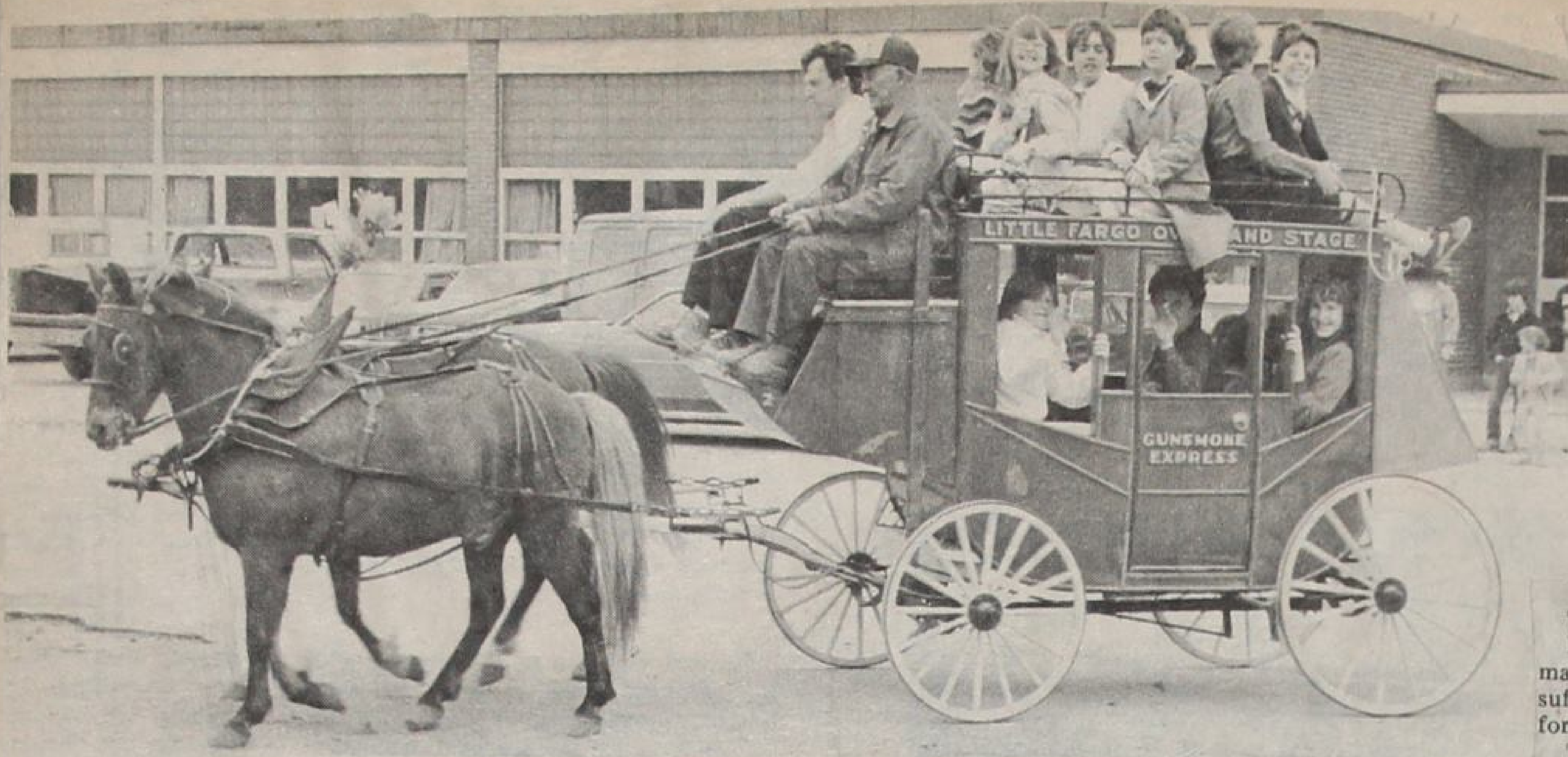
Activities were also organized by some schools to help make the Open Houses special. The East Oxford Public School choir performed, and at North Norwich Public School, a program was presented involving dance numbers done by Grades 3 and 4; skits performed by Grade 6 students, the school choir performing a couple songs and a gymnastics demonstration by students to entertain the many parents present.

Otterville Public School after offering a Bicentennial Day Thursday for the students to enjoy demonstrations from area people on such activities as pottery, tatting and making sausage, the parents were invited to a potluck supper before attending the Open House.



Learning new sport

Canadian National Field Archery Champion Cathy Wills of Harley was on hand during Bicentennial Day at the Otterville Public School Thursday to describe the sport of archery and to let some of the students such as Rene Letoile, Grade 4, try the sport. (Staff Photo)



Old-fashioned travel

Students and staff of Otterville Public School got to experience an old-fashioned mode of travel when a pony-drawn stagecoach owned

by Mert McClintock of Springford visited the school during Bicentennial Day activities Thursday. (Staff Photo)

That during the week of May 8, 1974:

It was reported that the one cent per pound marketing fee for flue-cured tobacco might suffice to keep Board operations in the black for longer than anticipated.

Ted Raytrowsky, chairman, said an operating surplus in the vicinity of \$300,000-350,000 was projected when the current fiscal year ended.

Cigarette smokers got zapped again by a two cent per pack boost in federal income tax, announced in Finance Minister Turner's budget that Monday evening.

The hike received angry condemnation by Ted Raytrowsky, chairman of the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board.

The official opening of Sollinger Industries, Ltd., Otterville Plant, took place the previous Friday. It was the initial research and development facility for the company for its waste disposal system.

Approximately \$9,500 in pledges were raised by the 230 walkers who participated in the swimming pool walk-a-thon in Otterville on Saturday.

The event was held to raise money for the new swimming pool at the South Norwich Community Park.



Making apple cider

Wayne Winter (left), Grade 5, and Warren Hird, Grade 6, students at Otterville Public School found that making apple cider required a bit of cranking when they used the apple cider press during Bicentennial Day at the school Thursday. (Staff Photo)



Making sausage

Elizabeth and Andy Hornyak of Otterville showed Otterville Public School students how to make sausage as part of the Bicentennial Day activities at the school Thursday. The sausage was later enjoyed by the parents, teachers and students who attended the potluck supper at the school. (Staff Photo)

Otterville athletes demonstrate skills

Athletic prowess was demonstrated Friday as students of the Otterville Public School participated in a Track and Field Day.

Results for the Bantam Boys were: Shot put: Daryl Vanbesien, 1st; Jamie Kovecses, 2nd, Rene Letoile, 3rd. Standing long jump: Ron Davis, 1st; Vanbesien, 2nd, Letoile, 3rd. High jump: Davis, 1st; Steve Cope, 2nd, Letoile, 3rd. 100 metre: Davis, 1st; Letoile, 2nd, Andrew Sutherland, 3rd. 200 metre: Davis, 1st; Sutherland, 2nd, Vanbesien, 3rd. 400 metre: Davis, 1st; Jeff Butler, 2nd, Cope, 3rd. Long jump: Vanbesien, 1st; Davis, 2nd, Sutherland, 3rd.

Bantam Girls: Shot put: Margaret Ann Comeau, 1st; Shelby McMurchy, 2nd, Heather Picknell, 3rd. Standing long jump: Charlene Treffry, 1st; Comeau, 2nd, Picknell, 3rd. High Jump: McMurchy, 1st; Treffry, 2nd, Pam Farkas, 3rd. 100 metre: McMurchy, 1st; Picknell, 2nd, Jodie Smith, 3rd. 200 metre: Picknell, 1st; McMurchy, 2nd, Smith, 3rd. 400 metre: Picnell, 1st; McMurchy, 2nd, Smith, 3rd. Long jump: Tiffany DeGroot, 1st; Treffry, 2nd, Picknell, 3rd.

Junior Boys: Shot put: Paul Marchuk,

1st; Dwayne Kozuch, 2nd, Criss Rachar, 3rd. High jump: Brent Rochus, 1st; Paul Harrison, 2nd, Rob Hussey, 3rd. Triple jump: Rachar, 1st; Harrison, 2nd, Kozuch, 3rd. 100 metre: Rachar, 1st; Hussey, 2nd, Warren Hird, 3rd. 200 metre: Rochus, 1st; Hussey, 2nd, Harrison, 3rd. 400 metre: Harrison, 1st; Hussey, 2nd, Rochus, 3rd. Long jump: Hussey, 1st; Gary Walther, 2nd, Harrison, 3rd.

Junior Girls: Shot put: Samantha Letoile, 1st; Hali Walters, 2nd, Pam Walther, 3rd. Standing long jump: Jennifer Arthur, 1st; Debbie Anderson, 2nd, Walther, 3rd. High jump: Arthur, 1st; Tammy Boughner, 2nd, Anita Vigh, 3rd. 100 metre: Arthur, 1st; Walters, 2nd, Walther, 3rd. 200 metre: Anderson, 1st; Walther, 2nd, Jennifer McMurchy, 3rd. 400 metre: Walther, 1st; Francine Countryman, 2nd, Walters, 3rd. Long Jump: Arthur, 1st; Walther, 2nd, Walters, 3rd.

Intermediate Boys: Shot put: Trevor DeGroot, 1st; Larry Nold, 2nd, Bret Butler, 3rd. High jump: Nold, 1st; DeGroot, 2nd, Bret Butler, 3rd. Triple jump: Nold, 1st; Steve Windgarden, 2nd, DeGroot, 3rd. 100 metre: Nold, 1st; DeGroot, 2nd, Windgarden, 3rd. 200 metre: Nold, 1st; DeGroot, 2nd, Windgarden, 3rd. 400 metres: Nold, 1st; David Gilmore, 2nd, Greg Butler, 3rd. Long jump: Nold, 1st; DeGroot, 2nd, Windgarden, 3rd.

Intermediate Girls: Shot put, Debbie Corbeil, 1st; Dawn Pickering, 2nd, Nancy Dow, 3rd. Standing long jump: Corbeil, 1st; Suzy Kramer, 2nd, Jennifer Vandenberg, 3rd. High jump: Corbeil, 1st; Pickering, 2nd, Mary Ann Rohrer, 3rd. 100 metre: Corbeil, 1st; Kelly Noels, 2nd, Vandenberg, 3rd. 200 metre: Corbeil, 1st; Noels, 2nd, Vandenberg, 3rd. 400 metre: Corbeil, 1st; Noels, 2nd, Vandenberg, 3rd. Long jump: Corbeil, 1st; Pickering, 2nd, Noels, 3rd.

Senior Boys: Shot put, Brian Walker, 1st; Bill Young, 2nd, Dean Winter, 3rd. High jump: David Cope, 1st; Walker, 2nd, Young, 3rd. Triple jump: Walker, 1st; Cope, 2nd, Young, 3rd. 100 metre: Walker, 1st; Cope, 2nd, Steve Csire, 3rd. 200 metre: Walker, 1st; Young, 2nd, Csire, 3rd. 400 metre: Walker, 1st; Cope, 2nd, Young, 3rd. Long jump: Walker, 1st; Cope, 2nd, Csire, 3rd.

Senior Girls: Shot put: Annette Mudge, 1st; Stephanie Balcom, 2nd, Sherri Barnim, 3rd. Standing long jump: Balcom, 1st; Timmi Brady, 2nd, Mudge, 3rd. High jump: Balcom, 1st; Mudge, 2nd, Barnim, 3rd. 100 metre: Balcom, 1st; Brady, 2nd, Mudge, 3rd. 200 metre: Balcom, 1st; Brady, 2nd, Mudge, 3rd. 400 metre: Balcom, 1st; Brady, 2nd, Barnim, 3rd. Long jump: Brady, 1st; Balcom, 2nd, Mudge, 3rd.

Overall champions were Davis, Bantam Boys; McMurchy, Bantam Girls; Hussey, Junior Boys; Arthur, Junior Girls; Nold, Intermediate Boys; Corbeil, Intermediate Girls; Walker, Senior boys, and Balcom, Senior Girls.



Off the ground

Tina Irie, a Grade 6 student at Otterville Public School, leaps into the air during the Junior Girls' standing long jump competition during Track and Field Day activities Friday. (Staff Photo)



Piece of clay

Ray Fullerton, art consultant for the Oxford County Board of Education, shows some Otterville Public School students how to change a piece of clay into a dish using a potter's wheel during the Bicentennial Day at the school Thursday. (Staff Photo)



Wheels

Art Picknell sits astride his restored 1915 Harley-Davidson motorcycle. The Otterville man is an avid motorcycle buff and will be exhibiting again at this year's historical show. (Staff Photo)

'Detective' Picknell master of restoration

By DAVE STOVER

Art Picknell restores antique motorcycles.

And when you listen to the Otterville man speak of his search for parts and of his finding frames and engines in the unlikely places -- you conclude that Mr. Picknell doesn't just restore motorcycles.

He's a bit of a detective as well.

This weekend he'll be showing a few of his more than 20 restored cycles at the Norwich historical show. He's been in the show since 1974, and hasn't missed a year yet.

One of the cycles he'll be bringing is a 24-year-old Aerial, manufactured in Birmingham, England. He's restored it since Christmas "from a basket case." The machine had been out of circulation eight or nine years.

He'll also be bringing a 1915 Harley-Davidson. It's "one of my treasured possessions," Mr. Picknell said. And in the story behind its restoration one sees more than a hint of Mr. Picknell's detective skills.

The bike -- now beautifully restored to pristine condition -- began as no more than a five-dollar engine on a Woodstock scrap heap. The junkyard owner called Mr. Picknell, knowing of his interest in old motorcycles. Mr. Picknell bought the engine at noon that day. It would have been scrapped later in the afternoon.

The engine was a 1920 Harley-Davidson. At first he had no intention -- no hope -- of assembling a complete bike. But then things started to come together....

A friend found an old Harley-Davidson frame in a fence bed near Port Rowan. "After careful study I decided it was a 1915 frame," Mr. Picknell said. He decided to make the restored cycle as close a match for the 1915 model as possible. Fortunately there was little change in body style in Harley-Davidson motorcycles from 1910 to 1925, so the 1920 motor could still be used.

Then a transmission for the bike turned up near Simcoe. He was well on his way to restoring the machine.

"A lot of parts had to be made from scratch," Mr. Picknell pointed out. Using copies of owner's manuals and brochures to ensure authenticity, Mr. Picknell constructed gas tanks, fenders, mufflers and

other parts for the bike as closely as possible to the original specifications.

"I'm quite proud of the job I've done to date," he says of the restored 1915 cycle. It will be on display at the show.

When Mr. Picknell begins a restoration project, he has one aim in mind: to get the bike in running condition. "I don't want something around just to look at," he said. Of course, it would be impossible to keep all his motorcycles insured and road-ready. But they're all in good enough condition that with an hour's preparation they'd be ready to roll.

The shiny, seemingly brand-new result of the restoration process often bears no relation to the battered, weathered frame, engine and parts the collector has to begin with. Mr. Picknell said he's hoping to prepare an exhibit for the show to give "some idea of what a collector goes through." It would include "at least one machine in pretty rough condition" -- a cycle he hasn't yet begun to work on.

To be good at restoring motorcycles, "a person wants to be in the know," Mr. Picknell said. That includes collecting the available literature on the subject, including parts catalogs and owner's manuals. It also means joining motorcycle collectors' clubs. Mr. Picknell belongs to the Canadian Vintage Motorcycle Group, an organization which, among other things, issues a monthly newsletter.

"I'm looking forward to the show," Mr. Picknell said. He says there's a "surprising" amount of interest in motorcycling in the area. He's been riding cycles since 1928, but he's only been involved in restoration since 1964. Until a couple of years ago he put on a "one man show" with his motorcycles at the historical show, but that year a friend joined him in setting up an exhibit. This year he hopes to be joined by four other motorcycle buffs in creating an exhibit.

"I'm looking forward to meeting a lot of friends there," he said of the show. And, he added, "I enjoy seeing the interested young people that are showing in and seeing these (historical) shows."

And no doubt visitors to the show enjoy seeing Mr. Picknell's cycles -- the results of his long hours of work as a motorcycle restorer ... and motorcycle detective.



to Otterville

Bridge under reconstruction

Workers on the reconstruction job on the Otterville bridge pour one of the last coats of cement on the south half of the bridge as pro-

gress continues despite being hampered by cold weather. (Staff photo)

DeCloet moving operations

By PAUL LUKE

DeCloet Ltd., one of the town's major industries, has announced plans to sell three of its four plants in Tillsonburg in a move to consolidate operations in Otterville.

Secretary-treasurer Gabe DeCloet said Thursday the company intends to sell the harvester and sprayer plant at 81 Lincoln Street, the bulk curing plant at 111 Townline Road and the transportation headquarters at 35 Townline Road.

The move to the recently acquired

Powell Agri-Systems plant in Otterville will begin in October and take three to four months, with 1985 production expected to begin early next year.

"The move is necessary in order for the company to control cost of production," Mr. DeCloet said in a press release. Having operations consolidated in one building will enable the company to become more efficient by eliminating duplicate facilities and reducing taxes and heating bills, he said.

DeCloet plans to keep operating its big

bin plant at 101 Townline Road and the sales and service centre on Highway 3 two kilometres east of Tillsonburg.

The move to Otterville would not go ahead should someone purchase the Otterville plant, Mr. DeCloet said. But even if the move were avoided, DeCloet would have to sell one of its Tillsonburg plants. Such a sale might not be necessary if the company finds some suitable products into which to diversify, he added.

Three weeks ago DeCloet suspended production of its bulk kilns "as a direct

result of the tobacco crisis," Mr. DeCloet said. At that time 35 hourly employees were laid off, reducing the company's current labor force to 92.

"It is anticipated that a further reduction in employment will be unavoidable when current harvester and bin productions are completed sometime in the near future," he said.

The company hopes to call back most of its available employees when production resumes in Otterville but it's not known when this will be.

DeCloet, which has 19 acres of industrial land in Tillsonburg and 125,000 square feet of plant space, has been manufacturing in town since 1978, when it purchased the Pilmac Industries plant at 111 Townline Road.

In 1979 the company bought the N.J. Balazs building at 101 Townline and in 1980 the Balthes Equipment plants at 81 Lincoln and 35 Townline.

DeCloet is to take possession of Powell Agri-System's main Otterville plant in

September. Powell president Howard Avey said yesterday his company is seeking a new assembly and distribution centre in the Tillsonburg area.

However, he noted Powell has the option of locating its operations in the plant it has retained on Main Street at the east end of Otterville.

Powell will be diversifying into lines such as corn and peanut planters, rolling cultivators and sub-soilers, Mr. Avey said. Production of big bins will continue for about another 30 days, he said.

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And soon home of DeCloet Ltd.

DeCloet Ltd. has announced plans to sell three of its Tillsonburg plants and move to the Otterville facility it recently acquired from Powell Agri-Systems. The move is to start in October and take three to four months. (Staff Photo) T.N. MAY 11

Vows spoken at Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — Otterville United Church was the setting on May 19, 1984, at 2:30 p.m. for the wedding of Patricia (Patty) Jean Davis, daughter of George and Jean (Harrison) Davis of Main St., Otterville, and Stanley Alan McIntyre, son of Stanley and Beverly (Winkworth) McIntyre of Frogmore. Rev. Earl Moore officiated before a setting of two candelabra with light blue candles and pew markers decorated in blue or white with white ribbon. Miss Roberta Ellington, cousin of the bride, was organist and pianist for the solos. Soloist was Miss Kathryn A. Davis of Toronto, sister of the bride. Musical numbers rendered included "Longer" and "Theme From Ice Castles." The Processional was "March" by Handel and the Recessional "The Trumpet Tune."

Escorted by her parents and by the parents of the groom, the bride chose a floor length gown of white soft satin and lace trim, styled with stand-up lace collar with sheer netting on the fitted bodice. The gown featured a long train and covered buttons down the back. Her headdress was a two-piece veil with lace trim and the bride carried a crescent arrangement of rosy red roses, white stephanotis with light blue, purple and green contrasting colors.

Mrs. Cheryl Richardson of Otterville, friend of the bride, was matron of honor and wore a floor-length gown in light blue soft satin. The two piece ensemble featured a dress with fitted bodice, spaghetti straps and full skirt, and a jacket

of sheer netting. She wore flowers in her hair the same colors as the bridal bouquet and carried a smaller version of the bridal bouquet. Gowned similarly were the bridesmaids Mrs. Pamela Goossens of Langton, friend of the bride and groom, Mrs. Sharon Cattrysse of London and Miss Jane Furlong of Tillsonburg, friends of the bride, and Mrs. Lorraine Deven of RR 5, Aylmer, friend of the bride and groom.

Miss Erin Albright of Tillsonburg, second cousin of the bride, was flower girl and wore a full length gown in light blue with darker blue flowers, styled with full skirt with bottom ruffle, puffy short sleeves, and plain bodice with medium blue ribbon at the waist. She wore a wreath with matching flowers in her hair and carried a small white gathering basket with matching flowers.

Best man was Mr. Anthony Goossens of Langton and ushers were Mr. Larry Phillips of Langton, both friends of the groom, Mr. Ben McIntyre and Mr. Darrell McIntyre, both of Frogmore, brothers of the groom and Mr. Andrew Deven of RR 5, Aylmer, friend of the bride and groom. Master Jay Graves of Frogmore, cousin of the groom, was ring bearer.

Reception was held at the Delhi German Home, decorated with bud vases and two candelabra for the occasion. For receiving guests, the bride's mother chose a floor-length gown in dusty rose. The sleeveless gown was worn with a long sleeve jacket and a corsage of dusty rose and white car-

nations and roses on green leaves. The groom's mother chose a floor length, periwinkle dress with fitted bodice and long, full sleeves worn with a pink and white rose corsage.

For a wedding trip to Barbados, the bride chose a clay colored suit with belted jacket and front pleated skirt, worn with a peach, white and clay striped blouse and a corsage of off-white and peach roses.

Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre are residing at RR 5, Aylmer.



Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Alan McIntyre
(Rose-Le Studio, Simcoe)

*Mr. and Mrs. George Davis
request the honour of your presence
at the Reception for their daughter*

Patricia Jean

and

Stanley Alan

son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McIntyre

*on Saturday, May nineteenth
nineteen hundred and eighty-four
at eight-thirty o'clock*

Delhi District German Home

Delhi, Ontario

Producers will have vote on any tobacco agreement

By MARLENE OPDECAM

There will be no 1984 flue crop agreement between the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board and manufacturers without grassroot support for the terms.

George Demeyere, chairman of the marketing board, announced at an information meeting on the national marketing agency issue in Delhi Wednesday night that the board will not accept any offer from the Canadian Tobacco Manufacturers' Council without first taking it to the producers for an expression of opinion by secret ballot. In previous years, negotiations have been resolved by the manufacturers and the board without any great degree of grower input beforehand.

Mr. Demeyere told the crowd of more than 2,000 anxious, frustrated and angry growers attending the meeting in the Delhi Auction Exchange that the board has put a counter-proposal before the trade asking for a crop of 170 million pounds, with the cost of production included in price and a 100 per cent parity of grade prices to the overall guaranteed price.

He said he was unable to release any other figures under discussion as negotiations are ongoing and would resume in Toronto today, at which time he expected the manufacturers' response to the board's proposal.

"Don't go out and start plowing more land yet," he cautioned growers, reminding them the 170 million pounds is a negotiating figure only at this time.

Questioned again about the board's intentions regarding negotiations, Mr. Demeyere commented that if the board can't get cost of production included in determining the price for this year's crop and if it is unable to secure a continuity of negotiating policy, the board may have to go national simply because it won't have any other choice.

He indicated the board would no longer, as one director put it, go "hat in hand" to manufacturers without some rules or set policy where the price is basically determined going into negotiations and only poundage has to be worked out.

Regarding grower concern that manufacturers are bringing in large amounts of cheap tobacco from countries such as Brazil, Mr. Demeyere said he had checked with Ottawa and the trade and was satisfied the rumors were false. As far as he could determine only "average and

normal" tobacco imports are being made. Records indicate 7.3 million pounds were imported in 1983, compared to 4.8 million in 1982, 5.1 million in 1981 and 14.1 million in 1980 after blue mold decimated the 1979 flue crop.

Mr. Demeyere also attempted to quell rumors he had been speculating in buying and selling quota on the basis of inside

information about the crop negotiations. He told farmers he had put his Vanessa farm up for sale as a unit (land and quota) in the fall of 1983. Unable to find a buyer for the package, he sold the land and then later sold a total of 80,000 pounds of quota, all prior to any information as to what manufacturers would require this year.

Mr. Demeyere noted he still owns two

farms, operated by his children, and has a total of 454,000 pounds of quota left. "Give me more credit than that," he urged hecklers.

According to Mr. Demeyere there should be more detailed information about the progress of crop negotiations within the next several days.



National or not?

It was standing room only at the Delhi Auction Exchange Wednesday night as more than 2,000 tobacco growers directed questions to members of the National Farm Products Marketing Council, national plan consultants and Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' marketing Board directors. Growers were seeking the lowdown on

a national tobacco marketing agency, its pros and cons, and what it could mean to the flagging tobacco industry. The meeting came in the wake of criticism from a farmer group claiming the provincial board was keeping farmers in the dark about the powers of a national agency. (Staff Photo) T.N. MAY 4

Board may set flue poundage without company agreement

By MARLENE OPDECAM

The Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board may be forced to set the 1984 tobacco poundage without an agreement with the Canadian Tobacco Manufacturers' Council.

Negotiations broke off again last Friday without any agreement between the two parties and George Demeyere, board chairman, said in view of fact the tobacco planting season is only about two weeks away the board "may have to set the

poundage, agreement or not." This would be the first time the crop size was set prior to an agreement.

Mr. Demeyere reported that the board has not had a direct reply to the counter-proposal it made to manufacturers two weeks ago. Manufacturers did, however, put forth a proposition of their own last week which the board turned down, he said.

Referring to the announcement made at a general meeting in Delhi last Wednesday

that growers would have a say in any agreement reached between manufacturers and the board, Mr. Demeyere said the most recent proposal "wasn't even worth taking to a vote."

He admitted that price, rather than crop size, is the stumbling block in negotiations.

Talks will resume sometime this week although the exact date has not been determined as yet.

Commenting on last Wednesday's information meeting in Delhi, Mr.

Demeyere said that although he didn't feel criticisms leveled at the board were fair, he didn't blame farmers for feeling frustrated. He admitted he has not heard from Federal Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan since telexing to him resolutions put forth at the meeting by farmers but added he expected to be talking to him about the progress of the amendment to include tobacco under the National Farm Products Marketing Act sometime this week. T.N. MAY 7

Thousands jam auction exchange

D.N. By Dave MacLaren
Associate Editor

MAY 9

'Negotiation time running out'

Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board directors must feel hounded on all sides by this time.

They are faced with criticism from growers that the Board has dawdled in procedural matters to ascertain what form a national marketing agency could take and negotiators for the Manufacturers' Council who insist on major changes in the agreement covering the upcoming crop.

Huge turnout

Wednesday evening, a huge crowd estimated at 2,500 by a Board employee, flocked to the Delhi exchange for a meeting to outline the concept of a national agency. In Toronto, earlier that day Council members continued to insist the 79 million pounds being proposed for export from the upcoming crop, be separated from the traditional guaranteed minimum average price and minimum grade prices, which have covered all poundage marketed since 1976.

Negotiations resumed Thursday and recessed Friday, without tentative agreement being reached.

"Hopefully, we'll meet this week (in negotiations) but there is no time-frame," said Chairman George Demeyere, Monday.

"Negotiations must be brought to a conclusion. Time is running out. We are approaching the time when farmers have to know what acreage they can plant. It has been a difficult period. Farmers have been patient and we (directors) appreciate it," Mr. Demeyere said.

The Chairman reiterated his promise, made at the Delhi meeting, that any (final) agreement proposed by the Council will not be acted on by the Board until producers express their opinion by secret ballot.

Explaining at the Delhi meeting that he could not divulge terms negotiations centre on, the Chairman confirmed they are based on 170 million pounds. But he cautioned

his audience not to count on that size of crop, saying land was being prepared on the basis of 140 to 145 million pounds for his own farm enterprises.

Mr. Demeyere also said Monday the Board has proceeded to carry out two resolutions passed at the meeting in Delhi. One of the resolutions called for urgent action by Minister of Agriculture Eugene Whelan to amend the National Farm Products Marketing Act so it will include tobacco. The other called for the Board to immediately begin other procedural steps, rather than waiting for the amendment to be passed.

These resolutions were passed without opposition at the meeting. But in a show of hands to endorse the resolutions, many were not raised, suggesting they were either onlookers without a vote or farmers with

some reservations about the feasibility of an agency.

Eight of the 14 Board directors present, who when polled, expressed the opinion that more information was required before they could make up their minds about an agency, were jeered and booed by a large pro-agency segment of the audience.

Emotions ran high

Emotions ran high but the crowd was generally well controlled. But the Board took flack for not keeping producers informed about its draft plan for an agency and with moving so slowly in this direction.

Len Padyk of RR 3 Waterford, said while Ontario growers were never given the draft plan by their Board, although they paid for the cost of preparing it, the draft was circulated to Quebec growers by their organization when it received a copy from the Ontario Board.

Mr. Demeyere conceded the Board may have made a mistake by waiting for the amendment to the Act, before proceeding with other steps. But he said this approach had been deemed best by directors,

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because without approval of the amendment, all other work would have been done in vain. The Chairman acknowledged that because of a misunderstanding, a copy of the draft plan had not reached Mr. Whelan's office until January. Mr. Whelan told the Board two weeks ago that the draft plan is now being examined by the justice department.

When asked about his personal attitude towards an agency, the Chairman said the Board is trying to get cost of production through the present system of negotiating with the Council. "If this is unsuccessful, I'll go national because we've no other choice."

Voicing strong support for a national agency were former Chairman Ted Raytrowsky, directors Steve Cebulak, Gerard Demaiter, Larry DeCarolis, Mike Murray and Carl Szucs. All received applause from the audience.

Mr. Demeyere said one possible problem in obtaining quick Parliamentary assent for the amendment was that the current session had only 35 days more to run.

Other speakers agreed, the time-frame needed to get a national agency established would hinge on whether that assent can be obtained during the current session. The Chairman said he understands that the amendment could receive three readings (and approval) in one afternoon, if none of the political parties raise objections.

June Menzies, chairperson of the National Farm Products Marketing Council, the supervisory body over agencies, repeatedly advised those in the audience that farmers in other flue-cured tobacco producing provinces should be given a chance to participate fully in the development of a plan. She said growers in other provinces have expressed a willingness to discuss the idea, but don't want to be part of an agency which is basically a branch of the Ontario Board.

"We're talking about a political reality as well as the legality of the Act," Mrs. Menzies said, acknowledging that technically Ontario might be allowed to form an agency alone.

Francois Lemieux, legal advisor to two other national agencies, who drew up the draft plan with the assistance of Touche Ross & Partners, said while an agency has powers over interprovincial commerce and indirectly over imports, its powers do not cover commerce within a province that chooses not to join an agency.



Some estimate that more than 2,000 tobacco farmers jammed into the Delhi Auction Exchange Wednesday, drawn by the idea of a National Marketing Agency. The Tobacco Board has promised to follow up on two resolutions passed at the gathering to speed up the national agency's development. (Staff

Mr. Lemieux and Paul Papousek of Touche Ross said they felt the draft plan contains adequate powers for growers to use it as a practical tool. Also on the panel were Jules Thibaudeau, a director of the National Council and Robert Wilson, the Tobacco Board's solicitor.

Many in the audience seemed ready to form an agency as soon as possible, out of desperation caused by the Council's initial announcement that 140 to 145 million pounds would be all that is required from the upcoming crop.

They seemed fully behind the observation made by Mr. Raytrowsky: "I say it's time to go ahead. Look at the drop — consumption down 5 to 6 per cent — production down 39 per cent. We are trying to save this industry and all the communities around it."

That during the week of May 20, 1964:

Joseph Hilton High, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilton High received his degree as a Doctor of Medicine from the University of Western Ontario.

Tobacco auction exchanges closed for the season on Friday. An estimated total of 173,462,097 pounds of the 1963 flue-cured crop had been sold at an average price of 47.3 cents per pound. It was estimated that two million pounds of the 1962 crop had also been sold.

National flue board interest limited in other provinces

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By MARLENE OPDECAM

Enthusiasm for a national marketing agency for tobacco seems limited to the province of Ontario.

George Demeyere, chairman of the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board, returned from Prince Edward Island Tuesday night after flying down late Monday to discuss the possibility of establishing a national tobacco agency.

Despite what he described as "a good discussion with the board there" the island's tobacco organization was non-committal about the question, Mr. Demeyere said.

A copy of the draft plan for a national agency drawn up by the Ontario board was circulated to Quebec growers last fall without any real feedback since, according to Mr. Demeyere.

Although the board has been looking into

the pros and cons of setting up a national agency since last summer, recent frustrations growing out of non-productive 1984 crop negotiations with manufacturers have many area tobacco growers putting pressure on the board to use its influence to push Federal Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan into amending the National Farm Products Marketing Agencies Act to include tobacco, a necessary step before a national agency can be established.

At a general meeting held in Delhi last week, June Menzies, chairman of the National Farm Products Marketing Council, told the board and growers she strongly recommended they get input from the other tobacco producing provinces on the agency, even though 90 per cent of Canadian tobacco is grown in Ontario.

During the meeting, growers passed a resolution addressed to the council that it begin public hearings on a national agency as soon as possible, despite the fact that the amendment to include tobacco hasn't yet been passed by the federal legislature.

Mr. Demeyere said he is waiting to hear from Ms Menzies about the public hearings requested.

Growers also passed a resolution urging Mr. Whelan to put the amendment before the house before it recesses for the summer. The resolution was telexed to Mr. Whelan's office by the board but so far there has been no response from the minister.

In the federal legislature, Dr. Bud Bradley, MP for Haldimand-Norfolk, asked Mr. Whelan if he intended to increase funding to the Delhi Research

Station to support research into alternate crops for tobacco farmers.

Jamie Linton, aide to Dr. Bruce Halliday, MP for Oxford, reported the minister indicated he felt Ottawa was contributing enough to research and passed the buck for more funding to the provincial government. Dr. Halliday questioned Mr. Whelan on his response to the mass meeting held in Delhi last week and was told by the minister that he had spoken with June Menzies and that steps were being taken to consider resolutions passed by the 2,500 growers attending the meeting. He gave no indication, he would act on the amendment to include tobacco in the act before the house recesses, however, Mr. Linton reported.

Negotiations between the manufacturers' council and the tobacco board will resume in Toronto at 9 a.m. Friday.

Tobacco growers to vote on 170-million-pound crop

By Gord Wainman

of The Free Press

- Mon May 14 1984

Ontario's tobacco farmers will vote Friday on a contract offer by cigarette manufacturers which would mean a 170-million pound crop, 45 million pounds less than last year's 215 million pounds, grower board chairman George Demeyere said Sunday in Tillsonburg. It was feared the crop might have been as low as 140 million pounds this year.

Demeyere said a number of growers will be forced out of business even if the vote is in favor of the diminished crop. Last month he said as many as 800 farmers would be forced out of business if manufacturers cut production as originally planned to 140 million pounds.

The most recent manufacturer proposal would guarantee farmers two cents a pound more than last year's price of \$1.60 a pound, he said.

The Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board will also hold zone

information meetings this week prior to the voting to explain the options of the proposed new two-price (export and domestic) pricing system. Results should be known by noon Saturday.

"Growers will be making plans for planting this week, and I still advise them to cultivate enough ground for a crop of only 140 to 145 million pounds — at least until results of the vote are known," Demeyere said. "I don't think the board would recommend growing 170 million pounds to be sold on an open market (with no price guarantees)."

The complicated two-price system would be based on attracting foreign buyers to purchase 79 million pounds at greatly reduced prices and 91 million pounds sold to domestic buyers at a higher guaranteed price than last year, Demeyere said.

The grade price schedule for 79 million pounds of export tobacco guarantees only a minimum average of \$1.38 a pound, but added to that would be a 15-cent-a-pound bonus from the domestic manufacturers.

For the 81 million pounds of tobacco sold at home farmers would be guaranteed an average price of \$1.70 a pound.

Combining the two, the over-all package would guarantee farmers an average price of only \$1.62 a pound on 170 million pounds, Demeyere said.

It's the third time in the board's 26-year history that the contract with cigarette manufacturers has been put to a vote rather than just a vote of the board, he said.

"We'll just tell them what their options are and let them make up their own minds. We have people that want to go to a national marketing agency, people that don't want to, people dissatisfied with the system of negotiations. The fairest way to do things is explain all we know, and put it to a vote," he said.

The national marketing agency proposal, which would give the industry control over imported tobaccos, won't be on Friday's ballot but the board will continue to push for a plebiscite on that issue at a later date, he said.

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Province to subsidize flue export price

By MARLENE OPDECAM

Tobacco producers will have a little more to think over on their way to the polls Friday to approve or turn down the final offer for the 1984 flue crop.

The provincial government has kicked in another \$1.5 million dollars originally tagged for export promotion. The money will sweeten the pot for tobacco growers by adding about two cents per pound to the 15 cent per pound bonus for export poundage of 79 million pounds. The guaranteed average price on the export portion of the crop is \$1.38. With the bonus of 17 cents, the price is upped to \$1.55 per pound.

The remaining 91 million pounds of the proposed 170 million pound crop is guaranteed at \$1.70 under the proposal.

If domestic purchases of 91 million pounds do not average \$1.70, the Canadian Tobacco Manufacturers' Council will make up the difference, the mechanics of which remain to be determined.

The provincial contribution to the tobacco pot nudges the overall average of \$1.62 up slightly to \$1.63, the level reached at the end of the 1983 tobacco auction on a crop of 215 million pounds.

Under the two-price system proposed by manufacturers, minimum grade prices are addressed to the \$1.38 guarantee and thus separated from the overall guarantee. A similar suggestion made to the board by manufacturers during the 1983 negotiations was unanimously rejected.

In a recent press release, the board informed tobacco growers the regulations are being amended to make sure only

active producers of tobacco in 1984 will be allowed to participate in the Expression of Opinion ballot on the offer which will be held this Friday.

The release defined a producer as "an allottee of basic production quota of not less than 10,000 pounds who produces tobacco on his own account pursuant to a production quota derived from that basic production quota, allotted for the year in question."

The amendment to regulations will also state that any producer voting in the May 18 ballot will not be permitted to rent quota out on Form 83A, 83B, 95, 97A or 97B, before the deadline date, that reduces the basic production quota to less than 10,000 pounds or the 1984 marketing quota to less than the amount derived from 10,000 pounds of basic quota.

Polling will be held Friday, May 18, 1984, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Polling places are District 1A, Columbus Hall, Leamington; 1B, Town Hall, West Lorne; 1C, Dexter Hall, Dexter; 2A, Town Hall, Mt. Brydges; 2B, Zone Township Hall, Bothwell; 3, Aylmer Auction Exchange, Aylmer; 4, Town Hall, Straffordville; 5, Community Hall, Otterville; 6, Delhi Auction Exchange, Delhi; 7, Tillsonburg Auction Exchange, Tillsonburg; 8, Community Centre, Langton; 9A, Township Hall Fairground; 9B, Township Hall, Walsingham; 10, Township Hall, Walsh; 11, Women's Institute Hall, Teeterville; 12, Lions Community Centre, Waterford; 13, Burford Agricultural Hall, Burford; 14A, Orange Hall, Kendall; 14B, Town Hall, Castleton; 14C, Agricultural Office, Alliston; 14D, Township Office, Drumbo.

Flock to Ottawa 500 strong

Growers reject final offer

By Dave MacLaren
Associate Editor

In a fast moving chain of events, last week Ontario flue-cured tobacco growers turned down the Manufacturers' Council's offer for the upcoming crop. Tobacco Board directors set the production target at 170 million pounds. Directors also unanimously agreed sales will not begin next fall until an acceptable (marketing) mechanism and price have been developed.

After announcing the results of the producer vote at a meeting in the Tillsonburg exchange Saturday afternoon, Board Chairman George Demeyere said: "Let's show the trade and both levels of Government we are united and go like hell to get a national agency."

On Monday, directors and committeemen met in Tillsonburg to set priorities aimed at hastening the procedural steps which determine whether a national agency can be established and what authorities it will be granted.

"Let's show the trade and both levels of Government we are united and go like hell to get a national agency."

Director Mike Murray said Saturday, the two foremost priorities are to get tobacco included in the national farm marketing act in the 20 or so days remaining in the current session of Parliament and to ask the Department of External Affairs to stop above normal volumes of imported tobacco from coming into Canada.

Yesterday (Tuesday) an estimated 500 growers travelled by buses to Ottawa to voice their concern that the national farm marketing act be opened to tobacco before this session of Parliament ends.

The Council's offer given to Board directors in Toronto, Friday, May 11, ignited last week's chain-reaction.

In what it termed its final offer, the Council requested 170 million pounds, 91 million for domestic and 79 million for export. The export portion was guaranteed an average price of \$1.38 a pound, plus a 15 cent per pound bonus by the Council. Minimum grade prices for the whole crop would be set on a \$1.38 average price, but the Council would guarantee the domestic requirements would average \$1.70 and an over-all average price of \$1.62 would be received by growers. Of the 79 million for export, the Council said 25 million would be grown on speculation, but domestic companies would also guarantee the purchase of this speculative volume.

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Monday, May 14 — Board directors unanimously turned down the Council's offer. Their decision was based on three major factors: (1) the offer did not include cost of production; (2) it did not conform to the principle established in 1976 that minimum grade prices would be based on the guaranteed minimum average price, and (3) the Council did not assure directors it would refrain from seeking different pricing formats for future crops.

Newsletters were mailed to producers, outlining the Council's offer. The opinion poll producers had been promised, so they could make the final decision on the offer, was scheduled for Friday, May 18, and district meetings were called in the interim to provide growers with more information.

Tuesday, May 15 — About noon-hour, Ontario's Minister of Agriculture and Food Dennis Timbrell informed the Tobacco Board that two cents a pound on the export portion of the crop (above the trade's guarantee) would be provided to growers from provincial funds, to help offset the sharp reduction in production.

Later that afternoon, the Board received word the Council would increase its over-all crop guarantee from \$1.62 to \$1.65 per pound. Including Mr. Timbrell's volunteered assistance, the total over-all guarantee would have equated to almost \$1.66 per pound.

Council had first broached its desire to separate minimum grade prices from the guaranteed minimum average price during 1983 negotiations. It then offered minimum grade prices based on \$1.60 and an over-all guarantee of \$1.65. The Board rejected the over-all guarantee because it voided the principal that the negotiated price increase would be entirely reflected in minimum grade prices.

In the view of many growers, the proposal to separate the guarantee into two parts is another step to minimize buying competition on auction floors and to replace it with a deficiency payment. Should this occur, the minimum guaranteed price becomes an absolute maximum price.

Editor's note — Mr. MacLaren was in Ottawa Tuesday to cover tobacco growers' en masse sojourn to the nation's capital.

At 4 p.m. Tuesday, Ontario's Treasurer Larry Grossman released his budget. There was no additional tax on tobacco products. But the budget did not include any commitment to change the ad valorem system of taxation which adds tax upon tax.

Friday, May 18 — Faced with the same over-all guarantee as the Council had offered a year earlier and a 21 per cent reduction in marketable allotment, 1,701 producers cast ballots in the opinion poll. About 57 per cent, or 967 voted against acceptance, while 729, or 43 per cent voted to accept the Council's offer. Five ballots were spoiled.

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In all, there are 2,476 registered quota holders, but the opinion poll was restricted to growers who plan to produce tobacco this season. The Board estimates about 400 producers plan to rent all their allotment out. On this basis, about 82 per cent of eligible producers participated in the opinion poll.

Saturday, May 19 — Ballots were counted at the Board's head office Saturday morning and an open meeting of directors to set the marketable quota was scheduled in the Tillsonburg exchange at 2 p.m.

An estimated 750 farmers turned out to watch directors set the marketable quota.

Mr. Demeyere opened the meeting, reading from his statement at the mass meeting in the Delhi exchange earlier this month. In part, the Chairman said then: "If we can't get our cost of production through negotiation this year and ability to negotiate on the cost of production on a long term basis, then I will be going national because I won't have any choice."

"And that's where I stand right now," he told his audience Saturday, to resounding applause.

Mr. Demeyere said he had not been a proponent of a national agency, that there are many pitfalls and a good chance a national agency will not be in place by next fall.

"But if we work together, we can make any system work. We know we have producers going out of business because of the money factor," he said.

District 4 Director Ben Wilk was absent because of illness, but 12 of the 14 directors present opted for the 170 million pound production target, although

Director Joe Prohaska said it was against his better judgment.

Directors Al Lindsay and Joe Bosnjak favoured a target of 91 million pounds. They contended this was the only known amount the Council required and, that if more was needed, the trade would soon let the Board know. They also felt setting a target of this size would emphasize the predicament growers are in to Governments.

But most directors held the viewpoint expressed by former Chairman Ted Raytrowsky.

Speaking in favour of a 170 million pound target, he said this was the figure the Council had stuck to, after its 140 to 145 million pound opening bombshell. Moreover, he noted Mr. Timbrell's trip to the United Kingdom and the higher production figure resulting from the Minister's efforts.

"I, for one, don't want to announce to the world we don't want to export. It would be disastrous if we want to operate a two-price system. I think we can. We have good quality tobacco and with a two-price system, I think we can compete with anyone. If this proves to be wrong, then I'll have to look at only domestic production, but not before we try to export," Mr. Raytrowsky said.

Mr. Demeyere said he completely agreed that if any rebellious attempt to short the export market was made, it could take a long time to get this market back.

Director Gerard Demaiter moved the auction exchanges remain closed next fall until an acceptable market mechanism is developed. We cannot expose farmers to the risk of selling their crops on their own, he said. The motion to keep the exchanges closed until growers can be protected was unanimously endorsed by directors.

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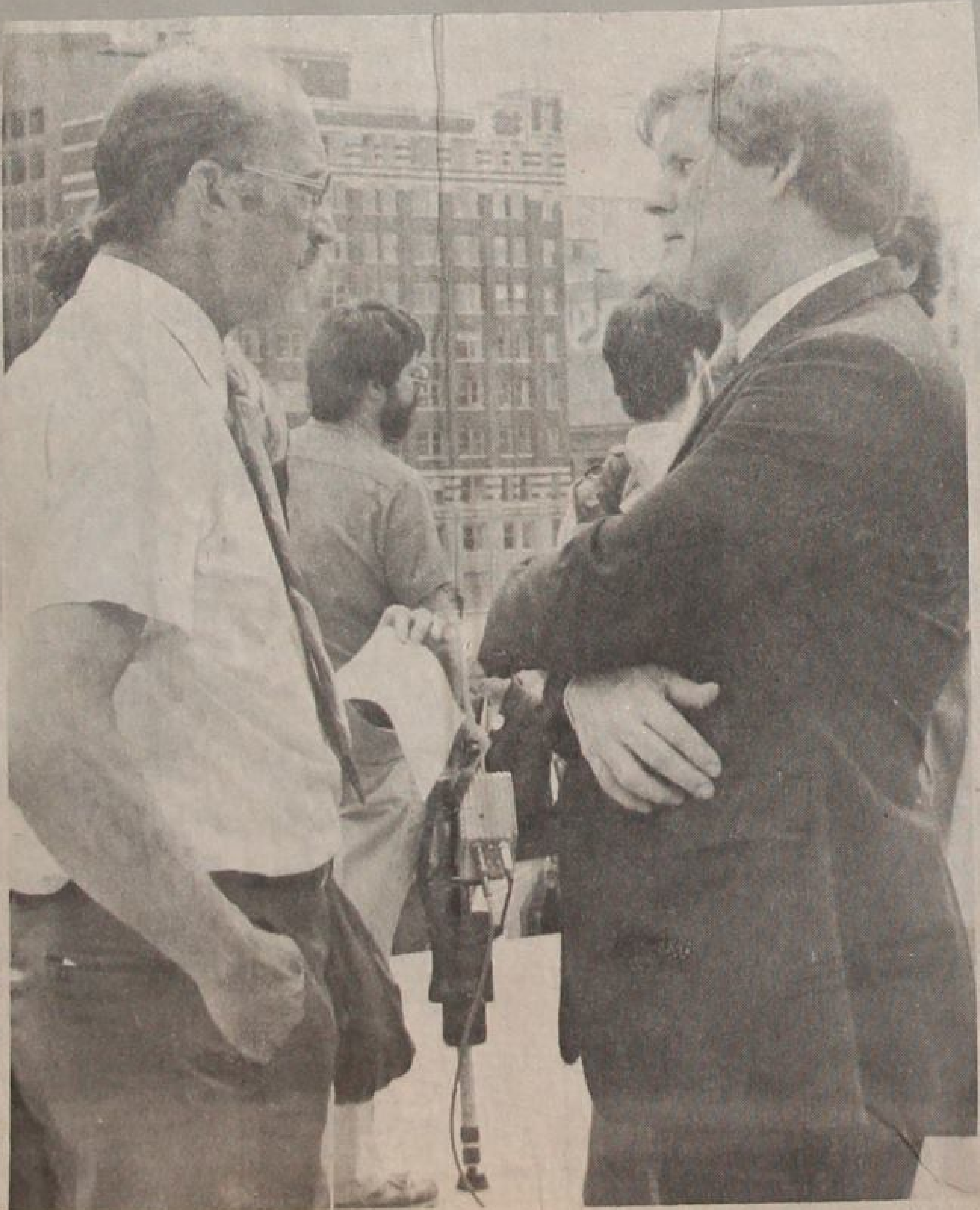
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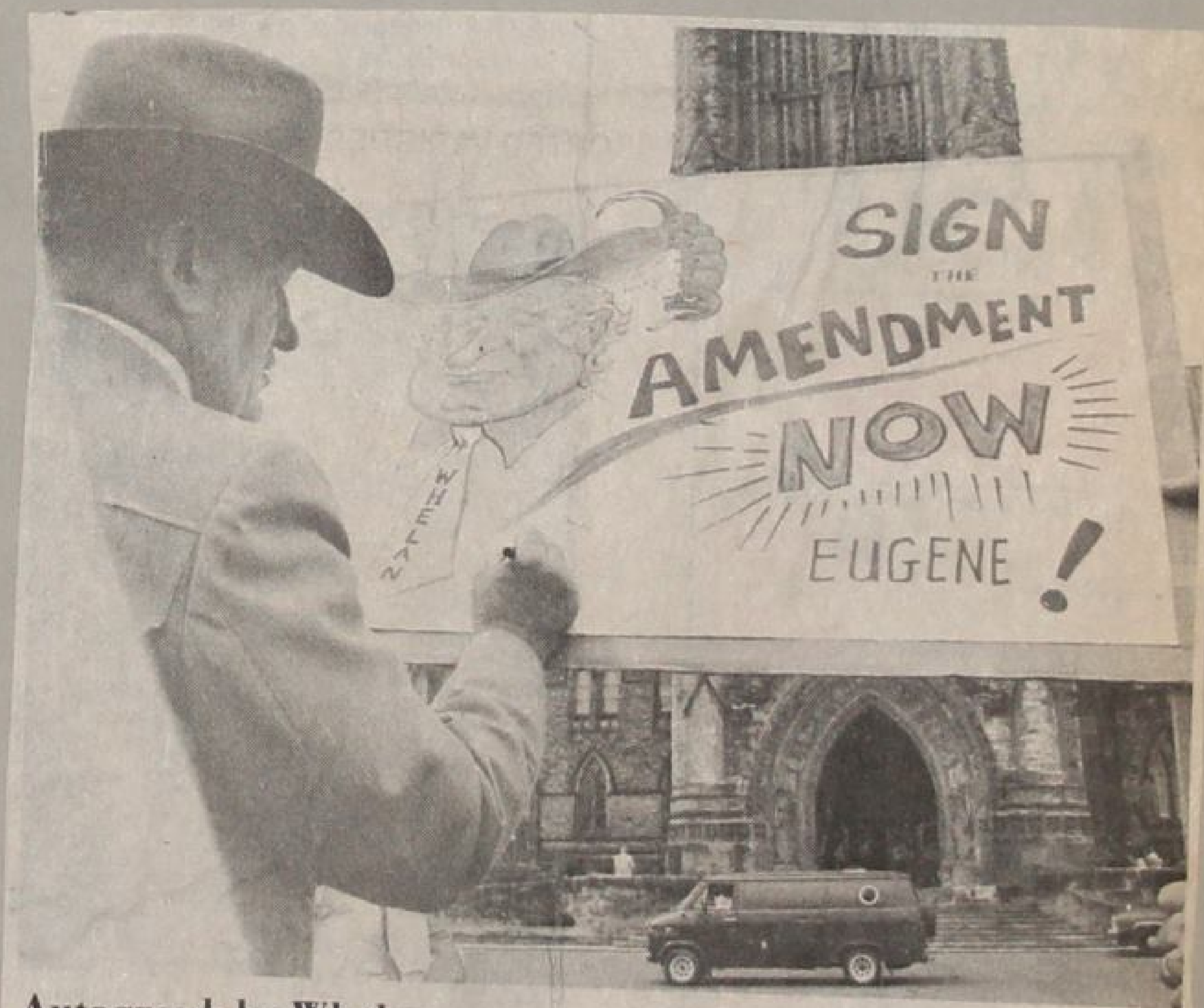
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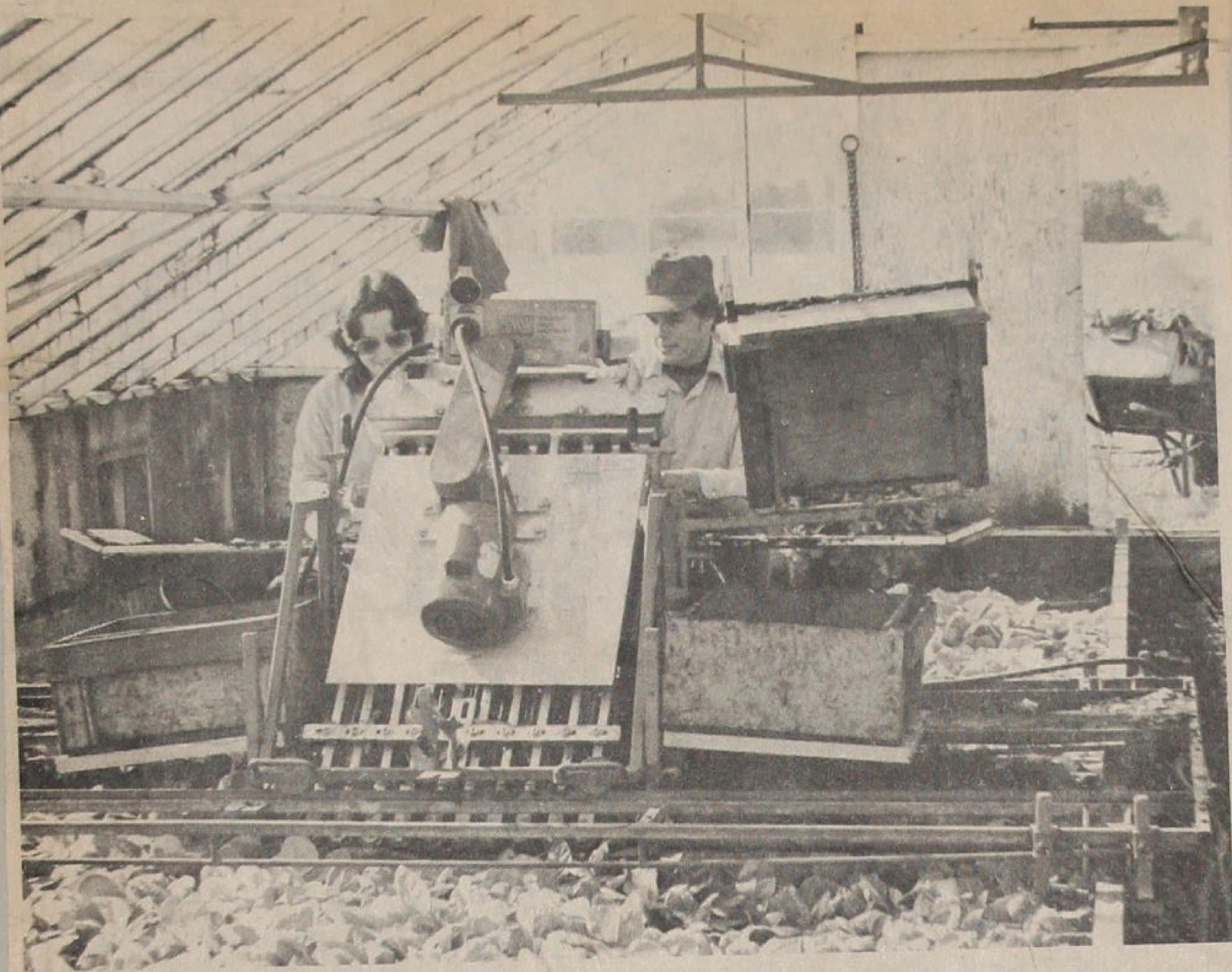
Strength in numbers



Demeyere and Bradley



Autograph by Whelan



Hard at work

Despite the problems plaguing the industry, tobacco farmers aren't sitting around crying the blues, they are in greenhouses and fields beginning planting for the 1984 flue crop. A great many producers are expected to get underway this week but Norm Sheidow,

extension specialist at the Delhi Research Station, advises growers with tender plants to hold off on planting and spend a few days toughening seedlings up. A tough transplant is essential to a good start in the field and to high yield as well. The wait is time well spent, he advises. (Staff Photo)



Where's the sun?

Warm hats and coats have been required this week to plant tobacco on area farms as the cold, damp weather prevails. These people planting on the Don Hutcheson farm at RR 2, Tillsonburg near New

Road, were dressed for the weather on Tuesday afternoon as they worked. Seated on the planter while Mr. Hutcheson drove the crew are, from left, Darwin Barnard, Marty Hutcheson, Chris Hutcheson and Marjorie Seitz. (Staff Photo) T.N. MAY 30

Council approves grant for historical society

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JUNE 6

The Norwich and District Historical Society will be given a grant of \$4,800 to assist in the operation of the society for the coming year, Norwich Township council decided May 29. The grant will commence on July 15 and be payable at the rate of \$400 per month. The grant will be used exclusively to assist with the salary of the manager/curator Scott Gillies of the Norwich and District Museum and Archives.

Accountant hired

Council approved a motion to hire Reg Saunders as accountant for the township at a cost of \$17,500. His duties will commence June 18 with a probationary period of three months.

Use of bar area

Council approved a recommendation May 29 to allow use of the bar area in the Norwich Community Centre Auditorium by the Norwich and District Historical Society for the purpose of a

food booth during the Norwich Historical Show with no extra charge.

Salary increase

A contract for the Norwich Township Police Department excluding the police chief, has increased salaries by five per cent. Retroactive to Jan. 1, 1984, salaries will range from \$21,898.53 for fourth class constables while first class constables will receive \$29,153.63. The contract for the police chief will be dealt with separately by township council.

Grass cutting duties

Norwich Township community services committee recommended May 28 that the grass cutting duties at the Norwich Soccer Club field, located north of Norwich, be carried out by the arena employees. The cutting, excluding trimming, is to be done on a maximum weekly basis except during slow-growth periods. The recommendation will be dealt with by council at its next regular meeting.

Norwich Council Briefs

N.G. JUNE 13

Provide playground equipment

The Otterville Sunshine Club received authorization from Norwich Township council Monday to place baby swings and three benches in the Otterville Park. A sign will also be erected stating the name of the club as the donator of the equipment. The Sunshine Club annually raises money and purchases playground equipment for the park.

Crest to be returned

The Township of Norwich crest that

was in the Oxford Centre Hall when the tornado hit the area in 1979 will be returned to the new Oxford Centre Community Hall. The crest has been at the township offices since the tornado and Councillor-at-large Helen Smith suggested the crest should go back to the hall for it means a lot to the people of the area.

Grass cutting duties

Grass cutting duties at the Norwich Soccer Club field, located north of Norwich, will be carried out by arena employees.

Erosion control project approved

The Long Point Region Conservation Authority gave the go-ahead last week for erosion control project to be undertaken in Norwich Township.

General manager Jim Oliver said the work will be done on the Nethercott property on Main Street in Norwich.

Variance approved

A mobile home to act as a temporary second dwelling for farm help was approved by council Monday. Harry Loewith is leasing land from Ken and Cheryl McLellan in the former township of East Oxford and wanted a mobile home to house the farm help who will be looking after a herd of dairy cattle.

Approve local bicentennial grants

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MAY 23

Several Norwich Township organizations will be awarded grant funding for bicentennial celebration events now that council has approved recommendations made by the Norwich Township Culture and Recreation Advisory Committee.

The township will award \$3,675 to 12 organizations to aid in their special events planned for Ontario's 200th birthday this year.

Groups awarded funding are the Spring-Otter Optimist Club awarded \$300 for a soap box derby and street dance to be held in Otterville June 30 and the Springford Area Athletic club for \$1,000 for Canada Week events from June 23 to July 2. The South Norwich Historical Society was awarded \$200 for a photo contest held from May 1-31 and St. John's Anglican Church

will receive \$250 for a pumpkin contest, church service and bicentennial picnic to be held Aug. 26 in Eastwood. The Oxford Centre Explorers were awarded \$250 for a balloon contest to be held in June at the East Oxford-Sweaburg Central School and the Springford Area Agriculture Society was given \$400 for a flea market, village beautification and a garden party to be held in Springford from June 30 to July 2. The Norwich Golden Age Club was awarded \$100 to be used for a bicentennial quilt, parade preparations and luncheons to be held in Norwich between July and October. The Trail Trotters Snowmobile Club was given \$75 for a Black Powder Shoot to be held in Springford June 23-24. Other recipients are the Norwich Public School given \$500 for tree planting in Norwich, the East Oxford-Oxford Centre

Optimist Club given \$200 for a street dance in Oxford Centre July 7, the Norwich Men's Fastball Association given \$200 for a tournament to be held June 29, 30 and July 1 and a dance on June 30 in Norwich, and the Otterville Beautification Committee awarded \$200 for planting flowers

The Norwich Musical Society Band will be awarded \$225 if definite plans for an October band concert are finalized before June 25. If plans are not finalized by this date, the \$225 will be awarded to the Springford Area Athletic Club for additional Canada Week and bicentennial event funding.

Any funding left over of the \$4,000 allotted to the township by the provincial government for bicentennial celebrations will be used by the township to purchase bicentennial supplies.

Relocate fence

Otterville ball teams will be asked by Norwich Township council to relocate the base fence in the Otterville Park salvaging as much material such as the top bar and fence as possible. The township will pay for any necessary materials and the Otterville ball clubs should do the work, council decided last Tuesday evening.

Baseball grants

Council approved the sending of grants to several minor ball organizations in the township based on \$5 per registrant as determined by the latest registration.

Ask for garbage bin

Because of the impending closure of the South Norwich landfill site, Otterville, in mid-summer this year, township council approved a motion last Tuesday to ask Oxford County to provide an on-site bin for once a week collection for the remainder of 1984. The garbage bin would allow a phasing in of the change of service to the township residents who will have to haul their garbage to the Holbrook landfill site and also allow the county to gain valuable experience in the operation of a transfer station prior to the Salford landfill site coming on stream.

Authorize participation

Council approved a bylaw authorizing participation by the township in the Designated Property Grants program segment of the Building Rehabilitation and Improvement Campaign (BRIC). Under the program grants up to \$2,000 a year are available to provide financial assistance for the conservation of properties designated under The Ontario Heritage Act as being of historical and architectural significance. Norwich Township has five designated properties - Curries United Church, The Beck Store in Hawtreay, The Sutton Clark house, Treffry Mill and the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre.

Emergency Measures

D.N. MAY 23

OTTERVILLE — Norwich Township Council has asked its Clerk Administrator to prepare an Emergency Measures Plan that would help township residents and co-ordinate emergency services to respond to a major disaster.

Mayor John Heleniak said last week that the County of Oxford wants to co-ordinate

the Emergency Plans of the municipalities under its jurisdiction. "We don't even have one at all," he said.

The Mayor added that the township should have some plan in effect to deal with life-threatening emergencies such as "power failure, flooding, a plane crash, atomic war, or any other type of disaster."

Salaries up

A contract for the Norwich Township Police Department excluding the police chief, has increased salaries by five per cent. Retroactive to Jan. 1, 1984, salaries will range from \$21,898.53 for fourth class constables while first class constables will receive \$29,153.63. The contract for the police chief will be dealt with separately by township council.

JUNE 8 T.N.

Norwich taxes up 2.16 per cent

N.G. JUNE 27

By DOREEN HOOVER

Norwich Township council approved its 1984 budget with only a 2.16 per cent increase in the budget for general township purposes including township roads Tuesday evening.

The average public school supporter will be paying 5.45 per cent more in taxes when the township, county and school board levies are combined compared to an 8.35 increase in 1983. The budget increase will mean there will be a \$62 increase in taxes on a \$5,000 assessment. There will be a total of \$4,640,633 raised in the township for all purposes in 1984 with township controlling about 25.5 per cent of the tax dollars amounting to \$1,183,440 for general

purposes and roads.

The 2.16 per cent increase in the mill rate for general township purposes including roads is down greatly from the 4.37 per cent increase in 1983. The \$120,000 township surplus from 1983 was taken into the 1984 budget as capital revenue to help reduce the mill rate.

Township mayor John Heleniak commended council for keeping the mill rate increase down to only 2.16 per cent which is well below the five per cent mark. He said much of the 5.45 total increase in taxation was caused by increases in public and secondary school mill rates that are out of the control of township council. Taxation will raise \$1,030,523 for public schools and

\$978,775 for secondary schools.

Mr. Heleniak said expenditures were kept down in the township budget because of the economic situation that makes it difficult for some ratepayers to pay their taxes on time. There are a lot of tax arrears, he said. This situation was taken into consideration during budget talks that have been taking place in closed sessions in the last few weeks. "Just necessities were budgeted for," he said.

Major expenditures in the township roads budget of \$1,058,000 consist of \$78,000 for work on the Cornell Road south of Otterville; \$31,000 for work on the intersection of Middle Townline Road and the 4th and 5th Concessions in Oxford Centre;

\$12,000 to finish work on Pine Street in Otterville; two new pickup trucks and radios for the vehicles.

Because there were no supplementary grants allocated to the township from the province, \$40,000 for hardtopping was cut from the budget.

Included in the budget of \$221,815 for the Norwich Arena are provisions for \$5,000 for roof repair, a \$3,300 provision for a water treatment system to eliminate minerals from the water and a \$4,000 provision for tempered glass around the rink boards for protection of spectators.

A new fire truck for the township was cut

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Council to discuss flood plain proposals

Norwich Township council will be one of many municipalities in the province discussing provincial flood plain recommendations and submitting comments to the provincial government.

Township council invited representatives of the Long Point Region Conservation Authority (LPRCA) to council Monday to learn more about the Flood Plain Review Committee's recommendations on Flood Plain Management in Ontario. The provincial government is asking conservation authorities for their opinion on the 13 recommendations in the report so the LPRCA is visiting municipal councils to get their input before submitting its own response to the government.

The recommendations have been made for changes in the flood plain policies with the two primary ones being that the regulatory flood used to designate "flood" plains in Ontario be the "100-year flood" instead of the "Hurricane Hazel" flood level. The "100-year flood" is the highest recorded flooding in the last 100 years. The report also recommended the primary responsibility on implementing the flood plains be delegated back to the municipality from the conservation authorities.

With the reduction to the "100-year flood," the amount of land affected by the flood plain policy will be reduced and development will be allowed anywhere in

the flood plain area as long as it does not affect the flood plain, Jim Oliver, general manager of the LPRCA, told council Monday. He also suggested council look at the financial implications of the shift in responsibility to the municipality. Additional staff and technical studies may be required by the municipality.

Roger Orth, chairman of the LPRCA, told township council that the conservation authority accepts the report and "I personally feel it's good," he said.

Township Clerk Bob Watkins expressed concern about the knowledge needed for the municipality to make decisions now being set by the conservation authorities. "I visualize problems for the approving authority," he said. One of the recommendations in the report states the powers of the authorities will be altered so they can become advisors to participating local municipalities.

Councillor Norm Lusk stated the "loss of a complete overview was a real concern" of his and that it needed to be looked at.

Township council will discuss the report at its next regular meeting, June 26, and make recommendations and-or comments to the provincial government and also inform the LPRCA of its feelings.

The deadline for authorities to submit their feelings to the provincial government is June 30.

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from the final budget but \$20,000 was put into a reserve fund for the purchase which may be made next year. An amount of \$20,000 was also put in reserve last year for the purchase of a truck.

The township budget provided \$30,000 for sidewalks which is slightly higher than spent on sidewalks in each of the last two years. Although there is no sidewalk program completed, work is continuing on it.

In the dump (garbage disposal) budget of \$68,070, \$10,000 was provided for legal services and the \$34,000 to be received from the county under the Holbrook landfill site agreement, was put into a reserve earmarked to provide for a possible contingency fund.

There was also \$50,000 put into reserve for mill rate stabilization for 1985. Because the \$120,000 surplus from 1983 was used to lower the mill rate this year, the stabilization reserve will be used to "cushion" any major increase in the mill rate for 1985,

John Gilbert, township treasurer, said.

A reserve of \$30,000 in general government finance was created for a feasibility study the township will be heading into in the next few months with other municipalities on computerization of the township office. In the event 1985 produces a recommendation from a consultant and council approves computers in the township, the reserve will be used to start the project, Mr. Gilbert said.

Another item that required \$15,000 being put into reserve was the moving of the Springfield Women's Institute Hall to a new location. There have been no plans formalized to move the hall or a cost estimated or any grants applied for relocation by the township, but the money was put into reserve in expectation of future action.

Mr. Gilbert said that no major capital items or programs were scrubbed from the budget but that council reviewed the budget thoroughly before approving it.

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Norwich, Otterville water needs study's focus

Present and future needs in the Norwich and Otterville water systems will be determined in a study now underway at the Norwich Public Utility Commission.

At a special meeting Thursday evening, members of the PUC commission chose Knox, Martin and Kretch Ltd., consulting engineers from Brampton, to undertake a \$14,000 study to determine the needs of the water systems.

The study on the existing Norwich and

Otterville systems will outline future and present water needs regarding supply, storage and distribution. An analysis of the performance and adequacies of the water systems for various water consumption demands will also be done to provide a program for upgrading the systems to alleviate any problem areas that exist within the existing systems or that may develop in the future.

The report will also outline, if required, the upgrading needed to provide adequate

capacity to meet any combination of domestic, commercial, industrial and fire demands to ensure adequate pressure and volume of water is supplied through the distributing system.

And the report will provide recommendations and staging to upgrade the system to meet both existing and future demands of the system as it relates to the size of mains, their locations, and types of pumping stations and storage requirements and locations.

The study was undertaken by the Norwich PUC to determine the needs of the two systems and to see what was needed to upgrade them, Gordon Powell, chairman of the Norwich PUC, said. "We have to project what our needs will be," he said. Mr. Powell thought the report would take

from four to five months to prepare. There are Environment Ministry grants available for such projects but Mr. Powell said the PUC would have to see the study and the needs and then determine future action before grants were applied for. Shirley Sweazey, secretary at the Norwich PUC, said she believed the PUC was not expecting to immediately undertake any projects in 1985. The PUC is "hoping to eventually improve the system," Mr. Powell said.

There is some concern about the life of the existing tower. "We realize the life of the tower is getting shorter," he said. "The tower has to be looked into before we proceed so the idea of the study is to determine the needs and see what upgrading is needed."



Official opening

The Otterville Public Library had its official opening Thursday evening and an Open House was held for the public to see the improved facilities. Present for the official opening were standing left to right: Lurene McMullen, head Otterville librarian; Elaine

Oliver, librarian; Norwich Township Mayor John Heleniak; Mrs. Ross Edwards, chairwoman of the Oxford County Library Board, and Jean Stewart, member of the Otterville Library Board. Signing the guest book is Mrs. Webb, chief librarian of the Oxford County Library Board. (Staff Photo)

Otterville library opened

The official opening of the Otterville Public Library, an achievement of a long awaited goal, was marked on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Ross Edwards, chairman of the Oxford County Library Board, Woodstock, congratulated the people of the Otterville branch of the O.C.L.B. She wished much success for the facility with many hours of enjoyment and happy reading ahead.

Mayor John Heleniak, speaking on behalf of Norwich Township Council, congratulated Lurene McMullen and Elaine Oliver on the opening of the library. He was very happy to announce that

circulation has close to tripled since the move which was the projected outcome of those seeking new facilities. As well, he was pleased to be informed a local history section is to be a winter project of the library.

Lurene McMullen, head Otterville librarian, thanked all special guests in attendance and all patrons who helped to support the move, especially Jean Stewart who worked hard for the change in facilities. As well, the Otterville Sunshine Club and The Spring-Otter Optimist Club were thanked for their contributions of primary furniture for the children's section. She hoped everyone would find the

library a pleasant facility, a pleasure to use and in which to work. Both she and Mrs. Oliver look forward to seeing everyone in the future.

Mrs. Webb, chief librarian of the Oxford County Library Board, reminisced about the quarters of the old library, dark and dingy with one light bulb amongst high stacks of books. In contrast the new facilities are ones of which the citizens of Otterville and surrounding area should be proud. Appreciation was expressed to those who helped with the move, the Library Board staff and Norwich Township Council.

Open House was held when everyone had a chance to appreciate the library for themselves and enjoy refreshments served.

Library opening

OTTERVILLE (C) — An enjoyment in growing herbs could be clearly seen on Saturday at the home of Marilyn Driedger as she held Open House on the weekend to all residents of Otterville and surrounding areas.

Known as "The Herbal Touch" her home and gardens showed exactly this as one could see the influence of the growth and use of herbs throughout. Mrs. Driedger provided advice and interesting information as one toured her beds of the many different varieties and strains of herbal plants. As well, she had potted and dried herbs for sale in addition to books and wicker baskets.

Everyone was treated to a taste of homemade rhubarb punch and herbal cookies and squares. Such an enlightening experience on a warm summer afternoon.

Thursday evening, June 7, will mark a milestone in the history of the Otterville

Public Library at its new location has its official opening ceremonies at 7 p.m.

Among those special guests in attendance will be Mayor John Heleniak, Chairwoman and Head Librarian of the Oxford County Library Board and Otterville librarians Lurene McMullen and Elaine Oliver. Following Open House, refreshments will be offered to anyone interested in viewing the new improved facilities which local residents and library staff have been seeking for so many years.

The various pieces of furniture acquired can be seen in addition to the increased shelving capacity. A new exchange of books has recently been completed with a wide variety of reading materials available. As well, the winning entries of the Spring-Otter Optimist Bicycle Safety Poster Contest are on display.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and appreciate the new facilities from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Society making progress on restoring old mill

OTTERVILLE (C) — Progress is steadily being made by the South Norwich Historical Society in their project of restoring the Treffry Mill.

Lumber has been cut from logs at Abbot and Townsend, Langton, to use in the siding of the mill. With several historical members helping, the lumber has been planed at Lawrence Woodworking, Springford. A small portion of the mill has already been sided in preparation for the installation of hydro, a major step to be undertaken soon.

New logo for Irish club

LASALETTE (C) - The Irish Club met Sunday evening at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Delhi with Tony Murphy presiding. Guest speaker, Helen Ventin of Port Dover, explained government sponsored language classes. Secretary Maria McNamara reported a membership of 106.

Members had been asked to submit a logo and there were several entries. One was chosen by the executive and caps are to be ordered for both men and women using the new crest.

It was decided to enter a float in the July 2, bicentennial parade in Springford. John McNally of Norwich and Frank Dertinger of Delhi will each supply a truck. A meeting is to be held Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Webb in Otterville to make final arrangements for decorating the float.

The Irish Club has been invited to place a display in Delhi Tobacco Museum for one month beginning July 23. The Club will also have a display at the Eva Brook Donly Museum in Simcoe on November 10.

Members voted to hold a picnic at Otterville Park on August 26 to entertain 19 students from Ireland who are coming on a cultural exchange.

South Norwich Historical Society
Annual Chicken Barbeque at the
meadow by the mill, Otterville.
Sunday July 1. 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Tickets \$6.50. Children \$3.50. Ad-
vance sales deadline June 26.
Mountains Barber Shop, Norwich,
Otterville 879-6852, Springford
842-3019. 1



Reconstruction completed

Reconstruction work on the Otterville bridge was nearing completion last week as workers applied asphalt to the entire width of the

bridge. Paving work done by Walmsley Bros. Ltd. of London was completed on Thursday. (Staff Photo)

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Springford to celebrate Canada Week

The village of Springford will be a beehive of activity the weekend of July 1 and the days preceding as residents play host to the fourth annual Norwich Township Canada Week celebrations.

This year provides double-barrelled celebrations as the township celebrates Canada Day and Ontario's bicentennial with a host of events from a parade to band concerts, barbecues, baseball tournaments, flea markets, a street dance and a variety of activities for the younger set.

The celebrations are set in motion on June 16 when the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club hosts its annual barbecue in Otterville. The highlight of the next weekend will be a black powder shoot on Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and 24 at the Trail Trotters Club just south of Springford.

That event brings the past to life as participants in period costume load up their old-fashioned muzzle-loaded firearms for the competition.

The following weekend is packed with activity which gets underway on Friday, June 29 with a slo-pitch tournament in Springford. The activity never lets up until Monday evening, July 2.

Another baseball tournaments gets

underway in Norwich Friday night as men's fastball teams gather to play at Dillon Park.

A flea market on the Springford tennis courts runs on Saturday and Monday and historical films will be shown on all three days, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, at the Springford Women's Institute hall.

Saturday is a day for kids as the Optimists offer their annual soap box derby on the hill in Otterville and the Sunshine Club provides an afternoon of games in the Otterville park.

The evening winds down with a street dance to be held on the Springford tennis courts featuring a band called Destiny.

An outdoor interdenominational church service opens Sunday's events and following lunch, the Norwich Musical Society Band entertains in an afternoon concert. Those who have built up an appetite over the afternoon can satisfy it by attending the South Norwich Historical Society's annual chicken barbecue on the Treffrey mill meadow in Otterville.

The climax to days of celebration comes on Monday, July 2 as the fourth annual Canada parade kicks off Canada Day in Springford at 10:30 a.m.

Immediately following the parade, the official opening takes place on the stage in the Springford park after which the trophies for the best parade entries will be presented.

The young ladies from the township who have entered the second annual Miss Township of Norwich competition will then vie for the crown during the final judging of that event at 12:30 p.m.

Kids are once again in the limelight on Monday afternoon as the Spring-Otter Optimists provide a variety of games and prizes for the participating youngsters

The Springford churches will then attempt to satisfy the hungry hordes with a pork chop barbecue after which local residents and other talented guests will have a chance to display their talents at the annual Canada Day garden party.

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Construction underway - EAST OF WOODLAWN

Construction on Oxford County Road 19, on the western limits of the village of Otterville is underway and will continue for two to three weeks while new culverts are put in and the road is raised four to five feet. (Staff Photo)

County road closed

Construction on Oxford County Rd. 19, 1.6 kilometres west of Otterville is closed to traffic in the area for the next two to three weeks.

Thornton Sand and Gravel of Woodstock is undertaking the county project reconstructing the culverts located at the west village limits of Otterville. Work now includes putting in the cut-off walls and sheet piling for the wire structure. The

new culverts will be put in place today with the old culverts being removed next week.

People who are familiar with the dip in the road at this point will no longer experience it for the road will be raised between four to five feet when completed.

There are well-marked detours at both ends of the road to warn travellers of the construction.

*CLOSED JULY 1ST WEEKEND →
NO DIRECT ROUTE TO SPRINGFORD*

Lions donate to programs

At the regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club held Monday, June 11, Scott Gillies, Curator of the Norwich and District Museum and Archives was the guest speaker.

Mr. Gillies, who was introduced by Lion Alf Lossing, spoke of the unusual and little known connection between Canadian artifacts and English literature phrases, and explained some of the common well known phrases we are all familiar with. For example, displaying a heavy hammer and a pair of tongs relates to "Going at it with hammer and tong," which refers to the blacksmith taking an iron out of the forge, holding it with tongs, and shaping it with a hammer while the temperature was still right.

His discourse was both interesting and enjoyable. Appreciation was expressed by

Lion Fred Thompson.

Lion Bob Scott expressed appreciation to the members of the Eastern Star for the meals enjoyed by the club during the past year. They have served the regular meals to the club for more than 40 years.

In other business requests for financial assistance were approved for: Springford Minor Ball, \$1.50 per member (101 registered members); Foster Parents Association, \$50, towards a picnic for foster children held at Willow Lake Park; \$200 towards the purchase of a Braille typewriter for the use of a local person who has lost their sight; to Otterville Block Parents Association, \$150 towards cost of window signs; to the Lions Home for Deaf Children, \$200 to be used towards purchase of furniture for a new home opened in Brantford.

The subject of participation in the Rotary Exchange Student program was raised again, and after some discussion a donation of \$200 was approved, the same amount as previous years.

Lion Chief Les Dickson presented 100 per cent attendance pin to Lion Nelson Gleason, and a 30-year membership chevron to Lion Russ Hall.

Capital Bookkeeping Services will be engaged to audit the club books again this year.

Some club members will be responsible for barbecuing the chicken for the South Norwich Historical Society on July 1, by the mill in Otterville.

The next regular meeting, the last of the club year, will be held at Otterville when the incoming officers will be installed.

OTTERVILLE (C) — Future activities and plans was the main topic of discussion of the Leisure Club's regular meeting held at the Woodlawn Adult Centre, Wednesday, June 6.

President, Gladys Evans, introduced Beth Biro who outlined several trips that are still available during the summer under the leadership of I'm Proud To Be Me Travel Inc. As well, the president informed the members about plays being presented at the Light House Theatre in Port Dover during the summer.

Upcoming meetings are on Wednesday, June 13, 1:30 p.m., of a business nature to discuss plans for the fall and Wednesday, June 20 at 12:30 p.m. which will be Pot Luck Dinner, both held at Woodlawn Adult Centre.

Grace Squance gave two delightful readings and the remainder of the afternoon was spent playing euchre or pool in addition to enjoying refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill were honored by relatives at the Cove Room of the Erie Beach Hotel, Port Dover, on Sunday, June 3, on the occasion of their fortieth wedding anniversary. Seventeen guests were in attendance at the dinner after which everyone returned to the home of the celebrants, Mr. and Mrs. Hill.

The May meeting of the Happy Bluebird Club, held at the home of Evelyn Waring, Tuesday evening, May 25, featured readings by President Dorothy Daniels and Daisy Ash who shared A Prayer From The Heart in which she remembered all members of the club with a special mention for those who are handicapped.

Members were glad for the attendance of Jenny Mitchell who has been absent through illness for several months. Regrets were expressed for the absence of Tune McNally and Josephine Rosehart who were ill and cards were signed.

After the meeting was opened with the Creed and prayer, roll call was answered with the paying of membership fees and telling of plans for the summer holidays.

Daisy Ash and Mary Vankerbroeck assisted the hostess in serving a delicious lunch prepared by the Milldale group. Members expressed thanks to the hostess, Evelyn Waring, for the enjoyable evening and Mrs. Ash invited the club to her home for the June meeting.

The property of the former Otter Lumber has recently been purchased by Michael Ash Construction Ltd. This is to be used for future expansion since the firm has outgrown its present location. The date of occupancy is dependent upon the outcome of the present location of Ash Construction Ltd. However, plans are for immediate improvement of the newly purchased facilities through painting, clean-up and repair.

Mr. and Mrs. Rod Taylor of Otterville were honored at a dinner, Saturday evening, June 2 on the occasion of their

fortieth wedding anniversary. Held at the Cove Room, Erie Beach Hotel, Port Dover, those in attendance were Dr. and Mrs. Julius Narancsik and son Brendan, Lynn Taylor, Pauline Johnson and Mrs. Grenville Johnson.

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New executive

New members of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club executive for the coming year are front row left to right Gary Walther, second vice-president; Murray Wardell, treasurer; Gord Shearer, secretary; Jack Walther, president; Les Dickson, past president, and Lou Ferarro, assistant lion tamer. In the back row are Murray

Cornwell, third vice-president; Rene DeCooman, lion tamer; Mark Gilmore, two-year director; Mike Ellul, assistant tail twister; John Sandham, one-year director and Don Miller, assistant bulletin editor. Absent from photo are Fred Thompson, one-year director and bulletin editor; Dick Harrison, two-year director and Paul Wood, first vice-president. (Staff Photo)

New officers named by Lions

The regular and final meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club for the 1983-84 year was held in the community hall, Otterville, Monday evening, June 25.

Lion president Les Dickson presided. There were 28 Lions present and one Lion visitor.

Following a fine roast beef dinner with strawberries and ice cream, Lion Jack Walther expressed the thanks of the club to the Eastern Star ladies. Mrs. Florence Saunders replied.

Lion secretary Grant Orth reported that the Lions club will again sponsor free swimming buses from this area for the Otterville pool on the same days and at the same hours as last year.

Members agreed that a donation be made to the Otterville Sunshine (ladies) club to assist towards expenses towards a children's sports day to be held in the community park, Otterville, June 30.

In view of Lion Dave Beam being granted a six months leave of absence, Lion Dick Harrison was acclaimed as a two-year director of this club.

Lion Don Robertson of the Simcoe Lions club, zone chairman of Zone 4 West was introduced by president Les Dickson. Lion

Don inducted the incoming Lion officers for the coming year.

The new Lion officers are as follows: one year directors - Fred Thompson and John Sandham; two year directors - Mark Gilmore and Dick Harrison; first vice-president - Paul Wood; second vice-president - Gary Walther; third vice-president - Murray Cornwell; treasurer - Murray Wardell; secretary - Gord Shearer; president - Jack Walther; past president - Les Dickson; assistant Lion Tamer - Lou Ferarro; assistant Tail Twister - Mike Ellul; bulletin editor - Fred Thompson and assistant bulletin editor - Don Miller.

The convention draw was won by Lion Bill Orth.

Services of MSC explained to Otterville seniors' club

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Leisure Club met for their closing meeting for the summer on Wednesday when a potluck dinner was enjoyed by all.

Twenty-six members were present with special members Alice and Colin Robinson attending.

Multi-Services of Tillsonburg was ex-

plained to the club through two of their representatives. They outlined what services are provided for seniors who require help such as Home Help, Meals on Wheels and transportation.

The program was opened by one minute of silence in memory of Harry Lee followed by Mel Beecroft reading a poem in

tribute to him. Harry was a former president of the Leisure Club and an active participant when renovations were made to the building which made the Woodlawn Adult Centre possible. He was a master of woodcarving and often displayed his craft at various functions. Also, he frequently shared thought provoking readings with

the club.

Several members brought antique articles to share and Katie Mics won the door prize, a basket of fruit donated by Colin and Alice Robinson.

Readings were given by Gladys Evans and Vera Carroll entitled "Being a Father" and "Then and Now" respective-

ly. Interesting experiences were related by Bruce Alexander, Grace and Jim Squance and Nellie Taylor played several fine piano selections.

The president reminded the members of the picnic to be held at the Teeterville Museum, Aug. 15 and the meeting closed with the singing of God Save the Queen.

Otterville Briefs

OTTERVILLE (C) — The 21st annual McMullen Picnic, held at Spring Creek Farm, Otterville, Sunday, June 17 saw 25 family members attend from areas of Woodstock and Otterville.

Karen Dow was convener of the program with the various winners being Gail Dean, jelly beans; Audrey McMullen, Smarties; Christine McMullen, goodies; Gail Dean, Ron McMullen, birthday draw; Kathy Mayer, Andrew and Christopher Dean, clothespin drop; Kristen Mayer, Nancy Dow and John Mayer, water balloons; and Howard McMullen and Ken Mann, sucker scramble.

After a bountiful potluck meal Ross Dow presided for the business meeting in absence of president, Bill McMullen.

The executive for 1985 are president and secretary, Heather Mayer; assistant president, Matthew Mayer and program convener, Gail Dean. The 1985 reunion will be held the fourth Sunday, June 23 at ~~Sun-~~ **SPRING** ~~day~~ Creek Farm, Otterville.

Monday, June 11, provided an interesting day for the Otterville United Church Women to complete their year of activities. Organized by Lorraine Downing, several ladies from Springford and Tillsonburg joined the group as well. Travelling to Niagara-on-the-Lake, a tour of the area was enjoyed followed by dinner at the Oban Restaurant. The musical play, Roberta by Jerome Kern and Otto Harbach, was then seen at the Shaw Festival before returning home.

Future plans of the Leisure Club was the purpose of the business meeting held Wednesday, June 13 at the Woodlawn Adult Centre.

The decision was made that the club will sell souvenir cook books at Springford during the holiday celebrations on July 2.

Wednesday, August 15 was the date set for the Leisure Club to visit the Teeterville Museum at 2 p.m. In the fall, beginning on Sept. 5, 1984, meetings will be held every other Wednesday.

The president, Gladys Evans, reminded the members of the potluck dinner on June 20 at 12:30 p.m. Each member is to bring

one dish of food and an antique for roll call.

A report was heard of the Spring Rally for Zone 3 held at St. George on May 30.

The last Foot Care Clinic until September will be held at the home of Evelyn Waring, 9 Main St., Otterville, the fourth Tuesday of the month, June 26.

The clinic is of great service to many senior persons for whom help is needed. The treatments, \$5 each, will be held every two months starting in the fall. It is the hope that more people may attend in order to keep the attendance at eight which is the required number of people needed to keep the service in operation. After more than 10 years of service at the Waring home, it would be unfortunate if this practice had to close.

Emily Duffy returned home after visiting her son Larry and family in La Combe, Alberta. Larry, a graduate of La Combe College has been studying for a minister of the Seventh Day Adventists and is now waiting to accept a position at a church in Saskatchewan. While on her trip Mrs. Duffy visited her daughter, Teresa Barkley, and son, Brian, in Vancouver, friends in Calgary and enjoyed a five-day trip to Prince Rupert. She was accompanied by Dorothy Nold, LaSalette.

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Carman Fish of LaFayette, Arizona, after a long illness. Mr. and Mrs. Fish were frequent visitors with the family here. Frances, a gifted soloist, contributed freely with her talent when in Otterville. Her friends express their sympathy to the Fish family.

'Abraham, father of faith' missionary fellowship topic

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Bruce Stover brought the message about Abraham - Father of Faith to the June meeting of the Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Otterville Baptist Church, held in the Sunday school room of the church.

Mrs. Stover pointed out that if we live close to God as Abraham did our faith will be strengthened. Abraham was always obedient to God and was patient with his nephew Lot. God tested him by asking him to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice. Obedience and patience can be found in us too if we trust God.

The call to worship was Prov. 23:22 which tells us to hearken unto our fathers. The president Wilma Butler also quoted John 1:12 which says to become the sons of God one must believe on His name.

The Father's Day theme continued as "This is My Father's World" was sung.

Mrs. Paul Hill opened the devotional part of the program with the hymn "Faith of our Fathers" followed by a reading concerning Christian homes. Mrs. Fred Hill read Ephesians 6:4 and said how important childhood impressions are. The scripture reading was Deuteronomy 6:4-7 and Genesis 12:1-5. The poem "Happy the Home when God is There" was presented

by Mrs. David Hill followed by a solo by Mrs. Bill Hansford entitled "The Family of God."

Missionary letters from the Pollards and Hiron in Africa were read and one from the Ross Helgetons in Western Canada.

Mrs. Dave Spencer and Mrs. Bill Smith offered missionary prayers. Mrs. Butler closed with prayer.

A social time followed and Mrs. D. Clinton was hostess for the evening.

June meeting of Otterville Happy Bluebird Club

OTTERVILLE (C) — The June meeting of the Happy Bluebird Club, held at the home of Daisy Ash, featured readings by various members of the group.

The president opened the meeting with two poems, "Wrong Number" and "Eternity," followed by the Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

The following readings were shared throughout the meeting: I'll Drink to That

- Dorothy Daniels; The History of the Club, written by Evelyn Waring - Josepha Rosehart; A Friend and A Word to Say - Daisy Ash, Bits and Pieces - Mary Vankerebroeck; A Thought for Today and Home is a Destination - Helen Davis; Faith Teaches the value of a Father's Wisdom - Betty Groux; Old Woman's Face and a contest - Lillian Morris and Time Is - Josepha Rosehart.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah followed with lunch of cake, strawberries and ice cream. All present signed a birthday card for Lillian Morris, her birthday being this month.

Josepha invited the club to the Common Room at Winston Manor on Wednesday, July 25. Dorothy Daniels thanked Mrs. Ash for a nice evening which was enjoyed by all.

Otterville couple celebrate golden wedding anniversary

OTTERVILLE (C) — Anna and Lorne Treffry of 40 Main St. E., Otterville celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, June 17. They were married in Otterville by Rev. G.T. Shields on June 16, 1934.

To celebrate the occasion, an open house was held at the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre, Otterville. The rooms, nicely decorated with yellow roses, focused on the tea table, centred with gold candles in brass candle holders, a basket wedding

cake and a beautiful arrangement of yellow roses.

Pouring tea were the bridesmaid of 50 years ago, Ola McKim of Tillsonburg and the pianist of 50 years ago, Thelma Stover of Springford, sister of the bride. Also pouring was Evelyn Chambers of Norwich

and Olive Scott of Tillsonburg, sisters of the bride. Grandchildren assisted in serving while Lila Freeland looked after the tea. Terry Treffry was in charge of the guest book with Charlene Treffry in charge of the cards. A host of friends and relatives attended in the afternoon.

At approximately 5:30 p.m. all journeyed to the Otterville United Church where a buffet supper was served by the United Church Women. Mervin Hicks of Ostrander was Master of Ceremonies and Rev. Earl Moore asked the blessing. Following the dinner, Anna and Lorne showed slides of their recent Treffry Heritage Trip to Fowey, Cornwall, England.

Mr. Treffry is the son of the late Earnest Treffry and Eva Hicks and Mrs. Treffry is the daughter of the late Spencer J. Maunder and Ethel Smith. Both have lived in the area all their lives spending the first 18 years of their marriage on a farm at Summerville and the last 32 years in Otterville where they bought the Otterville Feed Mill in 1952. Mr. Treffry retired two years ago from operating the mill and both have been active in community work.

The Treffrys have two children, Murray Treffry and Mrs. W.A. McMullen (Lurene), both of Otterville and five grandchildren, Christy Craven, Edmonton; Wilma Declercq, Straffordville and Rhonda, Terry and Charlene Treffry of Otterville.

An unexpected surprise for the occasion was the arrival of the eldest granddaughter and husband, Christy and Lauren Craven from Edmonton. Other guests were present from Minnesota, Straffordville, Burford, Vittoria, Tillsonburg, Norwich, Woodstock, Springford, Ostrander, Courtland, Kitchener, Galt, Ingersoll and the surrounding area.



Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Treffry

Audience of 200 for music recital

OTTERVILLE (C) — The students of Muriel Kozuch performed to an appreciative audience of approximately 200 for their third annual recital on Sunday afternoon, June 24 at the Otterville St. John's Anglican Church.

Mrs. Kozuch welcomed everyone present and explained that a recital is a lesson in performance. The music is practised and each student gives their own interpretation of the composition they play. Some students have taken lessons for a long period of time while others have just begun. For those in the latter class faith can be cultivated by remembering that everything they can do now with ease and certainty was at one time a new and different problem.

The program opened with a piano music interlude by student Lisa Oenema and an organ interlude by Susan Lee, also a student. The student choir sang a happy welcome, "Do, Re, Mi," accompanied by their teacher on the organ.

Guests for the recital were Susan and Carol Lee of Bookton singing a vocal duet, "Sentimental Journey" accompanied by Mrs. Kozuch at the piano. "One Day At A Time," sung by Carol Lee accompanied by Marjorie Lee was then enjoyed.

Students performing piano solos were Elizabeth Hansford, Stephen Hansford, Lloyd Durkee, Michael Kapin, Alex McMullen, Melissa Poole, Amy Gehring, Charlene Treffry, Pamela Hussey, Lisa Hicks, Harold Durkee, receiving 85 per

cent at the Woodstock Festival; Marci McMullen, Shelby McMurchy, Jodi Smith, Jennifer McMurchy, Nancy Dow, Kim O'Neil, Brady Parr, receiving 81 per cent and 83 per cent at the Woodstock Festival, Suzanne Kramer, Marny Kramer, Jennifer White and Lisa Oenema.

Organ solos were performed by Andrea Hornyak, Jeannine Duwyn, Brenda DeWaele, Heather Picknell, Michelle Duwyn, Ann-Marie Duwyn, Joanne Antoszko, Evelyn Ladoz, Donna Vanbesien, Kathy Durkee and Susan Lee.

Piano duets were performed by Shelby McMurchy and Lisa Oenema, Jennifer McMurchy and Brady Parr and Marny and Suzanne Kramer.

Students who did theory exams in May were Suzie Kramer - Grade I; Marny Kramer - Grade I; Donna Vanbesien - Rudiments; Susan Lee - Grade I and Lisa Oenema - Grade I.

Piano exams were done in December by Jodi Smith - Honors, and Shelby McMurchy - First and Second Class Honors. June piano exams were done by Marci McMullen and Shelby McMurchy.

Special thanks were extended to the students and guests that performed.



Performs at recital

Muriel Kozuch of Otterville oversees the playing of one of her students, Brady Parr, during the third annual piano and organ recital of her students in Otterville, Sunday. Brady received 81 per cent for his performance of "Prairie Song" and 83 per cent for "Children's Game" at the Woodstock Rotary Festival of Music this year. (Staff Photo)



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Block Parent program proceeds at Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Block Parent Program is being established in the village of Otterville through the efforts of the Otterville P.T.A. and Constable Vern Fleming of the Ontario Provincial Police.

Constable Fleming spoke to members of the Otterville P.T.A. meeting, Monday evening, introducing the basic aspects of the program which serves as a type of insurance in perhaps preventing undesirable circumstances from occurring. Though the emphasis has been on help for children, any person can use the assistance if needed.

Anyone may become a Block Parent, after being checked by the O.P.P., to provide help for those in need. It is not a babysitting service but a program of assistance and prevention. The O.P.P. keep a close check of those who have possession of the window cards. When available, the block parent places the card in their window, visible to those outside. However, the sign must be removed if the resident is not home or too busy to be available. This announces to those needing assistance that help can be found at this home which has been approved by the O.P.P. As well, signs announcing "A Block Parent Community" are erected to inform everyone of the existence of the program within the village. Children are made aware of the program at school so that they understand the purpose of it and are knowledgeable about using it if needed.

A new part of the program just being introduced is to those people in rural areas wishing to take part. Stickers with the block parent logo is applied to mailboxes, visible to people passing by.

Block parents have periodic meetings to discuss the program and events happening. Constable Fleming strongly suggested the program be kept active through social events and activities since often a block parent is not called upon frequently.

It was decided Constable Fleming would proceed with acquiring the signs and window cards and introduce the program to the children at the school, in order that the program may be available for the summer.

Olive May Jackson

Mrs. Olive May Jackson of Ottawa and formerly of Woodstock, died at the Queensway-Carleton Hospital Saturday. She was 70.

She was born in South Norwich Township, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Arthur. She was married twice. Her first husband, George Palmer, predeceased her in 1950. C. Arthur Jackson predeceased her in 1960.

She was also predeceased by a daughter, Catherine (Kaye) Palmer, in 1982, and by four brothers and a sister.

She is survived by her daughters, Mrs. William (Evelyn) Nickelo, Woodstock, Mrs. Lyle (Betty Jean) Davis, RR 1, Otterville and Mrs. Wayne (Louise) Helmer of Ottawa. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

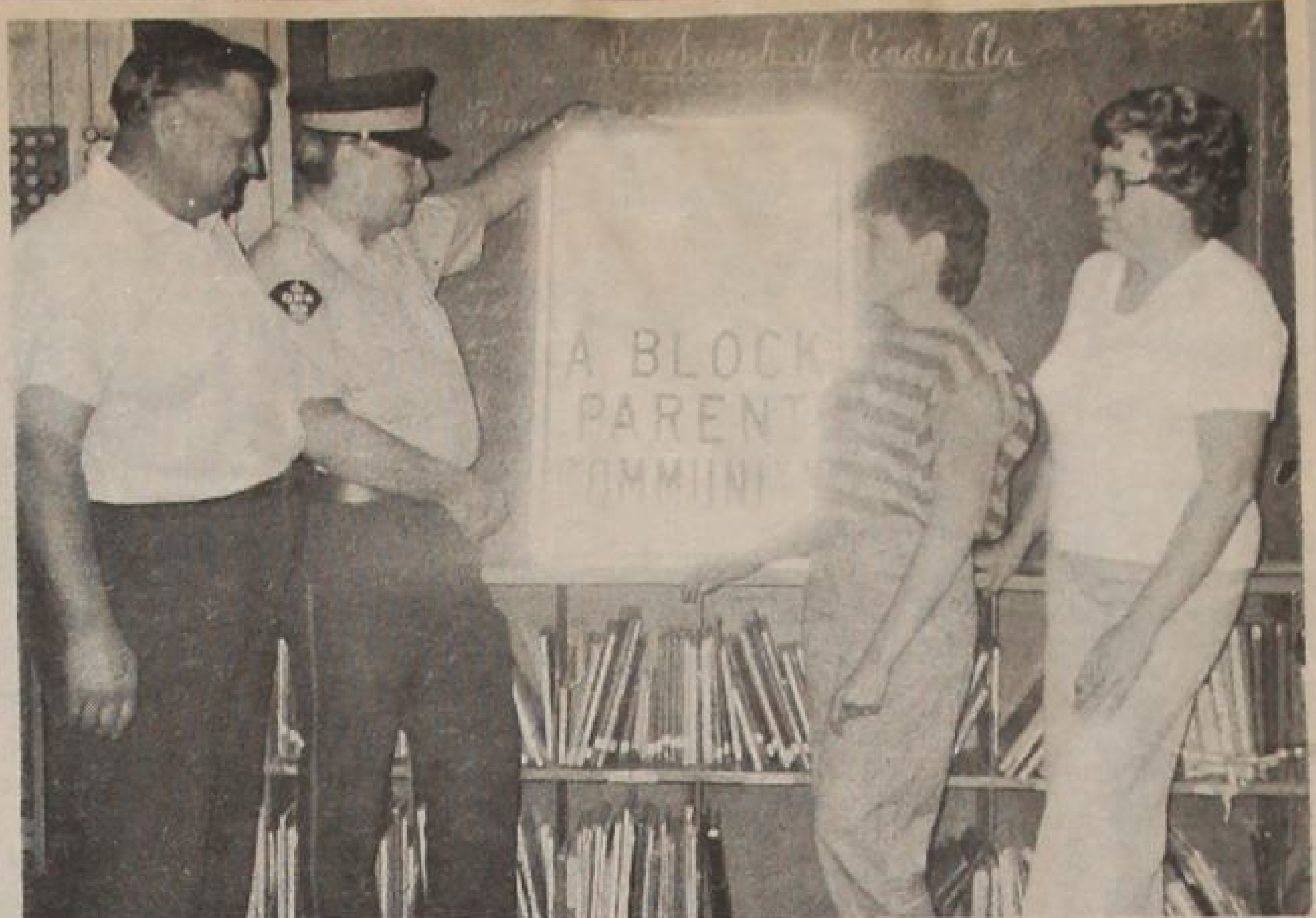
Friends were received at the M.D. (Mac) Smith Funeral Home, 69 Wellington St. N., Woodstock where funeral service was held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Grant Darling of Otterville officiating. Burial in the Bookton Cemetery.

Anyone interested in becoming involved in the Block Parent Program in the village of Otterville or surrounding rural areas may contact Block Parent Committee Chairwoman Marg Kramer (879-6909), Chris McMullen (879-6934), Mary Lou Pickering (879-6455) and P.T.A. president August DeWachter (879-6636) as well as Constable Vern Fleming.

President DeWachter thanked Constable Fleming for his informative talk and he was presented with a gift of appreciation by Secretary Ina Arthur.

A presentation of money was made to President DeWachter by Dale Cheney, president of the Spring-Otter Optimist Club. This money is to be used by the P.T.A. in their various activities.

The next meeting of the Otterville P.T.A., to be held Monday, June 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the school, will feature guest speaker Jim Grant, physical education consultant with the Oxford County board of education.



Block Parent community formed

Block Parent Community signs will soon be erected in the village of Otterville with the formation of a Block Parent Committee through the work of the Otterville P.T.A. Constable Vern Fleming (second from left), Tillsonburg OPP, spoke to members of the P.T.A. Monday about the Block Parent Program. With Constable Fleming are August DeWachter (left) president of the P.T.A., Chris McMullen and Marg Kramer (right), members of the Block Parent Committee in Otterville. (Staff Photo)

Physical education consultant speaks at Otterville PTA

OTTERVILLE (C) — Jim Grant, Physical Education Consultant for the Oxford County Board of Education allowed those attending the Otterville PTA meeting, Monday night, to actively learn the type of skills children learn through different Physical Education activities.

Through this participation parents were able to see the psycho-motor, cognitive and effective skills which integrate in the learning process. As well, mathematic, language and creative skills were pointed out. Thus Physical Education is not strictly physical training but is an inter-relationship of many skills and learning areas.

Children's attitudes in Physical Education activities is important and it provides an opportunity to build up self esteem and self image. At the same time they stress to the students the importance of building their bodies to the best physical levels possible.

Mr. Grant pointed out various advantages of daily Physical Education classes and suggested if a happy medium in relation to present programs could be reached

it would provide better results both academically and physically.

He closed by sharing a quote which suggested that perhaps the 20th century will be best remembered not for technological advances but for its concern of the total man. This is what Physical Education involves - all aspects of the human being.

Les Dickson, president of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club made a monetary presentation to Marg Kramer, Chairwoman of the Block Parent Committee, on behalf of the club to be used in purchasing Block Parent signs needed in setting up the program.

President August DeWachter thanked all committees for their work during the year and drew everyone's attention to an upcoming Block Parent Meeting to be held Wednesday, June 27 at the school. At this time Constable Vern Fleming will distribute signs to parents already screened and talk with anyone interested in the program.

Mr. DeWachter thanked Principal Fred Brown for all his help in forming the Otterville PTA and his work at the school during the past four years. Mrs. Bertha Gehring presented Mrs. Brown with a gift of a water color of the Otterville Public School done by local artist Nellie VanGastel, on behalf of the PTA and wished him much success in his position at Rolph Street Public School, Tillsonburg.

Mr. Brown thanked everyone for their kindness and help during his principalship at the school. The main thought he wished to leave with the group is that the PTA can be a starting point for greater inter-relationship of various organizations such as the school, family, police force and family and children services in providing solutions to present problems. The biggest problem he stressed was students' lack of respect for themselves, property, teachers and others. This is a goal that should be strived for.

A social time followed completing the PTA meetings until September.

Harry Irwin Lee

Harry Irwin Lee of 37 Dover St., Otterville, passed away on Sunday, June 10, 1984, at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, in his 88th year.

Born at Colborne, Ontario, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lee. He moved to the area in 1949 and farmed for 16 years prior to moving to Otterville in 1967, where he has since resided.

Mr. Lee was a member of Norwich United Church; of the Federation of Agriculture Soil and Crop; of Norwich and District Historical Society; and of the Senior Citizens groups of Tillsonburg and Delhi. He was a veteran of World War I and was interested in wood carving. Mr. Lee was always a willing helper.

Surviving are his wife the former Mary Bertha Workman. He is fondly remembered by Donald of Brantford, Bill of Windsor and Brenda of Elora, brothers and a sister, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Rested at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich, where a private service was held Tuesday, June 12 at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. David Houghland. Cremation followed the service.

Block Parent program explained

The Block Parent program was explained to the children of Otterville Public School by Constable Vern Fleming on Wednesday and Thursday with some help from Sneekers.

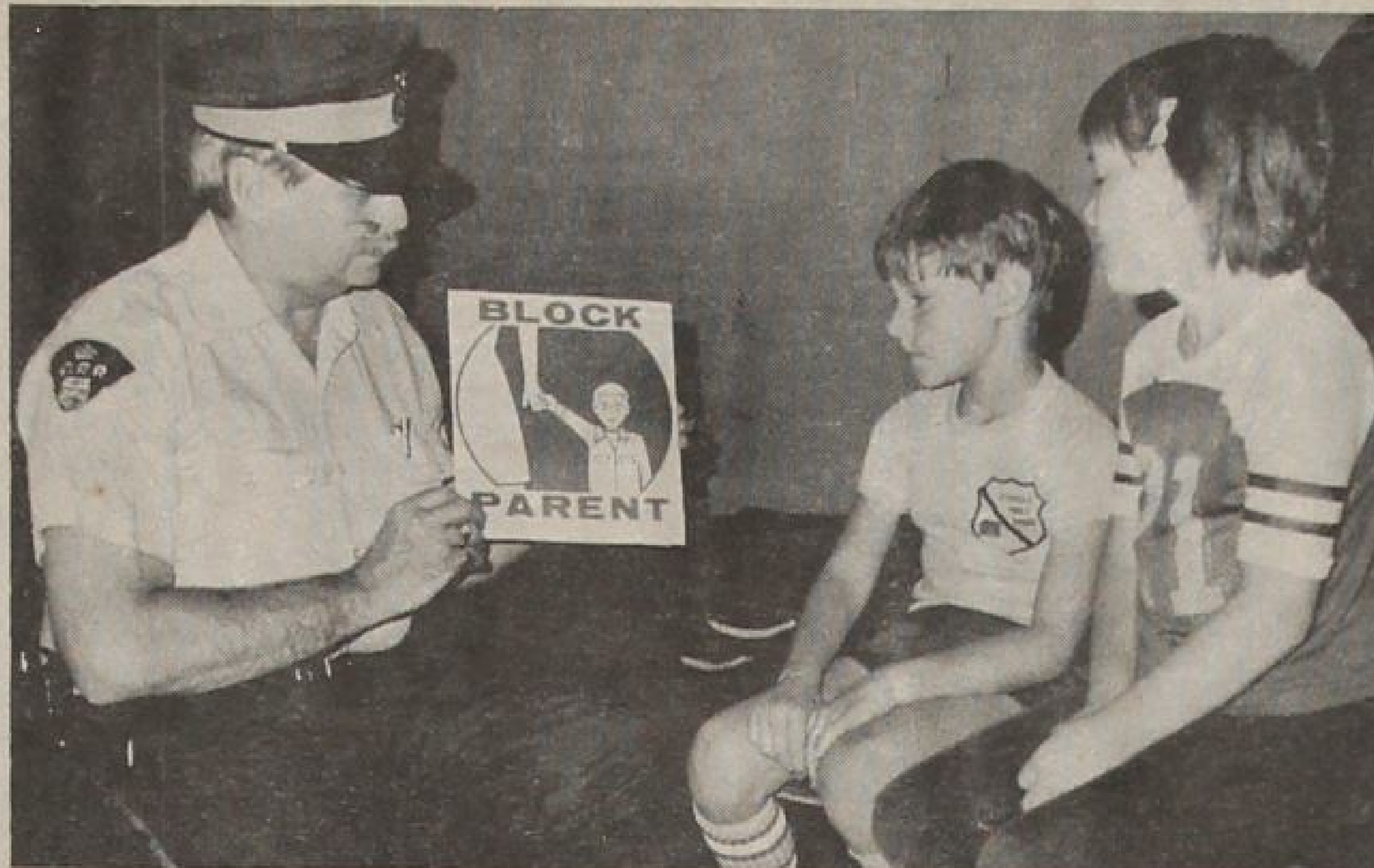
Through a film entitled "Sneekers and His Friends," the program was outlined to the children explaining the basic purpose and concept of the program. A block parent sign, which Constable Fleming displayed, tells children in distress that help is available. These people have been checked by the Ontario Provincial Police so it is a safe refuge.

When should children use the Block Parent home? The various situations which warrants a child to go to a Block Parent home is when alarmed by strangers or vicious animals; when he, she or a playmate is involved in an accident; when ill, when lost and when being bullied.

However, a Block Parent is not expected to provide food or beverage, toilet facilities, transportation, administer first aid or leave their home to break up fights.

These basic fundamentals became clear through the presentation and film which were further reinforced through follow-up activities to be carried out in the classroom.

The Block Parent program is being established in the village of Otterville through the efforts of the Otterville PTA and Constable Vern Fleming of the OPP. As well it will be the first area to begin a rural area program with block parent logo reflective stickers being applied to



Describing Block Parent Program

Constable Vern Fleming, community services officer for the Tillsonburg OPP, spent Wednesday and Thursday at the Otterville Public School explaining the Block Parent Program to the students. Jeffrey Arthur, Grade 1, and Verna White, Grade 2, are learning about the sign placed in windows to identify a block parent home. (Staff Photo)

mailboxes, visible to people passing by.

The Block Parent is a simple and efficient concept, one which can also act as a deterrent to potential offenders who can conclude that the neighborhood has its own safety support system. That is why a popular slogan of the Block Parent is "Even When They're Not Busy, They're Working."

Anyone interested in becoming involved in the Block Parent Program in the village of Otterville or surrounding rural areas may contact Block Parent Committee Chairwoman Marg Kramer (879-6427), Chris McMullen (879-6943), Mary Lou Pickering (879-6455) and PTA president August DeWachter (879-6636) as well as Constable Vern Fleming.

Engagements



Both families are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Sherry Lynn, daughter of Mrs. Evelyn Walters and the late Jack Walters of Otterville, to Jeffrey Mark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edgeworth of Norwich. The wedding will take place at Burgessville United Church, Burgessville, on June 23, 1984, at 3:30 o'clock. (Graham Ellerby Photography, Woodstock)



Lions aid program

Les Dickson, president of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club presents Marg Kramer, head of the Block Parent Committee of the Otterville Parent-Teacher Association, with a cheque Monday evening to go towards the purchase of block parent signs to aid the new program in the village. (Staff Photo)



Just hopping around

Lindsay Picknell, a Grade 1 student at Otterville Public School manoeuvres her way around the marker while competing in the sack race during play day at the school Friday. (Staff Photo)

Moving to Rolph St. school

By DOREEN HOOVER

After four years as principal of Otterville Public School, Fred Brown will be facing new challenges with a new position in the Fall.

Mr. Brown will become the new principal at Rolph St. Public School in Tillsonburg in September. He looks forward to facing the challenges at Rolph St. Public School which is a larger school with more

teachers to supervise. It also only has students from kindergarten to Grade 6 unlike Otterville Public School that has students up to Grade 8.

"I'm looking forward to going there," he said. "It is an excellent school and I'm looking forward to working with the teachers and community there."

Mr. Brown will be making a return to Rolph St. Public School after 19 years. He

spent his first year of teaching at the public school. Before coming to Otterville, he also taught at Maple Lane Senior Public School and Tillson Ave. Public School, both in Tillsonburg, and was principal of Delmer-Culloden Public School near Brownsville and Broadway Public School in Woodstock.

Because Rolph St. Public School only teaches students up to Grade 6, Mr. Brown expects he will miss being around older students as at Otterville Public School. "It is a hard thing to replace but in this profession you move a lot so I expect I will be back with them again," he said.

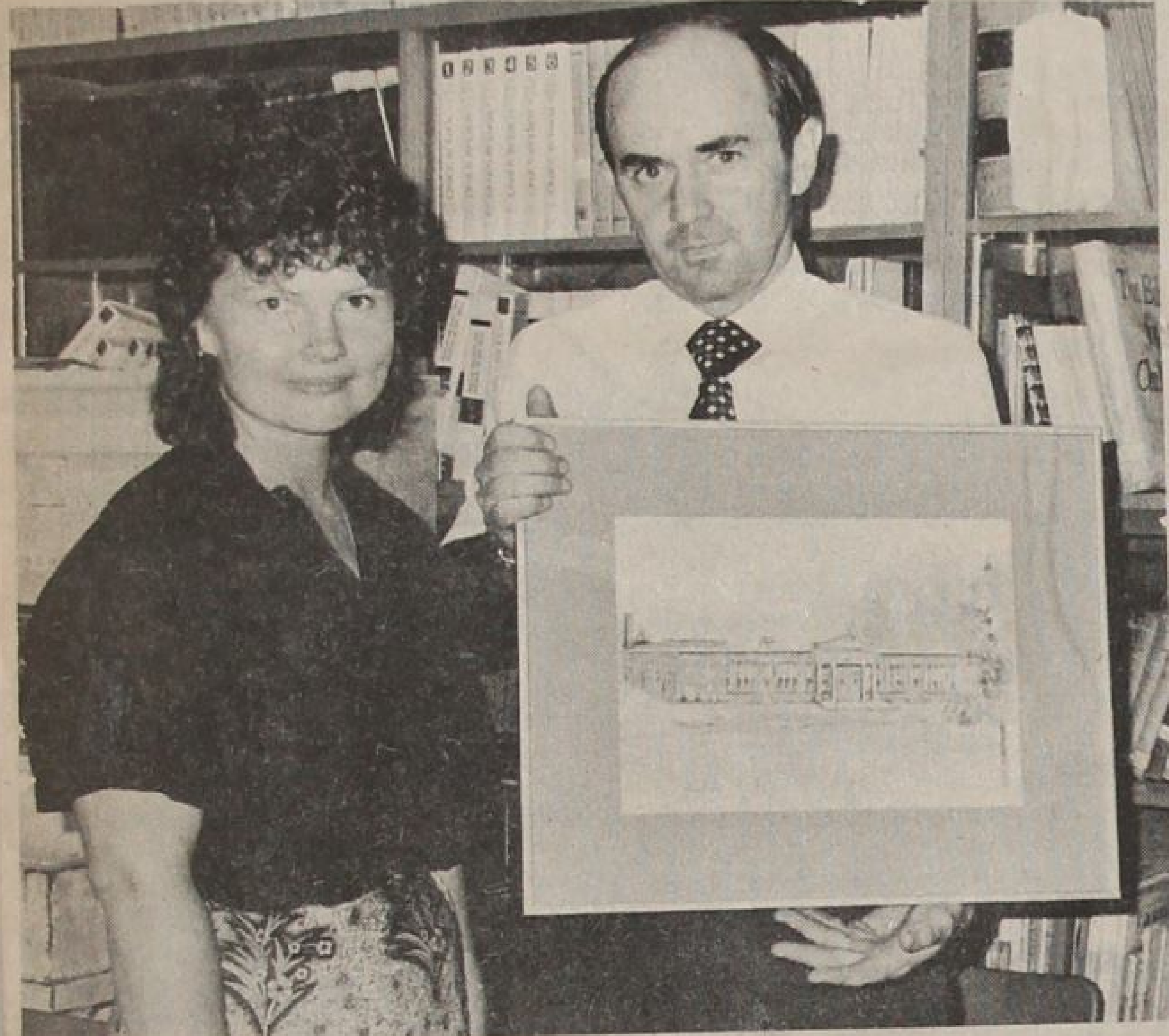
Mr. Brown hopes the supportiveness of the parents in Otterville will continue with the arrival of the new principal, Catherine Murphy, former vice-principal at Zorra-Highland school in Embro.

In the past few months a Parent-Teacher Association has been formed in Otterville. "I appreciate the work done by parents and know it will continue on," he said. One of his memorable experiences as principal of Otterville Public School was "seeing the PTA group spring up and become active in a short period of time."

Otterville Public School also offered Mr. Brown a group of "extremely co-operative" teachers who were willing to volunteer for any job they saw needed doing around the school, he said. "I hope it will be the same at Rolph."

Being principal of a school provides a lot of problems that require solving and the pressure is increasing with the amount of paperwork and organizations principals must deal with, he said. "It is a very difficult but satisfying job over the long run," and Mr. Brown feels satisfied with the end results of his work in Otterville.

Leaving Otterville Public School, Mr. Brown said he will be leaving a lot of good students and teachers and "very supportive" parents behind. "I'll leave with a bit of unhappiness," Mr. Brown said. "I've met people here I will miss."



Departing gift presented

Bertha Gehring, a member of the Otterville Parent-Teacher Association, presents Fred Brown, principal of the Otterville Public School, with a watercolor painting done by Nellie VanGastel of Norwich during the PTA meeting Monday. Mr. Brown will be leaving his position at Otterville Public School to be principal at Rolph St. Public School in Tillsonburg. (Staff Photo)

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Receive honor medallions

Annette Mudge (left), David Cope and Suzy Kramer, all Grade 8 students, receive their honor medallions from Grade 8 teacher John Lamont during Graduation ceremonies at Otterville Public School Monday evening. The medallions are awarded to students receiving at least an 80 per cent average. Nineteen Grade 8 students received their graduation diplomas during the ceremony. (Staff Photo)



Showed commendable effort

David Cope and Annette Mudge, both Grade 8 students, were the recipients of the Pettigrew Award from teacher Anna Orth during Otterville Public School graduation ceremonies Monday evening. The Pettigrew Award is given to the boy and girl who have shown commendable effort in school activities and have achieved high academic standing. (Staff Photo)



Top students

David Cope and Suzy Kramer were awarded for having the highest averages for boys and girls in Grade 8 during Graduation ceremonies at Otterville Public School Monday evening. For their academic achievements they received the I.O.D.E. award from teacher Janice Buchner. (Staff Photo)

Verschoyle, Port Dover win Otters tournament

OTTERVILLE — Verschoyle Gunners and Port Dover won championships at the annual Otterville Otters fastball tournament

Verschoyle took the championship with a 6-1 win over Dunning's Paving in the title game. Port Dover edged Straffordville 1-0 to win the consolation crown.

Eight teams participated in the tournament with Verschoyle scoring wins over Port Dover 11-2 and Woodstock 5-0 to earn the berth in the title game.

Port Dover recovered from the setback in the Verschoyle game to score a 7-3 win over Burgessville to get into the consolation final.

The host Otterville Otters won their opening game over Springford Blues 3-2 but were eliminated when Dunning Paving beat them 3-0 the next game.

Championship Final

Verschoyle 6 Dunning 1

Verschoyle jumped on losing pitcher Dave Corkish for nine hits, including two each by Pat Sprague, Kevin Paton and Roger Anstee.

Winning pitcher Rob Johnson allowed only five hits, while striking out 12.

Gerald Roode led Dunning's at the plate with two singles.

Consolation Final

Port Dover 1 Straffordville 0

Larry Husul's sacrifice fly which scored Ross Miller, who had earlier doubled, gave Port Dover its winning margin in the fourth inning.

There were only three hits in the game with Roger Long getting the other Port Dover hit and Brent Stewart rapping out a single to break up a no-hitter bid by Port

Dover pitcher, Marshall Linsay.

Leon Passmore was losing pitcher and he didn't walk a man while striking out five and allowing those two scant hits.

Otterville 3 Springford 2

Art Cattrysse hit a long fly ball to centre which scored Joe Webb, who had earlier tripled, to give Otterville the win in the seventh inning.

Winning pitcher Bill Fidlin struck out 14 and didn't walk a man through the seven innings. He allowed only five hits.

Greg Volkaert was losing pitcher and he also gave up only five hits while striking out two and walking a pair.

Dunning Paving 3 Otterville 0

Corkish allowed only three Otterville singles with Doug Furlong, Webb and Dave Davis getting them.

But that wasn't enough for a run while Dunning was touching two Otterville pitchers for seven hits. Gerald Roode led Dunning at the plate with two singles.

Corkish also drove in a run himself in the fourth inning with a single which scored teammate Cary Lale from second base.

Otterville rallies T.N. JUNE 11

SPRINGFORD — Five Otterville singles brought home seven runs in the seventh inning to break open a 3-3 game and lead Otterville Otters to a 10-4 win over Springford Blues in a North Oxford Fastball League game here last Tuesday.

Otterville rapped out 14 hits in all off three Springford pitchers. Mark Cattrysse and Pat Pinnoy each had three hits with Pierre Pinnoy and Art Cattrysse banging out two apiece to pace the winners. Doug Furlong, C.D. Richardson, Joe Webb and Dave McDowell had other Otterville hits.

James Smith had two hits for Springford with Kim Malcolm, Carl Wilcox, Wayne Pratt, Clay Hoover, Fred Smith and Paul Scott getting the others.

Ray Atkinson was winning pitcher, striking out 10.

Springford starter, Dave Haley, took the loss. He was relieved by Greg Volkaert and Dave Haley.

OTTERVILLE LIONS CLUB POOL

Registration and Information

Saturday, June 16, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday, June 17, 6:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

(Tentative schedule - subject to change)

Public and Family Swim

Children 50c

Adults \$1.00

Students 75c

Watch for the Lions' Bus Tues. and Fri. Afternoons.

TIME	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.
9:00-12:00	Children's Lessons						
12:00-1:00	Swim Team	Ladies'	Swim Team	Ladies' Aquatics	Swim Team		
1:30-4:00	Public Swimming					(1:00-4:00)	
4:00-5:30	Synchro		Synchro		Synchro		
5:30-6:30	Mom's Pops & Tots		Mom's Pops & Tots				Family Swim
6:30-7:00	Adult Lessons	Fitness Swim	Fitness Swim	Adult Lessons	Public Swim		
7:00-8:00	Public Swim	Adult Swim	Public Swim	Adult Swim			Public Swim



Tomahawk competition

Although the competitions with muzzle-loading rifles at The Black Powder Shoot held at the Trailtrotters' Club near Springford on the weekend made the most noise they weren't the only events going

on. Members of the Woodstock-Oxford Muzzle-loaders' Association dressed in traditional garb, also competed in knife and tomahawk throws throughout the weekend. (Staff Photo)

Muzzleloaders hold black powder shoot

BICENTENNIAL BANG!

By PAULLUKE

While thousands of Scouts and Guides occupied Courtland on the June 16 weekend, this past weekend belonged to tomahawk-toting, muzzle-loading mountain men and women.

Belonged to them at the Trailtrotters' Club near Springford at least, where members of the Woodstock-Oxford Muzzleloaders' Association were camped out for a Black Powder Shoot as part of Norwich Township's Canada Week celebrations.

The muzzle-loaders, who number about 26 shooting members, are devoted to anachronism as recreational lifestyle. While they could shoot high-powered rifles, wear Pierre Cardin down vests and recline in luxurious Winnebagos they opt instead for firearms loaded through the muzzle, home made buckskin leggings, loin cloths and dresses and functional canvas tents.

The milieu for which they strive is 1800-1815 backwoods, said Ken Kelly, the club's black powder chairman who looks after setting up the club's shoots. And it's a family milieu; the club's members include seven families and the age of shooting members ranges from 13 to 55. Mr. Kelly's own wife and two daughters are involved in the club.

The weekend campouts, termed rendezvous, after the 19th century fur traders' post-winter get-togethers, are held about eight times throughout the year, Mr. Kelly said. At last weekend's rendezvous, sponsored by the Trailtrotters' Snowmobile club, men, women and children competed in muzzle-loading, tomahawk-throwing and knife-wielding contests.

Why the fascination with guns laboriously loaded through the muzzle when shell-loaded rifles are so much faster? For one thing, the muzzle-loaders clearly enjoy the ritual of loading and the colorful apparatus it requires: the should bag for supplies, the powder horn, the black powder itself.

While muzzle-loaded rifles can't achieve the velocity and distance of modern firearms, that handicap is part of the challenge when you go hunting, says Mr. Kelly. "With a high-powered rifle, at 300 yards you can down a deer," he said. "With a muzzle-loader you've got to stalk them." A muzzle-loader which is properly set up is more accurate within its range than a conventional rifle, he said.

Mr. Kelly, 34, has been hunting since he was five years old. Until he began using muzzle-loaders five years ago, he had invested in a lot of modern rifles. "When I got into muzzle-loading most of them were sold."

Accurate the muzzle-loaders may be, but their devotees don't make it easy on themselves. Among the targets at Springford were potatoes, pieces of charcoal

and crackers tied to strings and subject to the fickleness of the breeze.

"It's not as hard as it looks but you've got to have a steady hand," Mr. Kelly said.



Black powder shoot

George Hesketh of Tillsonburg takes aim at a target during the Black Powder Shoot held by the Woodstock-Oxford Muzzle-loaders' Association at the Trailtrotters' Club near Springford last weekend. Association members who attended the shoot also had tomahawk and knife-throwing competitions. (Staff Photo)



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1,400 growers at Ottawa

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JUNE 20

No promises on national

By MARLENE OPDECAM

Tobacco producers and the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board didn't get any of the answers or assurances they were hoping for when they made the trek to Ottawa Monday.

Even though as many as 1,400 producers took part in a mass demonstration on Parliament Hill to impress Federal Agricultural Minister Eugene Whelan with the urgency of tabling an amendment to the Farm Products Marketing Agencies Act to permit the industry to set up a

national marketing agency for tobacco, the minister wasn't making any promises.

Participants in the demonstration, who were drenched in an afternoon downpour, had hoped the show of unity and concern would help persuade the minister to get the necessary amendment before the house before it recesses at the end of the month.

Mr. Whelan told growers he might be in a position to do so if he had the support of the opposition party and the co-operation of all the parties but made no definite commitment, board chairman George

Demeyere said in a telephone interview this morning.

"He didn't say anything we wanted to hear," Diane Kersten, a tobacco grower's wife and one of those who took part in Monday's confrontation, said on her return from Ottawa.

According to Mrs. Kersten, the minister "totally ignored us."

Mr. Demeyere said he too was disappointed with the minister's failure to come through with a promise to table the amendment in the near future. "I have no

idea at this time if the bill will make it to the House prior to June 29," he said. He added, however, that he wasn't saying it still wasn't possible. He noted board members who remained in Ottawa after the demonstration are continuing to push to get the bill tabled, as are a few members of the concerned farmers' group that requested the demonstration and also stayed on in Ottawa.

Mr. Demeyere reported that the Ontario board met with the other tobacco producing provinces Tuesday to go over a

revised copy of the original national plan drawn up by the Ontario board last year.

Despite revisions intended to address specific objections from the provinces to the original plan, representatives at the meeting remained non-committal, Mr. Demeyere said.

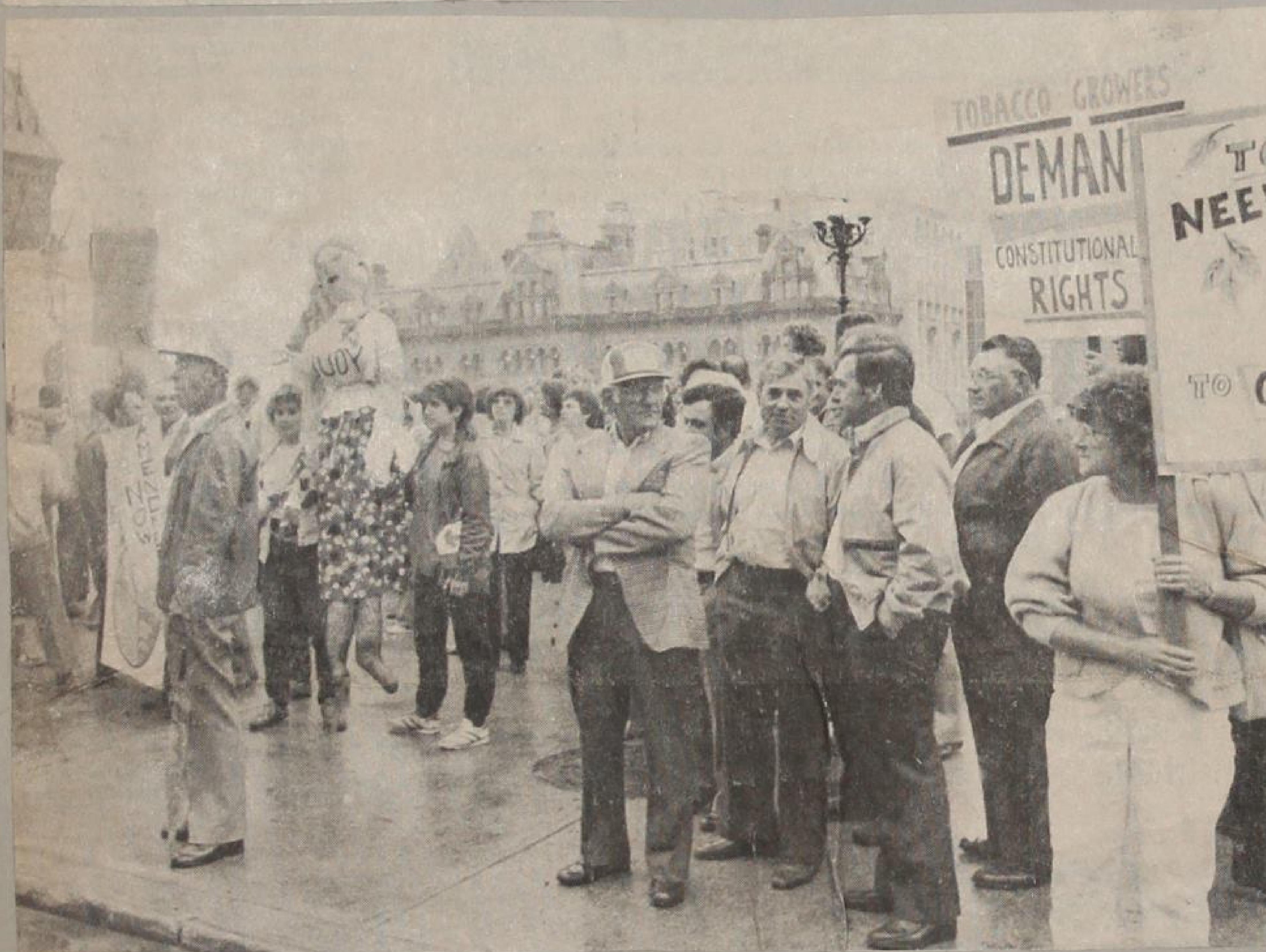
They are, however, still willing to continue to explore the mechanics of setting up a national agency and Ontario, Quebec and Maritime tobacco association representatives are meeting with June

Menzies today to discuss the details of going national. Mrs. Menzies is chairman of the National Farm Products Marketing Council.

Mr. Demeyere said he feels the provinces' reluctance to back a national agency stems from the fact tobacco will be the first commodity included under the act which exports as much as 45 per cent of the total produced.

"We know we need a two-price system and until we have the guidelines for setting the cost of production down in black and white for producers to look at, they aren't likely to support a national agency," he said.

The board is hoping some indication of what formula might be used to set cost of production may come out of the meeting with Mrs. Menzies today.





Camada Week



June 24 - July 2



THE TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH

4th ANNUAL CANADA DAY PARADE

SPRINGFORD

MONDAY, JULY 2nd, 1984

ENTRY NO. _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARADE ENTRIES:

The Marshalling Area is at St. Clair Grain & Feed Yard at the north end of Springford, on County Rd. 13.

The Parade will start at 10:30 A.M. on the route shown on the attached map.

Parade entries must be ready at 9:00 A.M. at the Marshalling area for pre-judging at 9:30 A.M.

The Parade commences at 10:30 A.M. SHARP.

Your Entry Number should be displayed on your entry and should be readily visible.

The Judges Stand and TV area is at the intersection of Oxford County Roads #13&19 in Springford.

Please maintain a distance of 50 feet behind the entry in front of you at all times.

Float winners will be advised at the Ball Park area.

Awards will be presented at the Garden Party in the evening. If you are unable to attend please appoint a delegate to receive the trophy.

Bicycles will be allowed in the parade and will be in one group.

Persons entering horses in the parade are to arrange for any clean-up.

Yours truly,

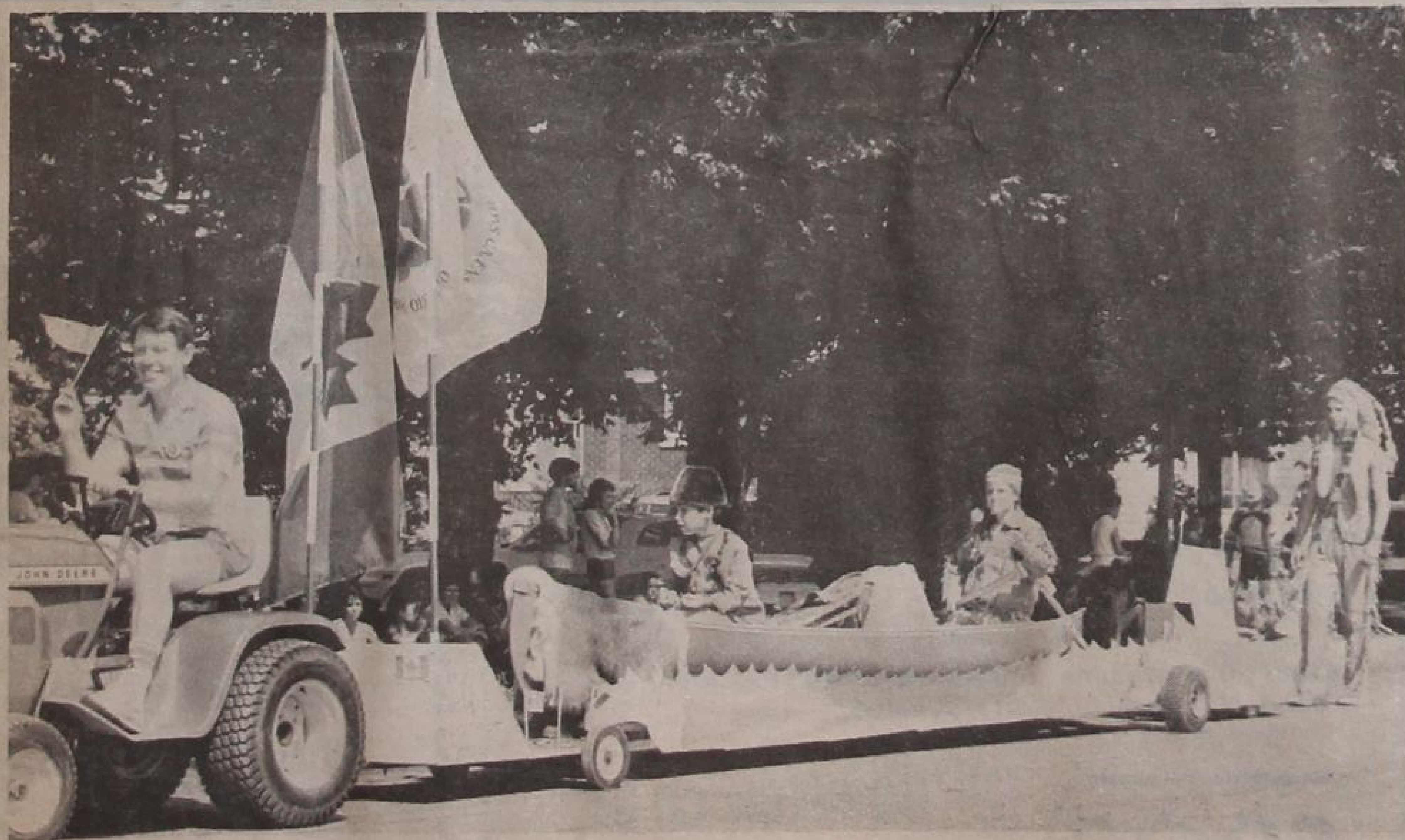
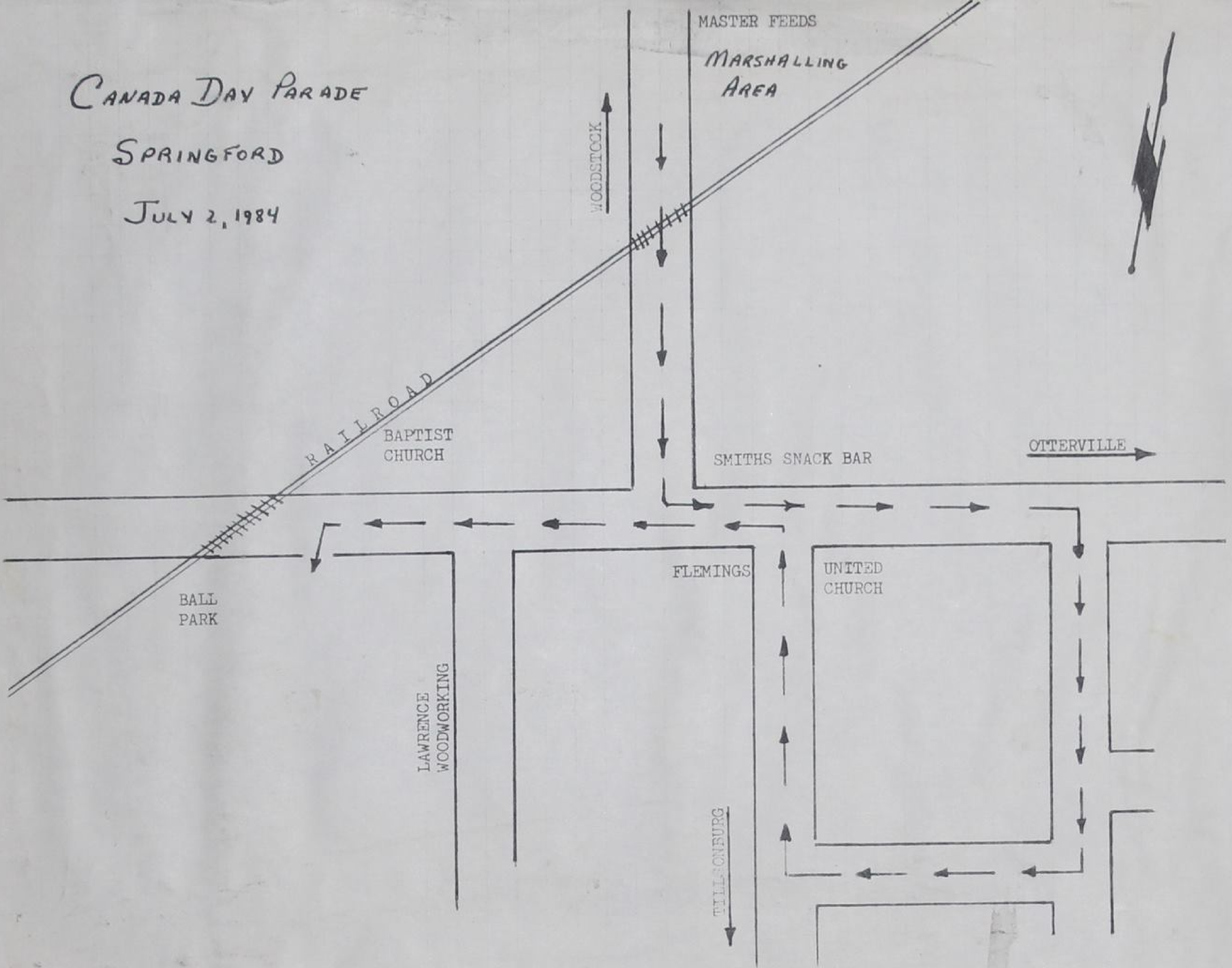
Don Miller
Parade Marshall

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CANADA DAY PARADE

SPRINGFORD

JULY 2, 1984



Best family entry

Joe Hampson and his family of Oxford Centre recaptured some of Canada's pioneer days with their entry in the Canada Day Parade

in Springford Monday. The entry was chosen as best family entry in the parade. (Staff Photo)

Hundreds at celebrations

By DOREEN HOOVER

Hundreds of enthusiastic children and adults and a weekend of beautiful, sunny weather resulted in a successful Canada Day celebration in Springford on the weekend.

The major day of activity was Monday, July 2 when under sunny skies hundreds of spectators lined the streets of Springford to view the 40 entries in the parade that included elaborate floats, bands, dignitaries and various area groups. Parade winners were Norwich Public School for best school entry, Joe Hampson and family from Oxford Centre for best family entry with Nellie Robinson of Norwich placing second. The Cornell Women's Institute placed first for best organization entry

with Bond's II 4-H Club coming in second. J. and J. Precast of Norwich won for best commercial entry with McMullen's Blacksmith Shop being named runner-up and J. and J. Precast was also named best overall entry in the parade.

The crowds of spectators then moved to the Springford Park to view the selection and crowning of Miss Township of Norwich in the second year of the event. Mary Jane Beal, 18, of Norwich was chosen from the eight contestants to represent the township for the coming year. Laura Lee Andrew and Kelly Hudson, both of Norwich, were named first and second runners up. Miss Township of Norwich will be available to represent the township at several functions in the coming year. Allvson Hager-

man of Burgessville was also thanked for her work as Miss Township of Norwich during her reign.

Following the competition, the children in attendance gathered to participate in various activities organized by the Spring-Otter Optimist Club. After a large balloon release, children tested their abilities in a bubble blowing contest and then in a watermelon eating contest.

About 600 people later in the afternoon enjoyed the pork chop barbecue offered in the Springford Park by the Springford churches and then local talent went on display at the annual Garden party that included displays of magic and music.

But Monday was not the only day of ac-

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tivity as weekend events began Friday night with a men's slo-pitch tournament in Springford and a men's fastball tournament in Norwich.

About 20 children enthusiastically took part in the Spring-Otter Optimist Club's annual soap box derby in Otterville Saturday morning as they manoeuvred their vehicles of all shapes and design down the Main Street hill. Various games were also offered in the afternoon in the Otterville Park by the Otterville Sunshine Club.

Sunday included an interdenominational church service in Springford, a concert by the Norwich Musical Society Band and in the evening about 300 people attended the South Norwich Historical Society's annual chicken barbecue in the Treffry Mill meadow. Funds raised from the event will be used for the restoration of the mill.

More than 200 people then enjoyed the Hymn Sing in Springford that included entertainment by Homeward Bound from Houghton, Rejoice from London, a male quartet from the Springford Baptist Church, Bill Popham, Tillsonburg, performing on trumpet and Shelley and Shannon Popham, Tillsonburg, performing a duet. Rev. Jack Bell of St. Catharines and formerly of Springford was master of ceremonies with Jim Matthews, Tillsonburg, and Lilian Broad, Springford, participating in the singsong.

Organizers of the Canada Day events in Springford were pleased with the high attendance at the events and that their hard work provided enjoyable activities for the people eager to celebrate Canada Day.

The focus of next year's township celebrations will be Norwich and will coincide with Norwich's 175th anniversary celebration.



NORWICH TOWNSHIP CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS



"Everyone Loves A Parade"

4th ANNUAL CANADA DAY PARADE

Monday, July 2nd, 1984 10:30 a.m.

"To Be Held In Springford"

Other Canada Week Celebrations Include:

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY, JUNE 29th, 30th, JULY 1st

MEN'S SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT - Springford Ball Park

Beginning Friday Night at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday Morning at 8:00 a.m.

MEN'S FASTBALL TOURNAMENT - Dillon Park, Norwich

Beginning Friday Night at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday Morning at 10:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30th and MONDAY, JULY 2nd

FLEA MARKET - 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. - Springford Tennis Courts

SATURDAY, JUNE 30th

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES and GAMES - Lion's Park, Otterville - 1:00 p.m.

OPTIMIST SOAP BOX DERBY - Otterville 10:00 a.m.

OPTIMIST STREET DANCE - to be held at Springford Park on Tennis Court 9:00 p.m. - Band - "DESTINY"

SATURDAY, SUNDAY and MONDAY, JUNE 30th, JULY 1st and 2nd

FILMS - shown at Springford Women's Institute Hall, 2:30 p.m.

WOODCARVING DISPLAY - at former Springford School 12 noon and 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 1st

Outdoor Inter-Denominational CHURCH SERVICE

10:30 a.m. Lunch available after Church Service - Springford Park

Otterville-South Norwich Historical Society Annual CHICKEN BARBECUE

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. - Treffry Mill, Otterville

HYMN SING - Springford Park 7:30 p.m.

NORWICH MUSICAL BAND CONCERT - Springford Park - 1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY and MONDAY, JULY 1st and 2nd

MODEL AIRCRAFT DISPLAY - 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. - across from Springford Ball Park

MONDAY, JULY 2nd

10:30 a.m. - 4th Annual CANADA DAY PARADE - Springford

12:00 noon - OPENING CEREMONIES Lunch will be available

12:00 noon - WOODCARVING DISPLAY - Springford Park

12:30 p.m. - MISS TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH COMPETITION - Springford Park

1:30 p.m. - OPTIMISTS KID'S ACTIVITIES - Springford Park

2:00 p.m. - FIRE DEPT. PUMPER COMPETITION - Springford

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - MODEL AIRCRAFT DISPLAY

- Lee Haley's Farm, Springford

2:30 p.m. - FILMS - Springford Women's Institute Hall

- Springford Park

4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - PORK CHOP BARBECUE

- Springford Park

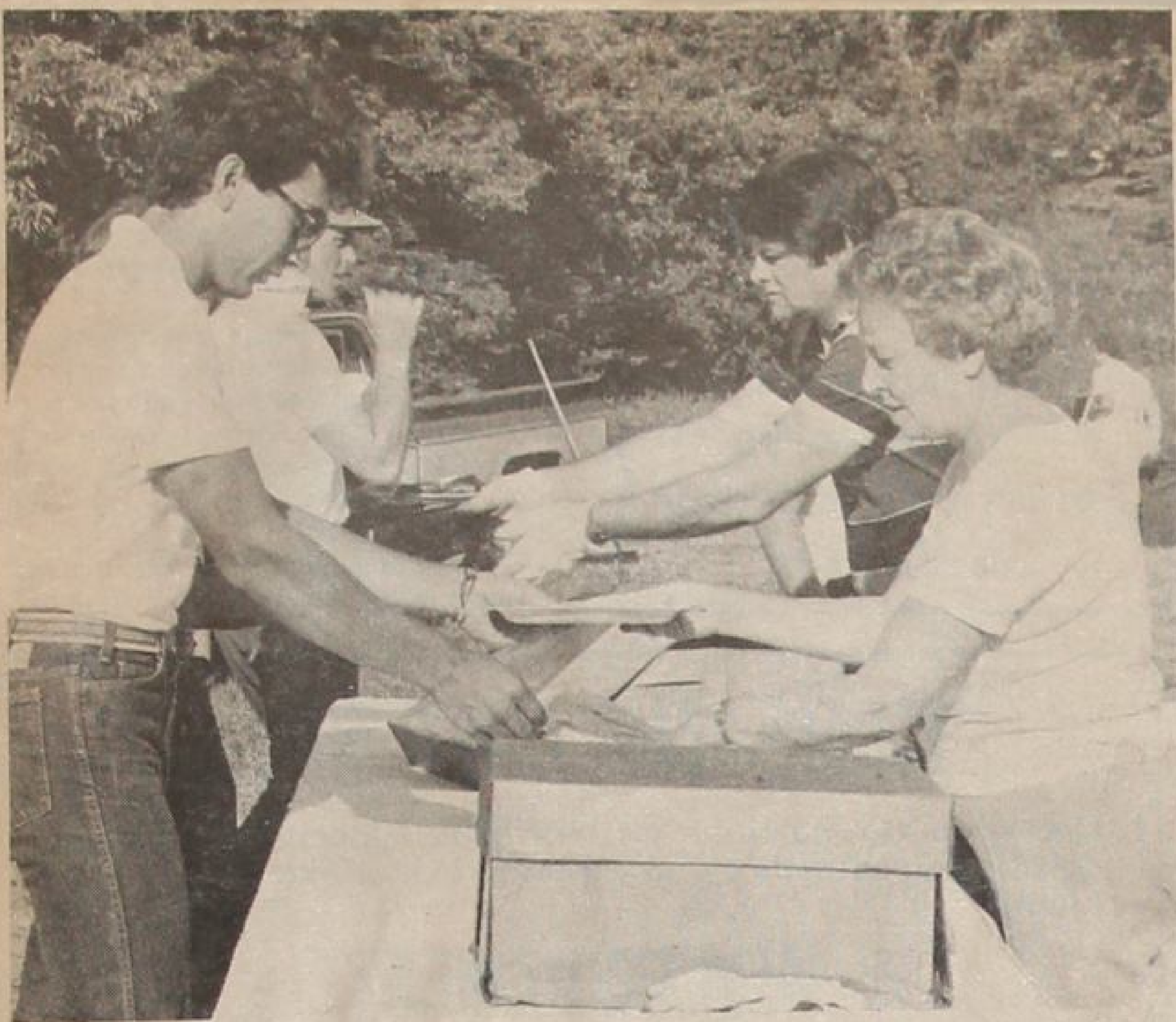
7:30 p.m. - GARDEN PARTY - Springford Park

FLEA MARKET Open Monday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



The race begins

Rene Letoile (right), 9, and Jeremy Pickering, 7, both of Otterville were two of the 21 children who participated in the Spring-Otter Optimist Club's annual soapbox derby Saturday morning. As the vehicles took off down the ramp, the drivers tried to gain speed while still manoeuvring the vehicles down the Maint Street hill in Otterville. (Staff Photo)



Attend barbecue

Many people enjoyed the chicken dinner at the annual South Norwich Historical Society barbecue held in the Treffry Mill meadow Sunday. Funds raised from the event will go towards the restoration of the mill. (Staff Photo)



Perform at Hymn Sing

The singing group Homeward Bound from Houghton, Ontario perform at the Hymn Sing held in the Springford Park Sunday evening. Those in attendance were entertained by several area performers and participated in a singsong. (Staff Photo)



Ready to ride

These youngsters on their sporty looking tricycles looked ready to race Wednesday evening as they gathered on a parking lot in Otterville. Lining up at the starting line were: from left, Patrick

Whitehead, 4, of Otterville; Sean Mudge, 7, of Guelph, holidaying with his grandmother in Otterville; and Eric Whitehead, 6, of Otterville. (Staff Photo)



Passes on the crown

Miss Township of Norwich for 1983 Allyson Hagerman of Burgessville places the crown on Mary Jane Beal of Norwich who was chosen to represent the township for the coming year during Canada Day events in Springford Monday. (Staff Photo)



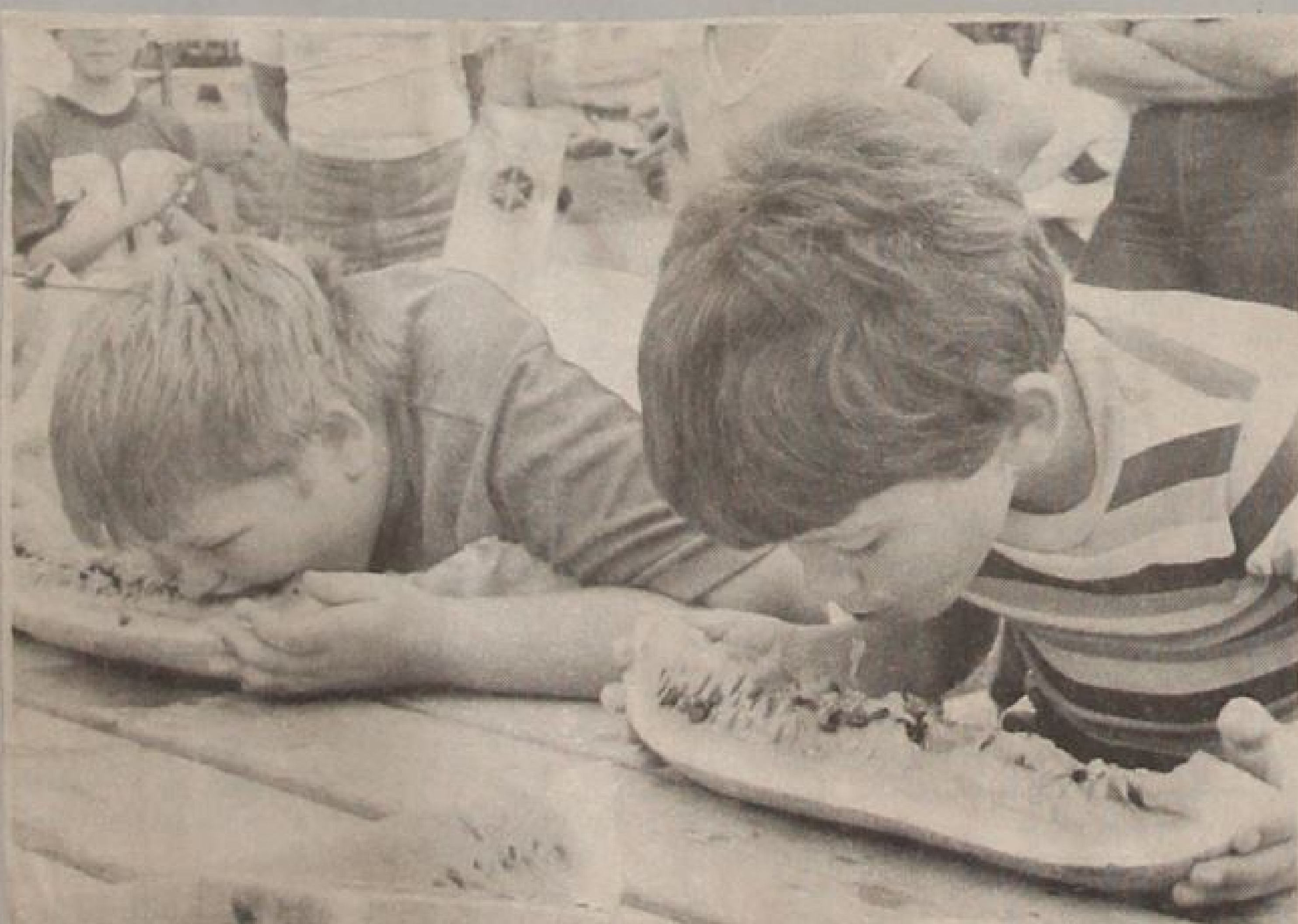
Olden days

Activities in a blacksmith shop including passing the jug around were brought to life in this float that placed second in the best commercial category in the Canada Day Parade in Springford on Monday. (Staff Photo)



Miniatures on display

While Glenn Ellis (left), one-year-old, appears rather uninterested, Grant Ellis, 4, of Tillsonburg appears awed by the experience of being part of the Norwich Township Canada Day Parade in Springford Monday. Glenn and Grant were pulled by one of the miniature horses, led by Dorothy Weeks, from the E.K. Ellis mini donkey and mini horse ranch in Tillsonburg. (Staff Photo)



M-m-m-m good

Jeff Nold (left), 11, and Tommy Williams, 10, both of Norwich, appear to enjoy the taste of watermelon as they dig in during the watermelon eating contest organized by the Spring-Otter Optimist Club in Springford Monday. Despite their efforts, neither boy won the contest. (Staff Photo)



Celebrating Canada's birthday

Larke Turnbull of Springford helps spread the thoughts of Canada's birthday as she hands miniature Canadian flags to spectators viewing the Canada Day parade in Springford Monday. (Staff Photo)



Take to the air

Children attending the Canada Day events in Springford on Monday got the chance to send messages into the air through a balloon release organized by the Spring-Otter Optimist Club. (Staff Photo)



Golden agers perform

Members of the Courtland Golden Age Club were some of the local talent who performed at the annual Garden Party in Springford

Monday evening that brought the township Canada Day events to a close. (Staff Photo)

Salary increase

Norwich Township Police Chief Robert Knight received a five per cent increase in his 1983 basic salary retroactive to January 1, 1984, when his contract was renewed by Norwich Township council Monday.

Committee representative

Councillor Norm Lusk was appointed as Community Services Committee representative on the committee to interview applicants for the position of deputy fire chief for the Ward 2 Fire Hall.

Choose zoning officer

Norwich Township Police Chief has been appointed zoning officer for the township with the passing of Bylaw 54-84 at Monday's council meeting. Under the bylaw the chief of police may delegate this authority as zoning officer to the members of the Norwich Township Police Department.

Grant permission

The Norwich Optimist Club was given permission by council Monday to hold a car wash on Washington Avenue in the mini park area on Saturday, July 21 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

NC - July 4

Relocate fence

Otterville ball teams will be asked by Norwich Township council to relocate the base fence in the Otterville Park salvaging as much material such as the top bar and fence as possible. The township will pay for any necessary materials and the Otterville ball clubs should do the work, council decided last Tuesday evening.

Use for meetings

The Norwich-Otterville Lions Club has been given permission by council to use the former Otterville Library area in the basement of the Otterville Hall

for their monthly directors' meetings.

Baseball grants

Council approved the sending of grants to several minor ball organizations in the township based on \$5 per registrant as determined by the latest registration.

Ask for garbage bin

Because of the impending closure of the South Norwich landfill site, Otterville, in mid-summer this year, township council approved a motion last Tuesday to ask Oxford County to provide an on-site bin for once a week collection for the remainder of 1984. The garbage bin would allow a phasing in of the change of service to the township residents who will have to haul their garbage to the Holbrook landfill site and also allow the county to gain valuable experience in the operation of a transfer station prior to the Salford landfill site coming on stream.

Authorize participation

Council approved a bylaw authorizing participation by the township in the Designated Property Grants program segment of the Building Rehabilitation and Improvement Campaign (BRIC). Under the program grants up to \$2,000 a year are available to provide financial assistance for the conservation of properties designated under The Ontario Heritage Act as being of historical and architectural significance. Norwich Township has five designated properties -- Curries United Church, The Beck Store in Hawtrey, The Sutton Clark house, Treffry Mill and the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre.

Otterville transfer station turned down

TN
July 23

A request from Norwich Township council asking the county to establish a temporary transfer station for waste at the Otterville landfill site when it closes at the end of August was turned down by the county's public works engineer last Thursday.

County engineer Don Pratt said in a report that closure of the Otterville landfill site should come as no surprise to area residents now using the dump. He suggested there was no reason for a waste transfer station at the site when it closes at the end of August.

Norwich Township council requested the temporary transfer station with a large bin at the site so residents wouldn't have to drive to the Holbrook landfill site

with their garbage when the Otterville site closes.

But Mr. Pratt pointed out the maximum travel distance to Holbrook for a township resident in the Otterville area will only be about 15 miles. He also pointed out landfill sites in north Oxford and in Embro have been closed without complaint or inconvenience, even though some residents must now travel 33 kilometres (20 miles) to reach the nearest landfill site.

"In any event, provision of a temporary transfer station would only postpone any perceived inconvenience until such time as the transfer station itself is closed," said the report.

In 1976 a transfer station in South-West

Oxford Township was closed by the county to save money.

In other business the public works committee approved a proposal to provide new lighting for the courthouse square in Woodstock.

The committee recommended county council set aside about \$13,000 for the heritage-style lighting scheme which will feature mounted floodlights at the front of the building and walkway lamps around the courthouse.

Ratepayers to face hike

By Mike Ambrose
Staff Writer

OTTERVILLE — The municipal budget for 1984 represents a minimal 2.16 per cent increase in taxes for Norwich Township, but ratepayers face a hike of 5.45 per cent from other increases.

Total increase for all County levies combined is 5.45 per cent, down from last year's 8.35 per cent and well below the 1982 hike of 15.44 per cent.

These levies include County taxes, Township taxes and public and secondary school levies.

On a \$5,000 assessment there will be an increase of just over \$60 collected. A total of \$4,640,633 will be gathered in Norwich Township, but only about 25 per cent of that is under the control of the municipality. This amounts to about \$1.1-million for roads, expenses and administration.

This year a surplus of \$120,000 from 1983 was utilized in the 1984 budget in order to reduce the levy on taxpayers, resulting in a drop in the Township mill rate; an increase of only 2.16 per cent as opposed to 4.37 per cent increase in 1983.

The bulk of Township funds go to education, \$1,030,523 for public schools and \$978,775 for secondary schools.

Township Council also put \$50,000 into a reserve fund for mill rate stabilization if needed in 1985 to cushion any drastic hike in the levies.

The waste disposal budget of \$68,070 included \$10,000 for legal services. The \$34,000 settlement from the County of Oxford received in the Holbrook Landfill Site agreement has been put in a special contingency fund.

A \$30,000 reserve was created for a feasibility study the Township will initiate

in the coming months. The study will examine the need for a computer system in the Township office.

The Springford Women's Institute Hall was provided \$15,000 in another reserve fund as they plan to move it to a new location. Since there are no plans finalized for the move, and no costs estimates in yet, it was put in the fund in prospect of future action.

Mayor John Heleniak said expenditures had to be kept down because of a large amount of taxes in arrears, due to the economic situation which makes paying taxes a burden to residents.

"We held numerous meetings," said the Mayor, "Council worked very hard. They are to be commended. I'm pleased we were able to stay well below the 5 per cent... we certainly didn't want to have to cut services, but there were many items taken out that were not necessities."

Playground program begins in Norwich Township

By DOREEN HOOVER

Children are entertained through crafts, games and songs when they participate in the Norwich Township summer playground program that began in Burgessville Monday.

About 50 children showed up at the W.P. "Ducky" Dennis Athletic Park in Burgessville Monday morning to take part in the playground program being held for one week each in five different locations in the township.

Under the organization of Marianne VanEsch, manager of the summer recreation program, and assistants Nancy Hagith, Michelle Pigden and Cheryl Lemon, all of Norwich, the children are entertained and taught a bit about history with the use of crafts, games, songs and discussion periods.

Days begin with singsongs and then the children divide into groups and participate in a variety of activities organized for their amusement. During each week at township parks the children will be doing different crafts each day such as making candles, recipe holders, painting and carving potatoes and making designs. They will also make caramel apples and taffy.

Discussion periods will be held on such topics as food, clothing, entertainment and also to help familiarize the children with different commonly used items. The crafts prove to be the most popular with the children and through them the organizers hope to make it fun as well as teach them historical information, Marianne said.

During each week of the program the children will be taken on various trips in the township. This week some of the children will be visiting the Norwich and District Museum to see the toy display,

Toying with the Past, while others will visit a Mennonite farm.

Thursday will be a special day when parents will be invited to attend a special performance by the children at the Burgessville park. At 7 p.m. crafts made during the week will be on display and the children will perform a singsong, a skit and also do some square dancing. A campout will follow the performance and an old fashioned breakfast will be served Friday morning to begin the play day to conclude the week of activities.

Most of the playground activities in the various areas of the township will be the same but as they are held changes may be made to better entertain the children, Marianne said.

The response Monday in Burgessville was "better than expected" and everything seemed to go smoothly with the children enjoying themselves, she said. "I'm glad to see so many children come out."

The playground program will move to Norwich from July 30 - Aug. 3 and then to Springford from Aug. 6-10, Oxford Centre from Aug. 13-17 and then Otterville from Aug. 20-24.

The recreation program funded through Summer Canada Works Program, concludes its 10 weeks on Aug. 31. Along with the playground program the organizers will also prepare a community calendar on various events occurring in the township to help increase public awareness of these events.

The playground program is open to children ages five to 13 and there is no charge for participating children and no pre-registration is necessary.

Play Day for youngsters

OTTERVILLE (C) — Play Day at the Otterville Park Saturday was one of the many events taking place during Canada Week celebrations on the weekend.

Children of all ages had an opportunity to become involved in many varied activities. Bubble blowing, face painting, sack races, wheel barrow races and ball carrying were only a few of the games organized for the children.

The Sunshine Club of Otterville was in charge of the afternoon with Josephine Mountain of Waterford doing an excellent job of organizing the different games. Other people helping the club with the afternoon were Lisa Oenema, Cheryl Neale, Stephanie Harris and Lisa Forsyth.

A children's day would not be complete without clowns and Saturday was no exception. Janice Lemcke and Cheryl McCurdy definitely helped in setting an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment dressed as two fun loving clowns.

Throughout the afternoon treats of candy, gum, suckers and peanuts were distributed with prizes being awarded by the Sunshine Club at the conclusion of the events.

A beautiful warm sunny day provided excellent weather conditions for the games with the Otterville pool being open for everyone to use - a cool refreshing way to finish the day.

If you think TV's CHIPS is exciting, read this!

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Where do we draw the line? We're in the position of judging everyone on their merits," he said, adding later he objected to the way council is handling Loveroff's operation.

They decided the business was already in violation of the zoning bylaw, he said. Now it's going to be in violation of a new one.

Under a hawkers and peddlers bylaw, chip wagons can operate for a few days only then are required to find a new location.

The chip wagon bylaw may cause problems for the service club booths set up at various community functions throughout the year, added Coun. Don Pettigrew.

Mayor John Heleniak said temporary booths would be given special consideration when an occasion arose, council could exempt them.

But that sparked a strong objection from Coun. Oliver. He said he agrees with the concept of a regulating bylaw, but if council is serious about it, it should apply to all refreshment vehicles. If not, council should make provision within the bylaw itself to exempt the ones used for organizational fund-raising.

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The chip wagon bylaw may cause problems for the service club booths set up at various community functions throughout the year, added Coun. Don Pettigrew.

Mayor John Heleniak said temporary booths would be given special consideration when an occasion arose, council could exempt them.

But that sparked a strong objection from Coun. Oliver. He said he agrees with the concept of a regulating bylaw, but if council is serious about it, it should apply to all refreshment vehicles. If not, council should make provision within the bylaw itself to exempt the ones used for organizational fund-raising.

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By LINDA HULME of The Sentinel-Review

OTTERVILLE — Norwich Township council delayed the passing of a chip wagon regulating bylaw for the second time.

"I don't like the way we're passing this as a reaction to a situation," said Coun. Mike Oliver,

referring to restaurateurs who are disgruntled over the location of Teddy's Chip Wagon in Norwich village.

The business, owned by Ted Loveroff, has been operating on private property just feet away from the village's downtown core for more than a month. It's been shut down once by police, and two weeks ago council directed it to be shut down once

more because the property isn't zoned commercial. That was after rescinding a motion to allow the business to operate during the rezoning process. Council then was reacting to a group of restaurant owners who argued the decision.

Now council is considering a bylaw regulating chip wagons. On the verge of a vote, Coun. at-Large Helen Smith detected there

wasn't much support for it. "Are they against chip wagons or are they against them paying a \$150 fee like everybody else pays taxes?" she asked.

HEATED DISCUSSION Mrs. Smith's queries gave rise to a heated discussion on the entire situation.

Coun. Bob Carney said he wondered whether they were enacting the wrong

Otterville Midgets victorious in first game of playoffs against Thamesford

Otterville hosted the first game of the Midget Girls O.R.S.A. on Tuesday, July 24 with a 5-4 win over Thamesford.

The game was tied at the bottom of the seventh inning by Otterville with a triple by Pam Forsyth and a run scored by Jan Butler.

Thamesford acquired no runs in the eighth inning leaving the game tied. Kelly Walther then led off with a walk for Otterville with Wendy Walters hitting a single sending Walther to second. Wendy Groeneveld hit a single to drive in the

winning run.

Otterville had eight hits off Thamesford pitcher, Kathy Gilbert. Walters and Groeneveld each had two Otterville hits with Forsyth, Sandy Vanbesien and Elaine Arthur getting others.

Thamesford had four hits off of Otterville pitcher, Walters. Coghlin had two Thamesford hits with Kathy Gilbert and Henarihsen each having others.

Kathy Gilbert had four strike-outs for Thamesford with Otterville's Walters having three.

Nominate three for medals

By DOREEN HOOVER

Community service and volunteerism are qualities displayed by the three residents that Norwich Township council have nominated for provincial bicentennial medals.

Jean Davis of Otterville, Mary Richardson, formerly of Oxford Centre, and Fred Hartley of Norwich were chosen by council last Tuesday evening after receiving input from members of the community.

Mrs. Davis was recognized for her many years of involvement with the community and her fundraising activities. She helped organize the first auction of the South Nor-

wich Historical Society last year and has canvassed the area for such organizations as the Canadian Cancer Society, the Heart Fund and the Arthritis Society.

Mrs. Davis, who has lived in Otterville 34 years, has also worked hard at beautifying the village of Otterville through grass cutting, "trying to brighten Main Street" by planting flowers and even painting some store fronts at her own expense in preparation of Otterville's 175th anniversary in 1982. Also to help decorate the downtown area she made anniversary shields and candles to be put on the poles in preparation for Canada Day celebrations, the 150th

and 175th anniversaries of the village and for Christmas. She has also used her artistic ability to paint plates depicting the Treffry Mill and to raise funds for its restoration.

Other community activities include singing with the Otterville United Church Choir and the South Norwich Community Choir as well as helping with the South Norwich Historical Society. She also is a volunteer with the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

After hearing she had been chosen as one of the three nominees in the township Mrs. Davis said she was "very surprised"

but thought it was nice to be appreciated.

The second nominee is Mary Richardson, of Woodstock and formerly of Oxford Centre. Her many years of community involvement and interest in Oxford Centre and her eagerness to offer help when needed were thought worthy for a nomination by council.

Although she is retired and living in Woodstock Mrs. Richardson still remains active in events and organizations in Oxford Centre. She has been a member of the Oxford Centre Senior Citizens since it began at least 10 years ago and is a
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member of the Oxford Centre United Church and the United Church Women. She also belongs to the Fair board of the Woodstock Agricultural Society and a charter member of the Woodingford Lodge Auxiliary in Woodstock. She "was always interested in the community" and helped out or participated in activities whenever possible.

Mrs. Richardson, who is celebrating her 60th year as a nurse since her graduation, also used her training to help members of the community. She would often travel to homes to care for the sick during snowstorms until the doctor could arrive and even would ride on the snowplow to offer her aid. She again readily offered her services after a tornado caused extensive damage in Oxford Centre in 1979. She worked at the Oxford Centre Fire Hall helping to make sure that everyone was well-fed and clothed.

"I try to help out whenever necessary," she said. "If there were people in trouble I did what I could."

Mrs. Richardson said she was at first "shocked" when she heard of the nomination but thinks it is nice to know that people think well of her.

The third township nominee is Mr. Hartley who has volunteered his time and

effort in the field of amateur sports in the township.

Mr. Hartley has managed several sports teams since 1969 and has been actively involved in minor ball and minor hockey in various capacities. He is now in his second year as manager of the Norwich Diggers Ladies Fastball team.

He has been instrumental in the development of Junior hockey in Norwich for at least 15 years. He has held such positions as director on the executive of the Junior D hockey club in Norwich, president of the Norwich Minor Ball Association and treasurer for minor ball and hockey as well as the Junior "D" hockey club at different times.

Since 1973 Mr. Hartley has been writing articles for the newspaper on minor hockey action and then baseball.

He was at first "shocked" when he heard about this nomination but is pleased and appreciates the recognition given to his participation in sports in the township.

The list of the three nominees as well as copies of the letters sent to council asking them to recognize Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Richardson and Mr. Hartley will be sent to the Bicentennial Awards Committee in Toronto and the committee will choose the 1,984 recipients of Bicentennial medals to be presented later this year.

Hand out Block Parent signs at Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Block Parent program of Otterville took another important step forward last Wednesday evening when signs were handed out to accepted applicants.

Once more forms have been checked by the Ontario Provincial Police and there will be additional signs distributed.

OPP Constable Vern Fleming explained the use of the signs to everyone present and reviewed various circumstances for which the program is geared. To further clarify this the film "Sneekers and his Friends" was shown to the group. This film had been previously shown to all students of the Otterville Public School. Therefore the approach taken to explain the program to the children could be seen. Those present who had been checked by

the OPP received their signs, each being numbered for identification and recording by the police.

The Block Parent program provides the community with an organized method of protecting its children and adults. It aids in the prompt reporting of emergency problems to the Police Department and requires as much community involvement as possible.

The rural Block Parent program is also progressing well with a list of accepted participants being formed. Anyone interested in becoming involved in the program is strongly encouraged to contact any Block Parent committee member, Marg Kramer (879-6427), Chris McMullen (879-6934), Mary Lou Pickering (879-6455) and PTA president August DeWachter (879-6636).

300 attend special service

SPRINGFORD (C) — What a perfect morning it was to commemorate in worship the 117th birthday of Our Dominion and 200th birthday of Ontario for the celebrations were held in the park, with an attendance in the vicinity of 300.

Rev. Lawrence Mason conducted the service and Rev. Earl Moore delivered the message, "Our Dominion." The primary reason for celebration on Dominion Day is worship to the Lord on this His day and give thanks for our political, economic and spiritual freedom.

Norwich Community Choir, with Mrs. Jean McClintock as director and Mrs. Lillian Broad as piano accompanist, rendered "Let There Be Peace," "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," "Jesus Is A Wonderful Savior," "He," "The Lord's My Shepherd," "People of the World Rejoice" and "Dear Canada Dear Land of Mine."

An offering was received and after expenses are covered, the remainder will be evenly divided for Special Mission Outreach, between the local Baptist and United Church.

You are cordially invited
to celebrate
in honour of the
Twenty-Fifth Anniversary
of Bob & Catherine Furlong
Date July 7th '84
Time 8:00 P.M.
Place Otterville Town Hall

R.S.U.P - 879-6472
879-6942

Treffry Mill restoration underway

OTTERVILLE (C) — A major step was recently achieved in the restoration of the Otterville Treffry Mill by the South Norwich Historical Society.

The sawing of logs donated by Ken and Catherine Mann, Otterville, has been completed and all lumber has been transported and piled at Spring Creek Farm for drying.

The 10,000 board feet of pine lumber was sawed by Ron Dennis of Burgessville and should take approximately a month to dry. When this point is reached the lumber will be planed locally and then dipped and stained. It is the hope of the SNHS to have the mill sided by the end of September. Future plans for next year are for the restoration of the windows and small detail of the mill.

Already other repairs and renovations have been accomplished. The original mill

platform used to pile grists for pickup has been replaced by a new step and platform as close to the original specifications as possible. As well, a hydro panel has been installed in the mill.

In order to continue the Treffry Mill restoration the Auction Sale committee under the chairmanship of Dr. M. Downing will be holding their Second Annual Auc-

tion of Antiques, good collectables, books, toys, at the Norwich Community Centre on Monday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m.

The committee members, Jean Davis, David Hussey and Catherine Mann would appreciate receiving donated articles, excluding clothing, at anytime. The donors of all articles selling for \$10 or more will receive a tax deductible receipt.



Unloading

During the weekend, South Norwich Historical Society members unloaded and stacked the final 10,000 board feet of lumber to be used in siding the Treffry Mill in Otterville. The pine lumber, sawn by Ron Dennis of Burgessville, is being piled at the farm owned by Ken and Catherine Mann for drying. The society hopes to have the mill sided by September. (Joyce McMullen Photo)



Contest winners

Winners of the South Norwich Historical Society bicentennial photo contest were announced and received their prizes during the annual chicken barbecue in the Treffry Mill meadow Sunday evening. Winners for their photographs capturing the heritage of the former South Norwich Township were left to right Miss Township of Norwich for 1983 Allyson Hagerman, who presented the awards; Joyce Pettigrew, Jim Countryman, Rob Hussey, Bill McMullen and David Hussey. (Staff Photo)

Heritage photo winners

Amateur photographers were awarded for their efforts to capture some of the heritage of the former South Norwich Township on film in the South Norwich Historical Society Bicentennial photo contest Sunday.

During the month of May the photography contest was held to celebrate Ontario's bicentennial and to preserve scenes of the former South Norwich Township by means of black and white and color photographs. Winners were announced during the South Norwich Historical Society Chicken Barbecue in Otterville Sunday.

Rob Hussey of Otterville was the winner in the Public School children category of the contest winning with his color photograph of the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre in Otterville.

Jim Countryman of Otterville won first place in the Adult Amateur Class, Black and White category with his photograph of the bell tower and gable end of the Miller school in the former South Norwich Township. Bill McMullen of Otterville placed second with his photograph of the old Wardle Shop in Springford and Joyce Pettigrew of Springford placed third with her black and white photo of the newel post on the stairway of the old Harris house.

In the Adult Amateur Class, color photos, first place was again won by Mr. Countryman for his photo of the Springford Baptist Church. David Hussey of Otterville placed second with his photo of the Miller school house in the former South Norwich Township and third prize again went to Mrs. Pettigrew for her picture of the old bridge near Cornell.

Otterville Personals

OTTERVILLE (C) — A miscellaneous shower for the upcoming wedding of David Corless, Norwich, and Danica Sims of Toronto was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth DeRoo, Otterville. The shower of many lovely gifts was preceded by a pot luck dinner for the 20 relatives in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Peel of Drayton and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Krohe of Woodstock were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Squance, Otterville.

Katie Mics and Evelyn Waring were recent guests with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keller and son, Joe, of Langton.

Mrs. Roy King and children and the former's mother Eunice Brown returned home on Saturday evening after a two-week holiday with relatives in Quebec.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Otton, Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Klinck from Napanee, both former residents of Otterville, were weekend guests with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walther.

Scott Taylor, who has been visiting with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Rod Taylor, left on Sunday for a holiday in Australia.

Margaret and Ron Pettit and son of London were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Little.

During the past week a miscellaneous

bridal shower was held in honor of the forthcoming marriage of Judy Fidin and Brent Van Parys at the Woodlawn Adult Centre. Hosted by Margaret Shearer, Barbara Davis and Dorothy Wardell, a social time was enjoyed following the opening of many lovely gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Armstrong of Hamilton were Sunday guests of Winnie McMullen.

Mr. and Mrs. James Squance visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Silverthorne of Brantford. Mrs. Squance later visited her sister Mary Brown in Joseph Brant Hospital, Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. James Squance were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Squance for a couple of days.

Dr. and Mrs. M. Downing have recently returned from holidays in which they toured the Eastern Provinces and Newfoundland.

Plans are being made for the upcoming Oxford South District Women's Institute Bicentennial Luncheon and Tour of Historic Otterville organized by the South Norwich Historical Society. The event, to be held Monday, Aug. 13, is being organized to appeal to a wide variety of interests all of which can be found in Historical Otterville.

The South Norwich Historical Society captured second prize in their division of the Brownsville Bicentennial Parade on Saturday, July 21 by entering their float "Picnic at the Mill." President Lorne Treffry and Anna Treffry, Charlene Treffry and Pam Hussey, dressed in early costume, road on the float driven by Vice-President Jack Smith. Other members who assisted in the preparation were Dave Hussey and Ken Mann.

Isabel Edna McAlpine

Isabel Edna McAlpine passed away on Sunday, July 22, 1984 at Bancroft General Hospital in her 89th year.

Born in Otterville she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George McLean. She grew up in Otterville where her father operated McLean's Hardware for a number of years. For several years prior to her death Isabel McAlpine wrote a column for the Bancroft Times with many reminiscences of early days.

She is survived by two sons, Dr. J.F. McAlpine of Ottawa and George McAlpine of Maynooth; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Predeceased by her husband, J.P. McAlpine, three sons, Gordon, Harry and Eugene McAlpine and one grandson Laurence McAlpine.

Interment at Maynooth.

Outline MSC services at Leisure Club

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Leisure Club met for their closing meeting for the summer last Wednesday when a potluck dinner was enjoyed by all.

Twenty-six members were present with special members Alice and Colin Robinson attending.

Multi-Services of Tillsonburg was explained to the club through two of their representatives. They outlined what services are provided for seniors who require help such as Home Help, Meals on Wheels and transportation.

The program was opened by one minute of silence in memory of Harry Lee followed by Mel Beecroft reading a poem in tribute to him. Harry was a former president of the Leisure Club and an active participant when renovations were made to the building which made the Woodlawn Adult Centre possible. He was a master of woodcarving and often displayed his craft at various functions. Also, he frequently shared thought provoking readings with the club.

Several members brought antique articles to share and Katie Mics won the door prize, a basket of fruit donated by Colin and Alice Robinson.

Readings were given by Gladys Evans and Vera Carroll entitled "Being a Father" and "Then and Now" respectively. Interesting experiences were related by Bruce Alexander, Grace and Jim Squance and Nellie Taylor played several fine piano selections.

The president reminded the members of the picnic to be held at the Teeterville Museum, Aug. 15 and the meeting closed with the singing of God Save the Queen.



Leisure Club executive

The executive for 1984 for the Otterville Leisure Club who hold their regular meetings at the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre in Otterville are front row left to right Gladys Evans, president and Grace Squance, good cheer convener. In the back row are Annie Pritchard, past president; Mel Beecroft, secretary-treasurer and Evelyn Waring, press reporter. Absent from photo is Bertha Lee, program convener. (Staff Photo)

Road closed

OTTERVILLE (C) — Thorton Sand and Gravel of Woodstock are undertaking the county project of reconstructing the culvert located at the west village limits of Otterville. They are presently putting in the cut-off walls and sheet piling for the weir structure. The new culverts will be put in place with the old culverts being removed the following week. In total, the road will be closed for the next two to three weeks, weather permitting.

People who are familiar with the dip in the road at this point will no longer experience it for the road will be raised between four to five feet when completed.

*Closed
July 14 to*



Construction continues

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Construction on Oxford County Road 19 west of Otterville is continuing and expected to be completed in a couple weeks. Workers

here are piling the dirt from the ditches and in the background is a view of the pond that has been recreated. (Staff Photo)

Titan of the tiny

Creates world in miniature

By DAVE STOVER

James Squance is a master of the miniature.

The 86-year-old Otterville man took up wood carving about 15 years ago, after he retired from his position at Livingston Industries in Tillsonburg.

And since then he's produced a variety of handcrafted items — everything from tiny, one-inch-high tables and chairs to a replica of Otterville's Oddy House (the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre).

Mr. Squance and his wife of 63 years, Grace, have lived in their home at 65 North St., Otterville, for about 45 years. The shelves in their kitchen are filled with Mr. Squance's woodworking creations.

Among those creations are two stagecoaches, each about a foot-and-a-half long, carved in exquisite detail. Mr. Squance's son-in-law, Mert McClintock of Springford, operates a stagecoach that makes frequent appearances at special events around the area. It was the inspiration of that real-life stagecoach which led Mr. Squance to carve the miniature replicas. He carved the wooden horses drawing the coaches as well.

Mr. Squance actually made three of the miniature coaches. One was given to his son, who lives in Powell River, B.C.

Seeing woodcarvings done by other craftsmen around the area gave Mr. Squance the idea to try woodwork himself.

Mr. Squance's wood carving abilities don't stop with stagecoaches. He created a lamp in the shape of an old-fashioned water pump from a white cedar that once stood in his front yard. And he's carved over 35 miniature rocking chairs, many since given away to friends and relatives.

He's also created a number of miniature tables and chairs. The detail on the tiny pieces of furniture is obviously the result of hours of painstaking, precise work, right down to the hinged or slide-in leaves on the tables.

He uses a variety of woods in his carvings. One of the tables is made of sumac. "It's the nicest grain I've ever found," he said.

The greatest testament to Mr. Squance's woodworking skill is his re-creation-in-miniature of the Oddy House in Otterville. "The Oddy House is really the one he put the work on," Mrs. Squance said.

He came up with the idea to do the replica when the house was moved to Otterville to be used as a senior citizens' centre. The exterior is a careful representation of the actual building, but the care Mr. Squance put into the project becomes truly evident when he lifts the miniature house's roof to let you peek inside. The interior

rooms, each only a few inches wide and long, are all carefully wallpapered. All the door, both interior and exterior, actually open. And Mr. Squance also carved the furniture that sits inside the tiny rooms — including a cupboard and a piano.

The house has been shown at a craft day at the Otterville Public School and at the Springford fall fair, where it attracted the interest of old and young alike.

The walls of Mr. Squance's basement workshop are lined with other products of

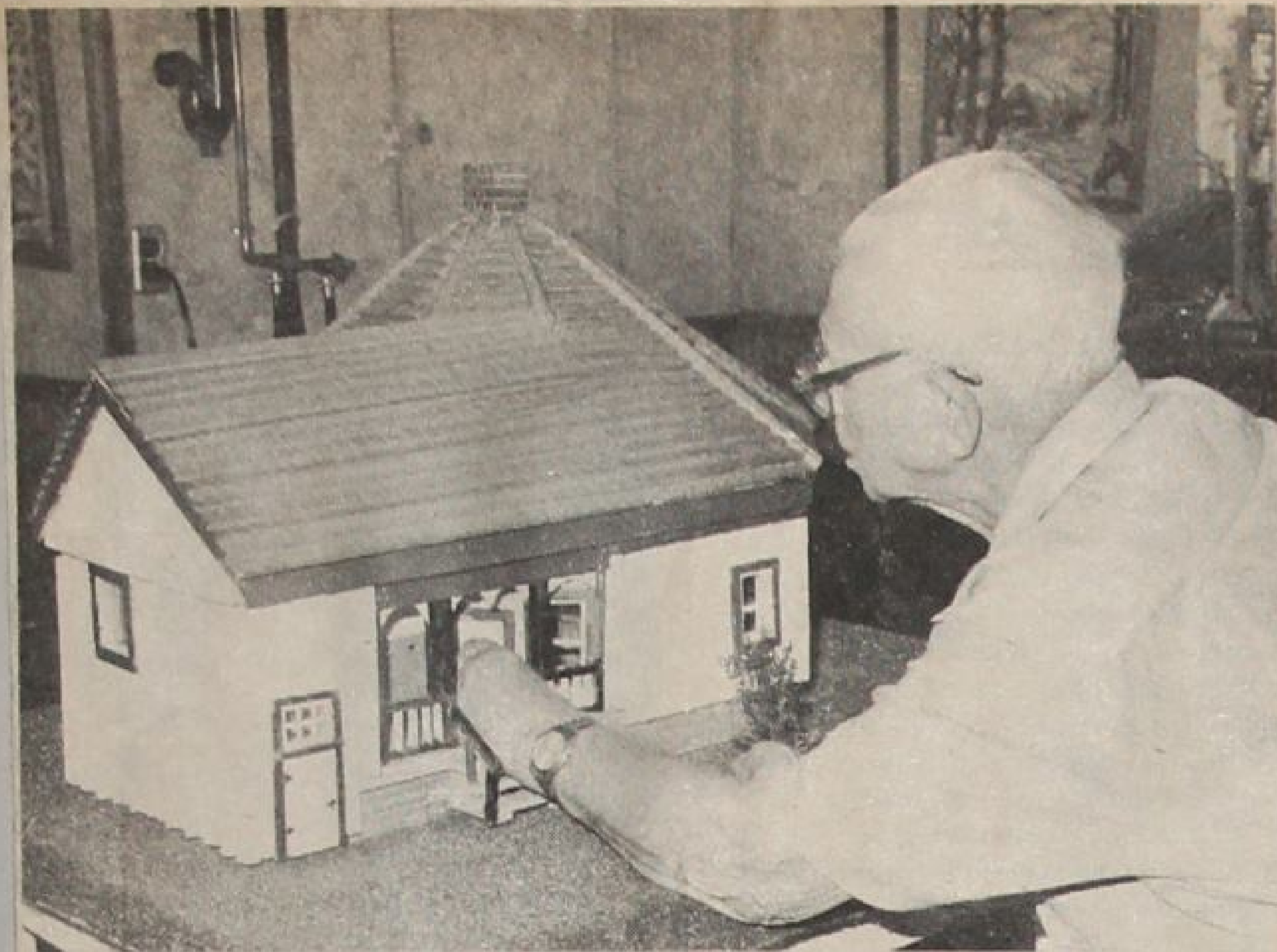
his talent — more carefully-carved tiny pieces of furniture, various children's toys, a cane made from a dried tobacco stalk. Upstairs there's a horse-drawn sleigh with leather harness made by Mr. Squance as well.

He said he hasn't had the time or patience to do as much woodworking in the last while. But as one examines the work he's already done, there's no question Mr. Squance really is a master of the miniature.



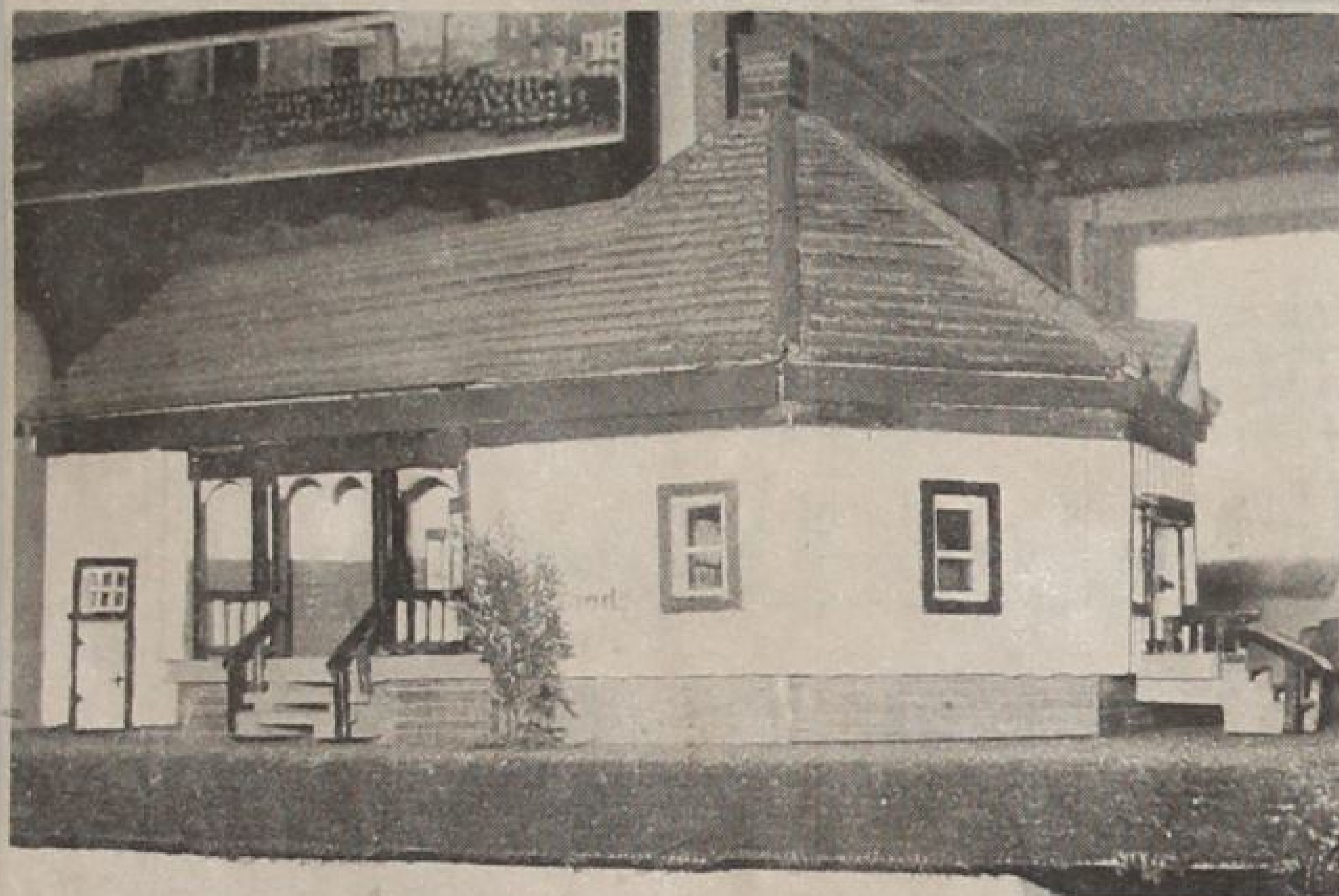
Ready to roll

James Squance looks over some of his woodworking creations, two stagecoaches modelled on the coach operated by his son-in-law, Mert McClintock. The Otterville man has shown his various creations at the Otterville Public School and the Springford fall fair. (Staff Photo)



Adjustments

James Squance adjusts one of the doors on his model of Otterville's Oddy House. The wooden replica is the crowning effort of Mr. Squance's 15-year devotion to woodworking.



Just like the real thing

Otterville woodworker James Squance's replica of the Oddy House -- the Woodlawn community centre in Otterville -- is a precise rendering down to the last detail of the original. (Staff Photo)



Other side of the counter

Bill and Eleanor Mowat (left) are standing on the other side of the counter now. Owners of the Springford general store since 1947, the Mowats recently sold the business to Gail and Abraham Friesen (right). (Staff Photo)

Bill and Eleanor Mowat retire, Springford general store sold

By DAVE STOVER

After more than a third of a century in the grocery business, Bill and Eleanor Mowat are looking forward to retirement.

The Mowats have owned the general store in Springford since 1947. Last Friday they officially turned the business over to Gail and Abraham Friesen, the new owners.

Many people believe general stores like Mowats' in Springford are relics of an earlier, more leisurely age -- of the time before the automobile, superhighways and vast suburban shopping centres. But that's not so, Mr. Mowat said.

"Some people have the idea they (general stores) are on the way out," he said. "Actually (they're) getting stronger and stronger."

Labor costs are one advantage the village general store has in its favor, especially with the power unions exert in the larger grocery chains, Mr. Mowat said.

Springford has seen a lot of changes in the years he and his wife owned the store, Mr. Mowat said. When they bought the

store in 1947, few of the roads in the area were paved and "it was really a rural atmosphere, a rural place to live." The local school provided a focus for the community, he added.

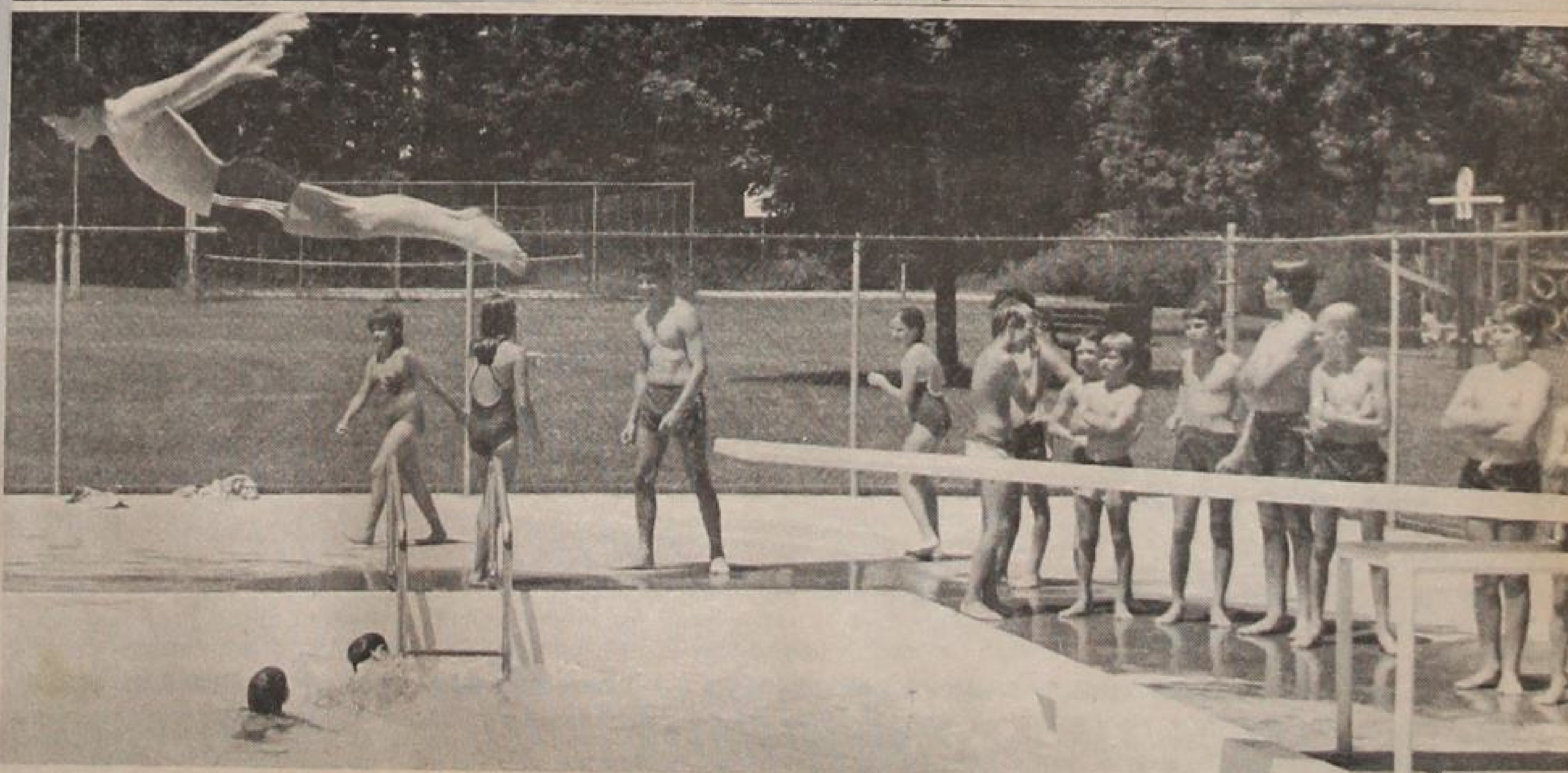
"It has been a good place to be in business because of the people," Mr. Mowat said. "There was never any kind of trouble around."

If you own your own store, you have to be prepared to put in long hours, Mr. Mowat said. "The hours are from the time you get up in the morning to when you go to bed at night," he said.

"You really have to enjoy it to stay for the length of time we were here," Mr. Mowat said with a smile.

Enjoy it the Mowats obviously did. But after 37 years, when the opportunity came along and the Friesens expressed interest in the store, the Mowats decided it was time to retire.

Mr. and Mrs. Mowat have decided to move to, in Mr. Mowat's words, the "big city" of Tillsonburg for their retirement, after living in Springford for so many years.



Flying leap

There were big line-ups at the Otterville pool's diving board Friday

afternoon. The 30 degrees Celsius temperatures made the water seem awfully inviting. (Staff Photo)

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Students visit Otterville

Students of Judy DeVoogdt, formerly of Otterville, who attend the Northern Academy of Music in Grande Prairie, Alberta, visited the Otterville area last week on their way to compete in a Music Fest in Niagara Falls. It was the first time east for all the students and while staying with Ms. DeVoogdt's mother, Marion, in Otterville,

they had the chance to see tobacco for the first time. The students are front row left to right, Lance Pare, Sharmane Beveridge, Melody Hansen, Leann Harding and Barry McDermott. In the back are Terry Mah, Larissa Ford, Trevor Davis, Vonda McDermott and teacher Judy DeVoogdt. (Staff Photo)

Brings music students home

By JOYCE McMULLEN

OTTERVILLE (C) — A local girl, Judy DeVoogdt, returned home for a brief time to share her surroundings with nine of her music students who are to compete in Music Fest held at Niagara Falls by the Ontario Conservatory of Music.

Ms DeVoogdt, raised east of Otterville, attended Otterville Public School and Delhi Secondary School and studied the accordion at the Ontario Conservatory of Music in Delhi. She moved west 12 years ago and has operated her own private business, the Northern Academy of Music for the past nine years with studios in Grande Prairie, Valleyview and Peace River, Alberta. Through this trip she is acquainting some of her students with experiences she has had even that of seeing tobacco for the first time.

The nine students, Lance Pare, Sharmane Beveridge, Melody Hansen, Leann Harding, Barry McDermott, Terry Mah, Larissa Ford, Trevor Davis and Vonda McDermott, range from 10 to 16 years of age and are all from the Grande Prairie area. Playing guitars and accordions, which are the instruments Ms DeVoogdt plays, the students will be competing in

individual, duet, guitar band, mixed ensemble and combo categories at the Music Fest. Previous to this they have competed in the Grande Prairie competition and Larissa Ford became the 1984 accordion champion of Alberta in June.

This 12-day trip is the first excursion east for all the students who raised money to come by doing such activities as selling calendars, chocolates and collecting bottles. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hansen and Mr. and Mrs. Harding accompanied the group as well.

While here the students enjoyed the warm hospitality of Judy's mother, Marion DeVoogdt, who travelled with them to Toronto where they would see all the highlights such as the CN Tower, Ontario Science Centre, Canada's Wonderland and Ontario Place while in the

city for five days.

Following, the students would complete their trip to Niagara Falls for the competition held July 13, 14 and 15 at the Sheraton Brock Hotel. In addition to accordion and guitar categories, piano, organ and drums are played at the Music Fest. On July 16 the students return home.

Ms DeVoogdt is accustomed to travelling with many of her students having taken trips previously to Vancouver, Calgary, Europe and Australia. This is creating experiences for her students which she enjoyed as a teenager when she was a member of the Simcoe Symphony, a 42 accordion group, touring North America.

She has definitely made the most of an opportunity to combine business with pleasure for both herself and her students.

They're a multicultural family

By DOREEN HOOVER

Having connections to Japan, Germany, Brazil and now Canada, makes the Irie family in Otterville a multicultural family.

Tsutomu (Tom) and Inge Irie settled in Otterville in 1973 after having spent many years living in other countries.

Mr. Irie, born in Kyoto, Japan, went to Brazil when he was 25 years old, for almost nine years finding work as a ship builder. He also worked in England, Switzerland and Germany in a computer job before coming to Canada 14 years ago.

Mrs. Irie was born in Hanover, Germany and when young her family moved to Brazil. It was there she met Mr. Irie when working as a secretary at an educational institute Mr. Irie attended to learn different languages. He can now speak Japanese, English, German, Portuguese and Spanish and can understand, but not speak Italian.

The Iries were married in 1964 and their two older children, Walter, 19, and Erich, 16, were born in Brazil but their third child, Tina, 11, was born in Canada.

The Iries decided to come to Canada because it was not politically safe in Brazil. They had visited Mrs. Irie's uncle in Port Dover, Ont., in 1967 and liked the country so they decided to stay.

When they arrived, they stayed with Mrs. Irie's uncle in a nursing home for a few months until Mr. Irie got a job in Delhi as an electronic design engineer with Delhi General Instrument, Delhi Division, which he still holds.

They then moved to Otterville in 1973 because they saw the area while driving and saw a house they liked. They enjoy the small village and it is also close to his work.

Mr. Irie has returned to his hometown in Japan to visit his family a couple of times and found a lot of changes had taken place. He went to his village and it had all changed.

"To me it was a different place," he said. "It didn't feel like my native home."

He said Japan is completely different from when he lived there with many more houses being built and cars being driven and he noticed that things appeared to be small and tight.

Kyoto is a sightseeing town with many old temples and shrines and houses from 2-300 years old. No bombs hit Kyoto during the Second World War because there were no industries there so the old buildings remain unlike Tokyo which had to be rebuilt.

Kyoto also keeps the traditional systems. Respect for elders continues but more so in the countryside areas and are

more active in traditional activities, but there are different systems followed by different villages in the country. Mr. Irie said that there are gaps between generations because each has been affected by different circumstances and thinking.

"Different generations have different thinking and different interests," he said. And he feels this is causing all generations to suffer. The respect for elders is dying out and many Japanese younger generations don't even want to learn the language.

Japan has hazy, wet weather with moderate temperatures so Mr. Irie noticed the extreme temperatures in the summers and winters in Canada.

When making the 26-hour flight to Japan, a day is lost but gained back when returning to Canada.

After the Second World War Japan held on to its spiritual culture but the materialistic culture was forgotten in the war.

After the Second World War, the American culture came into Japan. Japanese families still eat traditional Japanese food a couple days of the week, but a lot of food is imported.

Mr. Irie had found that because he had lived in many countries before arriving in Canada, he did not encounter many problems and had already learned English.

Mr. Irie enjoys continuing some of the ways of his homeland but finds it is sometimes difficult because he is the only Japanese person in the area. He often visits with Japanese who live in Brantford, Port Dover and Hamilton.

Mr. Irie does paper sculptures, draws and does flower arrangements. He reached the highest level of training in Japan in flower arranging and is qualified to teach it.

He participates in events at the Multicultural Centre in Brantford and enjoys being able to speak Japanese to people and is now helping Mrs. Irie, Tina and Erich to learn the language. Mrs. Irie can already speak German, English, Portuguese and French. Mr. Irie is also trying to pass on some of the Japanese values to his children such as respect for the property of others.

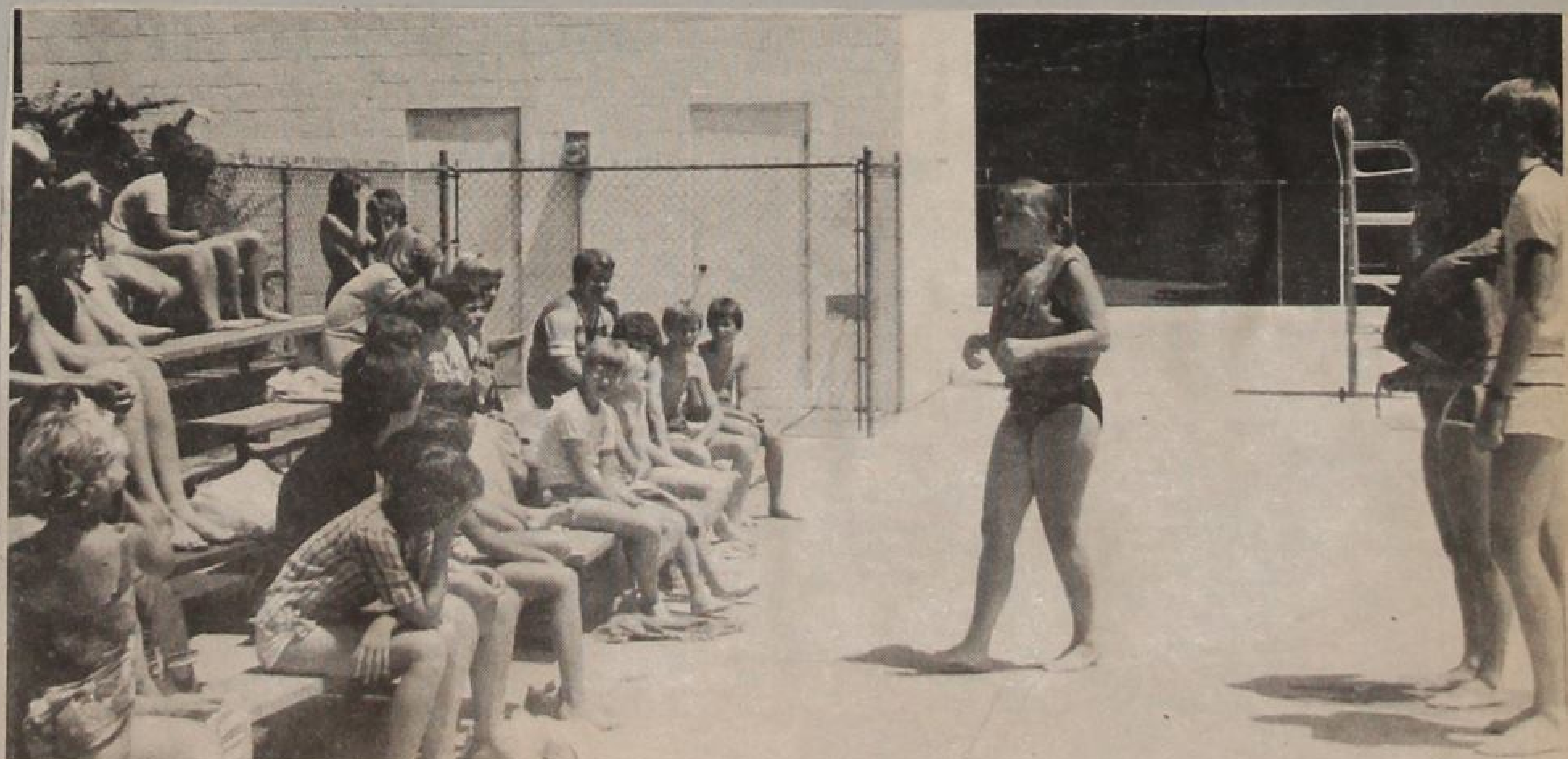


Learning Japanese

Inge and Tom Irie of Otterville, sit at their kitchen table while Mr. Irie helps Mrs. Irie with her Japanese lesson. The Iries are a multicultural family with backgrounds of German, Brazilian, Japanese and Canadian cultures. Mrs. Irie, born in Germany, but raised in Brazil, takes a deep interest in her husband's cultural background, instilling in her children, some of the old values of Japan such as respect for another person's property. (Staff Photo)

Japanese food and seeing the cherry blossoms in springtime are things Mr. Irie misses about Japan.

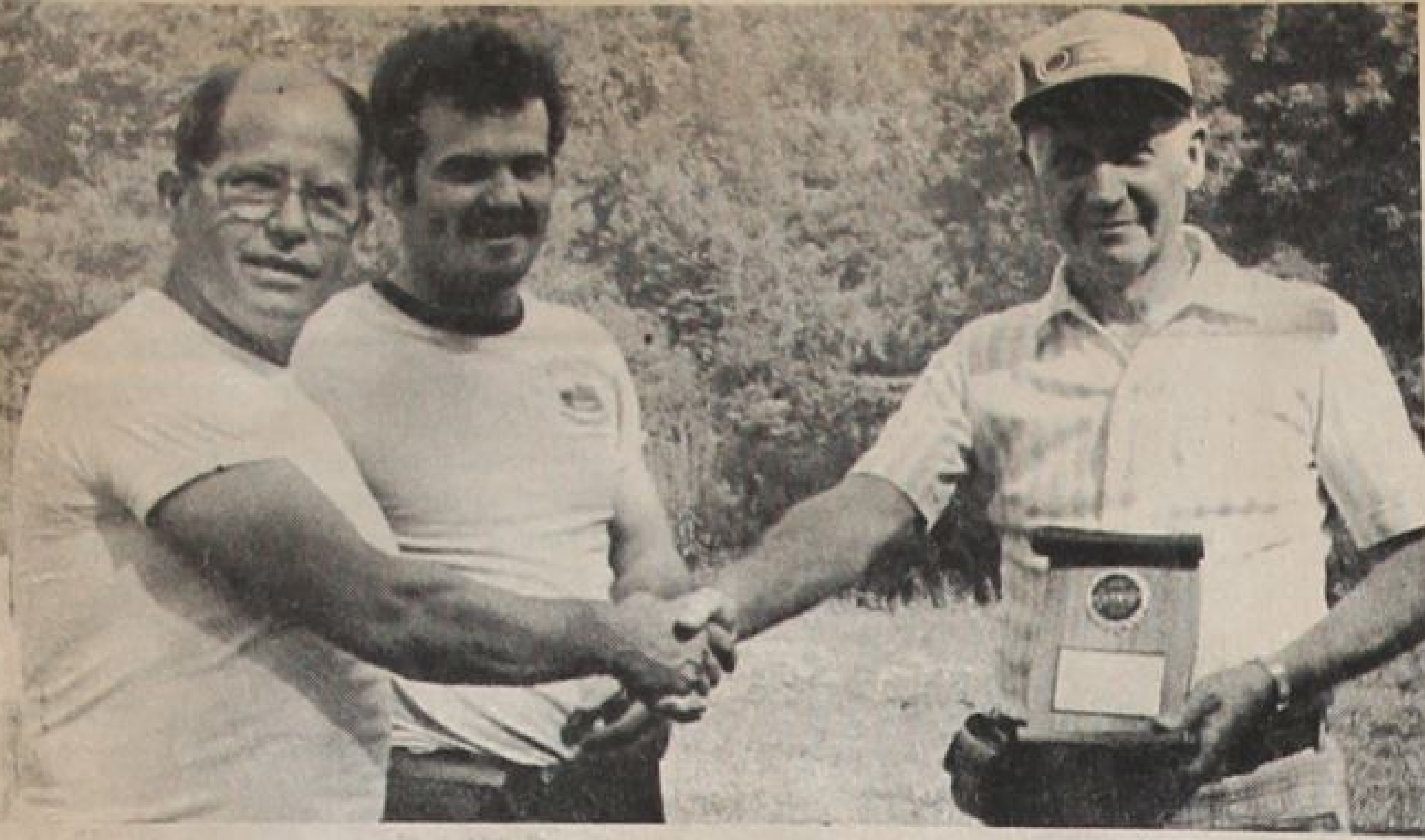
He feels the decision to come to Canada was good for them. They enjoy the quiet gardens in Otterville that they did not have when living in the large cities. He enjoys visiting other countries but finds that Canada is a "very nice country" and he likes it better than any other country that he has visited.



Fielding questions

A group of about 40 area youngsters was on hand for the Red Cross small craft safety demonstration at the Otterville pool Friday. In-

structors Karen Sykes, Karen Staines and Kevin Tiggeloven used question-and-answer sessions and humorous skits to underline the importance of small craft safety. *NG July 18*



Honored for service
 Bill McMullen (left), standing in for Otterville Firefighters' Club president Paul Groeneveld and John Davis (middle), secretary of the club, present Lorne Treffry with a plaque in honor of his retirement from the Otterville Fire Station after 31 years of service. Mr. Treffry received his plaque during the annual club picnic Sunday. (Staff Photo)



Retires from fire station
 Don Barnim (left), receives a plaque from John Davis (middle), secretary of the Otterville Firefighters' Club and Bill McMullen, standing in for club president Paul Groeneveld, in honor of his retirement from the fire station after 23 years of service. The presentation was made during the annual club picnic Sunday in the Treffry Mill meadow. (Staff Photo)

Firefighters hold picnic

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Otterville Firefighters' Club held their annual picnic barbecue on Sunday, July 29 in the meadow by the Treffry Mill, Otterville. Approximately 80 people attended the day during which two firemen of the Otterville Fire Department were honored. Lorne Treffry, retiring from the Otterville Fire Department after 31 years of service, and Don Barnim, retiring after 23 years of service, were presented with plaques by the Otterville Firefighters' Club. Though retiring from the department both men will remain members of the Otterville

Firefighters' Club and quite a part of the organization's activities. Various events were enjoyed throughout the afternoon including a men and women's barrel fight, men and women's bucket relay and a men's tug-of-war across the Otter Creek. All proved to be lots of fun and refreshing with much water being splashed throughout the events. The day concluded with a picnic barbecue in the perfect summer picnic setting of the Treffry Mill. A day of family fun was enjoyed by all.



Bucket brigade
 Participants in the Men's Bucket Relay held during the Otterville Firefighters' Club annual picnic in the Treffry Mill meadow Sunday didn't mind getting wet as they tried to pass along as much water to the barrel as possible in a minute. Members of this relay team are Ross Dow (top right), Remi DeGroot, Dave Finch, Roy King and Walt Vanbesien with Gary Walters (top left) acting as judge. (Staff Photo)



Water power

Men and women both got into the act during various events held at the Otterville Firefighters' Club's annual picnic at the Treffry Mill meadow Sunday. Here during the Women's Barrel Fight the object is to move the barrel with the force of the water to a marker on the

wire. The two teams were made up of Robin Durant (far left), Lurene McMullen and Betty Jean Davis who were victorious and Pam Davis (holding the hose), Deb Walters and Sue Finch (far right). (Staff Photo)

Tobacco growers told licencing fee for 1984 crops will increase

By MARLENE OPDECAM

Ontario tobacco growers' fight to establish a national board is costing them money.

George Demeyere, chairman of the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board, told growers attending the board's annual meeting held in Delhi last Wednesday that the grower licencing fee for the 1984 crop will jump from 1.6 cents a pound set last year to approximately 2.5 cents this year. The exact figure, however, has not been determined as yet.

Mr. Demeyere attributed the hike to the major costs incurred in pursuing the creation of a national board — \$280,000 in the past two years — the adverse financial effect of the 1982 frost on board reserves and this year's small crop size. This is only the second time in its 27 year history that the board has increased the fee.

The board finished the 1983/84 crop year with a deficit of \$5,203, according to the financial report released at the meeting. Last year, the board ended its fiscal year with a loss of \$1,317,626.

Marketing fee revenues were up to \$3,439,152 from \$1,543,519 in 1983, an increase due mainly to last year's licence fee increase of .6 cents board treasurer Donald Lindsay said.

The board's current cash balance stands at \$242,887, also up from last year's balance of \$85,992.

Referring to the board's attempt to get

legislation in place to permit the establishment of a national tobacco marketing agency, Mr. Demeyere told growers that Progressive Conservative leader Brian Mulroney has promised that a Tory government would support an amendment to the Farm Products Marketing Agencies Act, provided it meets with the approval of existing national agencies. Mr. Demeyere said he had received similar assurances from Federal Agriculture Minister Ralph Ferguson.

Mr. Demeyere said the board would be meeting with the other tobacco producing provinces and national marketing boards in the near future to work out an acceptable amendment to present to the house this fall.

Mr. Demeyere warned growers efforts would continue to cost them money. He said one thing that is needed is a new cost of production study done by a reputable firm and added the board intends to set the wheels in motion for this as soon as possible.

Commenting on the recently accepted crop offer, Mr. Demeyere said he was aware there were "differences of opinion" on the wisdom of accepting it rather than continuing to pursue a national plan without one. But since it is now unlikely there is time enough to get a national board in place in time to sell the 1984 crop he said he personally believed growers "couldn't afford to wait to have an agree-

ment on the crop."

The board will continue to work towards national and should have the mechanics of the plan worked out in time for a vote this spring, he said. "We'll do our best to get it done as quickly as possible," Mr. Demeyere said.

Another fight facing the board over the coming months is its continuing efforts to have the ad-valorem tax method existing at the provincial level changed. While the provincial government didn't increase tax on cigarettes in its last budget, neither did Larry Grossman, treasurer of Ontario, change the current tobacco tax method.

Board lobbying against tax methods at the federal level have been successful and beginning in September cigarette tax calculations will be tied to the Consumer Price Index, Mr. Demeyere said. The change in the method means consumers will be looking at a 5 per cent increase as opposed to a 17 per cent hike under the old method.

The penalties enacted in order to curb poundage rentals are proving successful Mr. Demeyere told growers. More tobacco is being grown on the land of the quota holder this year, with rentals of both land and quota up to 317 from 266 last year. This is the second year rental penalties have been in effect.

Jim Leathong, board secretary, Marilyn Rose, secretary to the chairman and Fran Lambton, secretary to the treasurer, will

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retire this year, Mr. Demeyere announced.

A dinner-dance followed the annual meeting. Both the meeting and the dance had a good attendance.

Farmers vote Friday on tobacco offer

Tobacco producers will vote this Friday on the latest offer for the 1984 flue crop from the Canadian Manufacturers' Council.

The polling will be held July 13 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. "in the respective zones," chairman George Demeyere of the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board told The News. Results of the vote, which is restricted to only active tobacco producers, will be available Saturday morning, Mr. Demeyere said.

The new offer from the manufacturers' council sets an overall guaranteed price of \$1.69 for the 1984 crop. An additional subsidy from the Ontario government brings the overall price to \$1.70 per pound. Minimum grade prices will be addressed to \$1.40 per pound.

On May 18, producers voted down an overall offer of \$1.66 per pound with

minimum grade prices addressed to \$1.38.

At that time the tobacco board said auction exchanges wouldn't open until either a price agreement was reached or a national tobacco marketing agency was established. Legislation permitting the establishment of such an agency failed to pass the House of Commons June 29, at least temporarily scuttling the idea.

Soon thereafter the manufacturers tabled their new offer.

The Concerned Farmers Group lobbied against acceptance of the previous offer, and spokesman Berry Murray said the group believes if farmers turn down the new offer as well, they will end up with a better contract.

Before the previous vote, the Concerned Farmers Group said a national agency could be in place by this fall to market the 1984 crop. That timetable has now been set

back by the failure of the required legislation to pass the house.

But Mr. Murray said the concerned farmers hope to meet with federal party leaders to learn more about possible legislation that might permit the government to buy the crop while manufacturers and growers reach a price agreement.

District meetings will be held this week to discuss details of the new offer with producers. The District 6 meeting will be held at the Knights of Columbus hall in Delhi Tuesday at 8 p.m., according to a release from the flue board. Times and dates of other district meetings were not available.

A tobacco spokesman said Monday morning that there would be one change to the list of polling places for the Friday vote. District 11 producers will vote at the Legion Hall in Teeterville, not the

Women's Institute Hall as in the May 18 vote.

Polling places are: District 1A, Columbus Hall, Leamington; 1B, Town Hall, West Lorne; 1C, Dexter Hall, Dexter; 2A, Town Hall, Mount Brydges; 2B, Zone Township Hall, Bothwell; 3, Aylmer Auction Exchange, Aylmer; 4, Town Hall, Straffordville; 5, Community Centre, Otterville; 6, Delhi Auction Exchange, Delhi; 7, Tillsonburg Auction Exchange, Tillsonburg; 8, Community Centre, Langton; 9A, Township Hall, Fairground; 9B, Township Hall, Walsingham; 10, Township Hall, Walsh; 11, Legion Hall, Teeterville; 12, Lions Community Centre, Waterford; 13, Burford Agricultural Hall, Burford; 14A, Orange Place, Kendall; 14B, Town Hall, Castleton; 14C, Agricultural Office, Alliston; 14D, Township Office, Drumbo.

Seventy per cent of growers favor tobacco crop offer

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By SUZANNE HANSON

An overwhelming majority of tobacco growers have voted in favor of the latest price offer for the 1984 flue crop but a spokesman for the Concerned Farmers Group said a lot of growers "voted in panic" without having all the facts.

Voter turn-out at the "expression of opinion polls" Friday was high with 80 per cent (1,640) of the 2,030 growers eligible to vote casting their ballots. When the ballots had all been counted 1,135 growers, roughly 70 per cent, had voted to accept the latest offer from the cigarette manufacturers while 499, 30 per cent, rejected it. There were only six spoiled ballots.

In an earlier vote in May, 56 per cent of the growers casting ballots rejected an offer \$1.65 per pound. The new offer voted on Friday will give growers a guaranteed average price of \$1.69 per pound for the total crop of 170 million pounds. A subsidy from the Ontario government brings the overall price to \$1.70 per pound.

But Gary Balthes of RR 2, Port Burwell, a member of the Concerned Farmers Group, said the offer should have been rejected because the mechanics of how the latest offer from the cigarette companies will be distributed aren't known. Mr. Balthes also believes it would have been possible to negotiate a better deal with the trade.

"Growers were making a decision based on worry and concern instead of facts," Mr. Balthes said after hearing the results

of the opinion poll. "I'm obviously disappointed with the vote—unfortunately the growers didn't have all the facts laid out before the vote."

He said there was no statement from the trade that this was to be the final offer and there was no time limit on it to accept it. "There was no reason to panic—it's just the first of July," said Mr. Balthes. He pointed out the first offer was supposed to be a final offer but the growers rejected it in May "and they brought in another offer."

Mr. Balthes had hoped the growers would stand together again to turn down this offer. He said a lot of growers believe

the \$1.70 per pound is a personal guarantee "and it's not." Because minimum grade prices are not equated to the overall average price guarantee of \$1.69 under the proposed agreement, he argued there would be wide fluctuations in market price.

The minimum grade price is based on \$1.40 per pound coupled with makeup payments and the government subsidy to bring the overall average to \$1.70. Mechanics to equitably distribute the makeup money among producers are required and unless the proper mechanics

are in place, farmers will be pitted against farmers, Mr. Balthes said.

"The board should have taken the responsibility to lay the mechanics out (before the vote) so growers knew exactly what they were voting on," he said. "If we don't get the right mechanics set up, there is a chance there won't be enough money left at the end of the year to buy all the tobacco," said Mr. Balthes. "If we have an above average crop it's very conceivable that during the last days of shipping there may not be any money left."

Mr. Balthes said the contract will have a
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serious effect on the people who have helped to build the tobacco industry. "This is a dangerous contract."

He was also critical of the board for putting the onus of accepting or rejecting the offer on the growers. "If the board had a backbone it would have made a decision before the growers voted," he said. "It's poor leadership. They're dumping all the responsibility off the board onto the farmer."

While the board is not obligated to abide by the farmer's opinion poll, Mr. Balthes believes the current offer will be accepted when the board meets this week.

Albert Bouw, vice-chairman of the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board, said the board will meet Tuesday and will probably ratify the growers' expression of opinion poll.

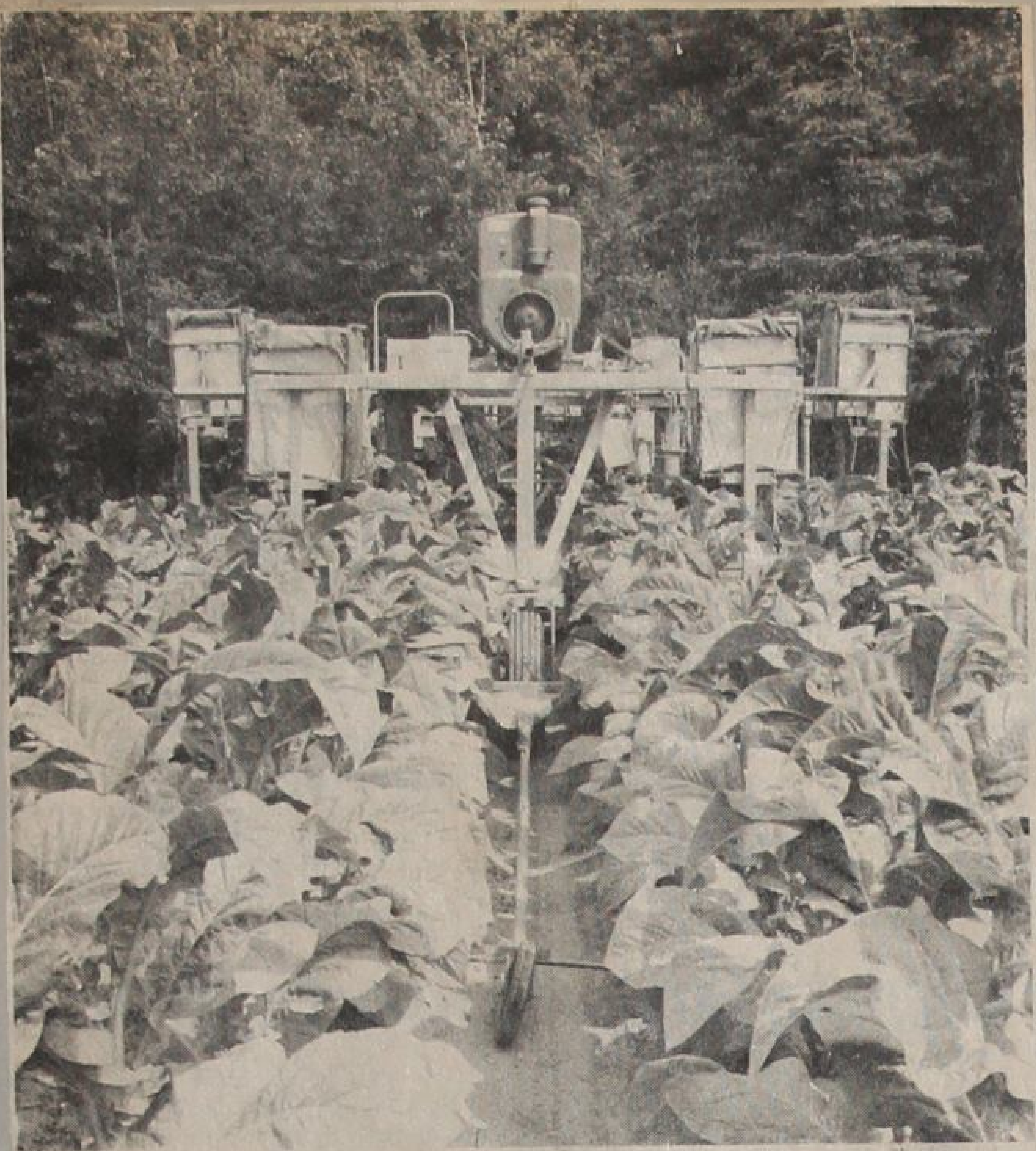
The board will then have to make a decision on whether to pool the crop or not adding that decision may not be reached Tuesday. Mr. Bouw said he personally believes the board can only support what the producers have said through the expression of opinion poll and the same would have applied had the growers rejected the offer.

Mr. Bouw said he personally had mixed feelings about accepting the new price offer, "depending on what time of day you asked me". He said the results indicate the

farmers were basically looking at the time of the year and the nearness of the next market when voted to accept the offer.

The new contract pushed the value of the 1984 crop to \$287.3 million while last year's crop earned growers more than \$350 million. The reduction in the crop size from 215 million pounds to 170 million pounds has been attributed to the drop in domestic consumption of tobacco and the glut of tobacco on the world market.

Mr. Balthes said the acceptance of the price offer will have no real effect on the farmers' efforts to establish a national agency. "What may have some effect is the fact that farmers aren't united in what they're trying to achieve." Mr. Balthes admitted the possibility of getting the national agency in place by the end of 1984 or early 1985 looks bad but, "the fight to put it in place is alive and healthy and will continue on."



Wendell Rell of RR 6 Simcoe began his tobacco harvest last week Friday. Mr. Rell, who grows with his two sons Mark and Richard, has 60 acres of tobacco this year. This is the earliest he's ever started, he said. Mr. Rell began planting May 12, and although he re-started May 15 due to frost, he said his crop has been growing since day one. Members of the Klassen family make up the majority of the primers. (Staff Photo) *DN JULY 24*

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STEAM SHOW - AT NORWICH - JUNE

RECEIPTS:

1. Food booth sales	1817.93	
2. Catering for N. Norwich Hist.		
Total	1827.73	→ 1827.73

EXPENSES:

1. Cash withdrawn for change	150.00	
2. Anna Treffry (food for booth)	284.47	
3. Janny's Superior (food for booth)	181.12	
4. Bill Mowat (ice cream)	52.84	
5. Grounds rental	40.00	
6. Norwich Packers (meat)	167.64	
Total	876.07	→ 876.07

PROFIT 951.66

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RECEIPTS:

1. Ticket sales	1955.42	→ 1955.42
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EXPENSES:

1. Doreen Mountain (table cloths)	14.35	
2. Advertising	25.50	
3. Janny's Superior (chicken & groceries)	773.30	
4. Ritchies Clover Farm (salads)	278.70	
5. C. L. Finch (charcoal)	90.86	
6. Ed White (sound system)	50.00	
Total	1232.71	→ 1232.71

PROFIT 722.71

Norwich Township Council Briefs

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Location for plaque

Norwich Township council decided Monday to have the provincial historical plaque commemorating Dr. Emily Stowe located at the Norwich and District Archives building. Much discussion has occurred about the location for the plaque because Dr. Stowe was born in South Norwich Township and lived for many years in Norwich. Council members felt the Archives would provide a location more accessible for people to view the plaque. The unveiling date and type of plaque have yet to be decided.

Legion Week

Mayor John Heleniak has declared the week of September 16-22 as Legion Week in the township.

Accept resignation

Council accepted with regret the resignation of James Hill as chairman of the Norwich Township Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC). Council is now

looking for a person interested in accepting the vacated position.

Ask for tenders

Facilities Manager Marcel DeWitte will be instructed to call for tenders for protective glass to be installed around the arena at the Norwich Community Centre.

Hire street sweeper

Roads Superintendent Ron Smith has been authorized by council to hire a part-time employee (male or female) to sweep the gutters, etc. of the Main Streets and business sections of the Villages of Norwich and Otterville or where deemed necessary by the roads superintendent. The person hired will be paid an hourly rate of \$5.

Provide roofing estimate

Council approved a motion that Thackery Roofing of Kitchener be contacted to provide an estimate for repairs for the current damage to the Norwich Community Centre roof and that Thackery Roofing be privileged to the information already gathered by the township. Two leaks have occurred in the community centre roof and affect an approximate roof area of 1,350 square feet.

Additions allowed

An application for a zone change for Lawrence Woodworking in Springford was approved by council Monday. The zone change will allow for the building of small additions to the existing building to be used for storage.

Attend conference

Municipal Inspector Doug Wilson received council approval to attend the 54th annual Ontario Plumbing Inspectors Association Conference in London, Ontario, September 17.

Refuse proposal

Council decided to refuse the proposal from John Rowell, president of Oxford Communications Ltd., to install an 80 foot new radio system repeater. The tower would have become the property of the township after constructed and in return Oxford Communications Ltd. would install its antenna on the new tower for a period of 60 months. The township would agree to a renewal option for an additional 60 months at a monthly rate of \$50. Council decided the system tendered of a 64 foot tower would be adequate for township purposes.

THE TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH

presents a



CALENDAR
OF EVENTS

AUGUST

to

DECEMBER

1984

Preparation of this Community Calendar has been part of a Summer Canada Job Creation Project.

AUGUST

- 3 The Norwich Public Library will be presenting "THE ENCHANTERS", a university drama group. This play will commence at 10:30 A.M. with FREE admission.
- 3 The Otterville Library will be having a PLAY at 2:30 P.M. This play is FREE of charge and is recommended for children 5 to 12 years of age.
- 9 The Norwich Lawn Bowling Club will be holding a LADIES LAWN BOWLING TOURNAMENT. For more information call 424-9825.
- 9 A RAFFLE DRAW will be held at the Norvilla Nursing Home. FIRST PRIZE - latch hook rug, SECOND PRIZE - an oil painting, and THIRD PRIZE - will be a tile tea tray. All prizes have been made by the residents.
- 10 & 11 Norwich Titans' SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT at Dillon Park, Norwich.
- 11 CAN-AM TRAP SHOOT, sponsored by the Oxford Fish and Game Club. This event will feature Woodstock and Ingersoll against Alma and Michigan.
- 11 BEEF BARBECUE, sponsored by the Norwich Chamber of Commerce is to be held at the Norwich Museum and Archives. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the executive. PRICES: Adults - \$7.00; Children 12 and under - \$3.00.
- 11 MEN'S LAWN BOWLING TOURNAMENT at the Norwich Lawn Bowling Club. For further detail call 863-2649.
- 11 & 12 HERITAGE CRAFT DAYS at the Norwich Museum. ADMISSION: Adults - \$1.00; Children - 50¢.
- 12 DECORATION DAY at the Norwich Cemetery. The service will commence at 2:00 P.M.
- 15 The Otterville Senior Citizens are having a PICNIC in Feeterville Park at 1:00 P.M.
- 17 & 18 TORNADO DAYS LOB-BALL TOURNAMENT, sponsored by the East Oxford Optimist Club. A BARBECUE AND DANCE will follow.
- 17, 18 & 19 The Oxford fish and Game Club will be presenting the ANNUAL BLACKPOWDER RENDEZ-VOUS. This event will include shooting competitions, a costume competition and camp-out.
- 24 & 25 MIDWESTERN ONTARIO LADIES FASTBALL TOURNAMENT, hosted by the Norwich Jets, will be held at Dillon Park.
- 26 The Norwich Museum will be having its OFFICIAL OPENING at 2:00 P.M.
- 31 PEACH FESTIVAL, at the Norwich Norvilla Nursing Home. Fresh peach sundaes will be served from 2:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. with all proceeds going to the Heart Foundation.
- MONTH OF AUGUST During the month of August, the Norwich Lawn Bowling Club will be holding an OPEN JITNEY at 7:30 P.M. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings and Tuesdays at 2:00 P.M.
- AUGUST THRU DECEMBER The Otterville Baptist Church's Young People's Group will be holding SPECIAL ACTIVITIES every Saturday night at 7:00 P.M. For more information call 879-6626.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 The Canadian Szekey Hungarian Association will be holding a BARBECUE on Potters Road.
- 3 MEN'S LAWN BOWLING TOURNAMENT, will be played at the Norwich Club.
- 6 LADIES LAWN BOWLING TOURNAMENT, will be played at the Norwich Club.
- 7 & 8 LIONS' ANNUAL CARNIVAL at the Norwich Community Centre Complex.
- 9 The Oxford Fish and Game Club will be having a CLUB TRAP CHAMPIONSHIP. For further details contact: 537-3037.
- 10 REGISTRATION for the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be held at the Norwich Public School.
- 11, 12 & 13 THE 8TH ANNUAL TRADE FAIR will take place at the Norwich Community Centre Complex.
- 13 MEN'S LAWN BOWLING TOURNAMENT will be played at the Norwich Club.
- 15 ANNUAL PORK BARBECUE AND DANCE to be held at the Norwich Community Centre by the Oxford Pork Producers. The Barbecue is from 5:30 to 8:00 P.M. with a dance to follow. TICKET PRICES: Adults - \$8.00; Children - \$3.50.

SEPTEMBER cont'd:

- 15 The Norwich Historical Society, Ontario Historical Society and Parks Canada are presenting a SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP at the Norwich Museum. To register or for more information call 863-3638.
- 15 & 17 Oxford Fish and Game Club is having a TURKEY SHOOT.
- 16 TEACHER'S DAY at the Norwich Museum. Admission is FREE to all teachers and their families.
- 16 HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE at the Holy Trinity Church in Norwich. Service is at 11:15 A.M.
- 17 REGISTRATION for 2nd Norwich Brownies. For further information contact DONNA at 863-6849.
- 22 SPRINGFORD FAIR, the parade is scheduled for 10:30 A.M. with opening ceremonies to follow. A beef BARBECUE will be held in the evening at the Springford Park, sponsored by the Recreation Committee. Tickets for the barbecue may be purchased at Smith's Snack Bar for: Adults - \$6.00 and Children 5 to 12 years of age - \$3.50.
- 23 RALLY AND PANCAKE SUNDAY at Norwich United Church. Breakfast starts at 9:30 A.M.
- 23 Church School RALLY SUNDAY at the Norwich Baptist Church. Special guests at the morning service are the Covenant Players.
- 23 ANNIVERSARY SERVICE at the Newark United Church. Special guest speaker at the 11:00 A.M. service is the Rev. Roger McCombs.
- 23 Oxford Fish and Game Club presents SILHOUTTE METALLIC HANDGUN SHOOT.
- 26 Norwich Lawn Bowling Club will be host for the MEN'S LAWN BOWLING TOURNAMENT.
- 26 The Rebecca Lodge is having a HARVEST EUCHRE. A lunch will be served at noon with games to follow. ADMISSION is \$2.50.
- 29 & 30 ENERGY DAYS at the Norwich Museum.
- 30 Ontario Rural Softball Association's AWARD BANQUET at the Norwich Community Centre.

OCTOBER

- 7 The Springford Baptist Church is celebrating their 152 ANNIVERSARY. Services will be held at 11:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. with Special Guest Speaker - Rev. Gibson Brown of Leamington.
- 12 The Norwich Figure Skating Club's SEASON BEGINS.
- 13 The Canadian Szekey Hungarian Club on Potters Road will be having their annual GRAPE FESTIVAL.
- 13 A TURKEY SHOOT will be held at the Oxford Fish and Game Club.
- 18 The Archivist Group will be having a meeting at the Norwich Museum.
- 19 & 20 ANNUAL APPLE DAY, organized by the Norwich Boy Scouts. The Scouts will also be holding their PAPER DRIVE during this month.
- 20 A HALLOWE'EN DANCE has been scheduled for 9:00 P.M. at the Oxford Fish and Game Club.
- 20 A WORKSHOP ON OLD PHOTOGRAPHS will be presented at the Norwich Museum. To register and/or more details call 863-3638.
- 20 LIONS' CLUB OKTOBERFEST at the Norwich Community Centre.
- 21 The Norwich Baptist Church will be having their former minister, Rev. Erik Strain at the 11:00 A.M. Service.
- 21 THE 135th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE at the Norwich Presbyterian Church. Service starts at 11:00 A.M.
- 27 A TURKEY SHOOT will be presented by the Oxford Fish and Game Club. A GUN DRAW will also be held.
- 27 TURKEY DINNER, hosted by the Burgessville United Church. For tickets and further details contact Mrs. James Martin at 424-2139.



Who is responsible?

Cassie (right) played by Monica Moore tries to get this cast of characters to admit their guilt in the disappearance of her imaginary friend during the production of *The Mystery of the Moaglemeyer* that was performed at the Norwich and Otterville Public Libraries Friday to entertain the children and get them to see the need for an imagination. The characters are left to right,

Tybalt the Pirate played by Janice Duncan; Miles the Beaver portrayed by David Morton; Jillafna the Clown played by Rosemary Morris and Greg Grekklebury the Private Investigator played by Dave Reddoch. The five actors who make up the summer theatre group *The Enchanters*, will be giving a total of 85 performances of the play this summer. (Staff Photo)

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Need for imagination library play's theme

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The need for imagination was expressed to children in Norwich and Otterville through the use of drama and song Friday.

About 25 children in Norwich and 35 children in Otterville saw the performance of *The Mystery of the Moaglemeyer* by *The Enchanters* at the public libraries. The summer theatre group performed at the Norwich Public Library in the morning and then travelled to Otterville for an afternoon performance. The group of five performers have been presenting the play at libraries, parks, day camps, and camps since June 11 and will complete their 85 performances by August 24.

The *Enchanters* theatre group has been in existence for five years and is based in Mt. Brydges. Students audition for a different play each year and then spend the summer entertaining children through the Summer Canada Job Creation Project. *The Mystery of the Moaglemeyer* was written by Bob Lamont who was project manager and performed in last year's production that was also performed in Otterville.

This year's performers are Dave Reddoch, 17, as Greg Grekklebury the Private Investigator; Janice Duncan, 19, as Tybalt

the Pirate; Rosemary Morris, 22, as Jillafna the Clown; Monica Moore, 18, as Cassie and David Morton, 15, as Miles the Beaver.

In the original production adventures surround Cassie's search for her imaginary friend and the characters she encounters on her journey. Children watching the performances were asked to participate verbally and were given the chance to ask questions following the performance.

The varying responses from children at the performances is an added pleasure for the actors as they try to entertain the children during each of their 85 performances.

"It is always different for there are new surroundings and audiences," David said.

This is the second year Janice has performed with *The Enchanters* and as Tybalt the Pirate she is bringing to life a part written for her. Janice "loves getting on stage in front of the kids and making them laugh," she said. By acting she also is gaining confidence in speaking in public.

Dave has always enjoyed the theatre and finds performing for children a "constant challenge" because children become bored quickly so *The Enchanters* must always be prepared to get them involved.

The audience turnouts for the performances during the summer have been good everywhere and Janice said they just hope the children have a good time as well as learn and get the message of the importance of having an imagination.

The Enchanters to perform play at Norwich, Otterville Libraries

The Norwich and Otterville Public Libraries will be visited by pirates, detectives and kidnapers when *The Enchanters* perform Friday.

The Mystery of the Moaglemeyer, a one-hour presentation, will be performed for children ages five to 12. The summer theatre group will present the original play that centres around a young girl's efforts to solve the disappearance of her imaginary friend. Along the way she meets a

10-year-old detective, a circus clown, a swashbuckling pirate and an enterprising beaver.

The play is sponsored by the Ontario ministry of citizenship and culture, Outreach Ontario and local public libraries.

The play will be presented at the Norwich Public Library at 10:30 a.m. Friday and at the Otterville Public Library at 2:30 p.m. also on Friday. Admission is free.

Otterville Personals

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Otterville Public Library is a busy place for activity with August proving to be no different.

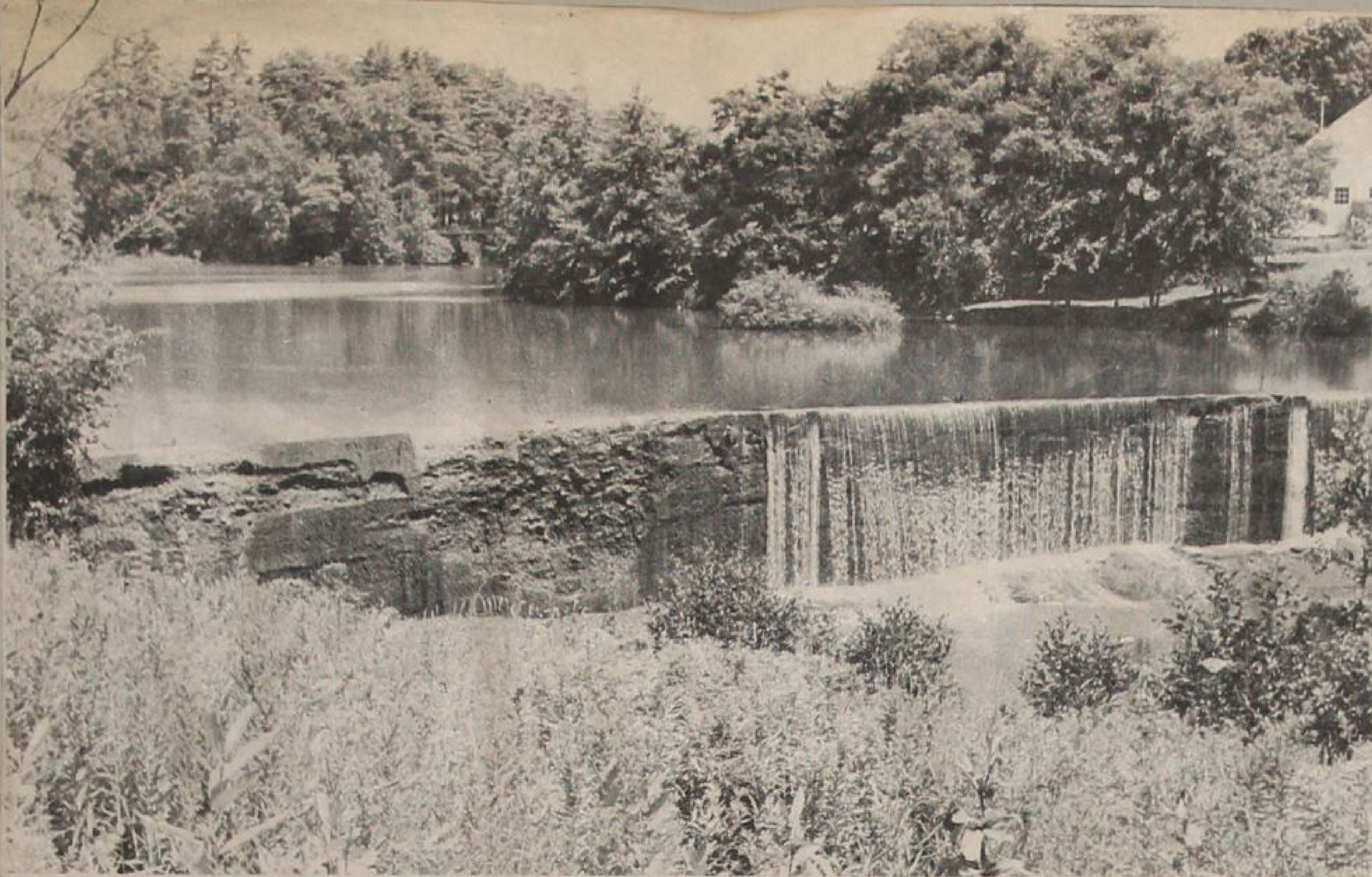
On Thursday, Aug. 2, the Reading Olympics will begin taking place for the entire month. Children, seven to 12 years of age who are interested can register whenever they wish to start with four books being the maximum number required to complete the Olympics. Following each book read an award will be given with a certificate offered at completion. All Olympic readers line up to the starting line!

On Friday, Aug. 3 the library will host the *Enchanters*, who will be presenting a children's play *The Mystery of the Moaglemeyer*. The play, a mystery of the disappearance of a young girl's imaginary friend, involves a 10-year-old detective, a swashbuckling pirate, a circus clown and an enterprising beaver.

The hour-long play is for children ages five to 12 years with free admission. All

those wanting to help solve the mystery are encouraged to attend the Otterville Public Library, on Friday, Aug. 3 at 2:30 p.m.

NARANCSIK - Julius and Janet are pleased to announce the birth of Carmen Danielle, a little sister for Brenda at St. Joseph's Hospital on August 4, 1984, weighing 8 lbs. 1 oz. 5

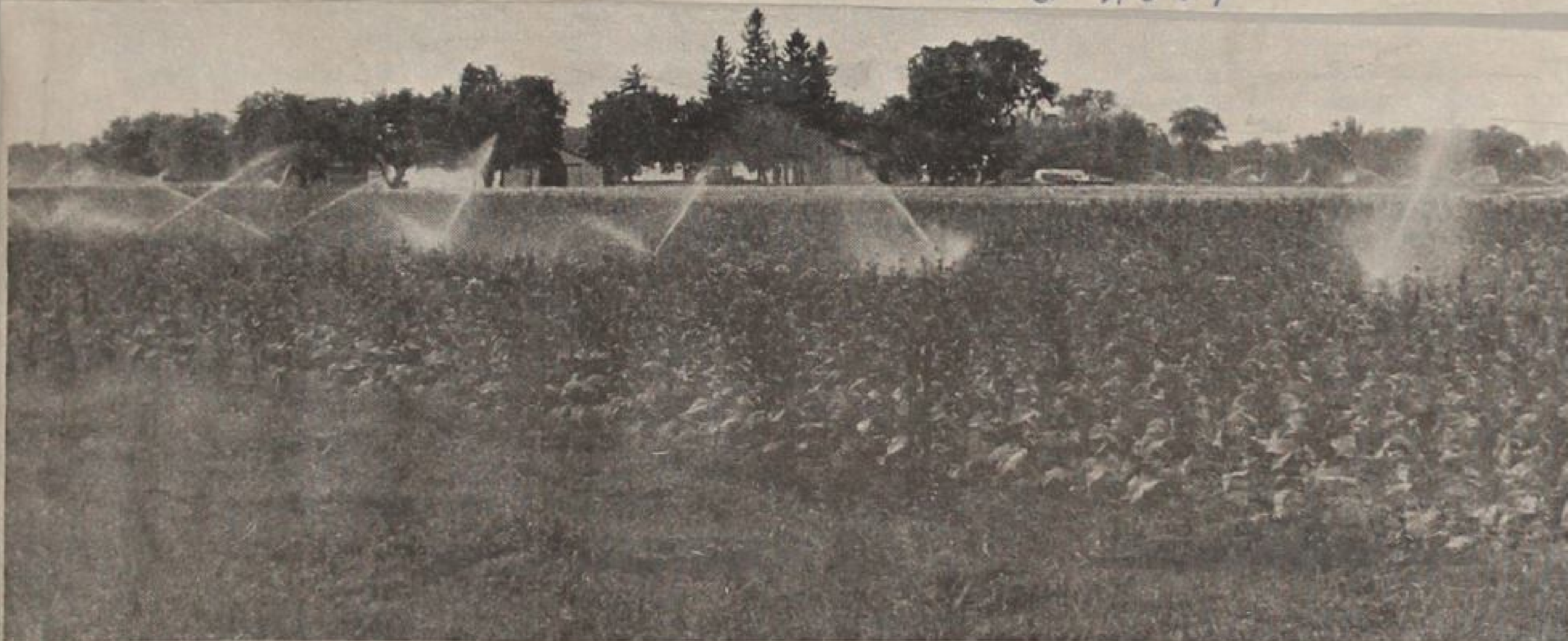


In need of rain

With the lack of a heavy rainfall in the area and hot temperatures recently, a lower water level has given the Otterville Dam a dif-

ferent look with a reduction in the size of the waterfall. (Staff Photo)

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Irrigating crops

Irrigation of tobacco crops in the southern portion of Norwich Township has become a familiar sight in the last few days as dry

weather has caused the need for farmers to start pumping water onto their crops. (Staff Photo)

Deaths

Glenn (Ted) Cracknell

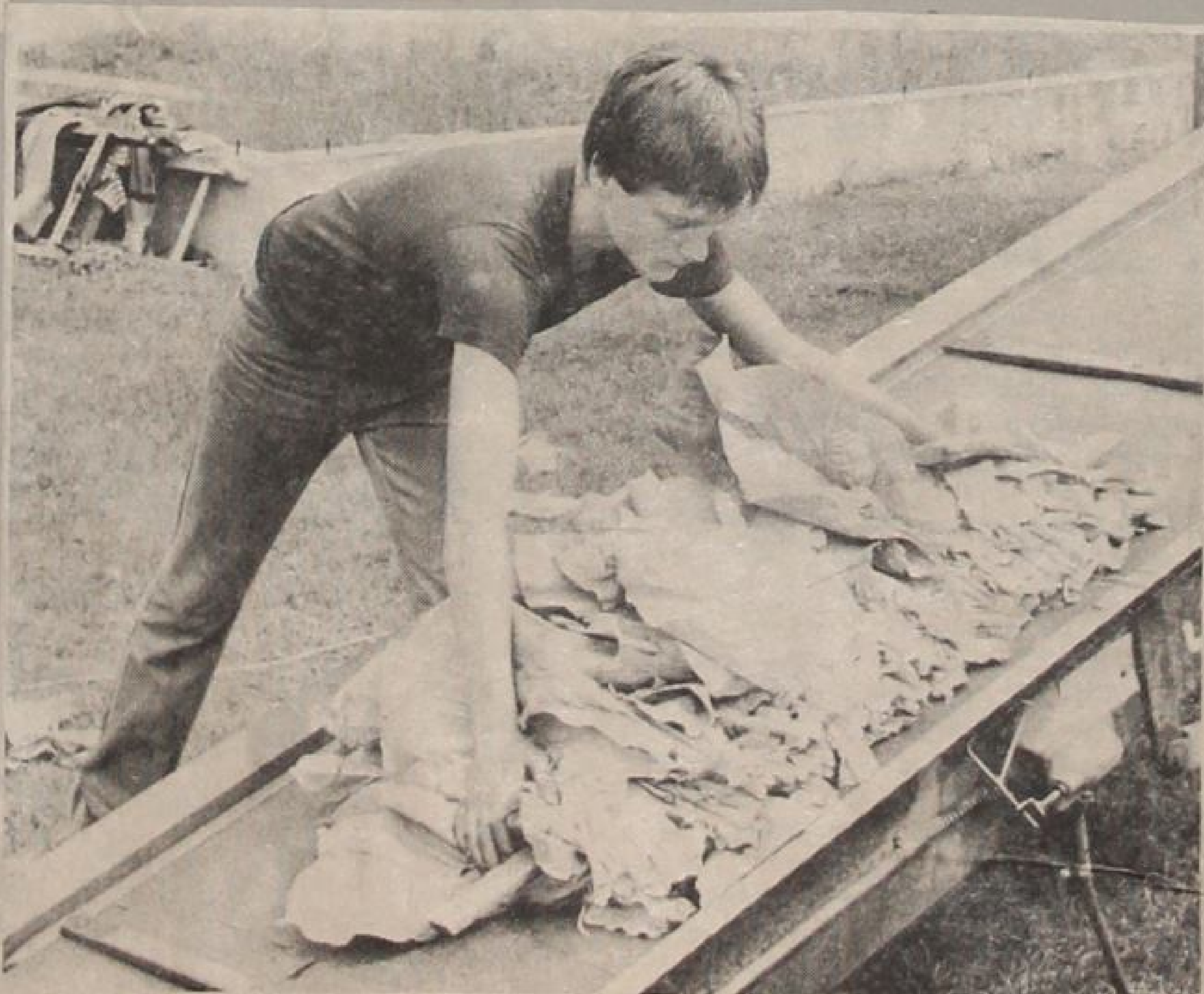
Glenn (Ted) Cracknell of 118 Talbot Rd., Delhi, passed away at Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe, on Tuesday, August 7, 1984, in his 77th year.

Born in Courtland, he was a son of the late Frederick Cracknell and the former Lucy Sherman. He was a barber in Delhi for 50 years.

Surviving are his wife, the former Jane Miles; one daughter, Mrs. Terence (Alice Jean) Finlay of Toronto; one sister, Mrs. Duncan (Jean) McMurchy of Otterville; and two grandchildren.

Resting at the Murphy Funeral Home, Delhi, where service will be held Thursday, August 9, at 1:30 p.m. conducted by Rev. Grant Darling of St. Alban's Anglican Church, Delhi.

Interment in Delhi Cemetery.



Harvest begins

Richard Honcoop of Norwich carries on his duties as stick shaker as he helps convey the tobacco into the kilns on the Ken Mann farm in Otterville, Tuesday. It was the first day of harvest on the farm. (Staff Photo)

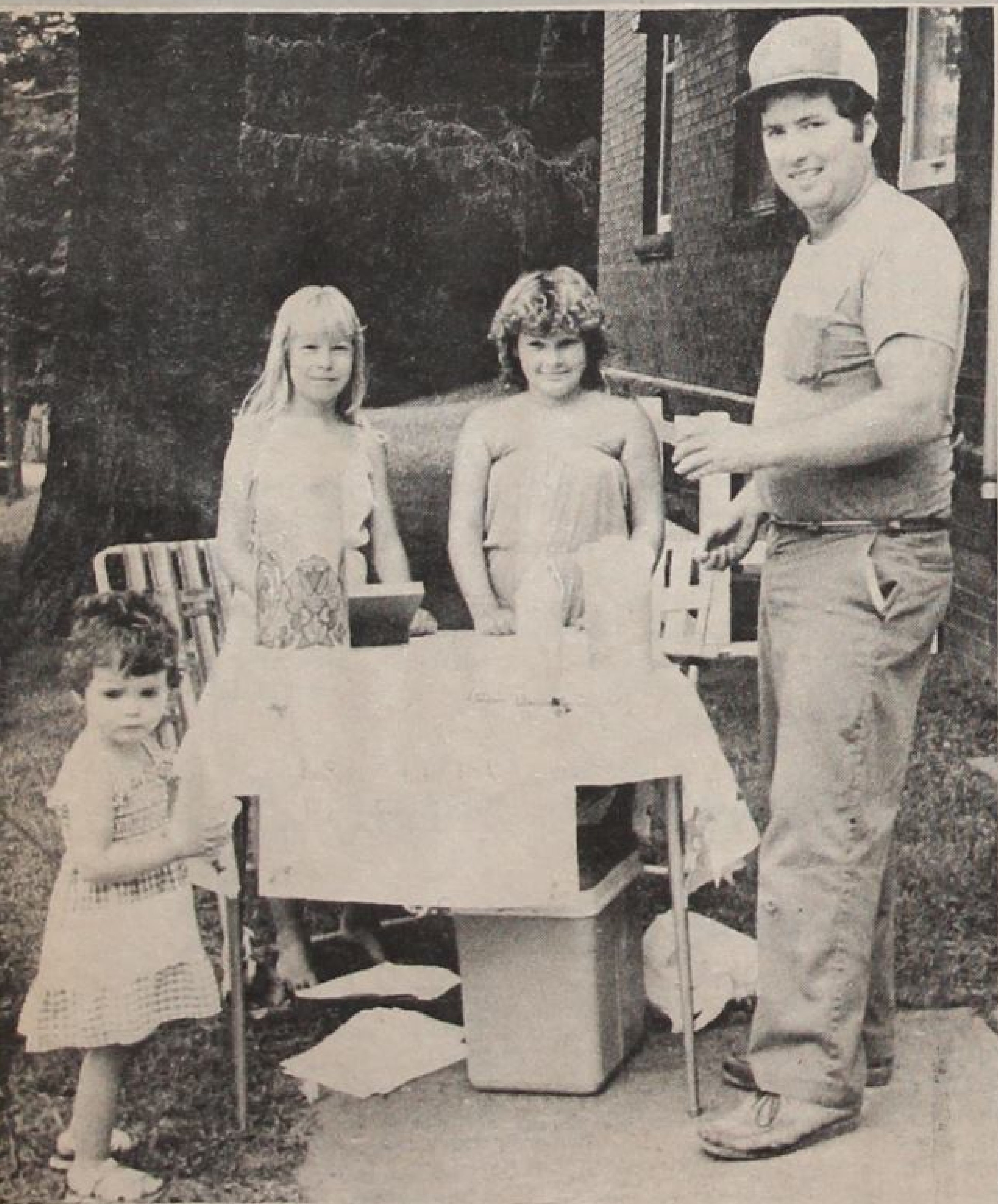
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Hard at work

It was the first day on the job for Richard Honcoop, stick shaker, from Norwich, and the table gang consisting of Jane King, Otter-

ville; Harriet Goor, Ingersoll, and Susan Vuylsteke (right), of Otterville as they prepare the tobacco for placing into the kilns to cure at the Ken Mann farm in Otterville Tuesday. (Staff Photo)



Quenching their thirsts

A welcome sight to many people trying to beat the humid weather recently was a lemonade stand operated by Francine Countryman (back left) and Lisa Parr, both of Otterville outside the Otterville Royal Bank Thursday and Friday. The girls offered lemonade, Kool-Aid and Mr. Freezes to passersby and earned more than \$10 to be used to buy clothes for school. A couple of people eager to make use of the stand were Ashley McMullen and Ron Lee, both of Otterville. (Staff Photo)



Trying to beat the heat

This litter of seven-week-old beagle puppies owned by Bill and Carol Redman of Otterville appear to be enjoying the warm temperatures that have been in the area recently yet have different ways to appreciate it. While some of the 10 puppies in the litter enjoy playing and fighting with each other, others simply prefer to soak up the sun and enjoy a nap. (Staff Photo)

Seven lifeguards on duty at pool

By DOREEN HOOVER

The Otterville pool is once more a popular location for children and adults eager to beat the summer heat and again there is a qualified group of lifeguards available to provide a safe area for swimming and learning.

Leslie Dickson, 21, of Burgessville is supervisor at the pool this year. She is using her two years of experience working at the YM/YWCA in London to help her during her first year at the Otterville pool. Leslie, along with the six other guards share the jobs of teaching classes and guarding as well as maintaining the swimming area.

Leslie will be entering her third year of honors physical education at the University of Western Ontario in London in the fall and sees her summer work at the pool as being a good experience for her in her studies and future profession.

During her involvement in swimming Leslie has earned her bronze cross, Nationals, which makes her a professional lifeguard; Instructors, basic rescuer (CPR) and Aquatic Emergency Care.

Assistant head guard this year is Janice Kirktown, 17, of Norwich. This is her first year guarding in Otterville. She guarded in Tillsonburg in the winter and in Wallaceburg, Ontario for three years.

Janice has earned her bronze medallion, bronze bar, Leaders, Instructors, Nationals, CPR and St. Johns First Aid and will soon be working on her bronze cross.

Janice said she enjoys teaching the children of all ages and likes to see them when they begin classes and then see the improvements they have made when they leave.

Joanne Armstrong, 22, of Tillsonburg, is in her eighth year of guarding and has returned to the Otterville pool after a year of absence. She used to be head guard at the pool and worked there for four years.

Last year Joanne worked on the reserve staff at the University of Western Ontario pool and used to guard in Tillsonburg. She has earned her bronze cross, Nationals, Instructors and CPR.

Of her duties at the pool, Joanne most enjoys teaching the older children. She has an honors degree in physical education from Brock University in St. Catharines and has just completed her studies at teachers' college in London. She is looking forward to obtaining a full-time position in the teaching profession and finds teaching at the pool to be enjoyable and good experience for her.

Donna Butler, 18, of Otterville, is in her fourth year of teaching and guarding at the Otterville pool. She enjoys teaching the

most and enjoys working at the pool for the time it allows her to teach and to be around the younger children.

Through her involvement in swimming Donna has earned her Leaders, Award of Merit, St. Johns First Aid, CPR, Red Cross, Royal Life and bronze medallion.

Cheryl Neale, 17, of Otterville, has been teaching and guarding at the Otterville pool for three years. Her other involvements at the pool include coaching and competing on the synchronized swimming team. Her participation with the synchro team is an enjoyment for her because she likes trying something new.

Cheryl has earned her bronze medallion, Award of Merit, CPR and is working on her bronze cross and Leaders.

Janette Butler, 16, of Otterville is in her second year as a lifeguard at the Otterville pool. Along with regular guarding and teaching duties she also helps coach and compete on the synchronized swimming team. As a lifeguard she most enjoys teaching the smaller children.

Janette has earned her bronze medallion, Award of Merit and CPR and is working on her bronze cross and Leaders. She expects to work as a guard at the Otterville pool again next year.

John Bruggeman, 15, of Norwich is beginning his first year of teaching and

guarding at the Otterville pool. Along with his regular duties he teaches the swim team which he enjoys the most.

John has earned his bronze medallion and Leaders and is working on his bronze cross. He expects to work at the Otterville pool again next year.

At the pool the guards share duties of teaching all the levels of swimming classes ranging from tiny tots through the levels of yellow, orange, red, maroon, blue, green, grey, white and bronze medallion.

For the enjoyment and participation of the entire family the pool also offers special classes such as Moms, Pops and Tots, a fitness swim class and a Ladies Exercise Class. There is an Adult Swim on Thursdays and Family Swim on Sundays.

Public swimming is from 1-4 p.m. every afternoon, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on weekends and from 6:30 or 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. during the week.

The wading pool is also open for use but is unsupervised thereby requiring the parents to watch their children when they use the pool.

OTTERVILLE (C) — Seventeen members of the Otterville-Norwich Leisure Club spent last Wednesday at the Teeterville Park.

A potluck dinner filled the table with the usual variety of foods. Throughout the afternoon visits were made to the museum located on the park grounds which is the home of many souvenirs of the past. Several games of cards were played with members returning home all feeling they had a good day of leisure.

The next regular meeting will be held Sept. 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the Woodlawn Adult Centre, Otterville.

Decoration service at Bookton Cemetery was largely attended on Sunday, Aug. 19, with the Salvation Army Band, Brantford in attendance. There being no service, flowers were placed in memory by families at Milldale, Otterville and Springford cemeteries where decoration days were held on Sunday.

A family get-together was enjoyed at the home of Lila and Jack Freeland, Main Street, Otterville on Sunday, Aug. 12.

Sisters and brothers present were Mr. and Mrs. Archie Jull and Mrs. Helen English, all of Norwich, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jull, Mt. Elgin, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Fleming, Sarnia and Mrs. Evelyn Waring, Otterville.

Mr. and Mrs. James Squance, Otterville attended a combined retirement party held in honor of Gordon Squance who retired from Massey Ferguson after 31 years of service and a surprise birthday party for his wife.

Next Sunday, Aug. 28, morning service will be held at 10 a.m. at the Otterville United Church with the other pastoral charge congregations of Springford and New Road attending as well.

After the service a social hour will be held with Springford and New Road assisting in the refreshments. This will be the farewell service of Rev. Earl and Mrs.

Moore after which they will continue their ministry at the pastoral charge of Canfield and Canboro.

Greta Kennedy has returned to Toronto having spent a holiday with her brother David Kennedy.

Violet Cole and family attended the decoration service held at Salem Cemetery and visited relatives and friends in the community.

OTTERVILLE ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN OTTERVILLE (C) — Sunday marked the return to regular services at St. John's Anglican Church after a month's summer recess.

The service opened with the hymn, "O God, Unseen, Yet Ever Near" while the senior choir entered accompanied by organist Lila Freeland.

Scripture lessons were taken from Isaiah, chapter 55, beginning with the first verse, Come all ye who are thirsty, Romans, chapter 8, verse 28 and following. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, and Matthew chapter 14, beginning with verse 13, When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart.

Children adjourned to the nursery during the singing of "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

Rev. Grant D. Darling focused his sermon on the topic of The Family. When one thinks of a family whether it be home, church or corporate one thinks of caring, sharing, loving and support.

The church is the family of God; the fellowship of people who are all committed to Christ. The basic family unit was instituted by God as the basic unit in human society. Therefore if the family begins to die, society begins to die as well.

With modern society family breakdown is more evident. Rev. Darling suggested this is due to the loss of three essential ingredients. First, loving care and concern for all family members is necessary. When members become selfish then the family begins to disintegrate. If people are using each other instead of loving each other the family unit is broken. There must be personal sacrifice for each other within the family. Mutual acceptance of accepting each other for what they are instead of trying to change family members is important. Perfection should not be demanded. Lastly, God has to be the head of the family. God built the family and home and therefore God should come first. These three ingredients are essential for maintenance of the family in society.

Following offering, received by Richard DeRoo, the Holy Eucharist was shared and celebrated by the congregation and Rev. Darling. The service closed with the singing of "Now Thank We All Our God."



Learning new craft

Children participating in the Norwich Township playground program being held for its last week in Otterville got to spend some time weaving Tuesday while other participants played games, made taffy and drew pictures. About 30 children are attending the program held in the Otterville Park this week. Participating in the craft time are left to right Samantha Letoile, 12, of Otterville; Hali Walters, 12, Otterville; Melanie Priddle, 13, Vienna and Tina Irie, 11, of Otterville. (Staff Photo)



Barbecue at Innisfree

Grant Mountain (left) and Gord Shearer, both of Otterville, work at preparing the barbecued chicken for an informal gathering of friends and members of the Innis Foundation held Saturday at Innisfree. (Staff Photo)

Improvements proposed at conference centre

An informal gathering of friends and members of the Innis Foundation, Otterville, gathered at Innisfree for a picnic-barbecue on Saturday evening, Aug. 18.

People from the community as well as from out of town were in attendance with Grant Mountain of Otterville doing the barbecuing of the chicken with the assistance of Gord Shearer also of Otterville. Henry and Norma Lockstein, resident managers living at the homestead since 1978, hosted the occasion on behalf of the Innis Foundation.

The Innis Foundation is primarily focused in Southern Ontario but there are members as far away as British Columbia as well as international members from England and Australia. It is a charitable organization which promotes the memory and work of Harold Innis, a scholar best

known as a political economist and historian during the period 1920-1952. He dealt with issues such as the fur trade, cod fisheries and communications which very much influenced Marshall McLuhan, a successor of his who developed many of Innis's ideas.

Innisfree is the birthplace of Harold Innis which was acquired around 1969 when the foundation began. Between 1971-1973 the conference centre emerged which was built for the purpose of conferences, retreats and social gatherings. It has kitchen facilities and can sleep 24 people. Since its construction the siding has weathered which this year was completely covered with new aluminum siding. As well, the foundation is looking into putting in swimming facilities, cross country skiing and skating.



Plant official tree

Members of the First Otterville Brownie Pack planted a white pine tree at the Otterville Post Office last Tuesday as their bicentennial project. Present for the planting of Ontario's official tree in commemoration of her 200th birthday were front row, left to right, Becky Monsere, Carrie Lewis, Karen Kramer and Joni Ryerse. In the back row are Dianne Monsere (Brown Owl), Pam Hussey, Crystal Hewitt, junior leader; Amy Gehring and Cathy Furlong, post mistress. (Staff Photo)

Brownies plant white pine for bicentennial project

The 1st Otterville Brownie Pack decided for their bicentennial project to help beautify the village by planting a white pine tree at the Otterville Post Office.

The white pine, the official tree designated for Ontario's bicentennial, was provided by the Reforestation Station of St. Williams. Various suggestions were

given to the Brownies by their commissioner for possible bicentennial projects with the decision made for the tree planting.

The Otterville Post Office was chosen as the location since it is central to the village which had lost a maple tree earlier in the spring.

TOUR ROUTE

- 1 WOODLAWN YOU ARE HERE FOR THE STORY AND YOUR LUNCH
- 2 THE MILL IS LOCATED EAST ACROSS THE BRIDGE SOUTH SIDE, THE MILLER WILL EXPLAIN THE OPERATION
- 3 DORREN MOUNTAIN'S GARDEN THE STONE HOUSE ADJACENT TO THE MILL,
- 4 ANGLICAN CHURCH IF YOU CHOOSE TO WALK GO ON THRU MOUNTAINS TO THE STREET BEHIND THE HOUSE
TURN LEFT AND THE CHURCH IS ON THE NEXT CORNER. .IF YOU DRIVE ,GO EAST FROM THE MILL TO THE
MAIN CORNER, TURN RIGHT ONE BLOCK AND THE ORGANIST AND FATHER DARLING WILL ENTERTAIN YOU.
- 5 THE HERBAL TOUCH AS YOU LEAVE THE CHURCH TURN LEFT THERE WILL BE A SIGN ON THE WEST SIDE.
- 6 MAE LEONARD'S FAMOUS FLOWERS ANYONE WHO ATTENDS THE FALL FAIRS WILL BE FAMILIAR WITH MAE'S
PRIZE WINNING ARRANGEMENTS AND DISPLAYS. FROM THE HERBAL TOUCH GO EAST TWO BLOCKS TURN LEFT
ONE BLOCK THEN RIGHT AND YOU WILL SEE THE FLOWERS. MAE WILL BE THERE TO TELL YOU ABOUT THEM.
- 7 QUILT AND CRAFT DISPLAY OF 'MADE IN OTTENVILLE' AT THE COMMUNITY HALL. FROM THE FLOWERS TO
FOLLOW THE ROAD ON AROUND TO THE MAIN STREET, TURN LEFT AND MID WAY IN THE SECOND BLOCK IS
THE HALL . BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OFFICES AND THE HALL IS A ROAD THAT GOES TO A PARKING LOT.
- 8 LIBRARY THIS IS NOT A LIBRARY DAY BUT YOU ARE INVITED TO VISIT THE NEW LOCATION AND LOOK
THROUGH THE OTTENVILLE TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY BOOKS AND ALSO THE COLLECTION OF HISTORICAL DATA
AND CLIPPINGS COMPILED BY CATHERINE MANN. THE LIBRARY IS WEST FROM THE HALL.
- 9 THE BARBER SHOP NOT FOR A HAIR CUT BUT TO BROWSE THROUGH A BIT OF NOSTALGIA.
- 10 PARK THE FOOT BRIDGE TO THE PARK IS NORTH OF THE MAIN CORNER.
- 11 INNISFREE EAST OF THE VILLAGE ACROSS THE HIGHWAY ABOUT THREE MILES ON THE SOUTH SIDE.
- 12 TOBACCO FARMS GO WEST TO THE FIRST CROSSROAD ON THE RIGHT (NORTH) SIDE OF THE ROAD DRESCHER
FARM TONY HAS AGREED TO TAKE SOME TIME FROM HIS BUSY DAY TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AND
EXPLAIN HIS OPERATION (OF THE FARM) THE SAME WELCOME WILL BE EXTENDED AT THE LENEARS FARM
WHICH IS ABOUT TWO MILES WEST OF THE VILLAGE ON THE LEFT , A RED BRICK HOUS WITH A TREE
LANEWAY. EATHER OF THESE FARMS WILL BE INTERESTING TO THOSE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE CROP.

"ENJOY YOUR DAY" OTTENVILLE WELCOMES YOU, AND FEEL FREE TO ASK ANYONE FOR DIRECTIONS
IF THE IMPOSSIBLE SHOULD HAPPEN AND YOU ARE LOST! THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAS ATTEMPTED TO
MAKE YOUR VISIT INTERESTING. ANY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE AT THE MILL OR THE HALL WILL BE USED
FOR THE CONTINUING RESTORATION OF THE MILL. THANK YOU FOR COMING....

Cherryville

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We offer you the Village of Otterville where in 1807 the first settlers arrived to build a mill on the banks of the river and start the beginning of the industrial life of the little Hamlet. With the river for water power, it flourished and other diversified mills were built to meet the needs of the settlers. Like many early communities, the fast lane on the highways and the removal of rail lines have diminished its importance. However, there are many points of interest being preserved and restored through the efforts of local groups. These are open by appointment for conducted tours, and on request, a beverage and snack could be available. The South Norwich Historical Society is actively involved in the preservation and presentation of our Heritage.

The enclosed map brings you off highway #401 at the highway #19 south exit following south to Ostrander then east through the village of Springford. Along this road are large corn fields and the farms involved in the harvesting and drying of the crop. Springford boasts a local son who was responsible for the organization and implementation of Rural Mail Delivery, George Wilcox persevered until it was indeed a fact.

TOBACCO FARMS-

We thank a duo of tobacco farming families who have agreed to host tours and put their equipment and methods on display. Hosting the 'open farms' are the Wilfred Lenaers and Tony Drescher families. Tobacco culture requires a highly organized type of farm management. You will get a 'feel' for this during a visit to one of these farms.

WOODLAWN The Octagonal House Otterville.

Near the west end of the village, on an historic site once occupied by a church, in the midst of two geneologically interesting cemeteries, an architectural gem has been reincarnated. The house was built in 1861 and was in danger of being lost to decay when a local citizens group became interested. The house was moved from Mildale, restored and is used as an adult community centre. It is maintained through rentals, tours and donations.

BLACK SETTLEMENT

In 1982 during the 175th celebrations a plaque at the African Methodist Episcopal Cemetery commemorates the Black settlement of freed families who made their home in the area. At one time there was a school and a church which attracted many from other areas to attend their meetings. When the slaves were freed in the States after the Civil War, many returned to the U.S.A. Others left when the white pine forests were logged out.

Treffry's Mill

Built in 1845 and continually run by water power supplied by a dam on the north side of the road. This is believed to be the oldest continuously operating water-powered mill in Canada. The conversion to Metric measure brought business to a stand still and the Mill is now being repaired and maintained by the Historical Society on a lease basis. The Miller lives in the village and conducts the tours and activates the mill for demonstrations. Some renovations are now in progress in preparation for celebrations of Canada Week and a Bar.b.q. in the meadow by the mill July 1st held annually.

OTTERVILLE PARK

Accessible only by a foot bridge, north of the main corner, is an acre of parkland with a swimming pool, ball diamond, horse-shoe pitch and childrens playground. This was maintained and equipped by local groups, since restructuring of the Townships it is now controlled by the Township of Norwich.

The park has a large picnic area and is available for use by large groups. Summer sees much activity including dances in the Pavillion.

St. JOHN'S CHURCh

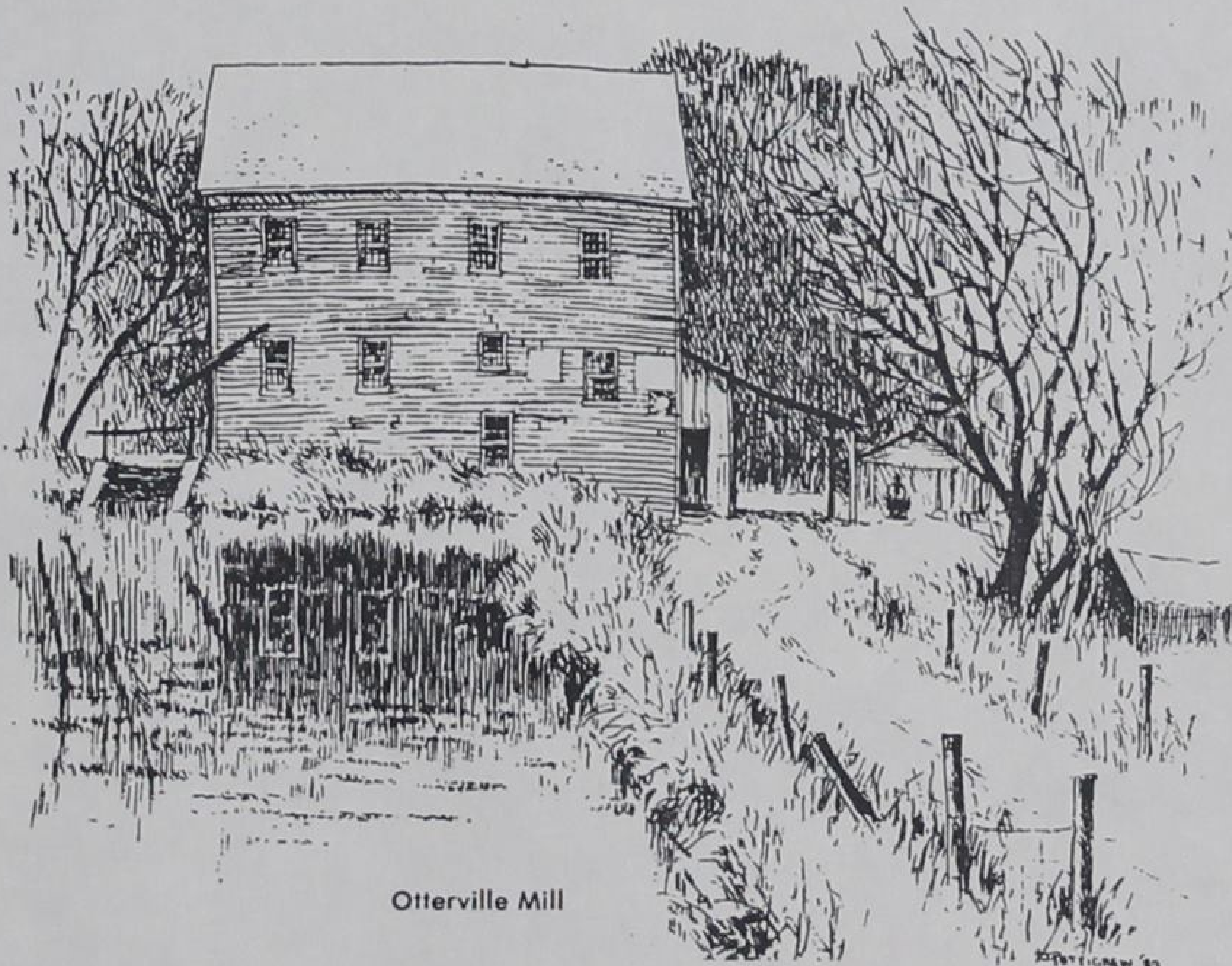
This impressive Gothic type building is the result of a generous bequest of a local family of the old days. Bullocks invented the first carpet sweeper and had a factory here where they were produced. This Anglican Church and the Rectory were built as a Memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bullock. A fine Casavant pipe organ was installed and hopefully the organist will be available during tours. A beautiful stained-glass window over the Altar is a recent Memorial donation. The small but energetic congregation work diigently to maintain this lovely structure.

INNISFREE

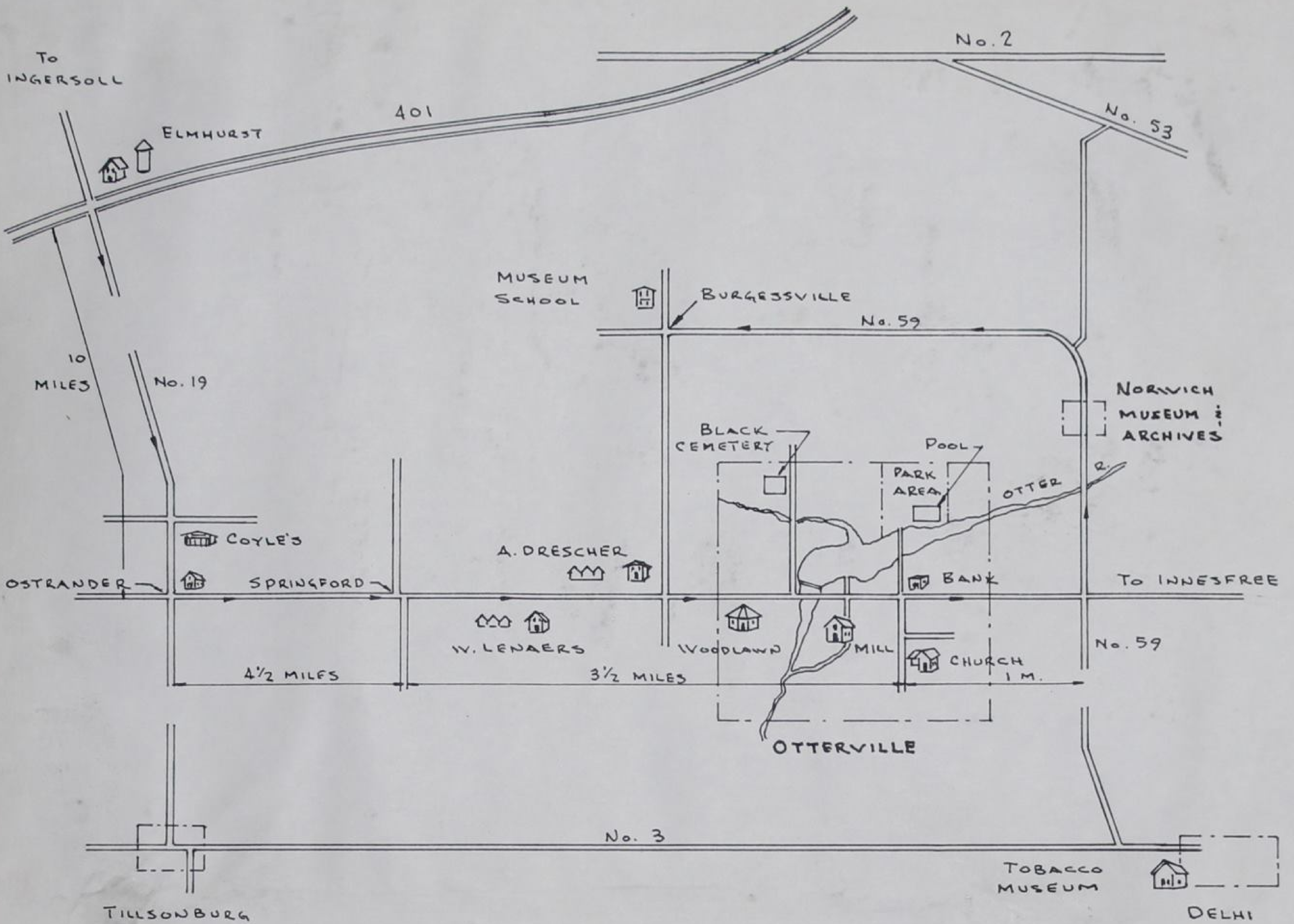
The home farm of the Late Harold Innis, distinguished political economist, author and historian of the University of Toronto, this memorial conference and retreat centre was built on a ridge, giving an overview of the Otter Valley. The Centre is administered by Innis College, University of Toronto, accomodates 25, located 3 miles east of Otterville.

This brings you now to Highway #59, (turn left and yougo south to Delhi at Highway#3) turn right and you are on your way to Norwich, Woodstock and back onto Highway #401. as indicated on the accompanying chart, it is a circle trip with many points of interest presented by the Volunteer groups of the Community. Please drive carefully, the horse-drawn vehicles of our Mennonite Community use these roads.

To include this area in a tour please contact Mrs. M. Downing
#132 Otterville, Ont.,
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Tel. 519 879 6852



Otterville Mill



HISTORIC OTTERVILLE



Picnic at the mill *AT TILLSONBURG*
 Among the floats entered in the Summerfest parade was one built by the South Norwich Historical Society with the theme "Picnic at

the Mill," the mill in question being the Treffry Mill at Otterville. Theme of the Saturday morning parade was "A Trip Through Time." (Staff Photo)



Part of tour

Persons taking part in The Tour of Historic Otterville, Monday will be visiting the Treffry Mill that was built in 1845 and is believed to be the oldest continuously operated water-powered mill in Canada. The mill is being repaired and maintained by the South Norwich Historical Society that organized the tour of the village. (Staff Photo)

Prepare for tour

OTTERVILLE (C) — Less than a week away on Monday, Aug. 13, the Oxford South District Women's Institute Bicentennial Luncheon and Tour of Historic Otterville, organized by the South Norwich Historical Society will take place.

The village of Otterville, which was settled first in 1807 when a mill was built on the banks of the river to be followed by others using water power for their industrial endeavors, offers many points of interest which have been preserved and restored through local groups.

Included on the tour will be Woodlawn Adult Centre, the restored Octagonal House, and Treffry Mill believed to be the oldest continuously operating water-powered mill in Canada.

St. John's Anglican Church, built in memory to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bullock will be available for view to appreciate the

Gothic structure, stained glass windows and the Casavant pipe organ within.

The Otterville park, Black Settlement, two area tobacco farms, Innisfree, the gardens of Mae Leonard, Marilyn Dreidger and Doreen Mountain are all included in the afternoon.

Otterville history will be available for reference through the Tweedsmuir Books and the South Norwich Historical Society Scrapbooks on display at the Otterville Public Library.

As well, crafts of Otterville will be presented in the Otterville Community Hall as various talented residents of the village show their skills and resources.

All in all through the appetizing luncheon served by the Oxford South District Women's Institute and the organized tour which can be done either by car or by foot, the day offers interests for every taste.

Bicentennial treat for W.I.

Enjoy historic Otterville tour

By JOYCE McMULLEN

What better time to visit rural Ontario than during Ontario's Bicentennial?

Such was the case on Monday, August 13, in the village of Otterville when through the efforts of the South Norwich Historical Society and organized by Lorraine Downing, a Tour of Historic Otterville took place.

The tour was offered to those people attending the South Oxford District Women's Institute Bicentennial Luncheon held at Woodlawn Adult Community Centre with servings from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Following this delicious cold meal everyone was invited to visit and enjoy the various points of interest available throughout the village and close surrounding area.

Before leaving the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre everyone had a chance to tour this octagonal house and be informed of its background through a presentation by Betty Walther. Located at the west end of the village, the house was moved from Milldale, restored and is used as an adult community centre in this historic site which was once occupied by a church. Through the efforts of the South Norwich Historical Society the house, built in 1861, was restored and prevented from being lost to decay.

The Treffry Mill, built in 1845, originally a flour mill using a paddle wheel, was the next stop on the tour.

Believed to be the oldest continuously operating water-powered mill in Canada, the workings of the mill were explained by Lorne Treffry and his wife Anna, former owners of the mill. Lorne activated the mill for demonstration pointing out such aspects as the scales, bagger, oat roller and corn sheller as well as inviting people to climb to the third floor of the mill for a sightseer's view of the Otterville Dam and countryside. In keeping with the former use of the flour mill, porridge bread and sweet rolls made by Isabel Harris were available for purchase.

The herbal gardens of Doreen Mountain located adjacent to the Treffry Mill and explained by Mrs. Mountain offered many new as well as familiar scents and aromas to be enjoyed.

Doreen who has grown herbs for 20 years as a hobby uses her herbs for dried arrangements, potpourries, and cooking but draws the most pleasure from them through watching the enjoyment other

people experience when touring her herbal beds.

Later on the tour the Old Barber Shop on the Main Street of the village, owned and used by Mrs. Mountain as her hobby place, was open for display. Here, herbal arrangements, potpourries, wreaths, dried herbs and crafts were among many uses which could be learned and appreciated.

The Otterville St. John's Anglican Church was open for visitors to examine and appreciate its Gothic structure, architecture, stained glass windows and fine Casavant pipe organ.

Lila Freeland, organist of the church, was present to provide music throughout the tour which easily demonstrated the high quality of this instrument purchased from St. Hyacinth, Quebec and installed in the church in 1916.

Also available with information of the church's history were Rector Grant Darling, minister of the church, Winnie McMullen and Edna Furlong, long time church members, since before the dedication of the church on December 10, 1916. The building is the result of a generous bequest of Henry Bullock in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bullock.

The Herbal Touch, the home of Marilyn Driedger, provided the setting for people to examine the many varieties of herbs in her backyard. Marilyn, who has grown and experimented with herbs for approximately 12 years is attracted by their legend and folklore as well as the many uses she has found for them in cooking, dried flower arrangements, wreaths, sachets and potpourries. Mrs. Driedger explained interesting facts about both the growing and use of many herbs she has.

The Village Garden of Mae Leonard provided a different aspect of horticulture through her vast display of flower beds. As people walked through the endless varieties of flowers, bushes and plants Mrs. Leonard was eager to explain aspects of hybrids, varieties, growing conditions and gardening tips. Her landscaped beds allowed everyone to walk amongst the flowers and enjoy the plants each for themselves.

The Otterville Community Hall was the location of a display which showed the many talents found in Otterville. Jim Squance, 86, through his woodworking, showed his great care for detail and precise work in the carving of wood into miniature rocking chairs, tables,



Describes operation

Lorne Treffry of Otterville and former owner of the Treffry Mill explains the operation of the elevator in the mill that picks up the grain and puts it in the mixer or bagger to participants in the Tour of Historic Otterville Monday. (Staff Photo)

stagecoaches, children's toys, and even a replica of Otterville's Woodlawn Adult Community Centre. Great skill and patience could be seen here.

Jean Davis who has been doing ceramics for approximately five years has specialized the last two years in making ceramic plates picturing local landmarks. Plates can be made on request of any location desired and Jean had many to demonstrate her fine ability in reproducing pictures into ceramics. As well ceramic items made by Sandra Hussey, Dorothy Wardell, Marj Pearce and Kathy Davis, some members of the weekly ceramic group to which Jean belongs, were on display.

Laura Pettigrew, 94, showed the unique hobby of Pine Needle Craft. Involved in this type of work for the last 24 years, Mrs. Pettigrew learned the skill in Florida where the long Australian pine needles can be found. Lampshades, purses, trays were amongst the beautiful items Mrs. Pettigrew had for view. A remarkable person with an interesting craft.

Elaine Oliver, specializing in silk flower corsages, had a diverse variety of possible color and floral combinations. Mrs. Oliver had been pursuing this hobby for the last four years following some courses which she took. She enjoys visiting craft shows as well as making items for purchase which can even be color-coordinated to one's

clothing.

Eva McMullen shared the arts of knitting and crocheting through her display of afghans, pillows, clothing as well as other items. Mrs. McMullen, who has been involved with these crafts for many years, demonstrated these skills to those touring. The variety of stitches and patterns seemed endless.

Isabel Harris displayed rug hooking in addition to the art of silk painting which is a new hobby for her. The many steps in painting a scarf proved interesting as one could see the design develop and take form on the material.

Other crafts were on display in addition to the many beautiful quilts which covered the walls of the hall decorating the room in one massive display of beauty. They included quilted garments by Wilma Butler, knitting by Eleanor VanParys, Sharon Balcom and Marion and Rev. E. Moore, paintings by Rod Taylor and Mrs. Leonard, doll clothes by Dorothy Neale and log cabin variations and totes by Lorraine Downing completed the craft show in the hall. One could take much time in appreciating the great skill and creativity of these multi-talented people.

A draw for a handmade purse and tote bag designed and created by Lorraine Downing with proceeds going to the Treffry Mill Restoration Fund was supervised

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History of Institute

Margaret Nobbs of the Jean Brumpton Institute of Tillsonburg looks at one of the Institute Tweedsmuir scrapbooks that were on display in the Otterville Public Library Monday for people participating in the Tour of Historic Otterville. (Staff Photo)



Capture landmarks on plates

Edna Furlong (right), of Otterville admires the ceramic plate display of Jean Davis, Otterville, that could be seen in the Otterville Community Hall Monday for all participants in the Tour of Historic Otterville. Mrs. Davis has been making plates that picture local landmarks for the last couple years. (Staff Photo)

Historical tour

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by Olive Pickersgill. Sharon Meek, Beachville, was the recipient of the winter purse while L. McKenney, Tillsonburg, won the tote bag.

The Otterville Public Library offered a source of reference for local history and information as the Institute Tweedsmuir books and the personal collection of scrapbooks kept by Catherine Mann were available for perusal. Boyd Little and Vera Welsh, in charge of the display, were available for any additional information one might want. Much reminiscing and education could be derived from these interesting and informative books.

Two tobacco farms of Wilfred Lenaers and Tony Drescher were open for visiting of their equipment and methods. A feel for the tobacco culture could be acquired from a visit to these farms.

Innisfree, the home of the late Harold Innis, located three miles east of Otterville, was also open to the tour. This memorial conference and retreat centre is built on a ridge and gives an overview of the Otter Valley. The centre is administered by Innis College, University of Toronto and accommodates 25 people.

In total the tour and luncheon offered something for anyone's taste as well as a full afternoon of appreciation of the outdoors, history, crafts and the general friendly atmosphere of a small country village. It is a location which should not be taken for granted but should be promoted and praised for its unique qualities.



Learn about herbs

Doreen Mountain (right) of Otterville points out herbs such as basil and rosemary that she grows in her herb garden to Gladys Fewster

(left) and Marilyn Nicholson, both from the Culloden Institute who participated in the Tour of Historic Otterville Monday. (Staff Photo)



Unique art form
Laura Pettigrew (right), 94, of Otterville shows Mary Richardson of Woodstock the art of Pine Needle Craft that uses Australian pine needles found in Florida. Mrs. Pettigrew has made lampshades, purses and trays with the pine needles. (Staff Photo)



Demonstrates sound of pipe organ
Lila Freeland, organist of St. John's Anglican Church in Otterville plays the Casavant pipe organ that was installed in the church in 1916 while Al and Peg Goodlett of Tillsonburg look on during part of the Tour of Historic Otterville held Monday. (Staff Photo)



Visit flower garden
Mae Leonard (left), Otterville shows Ethel Armstrong of Tillsonburg a miniature hemlock tree that is just one of many plants and trees in her flower garden. Mrs. Leonard's garden was one of the many stops during the Tour of Historic Otterville held Monday. (Staff Photo)

Otterville youth is off to New Zealand

By DOREEN HOOVER

Adjusting to living in a large city will be just one of the new experiences for an Otterville youth participating on a year-long exchange to New Zealand.

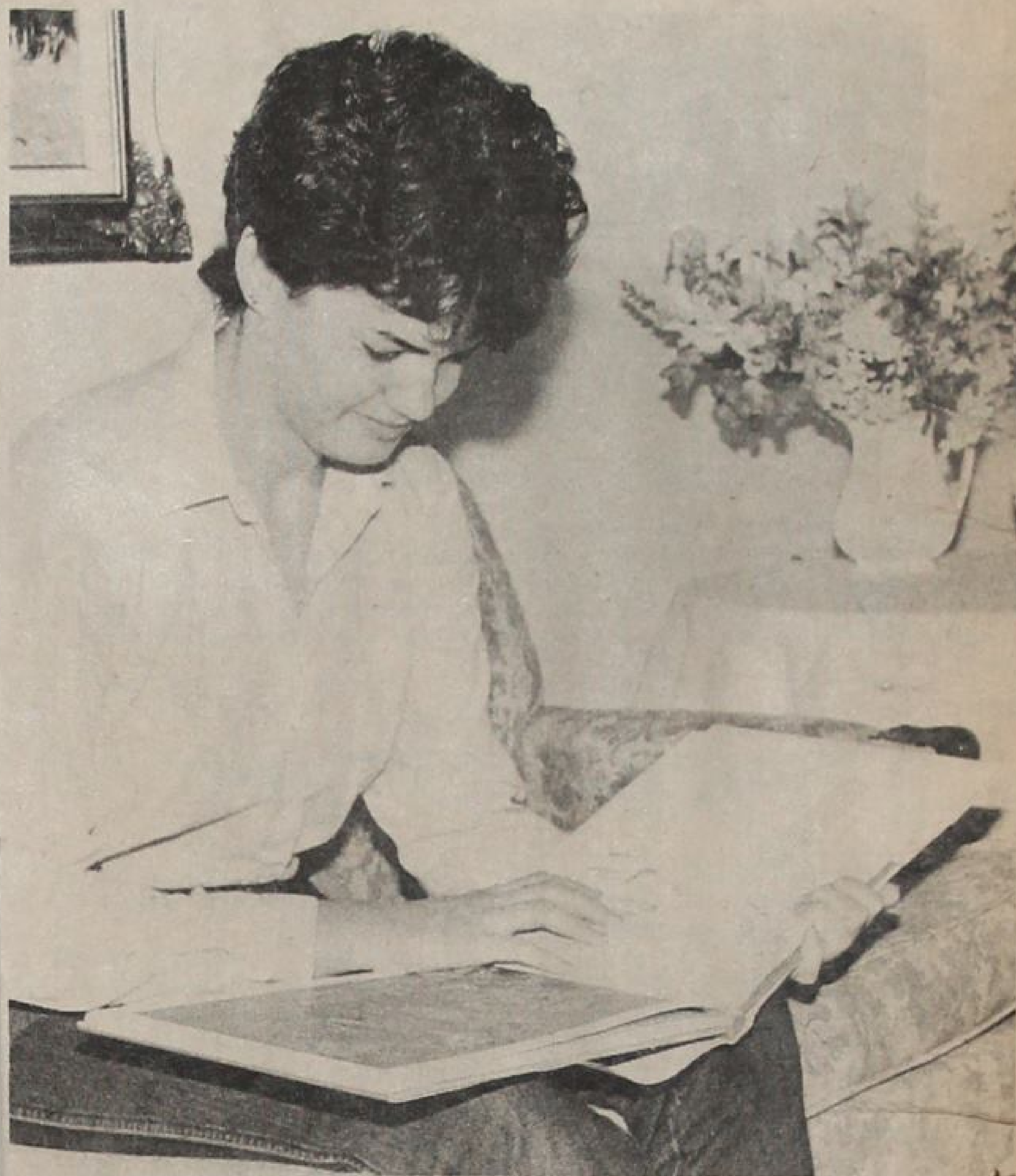
Stephanie Harris, 17, will be departing for Auckland, New Zealand, August 24, to begin her exchange through the Woodstock Rotary Club and Rotary International.

Auckland is a metropolitan area with a population of 800,000 people on the North

Island.

Stephanie decided rather "on the spur of the moment" to apply for the exchange program in October after hearing more about it from a fellow Norwich District High School student who had spent a year in Sweden. She had thought about applying for the program at an earlier time but her father's ill health prevented this. Also because of her age this year would have been the last time she would have been eligible to participate.

Before being chosen as the exchange student from the Norwich area in late November Stephanie had to endure interviews which she called "the worst experience of my life." She was questioned about Canadian history and many various topics at NDHS and her mother Isabel was also interviewed. Stephanie was chosen by NDHS as its student for the program; she was approved by the Woodstock Rotary Club and then had to be interviewed by district representatives of the club. Stephanie will have to pay the majority of her expenses for the year-long exchange but will receive a \$50 monthly allowance from the Woodstock Rotary Club.



Prepares for trip

Stephanie Harris, 17, of Otterville reads a book about New Zealand as she makes final preparations for her year-long exchange to the country through the Rotary Club. Stephanie has been studying New Zealand to better prepare herself for the country she will live in for a year. (Staff Photo)

New Zealand was Stephanie's first choice as an exchange country and she said she was lucky she was chosen to go to the country she had hoped. Her other two choices were Australia and Scandinavia. She had no special reason to choose New Zealand but just made her decision after looking at the countries that were possible locations for her to visit. Since finding out about her acceptance into the program Stephanie has been studying about New Zealand and is now glad she chose the country.

While living with host families on the North Island which is warmer and more heavily populated, she will also be going on a trip to the South Island through the Rotary Club. Through letters received from people in New Zealand and by talking to people in the area familiar with the country Stephanie has heard there are no mosquitoes or predatory animals on the numerous islands around the country. She is also expecting a time change after her 29-32 hour flight including stopovers. Stephanie is hoping to see Hawaii for a few days on a stopover on her way home from the exchange.

Stephanie is also preparing for a drastic change in the schools in New Zealand. She will be expected to wear a uniform and the academic level of the schools are higher than in Canada because there are fewer universities and top students are wanted. Stephanie and her family have moved a few times so she is used to adjusting to new

communities and schools and she doesn't foresee any major problems. The schools in New Zealand are "far ahead of us academically so it can only be a help," she said.

Along with learning more about New Zealand, Stephanie has also been collecting information and slides of Canada to be used to give the people in her exchange country more knowledge about her home country. Students accepted into the exchange program are expected to know what is happening in their home country and be willing to talk about it whenever asked during their exchange.

Although Stephanie has not been away from home alone for long periods of time she is looking forward to experiencing new things and being away from home. As the time for her departure approaches she said she has "terrific mood swings" when at one time she can't wait to go and then at other times wonders how she got herself into this situation.

Stephanie said she will miss her family, friends and her dog and fears she may not fit in with her friends after her return. "You can't help but change when you are away for a year," she said.

Mrs. Harris is glad her daughter is participating in the Rotary Exchange Program that provides "such wonderful opportunities for students to live in a country and get more out of it than as a tourist," she said. "It is something they will never forget and it enhances character."

Gardening way of life for Mae Leonard

By DOREEN HOOVER

After being raised with an interest in plant and animal life caring for a large flower garden has become a way of life for Mae Leonard of Otterville.

After moving to Otterville in 1967 Mrs. Leonard has worked at her flower garden that now is just under an acre in size and includes between 2-3,000 species of plants. Her parents were market gardeners in the Delhi area and taught her to have an interest in plant and animal life. She began to grow flowers when she was about 10 years of age but remembers receiving her first packet of flower seeds when she was only three.

Every year her garden gets a little bigger as she finds new varieties to add but she said it has just about reached its maximum for her to be able to care for. It now consumes most of her summer time as "there is always something to do," she said. But the work in her garden is something she enjoys. "It is great for mental and physical health."

New additions to the garden are evergreen miniatures and cactus from southwestern Saskatchewan and Alberta. Her garden consists of about 300 rose bushes, 200 varieties of dahlias, five wild orchid varieties found in the region, 20-25 varieties of lilies, numerous wild flowers and an area where she grows her own herbs. Her garden also includes some of the first flowers she planted that have been moved with her over the years.

Mrs. Leonard's interest in art is carried over from her teaching at Norwich Public School into her flower garden. She likes the plants that have twisted and artistic type branches such as the Robina Tortusosa and she enjoys adding flowers that are a bit different than the normally seen ones. Her garden includes Weeping Crabapples, Japanese Tree Peonie, a Stelletta Magnolia that is unique to the area, a Clematis that is her own creation and a Don Redwood that was discovered in China in 1944. She has also collected various plants in the area that were brought with early settlers such as the Blue Chimney flower and old lilies.

"Anything that is new and different I have to try it," she said. "Sometimes there is success and sometimes failure, but that's life."

Her garden includes a cutting area, her formal garden, a lily pond and she has two greenhouses, one solar designed, that are used to house her house plants and her school plants during the summer. The greenhouses are not used in the winter yet because Mrs. Leonard does not have the time because of her school responsibilities, but "when I retire I will have something to do," she said. Her garden consists of part perennial plants and part with varieties that must be replanted each year.

Her interest in plant life is being transferred to her students as they participate in the care and growing of many plants during the school year. Members of her Grade 4/5 class helped to add some color to the downtown area of Norwich as they planted flowers in pots by the stores earlier this year. Mrs. Leonard said Norwich "needs to be spruced up a bit" and she hopes she is passing an interest in plants on to her students. She has noticed there is an increased interest in plants with more people having plants in their homes and she has had many parents of her students come to her for advice on growing them.



Flowers in bloom

Mae Leonard of Otterville stands among some of her Zinnias in her large and varied flower garden that is just about an acre in size and contains from 2-3,000 species. Mrs. Leonard has been growing

flowers for many years and it is a familiar sight to see her working in her garden during the summer. The garden is often visited by people wishing to admire the variety of species and colors to be seen. (Staff Photo)

"Learning to deal with plants is a learned skill over years of practise and research," she said. It is important that growers notice disease, insects and the need for repotting which are all learned through experience. In her many years of growing plants Mrs. Leonard, who is president of the Delhi Horticultural Society, has used a lot of trial and error and research on her own to produce better plants. She said there are many books for beginners available and she has an extensive library on flowers and plants.

"Once you know a plant and its requirements and know your own soil, it is bound to grow well," she said.

Because of the sandy soil at her home Mrs. Leonard uses humus as well as manure and some commercial fertilizer on her plants depending on their type and where they are planted. She looks at the color of the leaves and the size of the flower to determine its needs. Some plants require more acid and some more alkaline. "You have to know the plants and their requirements," she said.

Mrs. Leonard is not the only one in the family to enjoy growing things as her husband Gordon helps her prepare the garden for planting and is responsible for the vegetable gardening.

Her interest in plants and art has been shown through the making of flower arrangements of live and dry flowers which Mrs. Leonard has been doing for many years. "It is another artistic outlet for me," she said. She does the arrangements on request and also has entered them in competitions at fairs and flower shows along with flower specimens.

Although she no longer attends many shows because it is hard to arrange the time, she will be going to two shows in the region this year. She is a member of the Brantford Garden Club and will participate in its show Aug. 25. She has won numerous awards for her flower entries. "You always aim to top a show if you decide to go into it," she said.

Mrs. Leonard has many flowers to enjoy and she finds her favorites go with the season. She enjoys being able to find the bloom of a Christmas rose under the snow in late February or just enjoy the brightness of daisies during the summer. The saddest time of the year for Mrs. Leonard is the first frost.

Her flower garden is not just enjoyed by Mrs. Leonard as it is visited by many people. "There is a constant flow of visitors in the garden," she said. It has been visited by artists, photographers and people from as far away as Australia and New Zealand. Her interest in gardening allows her to meet a lot of interesting people.

Mrs. Leonard still has varieties she hopes to add to her garden such as fuchsias, more begonias, lilies and miniatures. "Plants are extremely interesting," she said. "There are so many species and each is unique in their own way and requires a special place to grow."

The greatest satisfaction of growing her flower garden is "to see them grow and flourish and to produce a fine specimen if it is flower producing," Mrs. Leonard said.

Being a naturalist Mrs. Leonard enjoys the satisfaction of watching things grow and develop and seeing the beauty of a particular plant. "Each has its own beauty," she said. "It could be small and inconspicuous but they all play an important part in Nature."



Irish Club gathering

Members of the Irish Club of the Tri-Counties got together Sunday at the park in Otterville. Special guests at the picnic were 19 young

people from Ireland, here in Canada to work in tobacco harvest. (Staff Photo)

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Irish club holds green picnic

By DAVE STOVER

There was a different kind of greenery evident at Otterville Park Sunday afternoon.

The Irish Club of the Tri-Counties was holding a picnic — the first of what may become an annual tradition — and while not everyone present was wearing the green, certainly a good number of club members were.

Special guests at the picnic were 19 young people from Ireland, here in Canada to work in tobacco harvest.

"By having a picnic, we could invite them and make them feel more welcome," said club member John McNally.

The young people came as a group to Canada, arriving in Boston July 27 and making their way north to southern Ontario. They're part of a Canada-Ireland cultural exchange program, and will remain here until early October — enough time to finish harvest and then do a bit of travelling before returning to Ireland.

One of the Irish exchangees is Fergal Donnelly of Dublin, who works at Mike Schweder's Langton-area farm. This is the second year of participation in the exchange for the 21-year-old medical student at University College in Dublin.

Why did he choose to spend his summer in Canada working in the tobacco fields? For one thing, the work is "a complete change from studying," Mr. Donnelly said. "It's good, healthy, outdoor work." And he's also looking forward to the opportunity to travel for a few weeks after he finishes working in harvest in mid-September, though he said he hasn't yet decided where he'll go before he returns to his homeland in early October.

Mr. Donnelly said he finds Canadians as a people are "a bit friendlier" than the Irish, and that friends and acquaintances here "get to know you far more quickly. It takes a while to get to know someone really well at home." People tend to be more outgoing here, he added.

Getting to know people better is in a way the idea behind the Irish Club. The group originated this past February in Delhi at the suggestion of organizers of the Ethnic Day, the annual event sponsored by the Delhi-based Multicultural Association. Beginning with 20 members, the club has "snowballed," in the words of president Tony Murphy, with a current membership totalling 131. Members hail from Elgin, Oxford and Brant counties, as well as the Haldimand-Norfolk Region.

Activities so far have included a display at the Ethnic Day, a St. Patrick's Day dance, and a bus trip to see Jury's Irish Cabaret in London, in addition to the picnic this past Sunday. Members "get to meet a lot of fine Irish folk" through the club, Mr. McNally said. Membership includes immigrants from the Emerald Isle and Canadian-born citizens of Irish descent, though Mr. McNally said he'd found the Irish immigrants were the "real pushers" behind the club's formation and expansion.

Haley pitches Blues to 3-1 victory

Dave Haley scattered eight hits and struck out 12 batters while pitching Springford Blues to a 3-1 victory over Straffordville last Tuesday night in North Oxford Fastball league action in Straffordville.

Brent Stewart pitched a fine game for Straffordville but still suffered the loss. He gave up seven hits while striking out 11 Springford batters.

Springford got on the board first, scoring a pair of runs in the third inning. James Smith and Carl Wilcox led the inning off with singles for the Blues. Fred Smith followed with a double scoring both runs.

Straffordville picked up its only run of the game in the seventh inning when John Guertjens doubled and came around to score on a Springford throwing error.

Blues scored their final run in the ninth inning. Smith again doubled to lead off the inning and was followed by a long fly ball from Kim Malcolm that allowed him to score from third base when a Straffordville fielder dropped it for an error.

Smith's two doubles paced the Springford offence with singles coming from James Smith, Wilcox, Paul Scott, Darrel DeBlair and Brent Scott.

Kevin Culp had three singles to lead Straffordville while Guertjens doubled and John Zei, Leon Passmore, Kevin DeClercq and Walt Lileikis singled.

SPRINGFORD — Fred Smith's double to the left-centre field fence scored Carl Wilcox from first base to give Springford

Blues a 3-2 win over Otterville Otters in North Oxford Fastball League play Sunday.

Blues had jumped out to a 2-0 lead after the second inning after two bunt singles and an rbi single by Wayne Pratt scored one run and Darrel DeBlair stole home for the second run.

An rbi single by Doug Furlong scored Pat Pinnoy to pull Otterville back to within one and then in the sixth inning, Dave Cooper singled to score Mark Cattrysse to tie the game.

Then came Smith's winning hit in the sixth inning.

Otterville had eight hits off winning pitcher Dave Haley while Springford managed only six off Otterville's Dave Davis and Bill Fidlin.

Otterville minister gives last sermon

By DOREEN HOOVER

After preaching at the Otterville United Church for seven years Rev. Earl Moore is looking forward to the challenge of working with new congregations.

Rev. Moore gave his last service Sunday in Otterville and will be immediately taking on the Canfield-Canboro pastoral charge. Although he regrets leaving the area because of the many friends his wife Marion and himself have made, he "feels a challenge in going to a new place," he said.

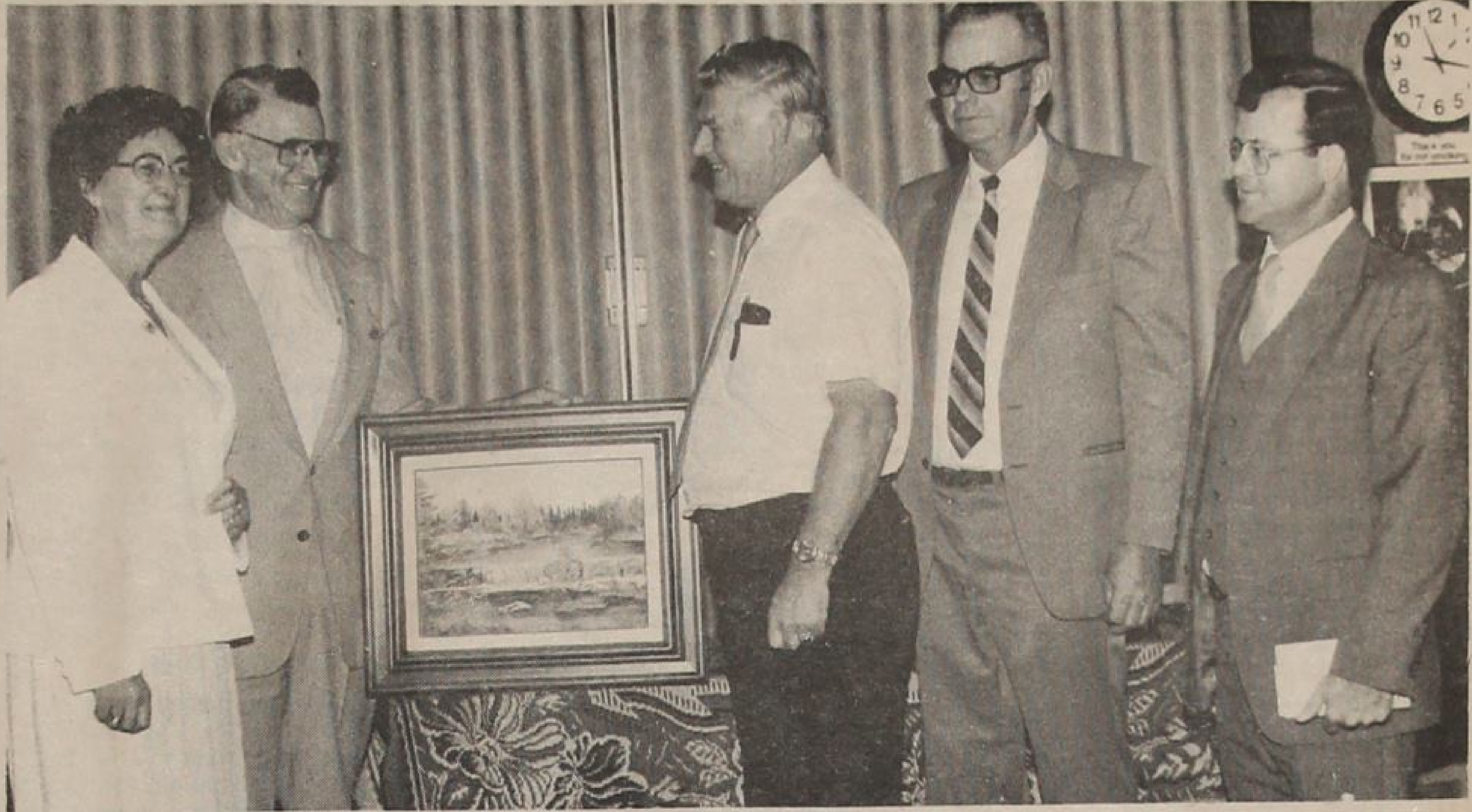
For the last seven years he has been minister for the three-point charge of the United Church congregations in Otterville, Springford and New Road. In September the three-point charge will become a two-point charge with the Springford and New Road congregations joining together.

In the United Church of Canada ministers are urged to move around so Rev. Moore decided to make a change for the betterment of his charge. "I thought it might be better for the congregations to have a change," he said. "It will be refreshing for the congregations when they get a new minister."

Rev. Moore also regrets leaving Oxford County where he has lived most of his life. He farmed near Embro for 20 years before deciding to enter the ministry in 1967. He worked in Hamilton for three and a half years while also taking courses from McMaster University, Hamilton; Queen's University, Kingston, and in Halifax where he received most of his theological training. After being ordained in 1971 he worked in Cape Breton Island and in South Ottawa before coming to Otterville in 1977.

Before entering the ministry he had become more involved in the church primarily through his work with the youth in Sunday School classes and youth groups.

When he entered the ministry he said he



Farewell presentation

Marion Moore (left) and Rev. Earl Moore were presented with a painting of the Otterville dam by Don Neale, Bill Markin and Doug Babbey, (right) members of the Otterville United Church board,

Sunday following Rev. Moore's final service for the three-point charge. The Moore's are moving to Canfield where he will take over the Canfield-Canboro pastoral charge. (Staff photo)

never had ambitions to advance far into the church hierarchy but just to be a local pastor. He hoped through his work at the area congregations he was able to maintain the organization that was present on his arrival seven years ago.

Although he doesn't know what is needed in his congregations in Canfield and Canboro, he expects the needs to be similar to this area because it is a rural mixed farm-

ing area.

"I expect with my rural background I will soon pick up what they need and want," he said.

Following the service on Sunday, the Moore's were presented with a painting of the Otterville dam as a going away gift. Rev. Moore said it has been a "great joy" living in the area and working with the members of the congregations. "Thank

you for your prayers, love and friendship," he said. "I hope my next congregations will be as generous and hardworking."

Mrs. Moore was also presented with gifts from the United Church Women organizations of the three congregations. "I have thoroughly enjoyed my stay here and I love the area and will miss the people," she said. "It is nice to know we will be missed too."

Sunday in the area churches

OTTERVILLE UNITED

"Teach Us To Number Our Days" was the title of Rev. Earl D. Moore's farewell message at a joint service of the Otterville Pastoral Charge on Sunday, August 26.

Rev. Moore read Scripture from Psalm 90 and Revelations 2:8-11.

Special music was presented by a choir from Otterville, Springford and New Road, led by Mrs. Jack Walther, organist, who sang "Make A Joyful Noise Unto The Lord." Also, during the service, Kathy Davis sang two solos, "The Lord's Prayer" and "In The Garden."

While Boyd Little, Donald Neale, John Walther and Lorne Treffrey received the offering, Trudy Walther played a rendition of "Morning Has Broken."

Mrs. Merton McClintock, at the piano, joined Mrs. Jack Walthers at the organ, for the Postlude.

Everyone retired to the Sunday school rooms for a presentation, fellowship and lunch.

Douglas Babbey, chairman, read a poem, dedicated to Marion and Earl, written by Mrs. Ted Debus. He spoke briefly, using a passage of Scripture, while

Donald Neale and Wm. Martin presented Marion and Earl with an original oil painting of the Otterville Dam by Jan Cressman of New Dundee.

Mrs. Jean Gehring, Mrs. Douglas Wilson and Mrs. Clarence Swance presented plates, painted by Mrs. George Davis, depicting each of the three churches, to Marion from the U.C.W.'s.

Marion and Earl graciously expressed their gratitude for the lovely gifts. They said they regretted leaving this area and the many friends they have made during the seven years of serving the Otterville Pastoral Charge, as they move on to Canfield.

All enjoyed a delicious smorgasbord lunch and an hour of fellowship.

On Sunday, September 2, service will be held at 11:15 a.m. at Otterville United with Mrs. Lorraine Downing as speaker.

OTTERVILLE

ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN

OTTERVILLE (C) - Sunday morning prayer service was held at 9:30 a.m. opened with the singing of "Stand Up and Bless The Lord" while the senior choir entered the church accompanied by Lila Freeland

at the organ.

Psalm 138, I will praise thee with my whole heart, was read responsively.

Rev. Grant D. Darling's sermon centred on the topic of Christian Unity. Through a pastoral letter focusing on the forthcoming visit of Pope John, Rev. Darling pointed out that all Christians, regardless of denomination, worship the same God, and therefore we have to work together.

Four factors affecting this need for harmony were defined. God the Spirit must be recognized and world conditions demand that people in the Christian church work together. People must not be narrow-minded but should become more aware of world disputes. Above all, Christians must understand one another, work together and respect each other.

Offering was received by Jack Freeland and the service closed with the singing of "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing".

Next Sunday communion service will be held at 9:30 a.m. with registration for Sunday School taking place the following Sunday, September 9.

VanParys-Fidlin vows at Otterville

St. Johns Anglican Church, Otterville, was the setting on Saturday, August 25, 1984 at 3 p.m. for the wedding of Judy Lynn Fidlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fidlin of Norwich, and Robert Brent VanParys, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van-

Parys of Otterville.

Rev. H. Herring officiated at the ceremony with Mrs. Freeland as organist. Guitarists Lawrence Black and Allan Lee played "Your Song" and "If" during the signing of the register, and other selections throughout the ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an ivory, ankle length gown of embroidered schiffli lace over satin accented at the waist with a satin cummerbund. Her waist-length veil was held in place by a satin headpiece and she carried a cascade bouquet of bridal white roses.

Miss Lisa Tokarz, friend of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridemaids were Arlene Fidlin and Lori Fidlin, sisters of the bride, Karen VanParys, sister of the groom, and Kim Miller, friend of the bride. Each wore a knee-length, two-piece dress of jade crepe de chene and carried a tied bouquet of creamy enchantment lilies and yellow carnations.

Mr. Randall Pettigrew, friend of the groom, acted as best man and ushers were Drew VanParys, cousin of the groom, Jeff Valliant, Matthew Smith and Terry Kemp, all friends of the groom.

Following the ceremony, a dinner and reception for 300 guests took place at the Norwich Community Centre. Mr. Charles VanParys, uncle of the groom, was master of ceremonies.

Guests were received by the bride's mother, who wore a knee-length, dusty rose, silk dress accented with pearls and worn with pearl grey accessories. She wore a cymbidium orchid corsage.

The groom's mother received, wearing a knee-length, champagne colored, chiffon dress with lace, embroidered jacket and matching accessories. She wore a cymbidium orchid corsage, also.

For their wedding trip to the East Coast, the bride chose a beige suit with matching accessories and a corsage of bridal white roses.

The couple is residing in London, where Brent is employed by Thorne Riddell Chartered Accountants and Judy is attending the University of Western Ontario in Communicative Disorders.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brent VanParys
(Rose Le Studio, Simcoe)

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and
Mr. and Mrs. Robert VanParys
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following the marriage of their children
Judy Lynn
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Norwich, Ontario*

Services end at New Road United

By JANE STIRLING

New Road United Church, near Five Points on County Road 20, may have held

its last church service but its congregation will continue its Sunday morning traditions at Springford United Church.



New Road congregation

The New Road United Church congregation mount the steps of Springford United Church on Sunday to attend their first amalgamated service with the Springford people. New Road's Bible, communion set, historic roll of membership and hymnaries were presented to the Springford church representatives during the service. Rev. Earl D. Moore was previously the minister for both churches. The New Road church congregation will hold a once-a-year service at their old church to keep it from closing entirely. Membership at New Road church was about 30 people. (Staff Photo)

The first amalgamated service of the two churches was held on Sunday with the New Road congregation meeting at its church for a call to worship and hymn and then filing over to the Springford church at 10:30 a.m.

Both churches have shared the same minister, Rev. Earl Moore, so it will take no adjustment on the part of the New Road people to become accustomed to the pastor.

During the amalgamation service, Bill Martin presented New Road's Bible to Tom Jordan of the Springford Church; John Cattell presented New Road's communion set to the minister; Doris Swance presented New Road's historic roll of membership to Esther Smith; and Jean Ronson presented New Road's hymnaries to Harvey Cowan.

New Road church was originally a Methodist church built in 1907 by the Tillson company. A garden party marking the cornerstone laying was held July, 1907, and the dedication service was on November 17, 1907.

Prior to the present building, a white frame church existed on the same site, constructed some time in the late 1800s. After the new brick church was built, the old white frame building was moved to one side of the lot, then sold and moved to Tillsonburg for use as a private dwelling.

In 1925, New Road became a United Church with the General Union of Congregationalist, Presbyterian and Methodist churches. Until 1931, New Road belonged to the Springford-New Road-Ostrander circuit but in 1931 a new circuit, Otterville-Springford-New Road, was formed. Rev. G.L. Shields became minister at this time. He was the church's longest-serving minister, serving for 18 years.

Between 1896 and 1906, there were 22 ministers in the old New Road church.

Although New Road United Church has discontinued its services, there will be a once-a-year service to keep it from entirely closing.



New Road United Church

The New Road United Church stands empty now that its congregation has amalgamated with the Springford United Church. The first amalgamation service took place this past Sunday in Springford. New Road was built in 1907 by the Tillson Company and was originally a Methodist church. In 1925, it became a United church with the General Union of the Congregationalist, Presbyterian and Methodist churches. The church will stay open by holding a service once a year. (Staff Photo)

Southern Ontario ghost towns.

Years ago they were bustling little centres of industry and commerce, communities with their own churches, stores, post offices, social events and entertainment.

But the coming of the automobile, radio and TV changed all that. Patterns of employment and patterns of life changed. Members of the communities drifted off to larger centres to work and shop and pursue recreational activities.

And the small communities dwindled. The stores and churches closed, the young people moved elsewhere to find jobs. Today the once-busy centres are often marked by only a gathering of houses and a couple of signs along a busy highway.

They're ghost towns – ghosts of a time before the current age of electronics.

There are a good many such "ghost towns" in the Tillsonburg area – too many to list here, certainly. But two, Rosanna and Houghton, may serve as representatives of the rest.

Follow Potters Road east from Tillsonburg and eventually, on the left hand side, you'll see the Rosanna cemetery.

Only the cemetery remains to mark the place of the little farming community which, a century ago, included a school, two churches and a post office.

An increase in the number of school-age children led members of community to build the first schoolhouse in Rosanna in 1865, according to *South of Sodom*, the South Norwich Historical Society's history of South Norwich Township. A new school was built 30 years later, in 1895, with the old building sold to the Canadian Order of Foresters.

"We're kind of noted for keeping our community together."

There's little left to indicate the thriving business community that was once Cornell. Houses and farms are still scattered along the two-mile stretch of the 10th Concession, known as the Cornell Road, in the south end of Norwich Township. But the many businesses that once flourished in this rural community are now only to be found as references in local history books.

But in spite of the decline in the village's business activity, its community spirit hasn't declined. Cornell is still an active community focusing now around its community centre and held together by the local Women's Institute.

While not a Cornell native, Marie Hicks has spent the better part of her life in the community to which she moved with her family just before she married Cornell native Mack Hicks.

A member of the Cornell Women's Institute, she recalled the past of Cornell through the pages of the Institute's Tweedsmuir history of Cornell.

The village was originally known as Farmersville but with the arrival of the Cornell Brothers from New Jersey it became known as Cornellville about 1850, according to the South Norwich Historical Society's history of Cornell contained in its book *South of Sodom*.

The brothers, John and Samuel, laid out part of Lot 15 on the 10th Concession into village lots, calling their venture Cornell. Their arrival brought commercial development into the area as they built a store, warehouse and a meat-packing house on the northwest corner of the main intersection.

GHOST TOWNS

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In 1883 the Free Methodists built a frame church named Ebenezer Church on the south side of the road, and in 1884, the Evangelical Methodists built a brick building, Calvary Church.

Calvary Church was later bought by a Baptist congregation, and services were held there until the late 1930s. The building was torn down and moved to Tillsonburg in the 1940s. Services were held at the Ebenezer Church until 1942 when it, too, was moved to Tillsonburg.

Rosanna wasn't really Rosanna until the end of the 19th century. When members of the community originally applied for a post office for the community, they proposed the name "Rosehill." That suggestion was turned down as there was already another place by that name; Rosanna, apparently the second choice, was accepted and a post office opened in 1896. Rural mail delivery straight from the Tillsonburg post office began in 1912.

Like Rosanna, the village of Houghton or, as it was also known, Houghton Centre, located along the Lakeshore Road east of Port Burwell, prospered early in its history and later fell on hard times.

By the 1840s and 1850s a string of stopping places along the shoreline road had arisen – Clear Creek, Jacksonburg, Hemlock and Houghton among them. Houghton attracted more business and functions than many of the others, serving as home for the township council chambers and the district school superintendent in the late 1800s. Businesses based in Houghton included shoemakers, blacksmiths, carpenters, tanners and sawmills, which satisfied the demand for the oak timber of the Norfolk sand plains.

About 1870 the population of Houghton peaked at around 350. But the coming of the temperance movement led to the decline of the village hotel, located at what is now the corner of county roads 42 and 28. Eventually the hotel closed, though the white frame building remains standing. And with the disappearance of the oak forests the sawmills, too, were forced to close.

The town hall eventually fell into disuse and the population began to drift away. Only three of the original residences remain, and only the red brick church on the corner remains a going concern – a link with Houghton's past.



CORNELL

For many years Cornell was the central grain, egg and pork market of the country for miles around. According to accounts by residents of Cornell, there was more pork brought in and shipped out of Cornell than there was in Woodstock. The activities of the Cornell brothers inspired others to set up shop in the community and there were soon two churches, a blacksmith shop, a carriage maker, shoemaker, a school and two hotels – the Hicks Hotel and the Queens Hotel.

In 187 the population of Cornell numbered 100 and at one time people thought this bustling community might actually join with Tillsonburg, Mrs. Hicks said.

The presence of Otter Creek also encouraged the development of numerous mills in the area and in the period from 1850 to 1860 there were 20 steam and 14 water mills operating in the area cutting lumber and making shingles from the great stands of virgin timber.

The first school in the community was a log structure with a dirt floor built in 1844. It was replaced with a frame school in 1851 and another more improved frame structure was built in 1864. About 120 pupils attended the school during the winter but as the population of the community declined, enrolment also declined. The school was closed in 1947 and students were bused to school in Otterville.

Even the churches found it difficult to cope with declining congregations and today, neither the Baptist Church or the Messiah Church is operating. The Messiah Church, along with the Hicks Hotel, were eventually moved to Tillsonburg, taking on other uses.

As the timber supplies in the area were exhausted, saw mills shut down or moved away.

Even the railway that had linked this small community with the outside world since 1872 eventually passed it by. Irene Newman of Tillsonburg, who spent her

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Suzanne Hanson

childhood in Cornell, can still remember the "mail train" stopping at the station on the Canada Southern Railway. "You could get on the train and go anywhere you wanted to go."

But the station closed during the 1920s and the trains no longer stopped in Cornell which had long since lost the majority of its businesses.

A series of unfortunate events contributed to the decline of the business community. Changes in modes of transportation and the development of other centres drew business away from Cornell which was suffering its own misfortunes. After the death of John Cornell, known to be the best businessman of the two brothers, business did not run so smoothly. And the store, which also served as the bank for the surrounding community, was robbed in 1868 of \$1,408. A few years later, in 1871, the store, warehouse and porkhouse were destroyed by fire and while they were rebuilt of brick, the financial loss was too great for the Cornell firm and it went bankrupt. The buildings were abandoned and later torn down and moved to Otterville where the bricks were used to build the brick block.

A general store continued to operate in Cornell for many years in different locations and under different owners and for a time there were even two stores in the village. But the store's owners closed its doors for the last time in 1965, leaving Cornell without a village store.

Bowlby's sawmill is the last remaining business operating in Cornell – now just a cluster of homes and farms. The school still stands in a slightly different spot from where it was built and now serves as a community centre for the area.

The Cornell Women's Institute, formed in 1925, "seems to keep us all together," Mrs. Hicks said, and "the hall is another community effort that keeps us all together." She said it has been more difficult to maintain the sense of community identity with the churches and the school gone but community dances and suppers all help to bring people together.

"We're kind of noted for keeping our community together," said Mrs. Hicks. But as the population of the area grows older and the ties with the past are forgotten, soon all that may remain to mark this once thriving community's existence will be the road signs reading Cornell.

SPRINGFORD

Springford is a close-knit community. Because many of the people are inter-related, the community tends to have the feeling of being one big family with common interests and goals.

While the population has changed over the years, there are still many direct ties with the original settlers of the area, with many Bells, Haleys, Wilcoxes and Oatmans to be found living in this rural community situated north-east of Tillsonburg.

"Quite a number of families have lived in the same area for over 100 years," said Lillian White who has retired in Springford with her husband.

The seventh generation of the Haley family still lives on land that was part of the four original 200-acre blocks that made up the four corners of Springford. Those four blocks were owned by the Bell family, the Healy family (now known as Haley), the Anstices and the Wilcox family.

There was little cleared land in those early years, with large stands of virgin timber. Local historians note that it was United Empire Loyalist John Gilbert who first came to the area in 1808 and cleared land on what is now known as Springford. Other early settlers included Joseph Spitler and John Phillips, known to have planted the first apple orchard in the area.

It was from John Gilbert that Charles Antice purchased his farm in 1835 the same year that Michael Bell came to Canada.

The community was originally known as Springbrook, named after the small stream that passed south of the village. The name was later changed to Springford when the post office was established in the village because there already was a Springbrook in Upper Canada. The name Springford derived from the fording of the small stream - Springbrook - that passed through that south section.

The pioneers had to be fairly self-sufficient in those early years, according to the South Norwich Historical Society's local history, *South of Sodom*. As of the 1830s there were no local businesses or in-



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dustries to serve the needs of those first settlers.

It wasn't until the 1850s that Springford began to develop as a centre of business and industry and the development proceeded at a rapid pace. The timber trade spawned two saw mills in the area, and a blacksmith shop, a wagon shop, two churches - Baptist and Methodist Episcopal - three hotels, a tannery, two general stores, four shoemakers, a cooperage, a cheese factory that produced 70 to 80 tons of cheese throughout the season, and an extensive brick and tile manufactory followed during the 1860s.

According to *South of Sodom*, Springford reached its peak as a business and industrial centre about the 1870s but prosperous times continued into the 1880s. It was in the late 1880s and 1890s that many industries began to decline or had already disappeared as locally produced goods such as shoes and tools could be made cheaper in the factories of the cities. The coming of the Brantford Norfolk Port Burwell Railway in 1875 also sounded the death knell of the community in many ways. While it shipped out the produce from the community such as timber, brick

and cream, it also brought in those cheaper goods into the smaller communities that before had been self-sufficient. By the 1890s the lumber business had also declined and its passing took with it the hotels that had accommodated the men it had employed.

Grant Haley, the sixth generation to live on the Haley farm west of Springford, can remember when four passenger trains and two freight trains passed through the village each day. He even took the train to Woodstock to attend business college along with other local young people.

"It used to be a wild one (train) with 50 kids on it," said Mr. Haley, now 88-years-old.

When he grew up in Springford, the business section of the village had declined to the point where there were only the two stores, the blacksmith shop, the harnessmaker and the cheese factory remaining. "Outside of that there wasn't anything else. Springford was at a low ebb at that time."

From that time on there has been little improvement. One store closed its doors, a fire destroyed the blacksmith shop and the cheese factory no longer operates.

While its commercial activity waned, the community's spirit didn't. It boasted an active literary society when Mr. Haley was a young man which put on a play every winter. Mrs. Alec Dare, fondly referred to as "Auntie Dare," selected the play and did the casting from the community. "She had an awful knack for pick-

ing good plays," said Mr. Haley who participated in both the plays and the community's debating club. He found the experience from both better equipped him for the role he would play later when he sat on the district high school board.

But the plays and the debating society came to an end with the First World War. Mr. Haley had just finished his first year at the Ontario Agriculture College when he enlisted in the Royal Air Force. He only spent seven months at Camp Borden before the war ended and he returned to work on his father's farm.

"You can take the boy off the farm but you can't take the farm out of the boy," said Mr. Haley. "When you're born and grow up on the farm it's in your blood."

While he admits the farm is the best place to raise children, he does sometimes wonder if he didn't miss his calling with the railway, "because I did love those engines." He can still remember hitching a ride home for dinner on the back coach of the passenger train that passed through Springford. It used to stop on the dot at 12 noon at the station and he would jump on and catch a ride home for dinner.

The train eventually eliminated the stop in Springford, but the coming of the automobile increased the village's connections with the outside world even more.

"It was a farming community - that's all it really was in the early days before the automobiles," said Mr. Haley. "I did see a difference as soon as the automobile got common." He said attendance at church dropped off and people would go farther away for entertainment.

"In the days before the automobiles, people within walking distance would congregate on the store stoop and talk until it was time to go home," said Mr. Haley. "That was our social gathering as far as the men were concerned." He said the general store and the village churches were the social centres of the community.

"I sometimes wonder if we weren't happier in those days than now," said Mr. Haley. "We took more time to visit our neighbors then," he said.

While there have been forces pulling the village in different directions, it still has a strong sense of its past and a community pride that has been reflected in the efforts of its organizations first to preserve its elementary school and later to meld the community through events such as its annual fall fair.

The Springford Women's Institute, one of the first to be formed in the country, is one of those organizations that has worked to pull the community together and it continues to be an active influence in the community's life, said Lillian White.

ROCK'S MILLS

There's still a mill at Rock's Mills – the only operating water-powered mill left on the Otter Creek, and one of only a few left in the entire province.

It's no longer owned by the Rock family, though. The mill and surrounding land are now owned by the Long Point Region Conservation Authority, and leased to Russ and Barry Noels of Springford, who carry on the business.

And there's little hint left to suggest the mill was once the centre of a thriving little farming community, with its own general store, church, blacksmith shop and post office.

Gilbert Stover established the first saw and grist mills on Lot 21, Concession 11 in the early 1800s. There's some uncertainty about when a mill was first built on the site, but Mrs. Aletha Stover, an area resident who has researched the history of the Stover family, says the mill was probably established about 1820, when Gilbert Stover was 20 years old.

Along with his two brothers, Gilbert cleared many of the virgin white pines along the Otter Creek, using the lumber to build the houses now standing on the east and west sides of the gravel road running through Rock's Mills. Mrs. Stover still lives in the house on the west side of the road, while Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kniffen live in the house on the east side, originally built by David Stover in 1855.

In 1857 Adam Spencer purchased most of Lot 21, Concession 11 from Gilbert Stover. The Spencers continued to operate the saw mill and grist mill, and also installed a ground flour mill. About this time the little community came to be called Spencer-ville. According to the 1861 census, Spencer was assessed as owning two water-powered mills valued at \$8,000. He employed five men at a monthly wage of \$18.

In 1869 Spencer sold part of his holdings – the site of the present Clarence Swance home, on the road north of the mill – to the Society of Friends, and built a Quaker meeting house there. But doctrinal

disputes eventually split the monthly meetings into two factions, and by 1890 they were discontinued. The old church was eventually sold for use as a granary on the John Brumpton farm on the New Road.

A country store, located immediately north of the Kniffen house, was run by Spencer's only daughter, Pheobe Spencer, until about the turn of the century.

"She never liked ice cream, she sold so much in the store."

Spencer's granddaughter, the late Ida Cattell, worked in the store as a young girl. Mrs. Stover remembers Mrs. Cattell once

said "she never liked ice cream, she sold so much of it in the store." Other goods sold in the store included tea, biscuits, groceries and yard goods. Pheobe Spencer's husband, Will Wilkinson, operated a blacksmith shop in a metal-clad garage near the house – probably the same garage still standing near the Kniffen residence.

John Rock began working at the mills in the late 1870s. After marrying the widowed Pheobe Spencer Wilkinson, he eventually assumed ownership of the mill.

The mill underwent major renovations in the early years of the century. In 1909 a flood took the wooden dam out – it had just been replaced after a previous flood in 1892 – and Rock decided to build a modern concrete dam to replace it. Construction of the new dam required the labor of all the available men in the area. Mrs. Stover remembers her husband, the late Charles Stover, was paid 25 cents a day for working on the dam with his team of horses.

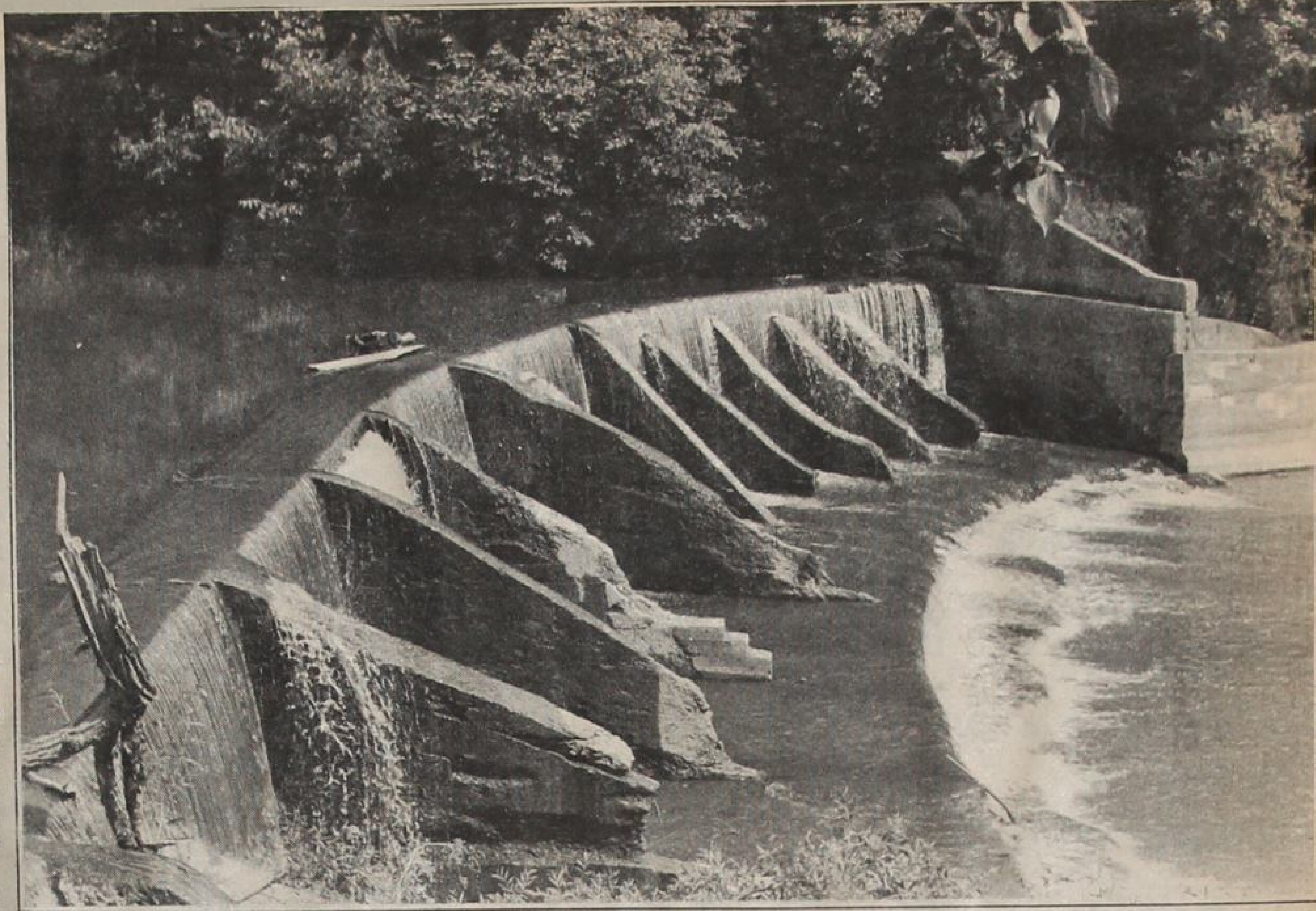
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The new dam was the only one on the Otter Creek to withstand the 1937 flood, which took out the Lake Joseph dam in Tillsonburg. But tragedy of another sort struck that year as fire destroyed the mill.

According to John Cattell, a local farmer who once worked at the mill, the fire was caused when a gravity-fed oil heater exploded upon ignition. Mrs. Stover remembers watching the fire from her home along with Mrs. Norm Chambers, whose husband worked at the mill. The mill was rebuilt in about a year's time.

The little community had its own post office for a brief time in the late 1800s. Mrs. Stover still has a letter, dated 1898, from the post office department in London to Jacob Stover, asking him to quote the rate he would charge for a daily mail service between a post office applied for at Rock's Mills and a mail catching post on the Michigan Central Railway (the current Conrail line).

The store, post office, blacksmith shop and church are long gone now, but the mill itself grinds on – more than 160 years after the first mill on the site was built.



Heavy voter turnout at area advance polls

Attendance at advance polls in Oxford, Elgin and Haldimand-Norfolk has been heavy, according to reports from Elections Canada offices in the three ridings.

Advance polls for the September 4 election were held this past Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.

In Oxford, a total of 2,483 voters cast their ballots at advance polling stations,

said Margaret Roy, a staff member at the Woodstock Elections Canada office. This year's totals were up considerably from advance poll attendance during the 1980 federal election, she said, though figures for 1980 were not available at press time. In Tillsonburg, 605 persons voted at the advance poll this year.

In Haldimand-Norfolk, attendance at

advance polls was "way up from the last election," said returning officer George Pond. With two polls still to report, 2,592 persons had voted in Haldimand-Norfolk, up from 2,183 in 1980, which to that time "was the highest ever," Mr. Pond said.

Once the final two polls report, he expected total attendance at advance polling stations to be around the 2,650 mark.

Mr. Pond attributed the record attendance to the coming Labor Day weekend. In many areas of the riding school doesn't actually get underway until September 6, Mr. Pond said, and some high school students start classes later than that because of harvest, so families may be travelling during the holiday weekend and only arriving home election day or the day after, he said.

In Elgin, attendance at advance polls this year was nearly double the levels recorded in 1980, said Murial Crinklaw, returning officer for the riding. With all polls reported, a total of 2,411 Elgin voters cast their ballots, compared to the 1,330 who voted at advance polls in 1980. That 1980 figure had also been higher than in the previous election, Mrs. Crinklaw said.

She speculated that with the holiday weekend coming up, "a lot of people are going off to enjoy themselves," and decided to vote early.



Getting ready

Mrs. Aletha Stover bones up on the latest election news before next Tuesday's vote. Her South Norwich home will once again be the site of a polling station -- one of only 10 polls in Oxford County still held in private residences. (Staff Photo)

Private homes utilized for polling stations

By DAVE STOVER

"People got pretty hot over politics" in years past, says Mrs. Aletha Stover of RR 2, Tillsonburg.

Mrs. Stover should know. For almost 70 years her home has served as a polling station in federal, provincial and municipal elections, and on September 4, she'll open the doors to voters in the southeast corner of Norwich Township once again.

Of the 210 polling stations in the Oxford riding, only 10 are still located in private dwellings. At one time, though, "almost all the polling stations were in homes" and it was considered quite a "political plum" to open one's home for an election, said Shirley Foster, Oxford's returning officer.

These days, private homes are still used as polling stations in areas where public buildings are unavailable or difficult to gain access to, since many older citizens have difficulty scaling long flights of stairs. Of the 10 remaining polls still held in homes, two are held in Woodstock and eight in the county's rural areas.

Mrs. Stover's home has hosted a polling station since she came to southern Ontario with her husband, the late Charles Stover, in 1916. For most of those years she held the federal and provincial elections, while

the late Warren Rock -- whose home still stands across the road -- held municipal votes, which were at one time annual events. About 15 years ago the municipal elections were moved to Mrs. Stover's residence too.

People used to take their politics pretty seriously, Mrs. Stover remembered. "They used to get pretty wrathful," she said, recalling one deputy returning officer (DRO) who refused to talk to anyone else at the poll table when they counted the votes and it became evident his party was behind.

Mind you, while people may have taken their politics seriously, they seemed to vote according to a strict party line, she said. "I think they just voted for their party. It didn't make any difference what their man was like. I heard some men say they'd vote for their party even if it was a yellow dog running."

People went out of their way to get the vote out, too, Mrs. Stover said. On one election day in March a snowstorm completely blocked the road north of her home, and to pick up some voters on the 10th concession, her husband had to travel all the way into Tillsonburg on Potters Road and then back

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out into the country along North Street. Then he had to repeat the trip to take them home after they voted. When he finally returned home, his first words to her were, "I know blessed well they voted the wrong way."

Warren Rock, who owned and operated Rock's Mills for many years, would often send one of his workers to bring people to the polls. "One place he went, they were digging potatoes," Mrs. Stover said -- so the mill worker stayed and dug potatoes while the potato-diggers voted. At another home, "he stayed and minded the children while they came to vote."

In past years -- apparently fearing the worse from an excitable electorate -- poll

policemen were appointed to throw out any troublemakers. Mrs. Stover says, however, she "never saw a policeman have to put out anybody here."

Then there was the long-gone year the ballot box almost didn't survive election day. In those days, the box was locked and then sealed with hot sealing wax. A deputy returning officer who took his time and an impatient poll clerk came to loggerheads over how fast the DRO was sealing the box. The poll clerk took matters into his own hands, grabbed the wax and the match used to melt it, then nearly dropped both into the ballot box. "I was afraid he was going to drop it down the hole and burn the ballots," she recalled. Fortunately, ballot boxes no longer need be sealed with

hot wax.

Mrs. Stover herself served as poll clerk for many years. One thing has remained constant -- "people always wait till 10 minutes before it closes to come. 'I've seen 15 in here (just before the poll closed)'" She said noon and supertime are usually the busiest times, though with harvest in full swing, she expects a lot of people will vote fairly late in the day this year.

There are always a few spoiled ballots in every election, Mrs. Stover said. "Sometimes they vote for everybody that's on the list," she said with a smile. And then there was the voter who entered the booth, then called back out "Who am I going to vote for?"

She hasn't served as poll clerk for the past few elections. "At 86 I think it's time somebody else better have a chance of doing it." She still gets asked for a lot of advice by the DRO and poll clerk, though, especially since it "sometimes takes a Philadelphia lawyer" to understand the handbooks put out by the election office.

And the election gives her a chance to see old acquaintances once again. Over the past few weeks, many persons have told her they're looking forward to seeing her on election day. "It's really enjoyable if you like to meet people," Mrs. Stover said.

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Norwich Township Council Briefs

Accept resignation

The resignation of Joe Hampson as chairman of the Norwich Township Advisory Committee on Culture and Recreation was accepted with regret by Norwich Township Council Monday. Mr. Hampson stated in his resignation that other commitments would not allow him the time to continue his duties with the advisory committee.

Attend seminar

Mayor John Heleniak and Councillor-at-large Helen Smith will attend a municipal police authorities special seminar at the Ontario Police College in Aylmer Sept. 16 and 17.

Appoint to committee

Council appointed Simon Erkelens of Norwich to the Norwich Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC) Monday.

Poppy Week

Nov. 5-11 has been declared as Poppy Week in Norwich Township. Poppies will be sold on Norwich streets on Nov. 9 and 10.

Recognize heroism

Council will present Mike Payne, 10, of Norwich with a plaque at a future council meeting in recognition of his act of heroism when he helped save a woman from drowning in Fanshawe Lake Aug. 22.

Caretaker resigns

Council accepted with regret the resignation of Marion Butler as of December as caretaker for the Norwich Medical Centre during Monday's meeting.

Attend police conference

Councillor-at-large Helen Smith, Councillor Darrell Force and Coun-

cillor Norm Lusk will attend the 1984 Fall conference of Municipal Police Authorities in Toronto Oct. 3-5.

Responsible for line load control inputs

Mayor John Heleniak was designated by council Monday to be responsible for telephone line load control inputs in the township and that the emergency planning office of the Ministry of the Solicitor General be so advised. Mr. Heleniak will have to become familiar with the township's plan for responding to emergency situations and find the telephone numbers to be protected during such situations. All levels of government are involved in the line load control to ensure minimal level of telephone service under emergency situations.

Erosion project

Long Point Region Conservation

Authority will be requested by council to investigate a project under the Primarily Locally-Oriented Priorities Program to assist Peter Douglas of Stover Street South, Norwich, with an erosion project.

Recommend remedial measure

Long Point Region Conservation Authority will be asked by council to recommend remedial measures on the erosion of Otter Creek at the property of A.W. Lusk on Pitcher Street, Norwich.

Study feasibility of project

Long Point Region Conservation Authority and Norwich Township will investigate the feasibility of the initiation of a Primarily Locally-Oriented Priorities Project at the entrance to the Otterville Park, which is municipally-owned land.

Estimate accepted

An estimate of \$583 by Maguires Concrete Ltd. was accepted by council for the supply placement and finishing of concrete to add three feet to the north side of the existing sidewalk in front of Oxford Centre Hall. Budget allocation for this project was \$1,000. An additional \$100-\$150 will be required for gravel for the project.

Library roof work accepted

Council accepted the recommendation of Municipal Inspector Doug Wilson to accept the estimate of Wilson and Wist Carpentry Ltd. of \$4,404. for the removal and disposal of old roofing and the chimney and installation of new colored steel roof at the Oxford Centre Library. Budget allocation for this project was \$4,500.

Roofing repairs

The estimate from Thackery Roofing of \$1,285 was accepted by council to cover repairs and preventative maintenance to the Norwich Arena roof. The balance of the allocated amount of \$3,715 for the project will be placed in a reserve account for future replacement of this membrane.

Erecting historic plaque for Dr. Emily Stowe

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A Provincial historical plaque honoring Dr. Emily Stowe will be erected at the Norwich and District Archives building Oct. 14.

Norwich Township council chose the date last Tuesday, and is sponsoring the unveiling ceremony that will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 14. The Ontario Heritage Foundation has donated the blue and gold plaque in commemoration of Dr. Stowe after first receiving a request from the township for a plaque in February, 1981. The construction and installation of the plaque is paid for by the foundation.

The plaque, in both English and French, will be erected by the flag pole in front of

the Archives building. Scott Gillies, managing curator of the Norwich and District Museum and Archives, will be chairman of the event and representatives from the Ontario Heritage Foundation, local dignitaries and relatives of Dr. Stowe are expected to take part in the unveiling ceremony.

Dr. Stowe, was the first woman doctor in Canada. She was also the first woman principal in a school in Canada, founded Canada's first woman suffrage society in her struggle for equal rights for women and was the first woman in Canada to run for elected office and win.

Grant for computer study

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Norwich Township has received a \$5,000 grant to conduct a feasibility study on use of a computer accounting process in the township office.

Norwich Township joined with the town of Ingersoll, and Blandford-Blenheim Township, South-West Oxford Township and Zorra Township to give \$1,000 each to the jointly-sponsored feasibility study to determine the viability of electronic data processing services in the five areas.

Norwich Township council applied for a grant under the Municipal Action '85 program and the \$5,000 received will be used to reduce the costs of a consultant on the study and incidental costs, Bob Watkins, township clerk, said. With the receipt of the grant, the cost to each municipality will be "a lot less than expected." Mr.

Watkins said the township was "very pleased" with the \$5,000 grant for Council had not expected to receive a grant exceeding \$3,000. Township was notified on Friday that the grant application had been approved by Claude Bennett, minister of municipal affairs and housing.

The study began in the beginning of the month when a local feasibility study committee met to determine how to acquire a consultant. The study will look at such issues as the economical feasibility of the use of a computer for any and all of the five participating municipalities and the best type of equipment and cost. The outcome of this first phase will decide if further action is taken towards use of computers in the offices of the municipalities.

Fire destroys tobacco kiln

Fire destroyed a tobacco kiln and its contents Thursday afternoon causing \$6,000 damage on a farm in Otterville.

The Otterville Fire Department was called to the farm of Joseph Maitz, RR 2, Otterville, two miles south of the village at 2:40 p.m. Thursday.

Within a matter of minutes the tobacco kiln and contents were destroyed before the department was able to do anything.

Cause of the fire is unknown but Otterville Deputy Fire Chief Bill McMullen said frequent causes of such blazes are dry tobacco leaves falling onto the burners.

75 YEARS AGO September 1909

Mr. Henry Sealey's saw mill in South Norwich was burned a few evenings ago. The mill was not being run and the origin of the fire is unknown.

Woman principal appointed

OTTERVILLE (C) — Dinner guests with Evelyn Waring on Friday evening were Edith Petch and Winnie McMullen at a dinner party at the Buchaneer Restaurant, Burgessville. The dinner honored a birthday for Mrs. Petch and Mrs. McMullen was a close neighbor and special guest.

Saturday morning, Sept. 22 provided ideal warm weather conditions for the Otterville St. John's Anglican Church Yard Sale. Sponsored by the Anglican Church Women shoppers could browse while enjoying a cup of coffee and muffin provided by the St. John's Sunday School. Articles to suit every need and taste were available which proved to be profitable for the organizations involved. Everyone greatly appreciated the response and support received.

Ada Morley, Burgessville, was a weekend guest with Evelyn Waring, Main St., Otterville.

An evening for young people of age levels, Grade 7 and up, is going to begin on Saturday evening, Sept. 29 at the Otterville Baptist Church at 7 p.m. All young people of Otterville are encouraged to attend for an evening of sports and games.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keller of Langton and Barbara Schuster and baby son of Courtland were Saturday afternoon guests of Evelyn Waring.

By DOREEN HOOVER

Becoming familiar with the Otterville Public School routine and the community will be just some of the duties of the new principal at the Otterville school.

With her position at the school Cathy Murphy, 33, becomes the first woman appointed to the position of principal by the Oxford County Board of Education. There are five women vice principals in the county in secondary and elementary school levels.

As principal at Otterville Public School Ms Murphy will be responsible for organizing the management of the school, implementing and evaluating programs, looking after the well-being of the students and staff and working with the members of the school community. She will also be teaching part of her time thus allowing her to get to know the children better. While teaching Grades 4, 5 social studies, Grade 7 history and Grades 6, 7 and 8 guidance she will be in close contact with many of the students in the school and thus be able to meet and better understand them, she said. "They will see me as a teacher-friend in class and not just as a principal in an office."

Ms Murphy said she was delighted with her appointment in Otterville and getting a position as principal on her first application to the board. She never entered the teaching profession looking for a position in leadership but things moved in that area through the encouragement of past principals and supervisors, she said. She was born in Brantford and graduated from Paris District High School. She now resides in Woodstock.

Ms Murphy hopes now to work hard to justify the school board's decision. "The board placed a lot of trust and confidence in me and now it is my job to fulfill that responsibility," she said.

Ms Murphy has previously taught for five years at Drumbo, three years at D.M. Sutherland in Woodstock and the last two years as vice principal at Zorra-Highland. She has focussed her teaching on English and physical education particularly in the Grades 6, 7 and 8 level but has taught students from Grade 1-8 in various subjects.

Ms Murphy earned her Honors BA at McMaster University in Hamilton and got her Master of Education degree at the University of Toronto. She then took the first part of the Principal's Course in 1980 in London and the second part in 1982 in Waterloo. Also in 1980 she took the Provincial Leadership Course offered by the Federation of Women Teachers' Association of Ontario.

Keeping up to date with current trends and issues in education is important so Ms Murphy has taken a two-part Special Education course, a guidance course and last year a computer programming course, all at the University of Western Ontario. She feels computers will have a "major impact" on schools.

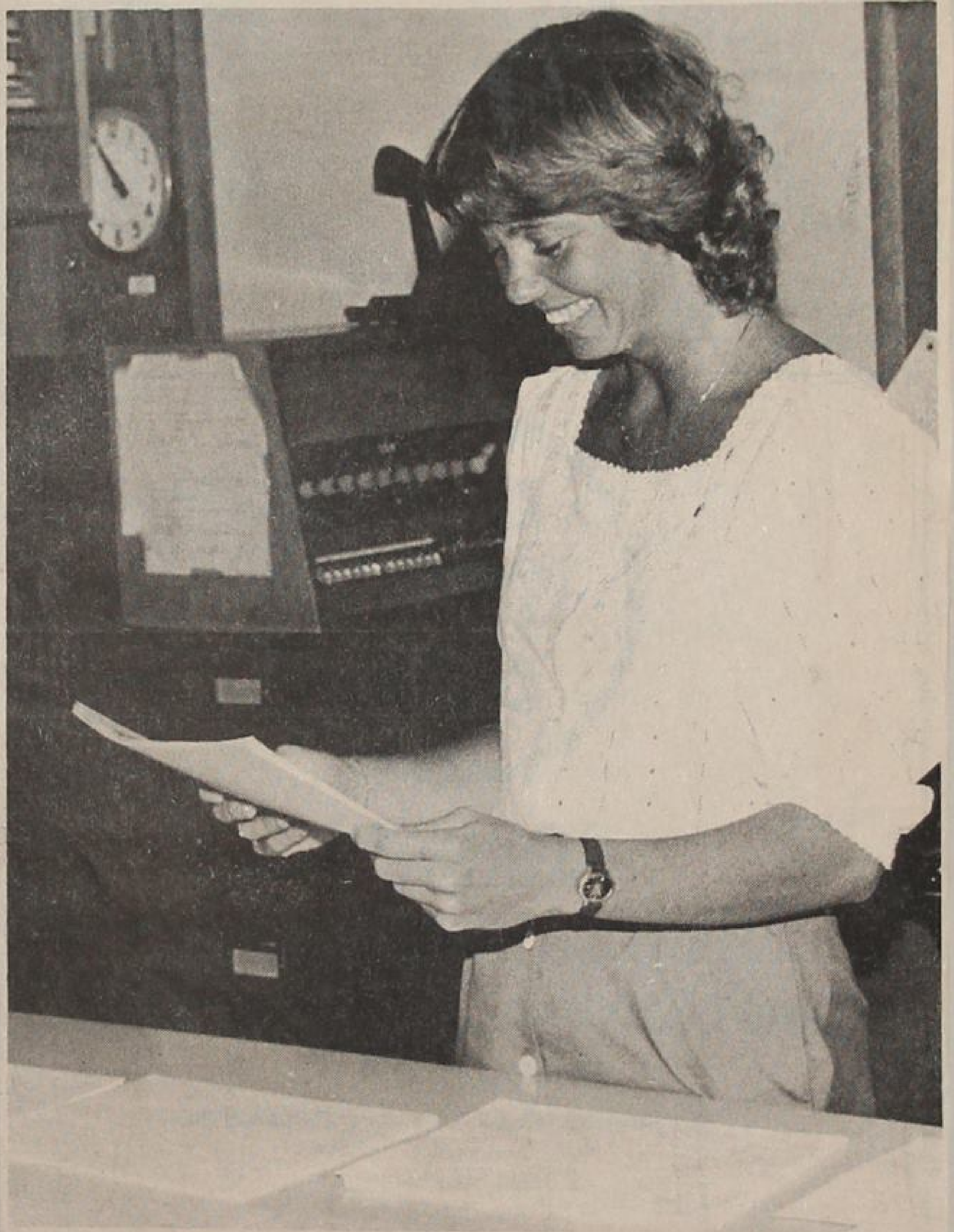
Being a part of the teaching profession gives Ms Murphy the chance to work with people and receive a "great deal of

satisfaction from working with students," she said.

She sees teaching as a profession where participants can delight in the accomplishments of the students and be amazed at their abilities but at the same time experience frustration from students who aren't achieving as she feels they should be. The job also varies for she never knows what will happen when she enters the classroom.

For the last few weeks Ms Murphy has been trying to familiarize herself with the physical setup and past organization of the Otterville school so the transition will go smoothly as school begins again.

It will take some time before she sees how things are done and where she can use her areas of expertise, but she would like to see an emphasis put on use of computers in the school.



New Otterville principal

Cathy Murphy, 33, has taken on her duties as principal of the Otterville Public School and for the last few weeks has been trying to become familiar with the routine of the school and past organization. Her duties include organizing the management of the school which includes such jobs as overseeing student timetables. Ms Murphy is the first woman principal appointed by the Oxford County Board of Education. (Staff Photo)

Recreation program had good response

The Norwich Township summer recreation program proved to be a learning and enjoyable experience for all participants.

The 10-week project, funded through Summer Canada Works Program, involved a playground program offered in five areas of the township for a week in each area and also the forming of a community calendar listing coming events. The summer program was operated by Marianne VanEsch, manager; with Nancy Haggith, Cheryl Lemon and Michelle Pigden, all of Norwich, as assistants.

Response from children who participated in the playground program was good throughout the township with 65 children attending in Burgessville, 130 in Norwich, 12 in Springford, 35 in Oxford Centre and 38 in Otterville.

"They all had a great time," Marianne said. "All the children enjoyed it and learned a lot." Response from parents was also favorable. The week of activity included campouts, sing-songs, discussion periods and craft time to do such things as

make candles, taffy and recipe holders.

Although there was a lot of work required by the four organizers, it was a good learning experience for them, Marianne said. "By seeing the children have fun — we had fun."

She will be presenting a report on the program to township council in the hopes of getting council to renew the idea of a township playground program. The program was discontinued after a low attendance in 1982 and the lack of anyone to organize it. There had been a township playground program from 1977-82.

The workers also organized a community calendar that was distributed to all area stores by the end of July and the township office in Otterville. The calendar stated the many events planned throughout the township in the coming months. Marianne said she felt the community calendar was a good idea for it gets more people involved in events and she hopes to get someone to make the calendar an ongoing project.

Expanded auction set for historical society

The September meeting of South Norwich Historical Society was held at Woodlawn on Sept. 10 with Lorne Treffry presiding.

After the minutes were read and adopted, Rick Singer gave a report on the progress of having lumber sawn, piled and planed in preparation for re-siding the mill. It is hoped that this will be entirely completed this fall. Joyce Pettigrew drew our attention to the fact that a full description of the mill should be prepared before any further restoration work is done.

Plans were discussed for a bus trip to the Museum of Indian Archeology in London and other points on Saturday, Sept. 29. As this met with general approval, arrangements are to be finalized. The cost is expected to be not more than \$9 per person, plus lunch.

Mrs. Dr. Downing reported on the recent

very successful tour of the village of Otterville which she had arranged.

Considerable discussion arose over the erection of a plaque to commemorate Dr. Emily Stowe. Doctor Downing spoke briefly of plans for the Nov. 5 Auction to be held in the Norwich Community Centre. This event promises to be larger than last year's and many interesting and unique articles have already been donated.

A vote of thanks was given to those who had done such an excellent job of looking after the grounds and mowing the grass at the Treffry Mill.

A motion was passed that President Lorne Treffry should be in charge of looking after inquiries from visitors or groups who wish to tour the mill.

The October meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 9 rather than the customary second Monday of the month.

Gretzky items

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The Auction Sale Committee of the South Norwich Historical Society, under the chairmanship of Dr. M. Downing will be holding their Second Annual Auction of Antiques of good collectable items, books, toys, at the Norwich Community Centre on Monday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Already many interesting items have been received to be placed up for auction amongst which are articles contributed by Wayne Gretzky. Also there is a gift certificate from Hamilton Place, an Otterville Manufacturing Co. corn planter, bird feeders and houses, paintings, furniture, toys and books.

The committee members, Jean Davis, David Hussey and Catherine Mann would greatly appreciate receiving donated articles excluding clothing at anytime. The donors of all articles selling for \$10 or more will receive a tax deductible receipt.

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South Norwich Historical Society annual bus trip

The annual bus trip of the South Norwich Historical Society took place on Sept. 29.

The first stop was at the Museum of Indian Archeology in London where the group were shown a most interesting display of artifacts detailing changing aspects of Indian life and culture through the past. A replica of a neutral Indian longhouse and palisade attracted considerable attention. Active work was being carried on by archeologists in excavating and sifting at the site of a longhouse midden while the group were there. This area had been the site of a former neutral Indian village.

Following lunch the tour proceeded to Eldon House, a former residence of the Harris family for four generations, which has been converted into a museum to show the life style of the early residents. This visit dispelled the idea which we sometimes have that all the early settlers to Canada West lived a life of hardship, privation and unending toil.

The village of Sparta was the next call. This village was originally a Hicksite Quaker settlement and contains many buildings dating back to very early days. The excellent work of a local group in preparing a simple map and description of noteworthy points of interest made this visit much more enjoyable. Everyone was impressed with the way in which the heritage of this historic village is being preserved and displayed.

Members of the group joined heartily in responding to a vote of thanks to Joyce Pettigrew for her efforts in organizing a most enjoyable tour.

Rebekahs hold euchre party

OTTERVILLE (C) — Violet Rebekah Lodge, Otterville, held a very successful Harvest Luncheon and Euchre Party on Wednesday, Sept. 26.

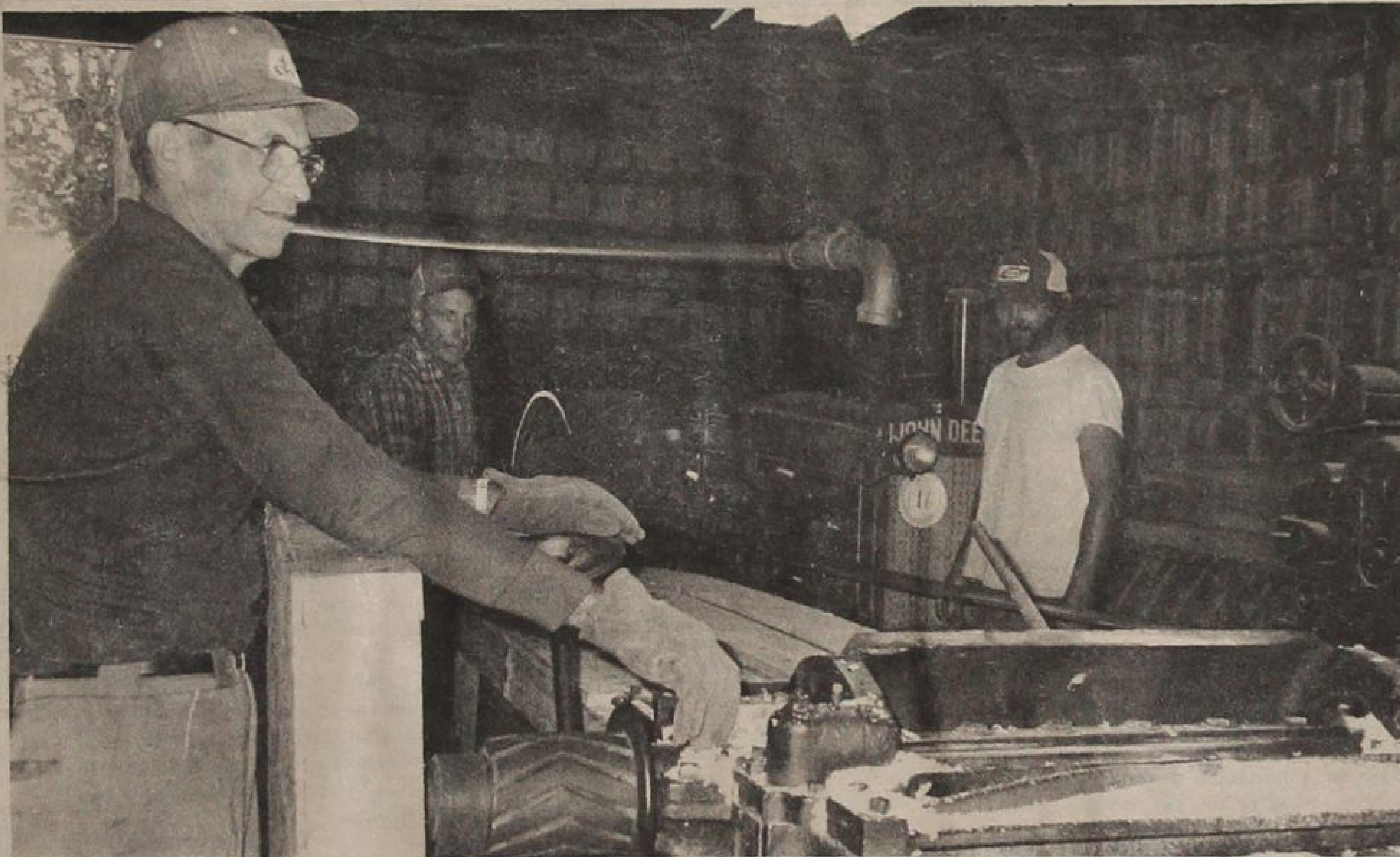
Luncheon tables were centred with large yellow marigolds and the food table was an array of lovely salads, relishes and rolls.

Kitchen helpers for convener Eva McMullen were Helen Thompson, Vera Welsh, Esther Smith and Ruth Collver. Euchre convener Olive Pickersgill was assisted by June Ash, Esther Smith and Ruth Collver.

Seven tables were in play with a great array of vegetables and fruits for prizes. Winners were Gentleman's High - Ermina Bowes; Gentleman's Second - Reford Oldridge; Gentleman's Low - Louise Webber; Gentleman's Lone Hands - Thelma Tomlinson; Ladies High - Mayme Oldridge; Ladies Second - Myrtle Innis; Ladies Low - Mary Mudge and Ladies Lone Hands - Irene Jackson.

Following several draws were held.

A successful day was enjoyed by all with thanks to everyone who helped make it so.



Prepare siding for mill

Members of the South Norwich Historical Society have been working on planing 10,000 board feet of pine lumber for the siding of the Treffry Mill in Otterville. Don Pettigrew of Springford (left)

operates the planer at the Lyle Davis Saw Mill in Otterville and receives help from Ken Mann (centre) and Rick Singer. After the lumber is planed it will be dipped and then stained. (Staff Photo)

Siding prepared for mill project

During the past week the South Norwich Historical Society (SNHS) has been making steady progress with preparations for the restoration of the Treffry Mill. The planing of 10,000 board feet of dried pine

lumber to be used in the covering of the mill has been completed.

The lumber was planed at the Lyle Davis Saw Mill, Otterville, with volunteer help from SNHS members, Rick Singer, Dave

Hussey, Harold Singer, Jack Smith, Don Pettigrew, Ken Mann and other helpers Robert Davis and Percy Walters.

The lumber is now ready to be stained, the next step in the siding project.

Encourage greater use of Woodlawn Centre

OTTERVILLE (C) — At the recent fall meeting of the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre, Doreen Mountain, president, presided.

It was decided to encourage local adult groups to use the centre. As in the past the centre may be available for various activities. Interested individuals or groups may contact Wilma Butler, secretary, Mrs. Mountain, president or Murray Downing for further information.

Joyce Leeming, Otterville, will be in charge of organizing an auction bridge class, mainly for furthering the knowledge of those who now play bridge. If there is interest in beginners wishing to learn bridge, a new class may also be organized.

The first bridge meeting will be held Wednesday, October 3 at 8 p.m. at the centre. At that time the decision upon the days and times, afternoons or evenings, or both, or future classes will be decided.

The committee hopes that as many interested individuals as possible whether new or experienced players, will turn out.

The Foot Care Clinic under the supervision of the Victorian Order of Nurses (V.O.N.) will resume practice at the home of Evelyn Waring, Main Street, Otterville on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 1 p.m. The clinic will be held every two months with treatment being \$5 in place of each month as in previous years.

Elsie Spiers of Detroit, Mich. spent several days with her sister Josephine Howse and husband Carl. While here they attended the Tobies-Mann wedding held at St. John's Anglican Church, Tillsonburg.

Unit 3 of the United Church Women of Trinity United Church, Ingersoll, toured highlights of Otterville Tuesday evening, Sept. 11.

The Herbal Touch, herb gardens of Marilyn Driedger and The Village Garden of Mae Leonard allowed the visitors to enjoy and appreciate nature in different settings.

Following they visited St. John's Anglican Church where Carl Howse explained the history of the church and showed them various facets of the church. Organist Lila Freeland demonstrated the high quality of the Casavant organ as she accompanied the ladies in the singing of "Faith Of Our Fathers" and "As Now The Sun's Declining Rays." The group completed their tour at the Woodlawn Adult Centre where Joyce Pettigrew explained the history of the building through a slide presentation, talk and viewing of the building itself.

The ladies' tour of the village was in coordination with their opening meeting with the theme of God the Creator organized by the convener, Mrs. Edwards.

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Otterville Leisure Club resumed its fall schedule on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at Woodlawn Adult Centre. President Gladys Evans opened the meeting and the treasurer's report was given. It was reported that Tune McNally who had undergone surgery is recovering well. The remainder of the afternoon was

enjoyed playing cards with the next meeting behind held Wednesday, Sept. 19, at 1:30 p.m.

The Foot Care Clinic under the supervision of the VON will resume practice at the home of Evelyn Waring, Main Street, Otterville, on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 1 p.m. The clinic will be held every two months in place of every month as in previous years with treatment being \$3. All those interested are encouraged to take note of the date and time since no telephone reminders will be made.

Adventure Week sponsored by the Otterville Baptist Church will be taking place at the Otterville Public School Sept. 17-20 during the afternoons, 3:45-4:45 p.m. Led by Jerry and Bonnie Wallace of the Ottawa area, various activities of Bible stories, chalk drawings, singing and skits will take place which are open to any students of the area. As well, the young people of Otterville are invited to gather at the Otterville Baptist Church on Saturdays starting Sept. 22, 7 p.m. for Bible study, sports and games.

UCW hold sale

OTTERVILLE (C) — Saturday's sunny autumn weather was the setting for the Otterville United Church Women's Yard and Bake Sale held at the church. Shoppers found many good bargains and variety of baking to choose from with the proceeds going towards U.C.W. work.

As well, preparations are being made for the upcoming Turkey Supper held on Monday, Oct. 22, catered by the U.C.W. with settings of 5, 6 and 7 p.m.

Otterville UCW meets

OTTERVILLE (C) — The opening September meeting of the Otterville United Church Women featured guest speaker, Jean Sumsion of the Birdcage Boutique, Burford.

Jean gave an interesting and humorous talk on her work as a newspaper correspondent and proprietress of a dress store and boutique. Her simple rule for success is "Walk with God, and have a sense of humor."

Edith Petch and Jean Little were honored during the evening through presentation of life memberships by Anna Treffry and Dorothy Neale respectively. Both recipients expressed their appreciation.

Thankfulness for the Bountiful Harvest was the theme of the meeting convened by Elaine Oliver and her committee. Mrs. Little was pianist, accompanying for the hymns, "Sing To The Lord Of Harvest" and "We Plough The Fields And Scatter."

Mrs. Oliver read the scripture story of Ruth and Naomi followed by a vocal solo, "We Gather Together" by Ruth Colver.

Beth Griffin led in prayer, reading a poem by Helen Steiner Rice entitled "Thank You, God, For Everything." Two poems appropriate for the harvest theme, "September" and "The Solitary Reaper" were presented by Stella Hanson.

The meeting opened with a reading, "Peoples Problems" and prayer by presi-

dent Berry Walther. The UCW purpose was repeated.

Marion Taylor, good cheer convener, reported on sending flowers and cards to Wilma Gleason and Clara Arthur, anniversary cards to Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Treffry and Mr. and Mrs. James Squance and a get well card to Mrs. Erie Finch.

Thank you notes were read from Lucille Debus, Norwich Baptist Church; Earl and Marion Moore and Anna and Lorne Treffry.

Members were reminded of Outreach Projects with articles to be sent in October. The final day for contributions to the newsletter is Sept. 26.

It was decided a lawn and bake sale will be held at the church on Saturday, Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. - noon with coffee being available. Articles will be received at the church Friday, Sept. 28 from 1:30 - 3 p.m.

The film, The Prodigal Son, to be shown in Tillsonburg, Oct. 19-25 was recommended by the president and Mrs. Treffry who have previewed the film.

A Turkey Supper will be held at the church on Monday, Oct. 22 which will be convened by Mrs. Walther, Bertha Gehring and Jean Gehring.

The evening closed with a social hour.

Potluck for Leisure club

OTTERVILLE (C) — President Gladys Evans welcomed the members to the Sept. 19 meeting of the Otterville Leisure Club held at Woodlawn Adult Centre and opened with the Lord's Prayer.

In a few well chosen words Violet Cole thanked the past president Annie Pritchard for her years of devotion and service to the club and presented her with a past president's jewel.

A moment of silence was held in memory of three members who passed away this past summer, Harry Lee, Mrs. Norm McIntyre and Mrs. Martin Magashazi. Cards were read from their families thanking the club for their donations to the different funds which the families had requested.

It was announced that the Fall Rally is to be held Tuesday, Oct. 23 at the Community Centre, Burford, with registration at 9 a.m.

Club maintains winter trails

The Trail Trotters Snowmobile Club is an organization which has enjoyed promoting their sport of snowmobiling as well as at times providing assistance to the community.

The club maintains trails in Springford, Otterville and Ostrander areas. Since the introduction of new trespassing laws on private property the club operates more than 60 miles of trail that are not restricted by these laws and can be used by club members.

The Trail Trotters have provided assistance to the Tillsonburg detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police with rescues during bad snowstorms and last year helped in the search of a missing boy during the winter.

Monthly meetings are held at the club located at RR 3, Tillsonburg, north of Springford on the ninth concession. The Spring-Otter Optimist Club, not having a permanent location, have joined with the Trail Trotters in the use of the club facilities for meetings and functions and in the maintenance of the clubhouse. Approximately between 1967-68 the property, donated by Mr. Hughes, originated as the South Norwich Fish and Game and was later taken over by the Trail Trotters Snowmobile Club in the early 1970s.

The club has events and functions throughout the months between October and April which include dances, annual Fish Fries and a Pork Barbecue. Their Pancake Breakfast, which last year became a smorgasboard breakfast, is a large fund raiser and the club hopes to hold a couple during the coming year.

It sponsors Sanction Races and a Fun Day which is open to anyone interested and involves all members of the family with obstacle courses, races and trophies for the children.

The clubhouse is available for rental by groups such as the Coonhunters Association, the Tillsonburg Boy Scouts, turkey shoots and parties. The membership of the Trail Trotters Snowmobile Club of approximately 100 members is composed of 35 families and 23 single members. Memberships have decreased during the past few years but interested people are invited for a group which enjoys both the sport of snowmobiling and the friendships and enjoyment derived from it.

Mrs. Evans gave an excellent report on the convention she and her husband had attended at Windsor in August. One hundred and eleven resolutions had been presented but after discussion 71 were presented showing that Senior Citizen clubs are not all for entertainment but do a lot of work towards getting benefits for seniors.

The president and secretary, Mel Beecroft, had attended the Zone Executive meeting in Brantford. A card was signed for Mrs. Tune McNally who is in Woodstock Hospital recovering from hip surgery.

Mrs. Pritchard and Gladys Ritenburgh were thanked for the cake and ice cream which was served in honor of several members birthdays. A few games of cards and aggravation were enjoyed.

The next meeting, on Wednesday, Oct. 3 will be a potluck dinner at 12:30 p.m.

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Speaker discusses angle on angels

OTTERVILLE (C) — The September meeting of the Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Otterville Baptist Church held in the Sunday School room of the church featured Mrs. Fred Hill who brought the message concerning angels. She said that some of us keep our guardian angels

busy and afterward we wonder how we ever escaped some dangers we encounter. Lucifer was the first angel we hear about in the Bible but he is now fallen because he wanted to become greater than God. The Lord gives his angels charge over us.

Angels came and closed the lions' mouths when Daniel was in the lions' den. When Peter escaped from jail an angel helped him and took him to a friend's house. Mrs. Hill concluded that there are guardian angels hovering over all of us. Prayer followed.

Mrs. Bill Smith and Mrs. Murray Treffry favoured the group with a duet, Burdens are Lifted at Calvary. Mrs. David Hill presented the scripture reading from Hebrews I.

Vice president Betty Oenema opened the meeting by bringing some thought about the Olympics which have just taken place. She compared the carrying of the burning torch by people dressed alike and prepared for the task to Christians who are chosen people carrying forth the truth which is God's word. Both these groups of people keep the light burning, ending in victory. The ladies joined in singing Faith is the Victory.

The roll call was answered by telling the occupation of a biblical person.

Letters from missionaries were read by Mrs. Oenema, Mrs. Paul Hill and Mrs. Chris Haggith. Missionary prayers were offered by Mrs. Dwight Davis and Mrs. Charter Davis.

Mrs. Oenema gave the courtesy remarks. A social hour followed and lunch was served by Janet Vandelinde assisted by Mrs. Charter Davis.

Lions plan fish fry to replace Octoberfest

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the Community Hall, Otterville on Monday evening, Sept. 24. Lion President Jack Walther presided.

There were 39 present including one prospective member and three Lion visitors from the Tillsonburg club.

Lion Colin Cope, a member of this club and beginning his year as Zone Chairman of Zone 4 West addressed the club, stressed all members support our president, club activities and drug awareness.

Past District Governor Lion Mort

Cooper of the Tillsonburg Club invited all members, wives and guests from this club to attend the 60th anniversary of their club. The Tillsonburg Lions Club was the original sponsor of the Norwich-Otterville Club.

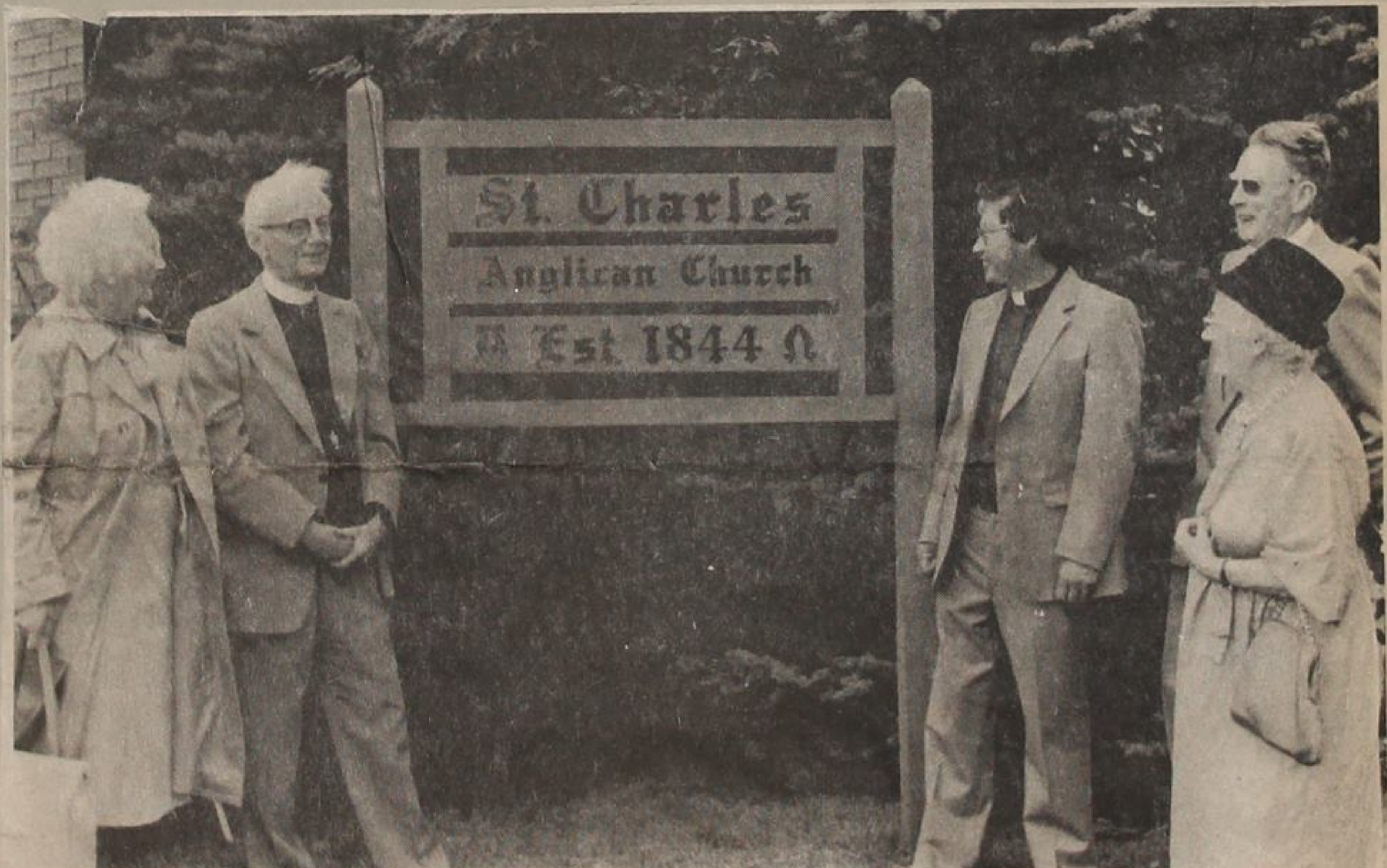
The club will be holding a Fish-Fry in the Norwich Community Centre on Saturday evening, Oct. 20. This will be in lieu of the previous Octoberfest.

The convention draw was won by a prospective lion member, Lawrence Trepanier.

80th birthday



Clayton Gilmore of RR 2, Otterville, will turn 80 years old on September 21. Happy birthday and best wishes from your family and friends.



Proud occasion

Members of the congregation of St. Charles Anglican Church in Dereham turned out in full force on Sunday to take part in a special harvest service which marked the church's 140th anniversary. Following the service, members gathered outside to share a buffet lunch put on for the occasion. A short book on the long, proud history of the church, compiled by Reverend W. Ridley Parson,

reports the land on which the church stands was originally donated by John Burn and George Wardle. Among the many people taking part in the 140th anniversary celebrations were, from left, Reverend and Mrs. Ridley Parson of Woodstock, whose ancestors helped build the church, Reverend Erwin Oliver, current pastor of the church; Herb Hughes, Minister's warden and Evelyn Grimmett, the congregation's oldest member. (Staff Photo) FN

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Prize-winning pet

Julie DeWachter of Otterville has her hands full with her large grey Persian cat, Buffy. The cat won ribbons as the largest and fluffiest cat and tied for most unusual marking during the Pet Show at the Springford Area Fall Fair Saturday. Other pets participating in the show were dogs, rabbits, a squirrel, salamanders and a small snapping turtle. (Staff Photo)

Perfect weather for fall fair

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Warm, sunny weather brought out an estimated 250 people to view and participate in such events as tobacco tying, log sawing and greasy pole climbing during the annual Springford Area Fall Fair Saturday.

Marjorie Seitz, president of the Springford Area Agricultural Society that organizes the annual fair, said the event was "fairly successful" and organizers were grateful for the fine weather that helped bring out the visitors.

The fall fair began Friday evening with the judging of school, domestic and horticultural exhibits that were later on display at the former Springford Public School.

A parade consisting of 35 entries such as clowns, horses, fire trucks, local dignitaries, contestants for the Springford Fair queen contest, decorated bicycles, bands, jalopies and even a Hostess Munchies creature round its way down the streets of Springford Saturday morning.

Parade entry winners were a hot air balloon built by Larry, Becky and Mandy Lester of Springford for first prize; the Springford Blues ball team won second prize and the entry by the Springford Women's Institute placed third.

Following the official opening of the fair by Norwich Township Mayor John Heleniak and Councillor Don Pettigrew of Springford, visitors could participate in a penny sale, purchase baked goods, enter their pets in the pet show, or guess the weight of a giant pumpkin and the number of jelly beans in a jar. Also during the afternoon there were competitions in log

sawing, nail driving, climbing a greasy pole, horseshoe pitching, and tobacco tying that was a new event in the fair. Visitors could also enjoy games of bingo, watch a threshing machine demonstration or enjoy a pony ride.

Some of the winners in the various activities were R. McKinny of Springford who made the closest guess to the weight of the giant pumpkin with an estimate of 93 pounds. Rob McElhone of Springford gave the closest guess for the number of jelly beans in the jar. In the new event of tobacco tying the team of Don Pettigrew, Audrey Barnim and Sharon Barnim, all of Springford, were victorious.

And viewers of the log sawing contest saw longtime champions Bob Hussey, Otterville, and Bob Turnbull of Springford, go down to defeat by John Sandham, Springford, and Bill Underhill of Straffordville.

About 180 people enjoyed the Beef Barbecue organized by the Athletic Society and following the meal a large crowd gathered at the Springford Women's Institute Hall to see the new Springford fair queen crowned. Jodie Sandham, 18, of Springford was chosen as this year's queen while Angela McElhone, of Springford, was first runner-up and Deb Bell, of Springford, was second runner-up. Last year's queen, Christine Gee of Mount Elgin, was on hand to pass the crown onto the new queen.

A successful garden party was then held in the Women's Institute Hall where local performers displayed their musical talents.

Otterville couple mark fortieth anniversary

Ross and Marion (Ash) Chambers, RR 1, Otterville, were surrounded by friends, relatives and neighbors Saturday, Sept. 29, to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

The party, at the U.A.W. hall, Woodstock, was hosted by the Chambers children and granddaughters, Larry and Diane Woodhouse, and David and Edna Chambers, Reonn and Angela. They presented the wedding party with corsages and boutonnieres and with the guests of honor greeted the guests; and later put on a buffet lunch.

About 200 guests signed the anniversary book, which on a ruby-covered table, was flanked by a white, 40th anniversary paper bell, and a bouquet of two ruby roses. Backing them were two displays of photos; one of their wedding day; the other "Smiling Through the Years" pictured Ross and Marion from their wedding to a recent photo, and pictures highlighting events and anniversaries in-between. Ruby paper bells and white and ruby streamers, and a gold "Happy Anniversary" completed the hall decorations.

The evening was spent dancing to the music of the Wes Leuszler Orchestra.

Present were their wedding attendants, Mrs. Chamber's aunt, Pauline (MacMullen) Gray of St. Thomas, and Mr. Chamber's brother, Gerald, of Woodstock. Present also were wedding guests of 40-years ago, sisters Rosalee (Ash) Wilson and Joan (Ash) Avey, both of RR 1, Otterville; Dorothy (Chambers) Hamilton, Hamilton; and Marion (Chambers) Hunt of Toronto; and mother, May Chambers, Norwich. Due to illness, mother, Daisy Ash, RR 1, Otterville, was unable to attend the party.

They were the recipients of many lovely gifts, and gifts of money for an add-a-room to their trailer.

Out-of-town overnight guests at their home were joined by other family members for an impromptu champagne breakfast on Sunday morning; and friends and relatives continued to drop in all during the day, their actual anniversary.

They were married Sept. 30, 1944 in Ot-

terville by the Baptist Minister, Rev. Bruce Hisey; and have lived at their present home, growing tobacco, all their married life.

They are the parents of two children, David of RR 2, Burgessville, and Diane Woodhouse, RR 1, Otterville; and have two grandchildren, Reonn and Angela Chambers, RR 2, Burgessville.

SPRINGFORD FALL FAIR

September 21

All exhibits to be brought to the former school between 2 and 8 p.m.

September 22

- Parade
- Queen Contest
- Games and Contests during the day including Horse Shoes, Greased Pole, etc.
- Rides
- Barbecue (sponsored by Athletic Club)
- Garden Party

Prizes Awarded for the Best Floats as well as Bikes and Most Unusual Object



Silver anniversary

OTTERVILLE (C) — A surprise dinner honoring William and Joyce Hanson, RR 2, Otterville, on their 25th wedding anniversary was held Sunday evening, Sept. 30 at the Buchaneer Restaurant, Burgessville. The evening was arranged by their family, Stephen, Heather and Stuart, Otterville, and Caroline and Wayne Sticles and granddaughter Sarah of Norwich. The restaurant was appropriately decorated for approximately 55 friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanson were married Oct. 3, 1959 at First Baptist Church, Woodstock, by Rev. Simpson. The original bridal party

were all in attendance for the evening. They were matron of honor - Doreen Trowhill, Woodstock; bridesmaid - Marianna Smith, Scotland; soloist and bridesmaid - Marjorie Whytock, London; best man - Bruce Hanson, Scotland and ushers - John Trowhill, Woodstock and Tom Hanson, Norwich.

Following, many beautiful cards and gifts were received and opened. Guests were present from London, Woodstock, Muir, Scotland, Norwich, Otterville and surrounding areas.

Milldale once thriving milling centre

From the Sept. 8 issue of *The Sentinel-Review*

The only proof that Milldale, a hamlet east of Otterville, ever existed as a thriving pioneer settlement is its graveyard. Gone are the mills which once gave the town its name; gone is the octagonal house built by the eccentric Thomas Wright in 1861. Today, only new homes exist in Milldale, and, of course, the graveyard.

The Milldale area was largely settled by William Potter Barker, who bought 100 acres in 1838. Barker built a sawmill, grist mill and felling mill and several homes. He called the new settlement Newtown, which was later changed to Milldale. There is evidence that a sawmill was operated in the area

before 1827 by Adam Stover, another early settler.

The swampy, dense area was rich with pine forests and the joining of Otter and Crystal Creeks made the area naturally suitable for the milling industry.

The creeks also provided Milldale with a secondary industry. John and Charles Bowerman operated an ice trade for many years, hauling ice from both Milldale ponds and from a pond at the Norwich junction.

In the mid-1800's the ponds were popular spots for picnics and boating.

A man by the name of James Norris built and operated a 'Bachelors Hall and Grocery' in 1843 which also served as a tavern. Milldale also boasted a shoemaker.

The famed octagonal house built by Thomas Wright, an inventor, mechanic and woodworker, has been restored and moved to Otterville where it serves as Woodlawn Community Centre for seniors. It had been built as a home for the Wright family.

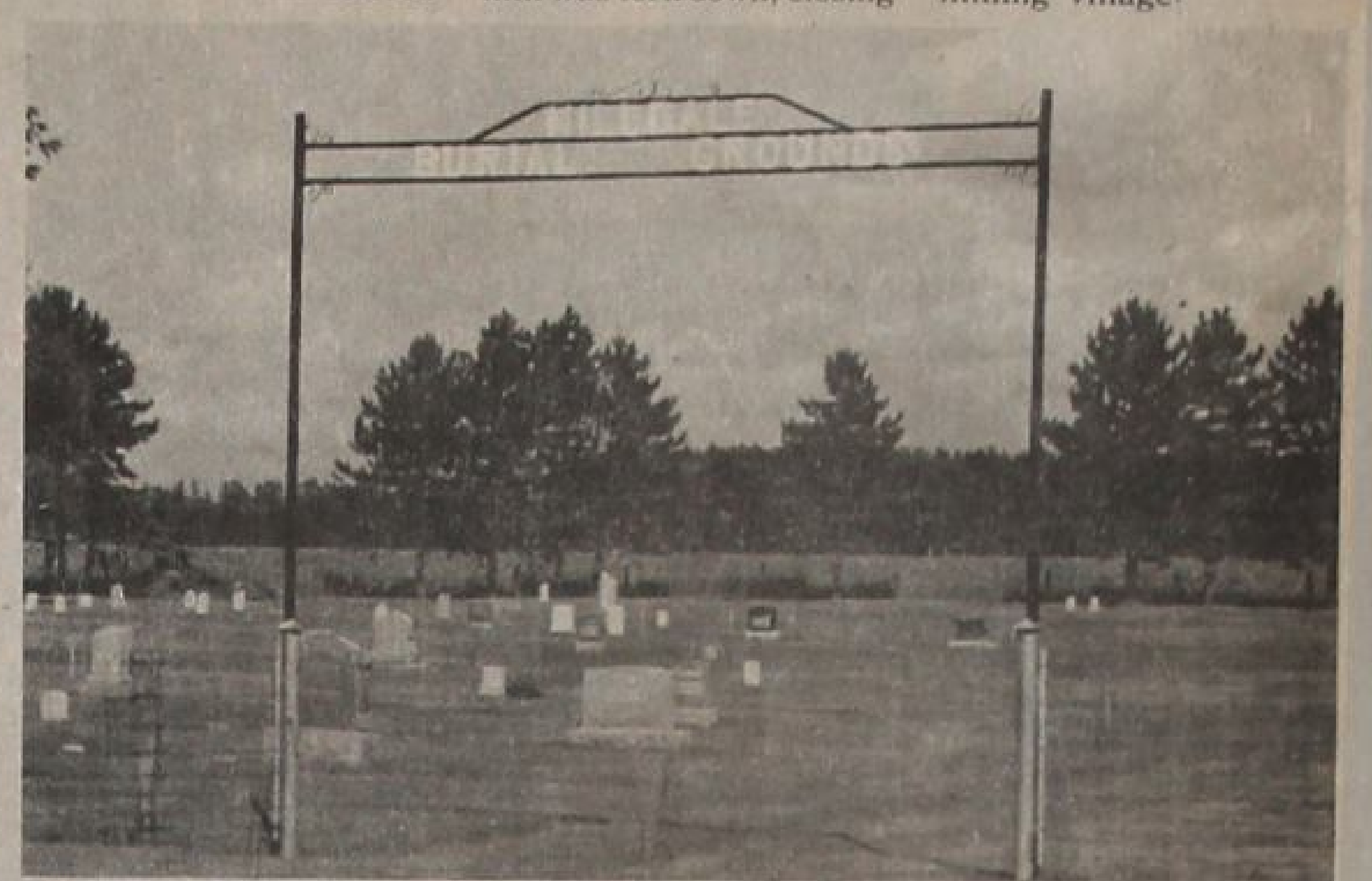
Barker belonged to the Society of Friends, the Quaker religion. In 1870 he held the first worship service in Milldale in his home. He later used his store and in 1876 the Milldale Meeting House was erected by Barker. His wife, Sarah Jane Barker, organized the Milldale Bible School.

The depletion of the pine forests in the area and the detraction of the railway, caused the milling industry to decline. The mill changed hands several times over the years and in 1880 it

were closed. In 1886 Frederick Watkins started

up a cider mill. In 1918 the mill was torn down, closing

the final chapter on the milling village.



THIS BURIAL ground in Milldale is one of few remaining signs that the hamlet was once a thriving milling centre.

"SPRINGFORD FALL FAIR" "1984"

September 21: Exhibits entered between 2 & 8 PM

September 24: PARADE at 10:30 AM

ADMISSION: Adults \$2.00
Children \$1.00 under 15
Pre Schoolers "Free"

OPENING CEREMONIES

PET SHOW

MISS SPRINGFORD CONTEST

GAMES, CONTESTS AND RACES FOR ALL AGES

BINGO DURING FAIR

EXHIBITS

RIDES AND GAMES PROVIDED BY: T.J. & V. Amusements

BEEF BAR-B-Q - over the supper hours by the Springfield Area Athletic Club

GARDEN PARTY - LOCAL TALENT at 7:30 PM (well worth the price of admission to the fair)

BRING THE FAMILY AND ENJOY AN "OLD FASHIONED FAIR"

EXHIBITS TO BE AT THE FORMER SCHOOL NOW LAWRENCE WOODWORKING BETWEEN 2:00 & 8:00 PM on September 21. It would be appreciated if you would send your \$2.00 membership fee with your exhibit entry form prior to Sept. 15 so tabs can be made up in advance.

Milldale resident recalls barn raising

Today the building of a barn is not given much notice since modern methods and specialized carpenters make the job seem simple and systematic. However, during this bicentennial year of Ontario, experiences in our heritage are brought to mind to be shared with others who can identify with them or for the young who find these recollections interesting and new.

One such experience is the barn raising which was, in the past, a major community event bringing people together for the warm friendly feeling of neighbor helping neighbor. Charlie Bradford, a resident of Milldale, is one individual who can share these experiences and does so in the following recollection entitled "The Barn Raising."

In 1925 I came as an emigrant to Canada from England and worked on the farm of John Storey, one mile south and one mile west of Burgessville. The next winter when John decided to build a new barn we cut logs in the bush some being as long as 40 feet and drew them up with horses ready for construction.

Gil Sackrider of Burgessville and I worked for a long time getting the logs squared into timbers by putting a chalk line down two sides of the log and sawing with a crosscut saw down to the line in blocks about 14-18 inches in length. Taking a broad axe and edge we chopped out the slabs leveling up one side. This process was repeated on the remaining three sides to form a square timber. Though this was new work to me I soon became proficient at using these strange tools to form timbers with similarly strange names of sills, posts, girts, beams and plates.

Two carpenters were hired to help us in

cutting mortices and tenons, boring holes and making pins to fasten everything together, all which required exact measurement. The proper timbers were assembled and fastened together at one end of the barn with the floor put in, making everything ready for the barn raising.

On the eventful day many men and women who were family, friends and neighbors, gathered with the ladies preparing a huge meal to feed the hungry horde.

Pike poles, 10-20 feet-long poles with a spike in the end, were used to push the timbers up into place. Though there was lots of help on the ground as the barn was raised, climbers became more scarce. Through encouragement and advice of the second carpenter I was soon one of the few at the top. In this position our task was to put in a pin with a wooden maul as a post, beam or plate went up. While we put rafters and sheathing on at the top others on the ground nailed siding. The day ended with a good frame put together but with much work still to be done.

A big supper followed for many tired hungry men. John and I still had cows to milk by hand afterwards. However, a reward awaited us at the house where Mrs. Storey encouraged us to eat her ice cream since there was no means to prevent its spoilage.

In the days that followed the second carpenter and I worked for many days to finish rafters, siding and put on the steel roofing since the head carpenter left for another job.

When the final ridge cap was put in place we found ourselves at the far end of the barn away from our rope and ladder. Since he stood up to walk the ridge I followed suit though I had never climbed before. Needless to say I have done much climbing since.

This is one of my fond remembrances of experiences in my past. The barn, still standing where John Storey lives, is a pleasant reminder to me of the "barn raising".

Olympics goal for young figure skater

By DOREEN HOOVER

Figure skating is a large part of Debbie Corbeil's life as she practises year-round with thoughts of competing in world competitions and eventually in the Olympics.

Debbie, 13, of RR 1, Otterville, began skating in Norwich when she was six years old as a recreational activity. She was encouraged by Rita Buckrell of Burgessville to attend a Spring Skating School in Tillsonburg to more quickly develop her natural talent. She has been skating year-round since she was seven years old.

Her involvement with figure skating means attending spring, summer, fall and winter schools in Kitchener-Waterloo and also participating in Norwich during the winter both to receive more ice time and to help coach. Her skating coach in Waterloo is John Caughell.

It has become regular routine for Debbie to skate eight to nine hours a day five days a week during Summer School and skate six days a week during the winter. She is on her seventh figure out of eight figures and is working on her Gold Free Skate and Gold Dances and just received her Senior Silver Dances during the summer. Her training includes many hours of practising figures while she also works to perfect her spins, jumps and foot work for her freeskate. Debbie can solidly land a triple loop and hopes to improve her ability with the triple salchow, triple toe loop, triple lutz and the triple flip within the next couple years.

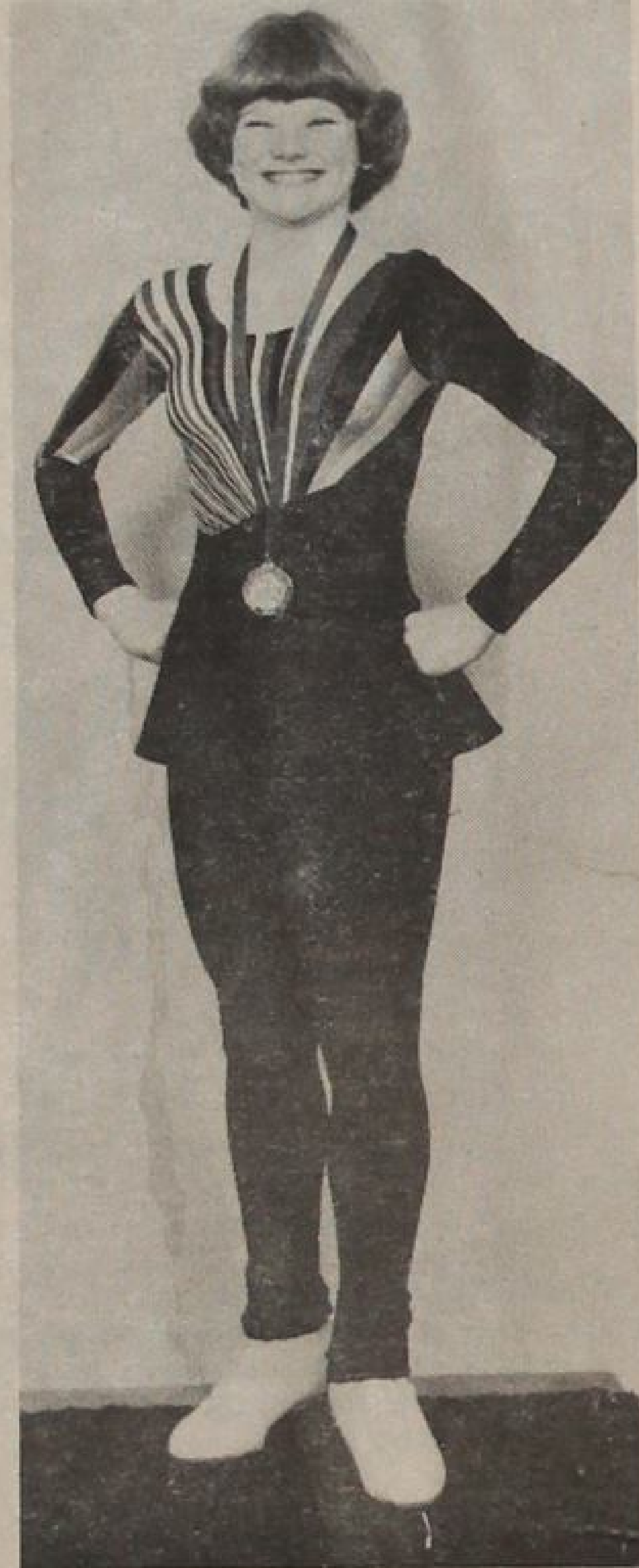
In various competitions Debbie has won numerous ribbons and trophies and some highlights are a gold medal in the 1983 Great Lakes Invitational Competition in London, she was first in her flight and second overall in the Pre-Novice category in Thornhill last year where skaters from across Ontario competed and placed third in freeskate and figures in club competitions in Kitchener-Waterloo. She also finished third in Sectional championships last year among Western Ontario skaters. She has been concentrating more on competing in Sections and is hoping this year to make it to Divisionals and then the Canadian competitions. A skater has to be in the top five in their section to continue to Divisionals and then in the top five in their division to move onto Canadians.

Debbie competes in the Western Ontario Sectionals and in the Eastern Canada Divisionals. Skaters must be competing as Novices to participate in the Sectionals and last year was her first year as a novice.

Debbie's skating has taken her around Ontario and also into the United States. She has attended seminars given by international coach Carlo Fassi in Lake Placid,

New York in 1980, 1981 and 1982 in which 1,000 people applied to attend and 250 were accepted. In 1983 she was asked by Mr. Fassi to go to Colorado Springs, Col., to the World Arena to receive two weeks of training. Debbie was also invited again this year but was unable to attend because of the large expense caused by the American exchange. While attending the seminar in Lake Placid and in Colorado Springs Debbie learned new things from other coaches and skated with many international skaters.

All aspects of skating are an enjoyment for Debbie who likes to compete, perform in front of an audience and just likes to



Active in figure skating

Debbie Corbeil, 13, of Otterville, since beginning figure skating when she was six years of age, now receives coaching year-round and has hopes of participating in world competitions including the Olympics.

work. "I feel good after I've finished a good workout," she said. The only part of it she dislikes is the early morning skating where she must get up at 5 a.m.

Debbie does not feel she sacrifices anything for her skating for it gives her a lot of enjoyment and keeps her active. Along with her skating she takes a Jazz class weekly to help her in her flexibility and presentation and to keep in shape for her skating. She also takes guitar and theory lessons and enjoys track and field. She finds she rarely has a day without some commitment to her various interests and she likes it that way.

"I never have to worry about what is on television," she said. "I just look at the TV guide and see what I will be missing. I laugh at how boring other peoples' lives are." She finds she is quickly bored during her breaks from skating and is eager to again begin her long hours of training.

Her parents, James and Marlene, have encouraged Debbie to have other interests such as guitar so "she doesn't just live in an arena," Mrs. Corbeil said.

Although Debbie's figure skating is expensive Mr. Corbeil said it is well worth the cost because he likes to watch her skate. Debbie has found her parents offer her a lot of encouragement and guidance. They feel her involvement with skating has matured her, offered her the chance to make many friends in Canada and the U.S., made her well-organized and self-disciplined.

Next year Debbie wants to advance into the Junior category and then onto Seniors the following year. She is confident and has set her mind on the thought of competing some day in the Olympics. She is not sure if it will be in 1988, but she is sure that one day her dreams of competing in the Olympics will come true.

Walter Klemka

Walter Klemka of RR 1 Otterville died at Tillsonburg Hospital Mon. Sept. 17, 1984 in his 81st year.

Born in Pandelys, Lithuania, he was the son of the late Petras Klemka and the former Ursule Povilauskaite. He came to Western Canada in 1930 and then to Windsor, Ontario and moved to the Delhi-Otterville area in 1939.

He is survived by his wife, the former Anele Gaileviciute; one son, Dr. Philip Klemka, of Edmonton; one daughter, Marianna Klemka, Edmonton; one brother, Anupras Klemka, Lithuania and two sisters, Mrs. Norberta Lukosevicius and Mrs. Vanda Babickas, both in Lithuania.

Resting at the Murphy Funeral Home, Delhi until

Thursday morning, thence to St. Casimir's Lithuanian Catholic Church, Delhi for Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. said by Rev. Fr. L. Kemesis.

Interment in Tillsonburg Cemetery.

Prayers will be said Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Donations to the Lithuanian National Foundation or Canadian Lithuanian Foundation will be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Tobias - Mann vows spoken



Mr. and Mrs. Kris Tobias
(Rose-Le Studio, Simcoe)

Kris and Tena Tobias are pictured following their wedding reception at Varnavair, Tillsonburg. Kris is the son of Joe and Audrey Tobias. Tena is the youngest daughter of Ivor and Muriel Mann.

They were married September 8, 1984, by Canon S.R. Lupton in St. John's Anglican Church.

The bride chose a graceful white gown with a full train. The high neckline was accented with lace. The peplums were joined with a sash tied at the back, bustle style. Her elegant hat featured a floor length veil. Bride's bouquet consisted of white roses, white freesia and ivy. Kathryn Dymczak and Christine Dehondt selected golden, love knot earrings as their gift to Tena for her special day.

The bride's attendants were Kathryn Dymczak, Debbie Glass, Jan Gammie and Christine Dehondt.

Their gowns of teal green taffeta were created by Kathryn Dymczak and Mrs. I. Dymczak of Hamilton. Pearl necklaces and earrings were chosen for the occasion. Daisies, carnations and ivy made colorful bouquets.

The groom's attendants were Ivor Mann, Jr., Gary Long, Richard Mann and Jason Vandommele.

Mrs. Jack Freeland was organist. Soloist, Mike Benin, sang "Perhaps Love" with Ian Tanner as pianist.

Misses Roxanne and Robyn Rusnak gave each guest a memento of the ceremony. They also assisted at the register at the reception.

Stan Dymczak was master of ceremonies during the reception. Carl Howse asked the blessing on the dinner. Toasts were made by Stan Dymczak to the bride and groom, Mike Rusnak to the bride, Kathryn Dymczak to the groom. Ivor Mann Jr., to the bride's attendants and Jan Gammie to the groom's attendants. Joe and Ivor Sr. welcomed the bridal pair to each family.

For her daughter's wedding, Muriel wore a two-piece, street length, peach colored dress with beige accessories. Audrey's dress of black and white, also street length, was accented with black accessories.

The guests enjoyed an evening of dancing to Pyramid, a group of local musicians. The highlight was a unique presentation by the Tillsonburg Fire Department.

Tena was the recipient of several showers - time shower by Debbie Glass, pantry shower by Audrey Tobias, and a miscellaneous one with hostess, Pat Sundy. Presentations were made from Joseph St. residents and ladies of St. John's Church.

Kris and Tena are residing in Tillsonburg.



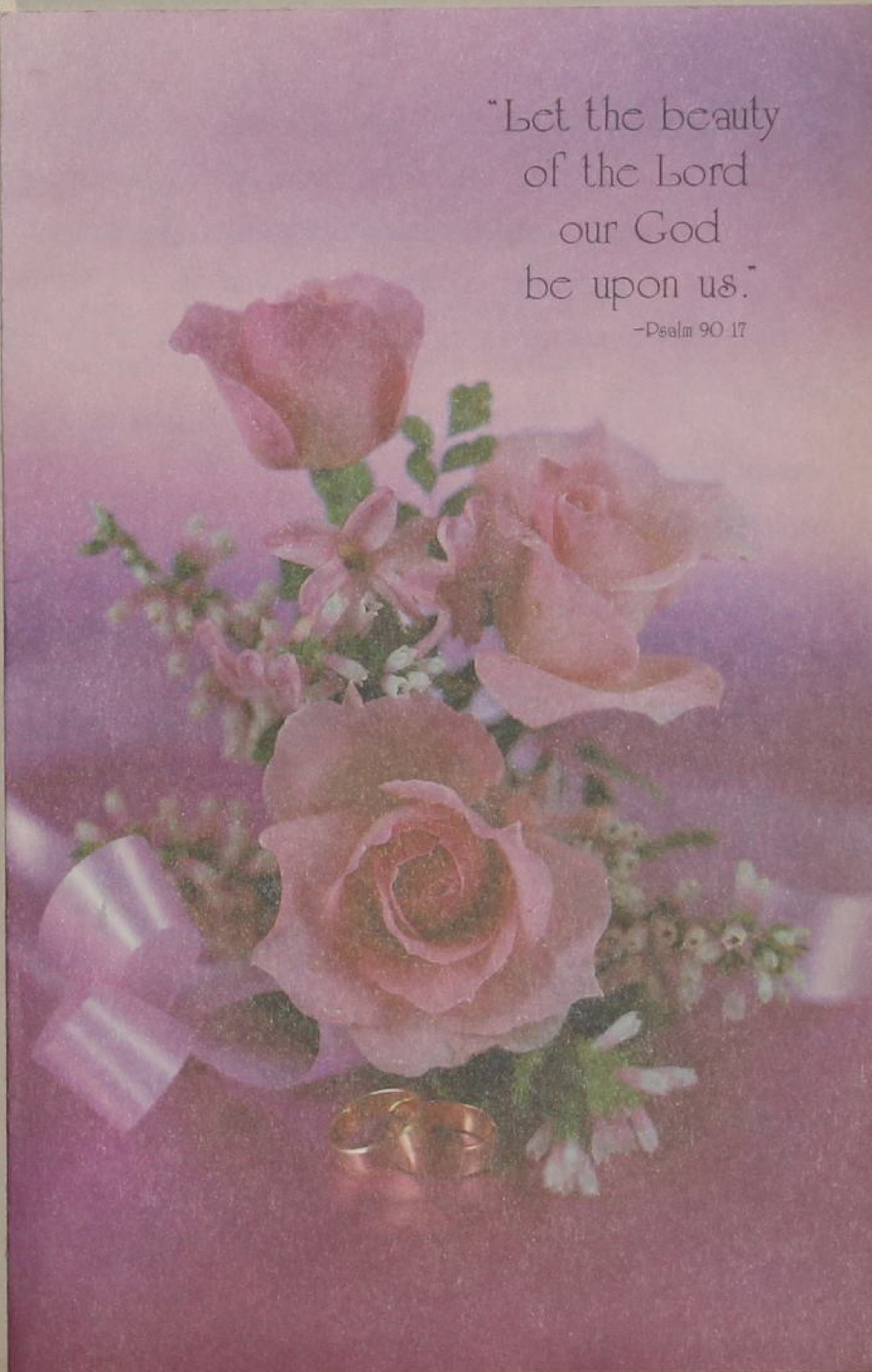
Kris and Tena wish to announce their wedding day, September 8, 1984 at 3:30 p.m. at St. John's Anglican Church, Tillsonburg. Kris is the son of Joe and Audrey Tobias; Tena is the youngest daughter of Ivor and Muriel Mann.

*It is with pleasure that we invite you
to attend our marriage
at St. John's Anglican Church
Ridout Street West
Tillsonburg, Ontario
on Saturday, the eighth of September
nineteen hundred and eighty-four
at three-thirty o'clock*

*Our parents
Ivor and Muriel Mann
and
Joe and Audrey Tobias
will host a dinner at 6:30 p.m.
and an evening reception
at the Royal Canadian Legion
16 Durham Street
Tillsonburg, Ontario
Tena and Kris*

"Let the beauty
of the Lord
our God
be upon us."

-Psalm 90:17



THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE
UNITING
MURIEL CHRISTENA MANN
AND
KRIS JOSEPH NELSON TOBIAS

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8 1984
3:30 p.m.
ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, TILLSONBURG

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL: ODE TO JOY

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Exhortation-Prayer Book page 564
The Mutual Promise-page 565
The Marriage Vows-page 566
The Prayer of Blessing and the
Declaration-page 567

HYMN #38-THE LORD BE WITH US AS WE BEND
HIS BLESSING TO RECEIVE;

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Bride and Groom only will receive)
The Propers-page 571
The Invitation, Confession, Absolution,
Prayer of Consecration-page 76 ff.
Prayer for the Seven Virtues of Marriage
and the Blessing-page 570

DURING SIGNING OF REGISTER: PERHAPS LOVE

RECESSIONAL: WEDDING MARCH

The congregation are requested to stand for
the Processional and the Recessional and to
kneel for the prayers.

CLERGY: CANON S.R. LUPTON

ORGANIST: LILA FREELAND

SOLOIST: MIKE BENIN

ATTENDANTS

MATRON OF HONOUR: KATHRYN DYMCAK

BRIDESMAIDS: JAN GAMMIE
DEBBIE GLASS

FLOWERGIRL: CHRISTINE DEHONDT

BEST MAN: IVOR MANN

USHERS: GARY LONG
RICHARD MANN

RING BEARER: JASON VANDOMMELE

HANDING OUT BULLETINS: ROXANNE RUSNAK
ROBYN RUSNAK

THANK YOU FOR SHARING THIS DAY WITH US
KRIS AND TENA

PLEASE: No confetti in the church or on the
church grounds.

Close road allowance

Norwich Township council instructed township clerk to prepare a bylaw to stop-up and close the unopened road allowance known as Bond Street, north of North Street in Otterville, during the meeting last Tuesday evening. One-half of the road allowance is to be conveyed to the abutting land owners to the west and one-half to the abutting land owners to the east.

Erosion sign discussed

A sign recognizing the co-operative efforts of the Long Point Region Conservation Authority (LPRCA), Norwich Township, landowner Harold Nethercott and financial aid from the Ministry of Natural Resources will be erected by the LPRCA by Mr. Nethercott's property on Main Street West. Council approved the wording of the sign that recognized the Nethercott Erosion Project that was completed during the summer, to control erosion on Big Otter Creek to eliminate soil loss and improve downstream water quality.

Brush pick-up program

Council approved an Agriculture and Works Committee recommendation that road superintendent Ron Smith initiate a brush pick-up program in Otterville in the spring and fall. It will commence in October.

Part-time help

Road superintendent Ron Smith will have the authority to hire a part-time man when needed. Council approved the Agriculture and Works Committee recommendation last Tuesday evening.

Fire chief recommendations

Norwich Arena manager will be authorized to take the necessary steps to install a crash bar on the exit door of the Blueline Club in the northeast corner of the second floor of the Community Centre and purchase two exit lights and install them in the appropriate areas in the second floor as recommended by Norwich Township Fire Chief Brian Workman following an inspection of the facility.

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Norwich Township Council Briefs

Brush pickup correction

The Agriculture and Works Committee recommendation that a brush pickup program in Otterville be initiated was not approved by the committee as stated in the Oct. 3 paper. The recommendation that stated road superintendent Ron Smith initiate the program in the spring and fall in Otterville was defeated by the committee. The Gazette apologizes for any inconveniences the error may have caused.

During the council meeting Oct. 9 council approved a recommendation that one Saturday be designated in the spring and fall for residents of Otterville to dispose of brush at the Otterville Public Works yard and that Mr. Smith

choose appropriate dates commencing this fall.

Stamp collecting month

Township council approved the proclaiming of October as Stamp Collecting Month in the township.

Appointed to committee

Don Miller of Norwich has been appointed to the Norwich Township Culture and Recreation Advisory Committee upon completion of Joe Hampson's role as chairman of the committee. Mr. Hampson recently submitted his resignation from the committee.

Donation made

Council approved a donation of \$1,700 to the Norwich and District Figure Skating Club to financially assist the club in its 1984-85 season.

Approve purchase of cycle

Because of the impossibility of ob-

taining an all terrain cycle on a rental or lease basis and considering the increased amount of drainage work, council approved the purchase of a cycle for the municipal inspector.

Zone change approved

A zone change application submitted by Joseph Leguee of Springford was approved by council Tuesday, Oct. 9. The zoning will change the property from Residential 1 to special village zoning to allow for an auto body shop on the property.

Mobile home allowed

A minor variance was allowed on the property of Frederick and Deborah Bozso to allow for a mobile home as a primary accessory dwelling on the farm in Lot 3, Concession 11 in Ward 1. The variance will allow for a 55.84 metre mobile home. Aime Jacques of

Otterville will be starting a trout farming operation on the Boszo property and a watchman is needed to look after the operation. The mobile home is to provide a dwelling for the watchman. Mr. Jacques plans to eventually move on to the property and build a new residence. The minor variance included a condition that if the trout farming operation is ceased, the mobile home will have to be removed.

More playground area

Council approved a rezoning that will square up the playground at the Norwich Public School. A piece of property owned by Wayne Wilson of Stover Street will be changed from residential zoning to institutional. Mr. Wilson agreed to convey the parcel of land to the Oxford County Board of Education to improve the playground. Councillor Darrell Force said the rezoning will make the playground more functional in the back area.

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Approve amending bylaw

Norwich Township council approved Tuesday an amending bylaw dealing with appeals on the Zoning Bylaw 19-84. Objections to the draft bylaw were dealt with by council in September and the public hearing was held Tuesday to hear any objections to the amendments made. All objections to the bylaw were resolved except those of John Eacott of RR 4, Woodstock. His objections will be dealt with by the Ontario Municipal Board.

Not accept tenders

Municipal council will not accept any tenders received for the removal of snow from the sidewalks in Ward 2 and those persons submitting tenders will

be so notified. Council will be re-evaluating the situation.

Conduct road study

Council approved a motion Tuesday authorizing the road superintendent to tender for a consulting engineer to prepare a 1985 major update of roads study.

Crime Prevention Week

Council had declared Nov. 4-10 as National Crime Prevention Week in Norwich Township.

Release pheasants

The purchase of 479 pheasants at a cost of \$2,000 to be released during the annual hunt was approved by council.

Erect plaque

South Norwich Historical Society was given approval by council Tuesday to erect a plaque in the Summerville Cemetery in recognition of Dr. Emily

Stowe who was born in that area of the township.

Approve grant

Council approved a grant of \$2,625 to the Norwich Minor Hockey Association.

Recognize Ontario champs

Township council will recognize the two Ontario Champion teams from Norwich, the Juvenile "D" hockey team and Midget "B" baseball team, by treating the players to an award banquet later this year. The players will be presented with their Norwich Township plaques at the banquet.

Acquire cycle

A previous motion of council from Oct. 9 that all terrain cycle be purchased for use by the drainage superintendent was brought up for further discussion at Tuesday's meeting. Council approved a motion that a cycle be ac-

quired by the township either through rental, lease or purchase and that all renting and leasing possibilities be looked into thoroughly before a purchase for this is a new venture and it is not known how beneficial such a vehicle would be to the township.

Erosion control

Municipal council is to authorize expenditures of approximately \$400 for erosion control to control the outlet of the Pitcher Street drain in Norwich with work to be done in concert with other erosion control work adjacent to the Lusk property.

Request permission

Council approved a request from the Oxford Centre Senior Citizens to remove partitions to the rear of the East Oxford Library in Oxford Centre to allow them room to put in a pool table. The organization will pay for all the costs of the removal.

Recommend buying wreaths

The Norwich Township Management Policy committee recommended last Wednesday that municipal council purchase three wreaths at \$35 each from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 190 to be laid at the cenotaphs in Otterville, Norwich and Oxford Centre by Councillors Don Pettigrew, Norm Lusk and Larry Martin respectively.

Request turned down

A request by Pete Douglas of Stover Street, Norwich, for financial assistance in an erosion project was refused by the management policy committee due to circumstances beyond its control. Mr. Douglas asked that he be able to pay his 33 per cent of the cost of a Long Point Region Conservation Authority erosion project on his property on his property tax bill over a five-year period instead of in advance and that the township contribute towards the cost of the project because of a drain that enters the creek from his property. The project, estimated to cost \$2,630, is to be undertaken by the LPRCA under the Primarily Locally Oriented Priorities (PLOP) program which would cover 66 per cent of the cost of the project through grants.

Prepare list

A recommendation was made that administration prepare a list of possible projects for the 1984-85 Work Incentive Program to be presented for

discussion at the Nov. 13 council meeting. Suggestions from township residents are welcome.

Need assistant

The committee made a recommendation to advertise for a person to be assistant to the municipal inspector.

All recommendations made by the management policy committee have to be approved by council during its next meeting Nov. 13.

Terrain cycle causes furor

NORWICH — Township Council was forced last week to retrace its steps on the question of somehow obtaining a suitable vehicle for its drainage superintendent.

At its previous meeting, earlier in the month, it was resolved by a four-to-one margin to buy a ATC (All Terrain Cycle) immediately.

Some Councillors were uncertain if there was quorum present when the vote was taken late in the afternoon. So, it was brought up again for reconsideration with most Councillors present at last week's session.

Councillor Bob Carney complained bitterly that he did not receive an agenda for the Oct. 9 meeting and missed it. And he felt Council was voting to buy a "toy" for use by one of township's staff.

Since most of that meeting's afternoon session was taken up by drainage bylaws, Councillor Larry Martin reasoned the high level of absenteeism was due to the "boring" nature of the business at hand.

Councillor Carney said the ATC was discussed at that particular time because its "opponents" were absent.

Councillor Don Pettigrew objected to this interpretation of what had occurred. Instead he insisted Councillors should try to be present to listen to the people.

Furthermore, he rejected the notion that the vehicle was a "toy." It's used on farms and the superintendent needs it to get around in the mud to perform his duties, added Councillor Pettigrew.

Councillor Jack Lester reminded Council that there are thousands of acres to be inspected in the township and the vehicle would enhance this task.

"For God's sake . . . buy it before the price goes up," snapped Councillor Carney. Councillor Norm Lusk wondered why the vehicle wasn't bought in the summer.

Mayor John Heleniak suggested Council forget what had transpired previously on this matter — going back to the spring — and consider it a "new venture."

He moreover proposed Council look into leasing, renting or buying one, keeping in mind cost.

Council finally voted to table the matter for reconsideration by the Management Policy Committee. *D.N. OCT 31*

Burning leaves ban up in smoke

By Ben Steidman
Staff Writer

NORWICH — Township Council was warned at its last meeting that consideration of a bylaw to ban burning of leaves could ignite into a "touchy" issue.

Discussion of the controversial bylaw was fueled by complaints from concerned citizens about neighbours burning leaves.

Apparently the burning of leaves caused some problems and the complaints were brought to Council's attention by Mayor John Heleniak. The Mayor, wary about pursuing the issue to any great length, told Council that a complainant from Otterville proposed that Council pass a bylaw banning the burning of leaves beginning next year.

This suggestion triggered Councillor Bob Carney to point out that residents have been burning leaves for over a 100 years and a bylaw wouldn't stop them. Nevertheless, he figured that if such a bylaw was on the books, it might serve a useful purpose by making people liable if their actions caused an accident.

Councillor Carney, however, warned Council that people were "sick and tired of bylaws coming down their throats." If attempts were made to

enforce this particular piece of legislation, he reckoned people would "tar and feather the constable and burn the bylaw."

Mayor Heleniak said Burnett Sanitation of Courtland wouldn't pick up leaves. At this point, Councillor-at-Large Helen Smith wondered what people would do with the leaves if they couldn't burn them or get them picked up?

Councillor Don Pettigrew joked that perhaps Council should pass the bylaw and then let people burn the leaves in their barbecues.

In the end, Council was uncertain if it even had the jurisdiction to pass such a bylaw.

Clerk-Administrator John Gilbert thought it might be up to Ontario's Ministry of the Environment to look after this sort of thing under its anti-pollution mandate.

Council put the whole burning issue on the back burner for further consideration and investigation.

Lloyd Zinger of the Ministry of the Environment told the News-Record that his agency couldn't ban the burning of leaves. It's up to municipalities to do this.

An inspector with the Ministry's Industrial Abatement Section in Woodstock, Mr. Zinger said Woodstock had such legislation in place. "You can't burn leaves anywhere here," he added.

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Historic plaque for father of rural mail

The efforts of George Wilcox of Springford, the father of rural mail delivery in Canada, will be recognized when a historical plaque is erected by the Ontario Heritage Foundation in 1986.

Norwich Township council decided in March to ask the Ontario Heritage Foundation and Parks Canada to consider issuing provincial and federal commemorations of Mr. Wilcox. No word has yet been heard from Parks Canada.

Efforts to recognize Mr. Wilcox's work began when Gord Shearer, Postmaster of the Norwich Post Office, sent a letter to Canada Post in April 1983 with the idea of issuing a commemorative stamp to honor Mr. Wilcox, suggesting 1987, the 50th anniversary of his death, as a possible date. Mr. Shearer said he has heard nothing yet and will write another letter. Only five to 10 suggestions out of 200 are accepted by Canada Post each year depending on the merit of the suggestion, he said.

"I feel George Wilcox should be honored," Mr. Shearer said. "I feel he was important especially for Canada Post." Council has offered its support to Mr.

Shearer's efforts and also decided to suggest a plaque erection to the Ontario Heritage Foundation and Parks Canada.

Mr. Wilcox, was born on Dec. 17, 1846 and lived most of his life in Springford. From 1905-1908 he undertook a publicity campaign to try to get the government to establish rural mail delivery in Canada. Mr. Wilcox saw the benefits of door-to-door rural mail delivery while spending some time in Michigan in the early 1900s and after his return to Canada he set about ending the need for Canada's rural residents to drive to town to pick up their mail.

His efforts were rewarded on Oct. 10, 1908 when the rural mail delivery wagon left the Hamilton Post Office enroute to Ancaster. Mail was delivered to farmers in South Norwich in June 1911. Mr. Wilcox died on June 25, 1937 in his 91st year.

Council will be consulting with the South Norwich Historical Society to decide where the provincial plaque will be erected. Mayor John Heleniak said he would like to see the plaque erected in Springford where Mr. Wilcox lived most of his life.

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Lapel pins get the nod

NORWICH — Township Council was embroiled in a sizzling debate last week on the merits of obtaining lapel pins emblazoned with the municipality's emblem.

Among other symbols, the emblem shows a dairy cow, tobacco fields and contains the immortal words: Historical, Agricultural and Beautiful.

Mayor John Heleniak expressed concern that the scheme might prove too costly.

Sample pins from other municipalities were passed around for Council's perusal. Councillor Jack Lester questioned the need for putting the township's logo on the lapel pins.

Councillor Don Pettigrew suggested staging a school contest for the best new logo. This proposal was quickly rejected.

Councillor Bob Carney said he opposed the metal pins, preferring the plastic ones as more detail could be engraved on them.

One company offered plastic pins at 60 cents per 2,500 or 70 cents per 1,000.

Council voted to have some prototype plastic and metal pins ordered with the emblem to see how the art work would look like in final form before making any final decision.

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Stamp Collecting Month

Norwich Township Mayor John Heleniak signs a proclamation naming October as Stamp Collecting Month Thursday. Present for the signing of the proclamation are left to right, Cathy Furlong, postmaster of Otterville; Bev Buchan, postmaster of Burgessville, and Gordon Shearer, postmaster of Norwich. Absent from the photo is Lloyd Smith, postmaster of Springford. (Staff Photo)

Mayor proclaims October stamp collecting month

Mayor John Heleniak signed a proclamation for Norwich Township on Thursday, Sept. 20 announcing October as Stamp Collecting Month.

Present for the signing were Postmasters of Norwich - Gordon Shearer; Otterville - Cathy Furlong and Burgessville - Bev Buchan. These post offices join post offices across the country and around the world in celebrating Stamp Collecting Month.

As the world's most popular hobby,

stamp collecting appeals to a wide variety of people around the world because its educational and interesting nature. Kings, prime ministers and presidents have been stamp collectors as have carpenters, printers and painters.

Stamp Collecting Month is sponsored by Canada Post Corporation and is endorsed by philatelic societies and stamp clubs.

There are about 750,000 stamp collectors across Canada including many in Norwich Township.

Bicentennial medals go to Norwich nominees

All three Norwich Township nominees have been chosen to receive provincial bicentennial medals in early December.

Jean Davis of Otterville, Mary Richardson of Woodstock, formerly of Oxford Centre, and Fred Hartley of Norwich, have all received letters informing them they will be among the 1,984 people in Ontario to be awarded medals for their community service and volunteerism. Medals will be presented in 30 different locations in Ontario Sunday, Dec. 9.

Mrs. Davis said it "was nice to be appreciated" for her work in the community. She has worked at beautifying the village of Otterville by cutting grass, planting flowers and painting store fronts at her own expense. She also made anniversary shields and candles to be put on the poles in the downtown area in preparation for Canada Day celebrations and the 150th and 175th anniversaries of the village and for Christmas.

Mrs. Davis, who has lived in Otterville for 34 years, helped organize the first South Norwich Historical Society auction last year and has canvassed for the Canadian Cancer Society, the Heart Fund and the Arthritis Society around the village.

Mrs. Richardson, now retired and living in Woodstock, thought the news of receiving a medal was "quite an honor and so lovely" she said. She remains active in events in Oxford Centre such as the Oxford

Centre Senior Citizens, the Oxford Centre United Church and the United Church Women.

Mrs. Richardson also used her training as a nurse to help people in the community by travelling to homes to care for the sick during snowstorms until the doctor could arrive and even would ride on the snowplow to offer her assistance. She readily offered her aid after a tornado caused extensive damage in Oxford Centre in 1979. She helped make sure everyone was fed and clothed at the Oxford Centre Fire Hall during the crisis.

Mr. Hartley, who delivers mail in RR 3, Norwich, said it felt good to be one of the 1,984 chosen to receive the medals and he also felt "lucky."

He has managed several sports teams since 1969 and just completed his second year as manager of the Norwich Diggers Ladies Fastball team. He was instrumental in the development of Junior hockey in Norwich for at least 15 years and has held such positions as director on the executive of the Junior "D" hockey club in Norwich, president of the Norwich Minor Ball Association and treasurer for minor hockey and ball as well as the Junior "D" hockey club at different times.

Mr. Hartley also writes articles for The Norwich Gazette on minor ball and hockey action.

Letters recognizing the achievements of township citizens were received by council who then chose in late June Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Richardson and Mr. Hartley to be the three nominees from the township.

"The township congratulates these three individuals for their volunteer work done in the past and the work they are still actively doing," Norwich Township Mayor John Heleniak said.

Honors first woman doctor

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Unveiling Stowe plaque

Dr. Emily Stowe will be honored Sunday when a provincial historical plaque will be erected at the Norwich and District Archives building.

The plaque, in both English and French, will be unveiled during a ceremony to begin at 2 p.m. The commemorative plaque, donated by the Ontario Heritage Foundation, will be erected by the flagpole in front of the Archives building.

Scott Gillies, curator of the Norwich and District Museum and Archives, will be chairman of the unveiling ceremony. Also

present for the unveiling will be local dignitaries, including Hudson Stowe of Niagara-on-the-Lake, grandson to Dr. Stowe; Mr. Marvin Smout of Victoria Hospital; and representatives from the Ontario Heritage Foundation, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario Medical Association, Oxford Medical Association, Ontario Historical Society and the Canada Post regional office in London. The general public is also invited to attend the ceremony that will be followed by a reception.

The plaque honoring Dr. Stowe will be one of 25 plaques erected in the province this year by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. Since plaques have started being erected in the mid-1950s, 1,000 have been installed commemorating people and places in Ontario's history.

Dr. Stowe became the first woman doctor in Canada as well as being the first woman principal in a school in Canada, founding Canada's first suffrage society in her struggle for equal rights for women

and being the first woman in the country to run for elected office and win.

Norwich Township council began action towards the erecting of a commemorative plaque by making a request to the Ontario Heritage Foundation in February 1981. Mayor John Heleniak is now trying to get Parks Canada, a branch of the department of environment, to consider honoring Dr. Stowe. A stamp commemorating her work was produced by Canada Post in March 1981.

First Canadian female physician honoured at Norwich ceremony

By Mark MacMillan
Editor *D.N.*

NORWICH — This community paid tribute Sunday to perhaps its most illustrious citizen, Dr. Emily Stowe, with a special ceremony and plaque unveiling.

Oxford Warden Charlie Tatham said it best when referring to the first female doctor in Canada and feminine activist, "she left her footprints on the sands of time."

Organized by Norwich Township Council through the Ontario Heritage Foundation, the plaque is located at the Norwich and District Archives building. It highlights Dr. Stowe's rich and diverse career. She began as a school teacher, was a wife, mother, the first female to practise medicine in Canada and president of the Dominion Women's Enfranchisement Association.

"This plaque has been a long time coming. We applied for it back in 1981 and

we are pleased to see it finally erected," Mayor John Heleniak told the crowd of onlookers and well-wishers.

Mayor Heleniak as well as two of Dr. Stowe's descendants participated in the unveiling ceremony. George Hudson Stowe a great-grandson and his daughter Patricia Emily Stowe were pleased to partake in the ceremonies honouring their famous ancestor.

Illustrious career *IN Nor 1 up*

Dr. Stowe, born to Quaker parents at Norwich May 1, 1831, was teaching school by the time she was 15. She received a first class teaching certificate in 1854 and taught for two years at Brantford Central School. She decided in 1863 after the birth of her third child to become a doctor and travelled to the United States to study because women were barred from Canadian Universities.

"Your Senate (University of Toronto) may refuse to admit women now but the day will come when these doors will swing

open to every woman who chooses to apply," she wrote.

After earning her degree, she returned to Canada to set up a practice in Toronto. She went on to help form the Toronto Women's Literary Club and became president of the organization.

She spent much of her free time lobbying for the female vote, by 1883 she and her supporters formed the Toronto Women's Suffrage Association. Although women were not granted the right to vote until after the First World War, Dr. Stowe's efforts helped pave the way for the legislation.

Dr. Stowe retired from public life in 1893 and died ten years later.

Managing Curator of the Norwich Museum and Archives referred to a display of photographs and pictures of the Stowe family in the Archives and said a video tape presentation of the Emily Stowe stamp launching ceremony in 1981 would be available.

Rev. David Fearon provided the dedication for the plaque.

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Emily Stowe plaque unveiled

By DOREEN HOOVER

Dr. Emily Howard Jennings Stowe, a "courageous" woman who "broke through the customs of her day," was honored with the unveiling and dedication of a provincial historical plaque in Norwich Sunday.

With local dignitaries and representatives from the medical field and historical societies in attendance, Norwich Township Mayor John Heleniak and relatives of Dr. Stowe unveiled the plaque donated by the Ontario Heritage Foundation that was erected in front of the Norwich and District Archives building. Relatives present were George Hudson Stowe of Toronto, great grandson of Dr. Stowe; his wife Ruth, and their daughters Patricia Emily Stowe and Mary Jane Stowe. Hudson Stowe of Toronto, grandson of Dr. Stowe was unable to attend the ceremony because of ill health.

Efforts to have Dr. Stowe honored with a plaque for her achievements as the first female physician to practise medicine in Canada, the first woman principal in a school in Canada and founder of Canada's first suffrage society, began in 1981 when Norwich Township council wrote to the Ontario Heritage Foundation about erecting a plaque. In May, 1982 council was informed that the directors had agreed to erect a plaque and the unveiling of the plaque finally arrived Sunday.

Emily Jennings was born in the southern part of Norwich Township in 1831 to Quaker parents, Solomon and Hannah (nee Howard). She was the great-granddaughter of Quaker settlement founder Peter Lossing.

After receiving much of her education from her mother, Emily began teaching near Norwich at the age of 15.

"One of the most important formative influences in her early life must have been the long standing Quaker belief that women were equal to men not just in capability but also in their responsibility to take action in regard to their beliefs," Marie Avey, local historian, said during the ceremony.

Her desire to continue her education led to Emily applying for admission to the

University of Toronto to study liberal arts. She encountered her first obstacle for she was denied admission to the university but was allowed to enter the Toronto Normal School. She graduated with a first class teacher's certificate, an unusual achievement for a woman in 19th century British North America, and at age 23 was made principal of Brantford Central School, the first such appointment for a woman in Canada.

Emily married John Stowe, a Methodist lay preacher and carriage maker, from Mount Pleasant in 1856. They had three children, Augusta, John and Frank.

She continued her teaching at Nelles Academy by her home in Mount Pleasant and her teaching became a necessity when John became ill with tuberculosis and had to go to a sanatorium. It was at this point that Emily decided to become a doctor, to earn a higher salary to support her family but also to find a cure for her husband's disease.

The rejection of her application for admission to a chemistry course at the University of Toronto, an all male facility, led Emily to say, "Your Senate may refuse to admit women now, but the day will come when these doors will swing wide open to every female who chooses to apply."

Not being able to attend any Canadian medical college she chose to attend the New York Medical College for women. She returned to Canada in 1867 at the age of 36 with her diploma. She moved her family to Toronto and became the first Canadian woman to openly practise medicine. She continued to practise medicine for 37 years.

With her husband recovered, Emily put him through dental school and they practised together on Church Street, Toronto.

Although she had an American diploma she did not have a licence. To acquire a licence she would have to attend one session of lectures at an Ontario medical school and take an examination.

Emily persisted in her efforts to get accepted by an Ontario medical school and finally in the 1870s Emily and her protege

Jennie Trout were accepted to the Toronto School of Medicine. They endured constant harassment from fellow male students and lecturers and Emily was successful in obtaining her licence in 1880.

Along with her advancements in the field of medicine for women Emily also saw the need for social reform and launched the Canadian suffrage movement working towards the vote for women.

In 1877 she organized the Toronto Women's Literary Club and through the suffragette organization she began petitions, lobbied politicians, chaired suffragette conferences and organized mock parliaments to promote women's rights.

In 1879 Emily's daughter Augusta was accepted to the Victoria College Medical School and became the first woman to graduate from a Canadian medical school. After graduation Augusta joined her mother in the battle for women's suffrage.

Before her death on April 30, 1903 at age 72 Emily saw success of her work with the municipal franchise for widows and spinsters being gained. With her help the Toronto Women's Suffrage Association was formed in 1883 and the Dominion Women's Enfranchisement Association was launched in 1889 with Emily as the first president.

During the ceremony Sunday letters of congratulations were read by Oxford MP Bruce Halliday and Oxford MPP Dick Treleaven who were unable to attend. Oxford Warden Charlie Tatham said it was good to recognize what has gone on in the past. "Dr. Stowe left footsteps in the sand of time for those who follow to know where the path lies," he said.

Richard Lubell, from the Ontario Medical Association, said Dr. Stowe's efforts were a real step forward and we should honor people like this. He said that now 35-40 per cent of the students in medical classes at the University of Western Ontario, as in other universities, are female.

Following the dedication by Rev. David Fearon, Norwich United Church, visitors could view a display of photographs of Dr. Stowe's family in the archives and a video

tape presentation in the museum of the Emily Stowe Stamp Launching Ceremony held in Norwich in March 1981.

Letters to the editor

A GREAT CANADIAN WOMAN

Emily Howard Jennings Stowe, when asked for information about herself for a Canadian biography, described herself as a "Truth Seeker." Her daughter, Augusta Stowe, graduated from Victoria University in 1883, the first woman graduate. The motto of that university, carved in stone over its front entrance is "The truth shall make you free."

People attended the Emily Stowe plaque unveiling last Sunday to honor a great Canadian woman. From knowledge of Emily's careers alone, one might ascertain that she was kind and humanitarian because of her choice of career as a doctor; that she was a leader and an organizer, from her role as school prin-

cipal and suffragette leader. Above all, she was straight forward, courageous and possessed a great deal of determination. The latter was exemplified when she answered the university president who refused her admission by saying that "Women had never been admitted and he trusted never would be." Emily responded with the retort, "Then, I shall make it my life's work to see that they are." From that moment on, her goal was set and she never stopped until it was accomplished.

Emily Stowe was like an immovable object during her year at medical school at the University of Toronto, where she was finally admitted in order to get her medical licence. Male pupils and teachers alike tried every means to make her leave the course. Unflinchingly, she completed

it.

Emily's life began in a log home in the heart of Norwich Township's dense pine forest. Her grandmother had lived there in the 12th Concession for some years, so land had been cleared and crops grown; but it was still wilderness. There were by the time of her birth in 1831, a considerable number of settlers in the area, which was later to be known as Summerville.

From John Treffry's diary of 1834, we learn about life in the settlement. The Treffrys, on arrival in 1834, lived in the school, which was vacant for want of a teacher, until their log home was built. John's neighbors helped with the raising of the house, among them was Solomon Jennings, Emily's father. A close relationship existed between these neighbors, especial-

ly the Treffrys, Lossings and Southwicks. Almost weekly Treffrys had tea with Emily's grandmother, Mrs. Southwick, and Jennings. Mrs. Southwick was widowed in 1832 and it would be safe to assume that Jennings lived with her or across the road on land that Solomon bought in that same year.

It is said that Emily was taught by her mother, however, she probably also attended the log school not far from her home when teachers were available. Emily taught in the area, herself, at age 15.

Life in the pine woods of Norwich Township during the upheaval of the 1837 rebellion, when her great uncle was tried for treason, must certainly have contributed to Emily Stowe's strength of character - her fight for truth and equality. The Quaker belief in the equality of women obviously helped formulate her goal, which, in her own words, was the "Unity of humanity."

As citizens of the Township of Norwich, to honor Emily Jennings Stowe is to honor her goal. Emily was not to be put down by people who considered her unequal. There cannot be unity when one group considers another unequal. There cannot be unity without truth. "The truth shall make you free."

Joyce Pettigrew,
RR 1, Otterville.

Organizing a story hour for pre-schoolers

OTTERVILLE (C) — A group of parents having pre-school children gathered at the Otterville Public Library on Wednesday evening, Oct. 17, with librarians Lurene McMullen and Elaine Oliver to discuss the possibility of organizing a Story Hour for pre-schoolers.

Interest was shown and it was decided a six week co-operative program would be set up, for children over two years of age. It will be held Wednesday mornings from 10-11 a.m. at the library.

Being a co-operative program, the parents will be asked to periodically help at different times.

To begin on Nov. 7, registration will be held at the library during the week of Oct. 21 with a fee of \$1 for the six sessions. Library hours during which children may be registered are Tuesday 3-5:30 p.m., Thursday 7-9 p.m., Friday 3-5:30 p.m. and Saturday 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Those wishing any additional information may contact either Vicki Walther at 879-6401 or Joyce McMullen at 879-6931.



Emily Stowe plaque unveiled

Patricia Emily Stowe, great-great granddaughter of Dr. Emily Stowe, Canada's first woman doctor; and her father George Hudson Stowe (right), of Toronto, were present to help Norwich Township Mayor John Heleniak unveil the provincial historical plaque honoring Dr. Stowe by the Norwich and District Archives

Building Sunday. The plaque, donated by the Ontario Heritage Foundation, commemorates Dr. Stowe, who along with her advancements in the field of medicine for women, was the first female principal in Canada and started the suffrage movement in this country. (Staff Photo)

Top shoe lace sellers receive prizes from PTA

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Otterville Parent Teachers Association held a prosperous fundraising activity of selling shoe laces organized by the Fund Raising Committee of Bernice DeGroote, Mary Lynn Rochus, Wenda Smith, Evelyn Picknell and Helen Davis.

Above all it was the children who helped to sell the laces and make the project such a success. In recognition of their hard work prizes were awarded for outstanding

sales.

Award winners were first prize, Tiffany DeGroote; second prize, Stacey Hoffman; third prize, Jennifer Hicks and Julie DeWachter. Silver dollar winners who also worked hard bringing in sales were Andrew Sutherland, Nichole Rochus, Tammy Boughner, Sara Dyck, Karen Kramer, Jeffrey Arthur, Jodi Smith, Michael Kapin, Marci McMullen and Allison Mudge.

School programs explained to parents

OTTERVILLE (C) — A successful Meet The Teachers and Principal Night was held at Otterville Public School on Thursday, Oct. 4.

The evening opened with a welcome by a local trustee of the Oxford County Board of Education, Russell Stengal, with the teaching staff, adjustment councillor, Marilyn St. Dennis; local trustee, Helen Dickson; superintendent of the area, Irv Horton, and school principal Cathy Murphy, being introduced.

Principal, Ms Murphy, new to the school this year and the first woman principal in Oxford County, commented to everyone present that the prime responsibility of the school is to provide the best educational environment possible for its children. In order to do this four areas must be considered.

The area of education involving reasoning, knowing, critical thinking, analyzing and evaluation are very important. Especially with the technological development of computers it is now not necessary to keep all information in our minds. How therefore does one analyze and evaluate that information?

Physical education programs, another key area, focus on the fitness and health of the child.

The moral and aesthetic development of the child is very important. The child must learn to be sensitive to his surroundings and to other people, developing skills in human relations.

Lastly, the school must strive to develop a sense of self worth and confidence with each child. Students should learn that everyone has something to contribute and that everyone is important. As well, responsibility to others, manners and social dexterity are important qualities.

In closing Ms Murphy stressed that as principal she needed and hoped to have the support, co-operation and help of parents, staff and the school board during the coming year.

Following parents had an opportunity to meet with teachers and staff and take part in presentations in the individual classrooms.

Kindergarten teacher Dorothy Hill stressed the importance of developing the whole child in areas of intellect, physical skills, social and emotional abilities. Learning is process oriented by which children develop abilities by going through steps and stages and finding answers. The teacher's role is to observe what is being done, provide the right materials and set up the right atmosphere to learn and grow.

Jeanette Berenz expressed her hopes to make the school year an enjoyable, successful and positive educational experience for the children. The Grade 1 program was outlined with specific learning approaches being explained.

Class organization and courses of study were explained by Anna Orth in the Grades 2 and 3 classroom. Expectations and aims for the year were outlined with learning materials available for parents to examine.

Lisa Tafel reviewed her learning programs and courses of study in Grade 4 and 5. Student expectations and learning approaches were discussed.

The inter-relationship of project work

and tests was explained by Grade 5 and 6 teacher Diane Hutchinson. Project work provides another opportunity for use of reading, research and library skills. Courses of study were also outlined.

The Vive Le Francais program was strongly recommended by Nancy O'Grady, French teacher for Grades 4 - 8. A summary of the French courses were explained which are taught in 20 minute classes to Grades 4, 5 and 8 and 40 minute classes to Grades 6 and 7. As well textbooks, oral work, tapes, flashcards, workbooks, videotapes, supplementary readers, games, songs and mini-units on special topics were explained.

John Lamont stressed a hope that the Grade 8 students leave the school in June with a sense of pride in themselves and a positive outlook on their future. Expectations are for students to leave as more mature and responsible young adults, equipped with the skills, knowledge and attitudes to cope with high school and the pressures of today's society.

Audrey Neumann was available to explain her role as Resource Teacher in pro-

viding special help to students in areas where it is needed. The support and resources are available at the school for the students who require them.

Janice Buchner, librarian and music teacher, explained her role in teaching Kindergarten - Grade 3 library skills and use of the library and as a resource person for older grades doing project work. Appreciation of books is stressed with Canadian authors being especially promoted. Programs are co-operatively planned with classroom teachers to correspond with special units being done.

Refreshments were served in the gymnasium with all school staff being available to parents throughout the evening.

Volleyball teams start

OTTERVILLE (C) — Volleyball teams at Otterville Public School are practicing and have started their game schedules. Members of the girls' volleyball team are Nichole Rochus, Jennifer Arthur, Pam Walther, Cindy Davis, Debbie Anderson, Jennifer McMurchy, Hali Walters, Crystal Davis, Kelly Noels, Kim Walters, Samantha LeToile and Teresa Ecker, who are coached by teacher, Lisa Tafel. Already having played some of their schedule, the girls are practicing for their tournament in Woodstock on Nov. 10 at 9:40, at Huron Park Secondary School.

The boys' volleyball team, coached by teacher, John Lamont, likewise has competed in some of their scheduled games. Members of the team are Rob Hussey, Criss Rachar, Scott Brady, Brent Rochus, George Bowerman, Robert Sherman, Chris Baker, Joey Comeau, Paul Harrison, Stuart Harrison, Blair Oatman, Steven Cope, Liam Dowds, Bret Butler and Lany Nold.

OTTERVILLE (C) — The spell was cast for an entertaining evening on Friday, Oct. 26 at Otterville Public School as a Halloween dance was held for the students of Grade 6, 7 and 8.

Many inventive and original costumes were worn with winners of the best dressed person being first, Greg Butler; second, Brady Parr and third, Debbie Corbeil.

Music by disc jockey Walt Irie of Otterville was enjoyed with witches brew and monster munchies being available at the cauldron. The evening was enhanced by the enchanting spirits of ghost Sandra Hussey, spook Marilyn Brady and sorcerers Brian and Paddy Parr. A very successful evening for the opening dance of the school year.

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Teacher workshop held on new math materials

New mathematics materials arrived at area schools in the fall to be used in teaching concepts at the concrete level in arithmetic. On Wednesday, Oct. 10, a workshop for Kindergarten-Grade 3 teachers was held for Area 3 teachers of North Norwich, Norwich, Otterville and Tillsonburg schools.

Held at Otterville Public School the workshop was presented by Sally Pilgrim, Primary Consultant and Lonnie Hudson, Mathematics Consultant for the Oxford Board of Education.

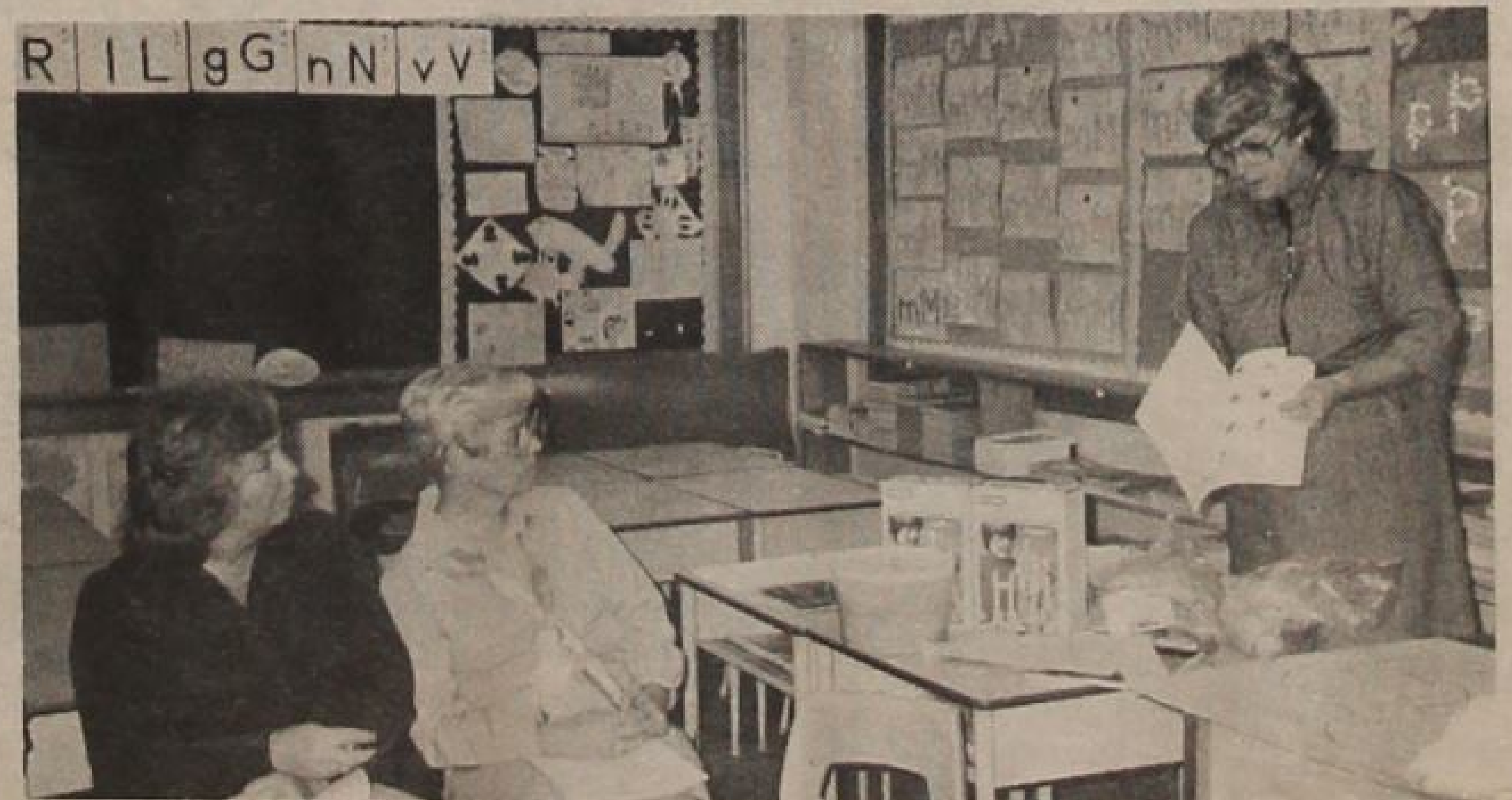
New materials and mathematic kits for the primary division were set up in each school, to enable children to manipulate and experiment with mathematic concepts. The concrete level must be learned first before the abstract level can be

taught in developing an understanding. The more manipulative and concrete the instruction the better students can understand the concepts.

Mrs. Pilgrim and Mr. Hudson instructed and demonstrated to the teachers good techniques in using the materials to the best advantage.

Three dimensional shapes, songs, tracing, games, patterns, and different thinking activities were shown emphasizing that children do not have to work in the abstract. As well, means of evaluation and reporting of such activities were outlined to the teachers.

This was the first such meeting held for teachers but other workshops are to follow with other area schools.



Describes new materials

Sally Pilgrim (right), primary consultant for the Oxford County Board of Education, explains some of the new materials available in the schools to teach mathematic concepts during a workshop held at the Otterville Public School last Wednesday. Primary teachers from Norwich, Burgessville, Otterville and Tillsonburg schools attended. (Staff Photo)

Block parent program impresses officer

By JOYCE McMULLEN

Constable Vern Fleming has been impressed with the speed with which the people of the Otterville Parent-Teacher Association organized the Block Parent Program. Beginning in late May the

system was in place by the end of June ready for use when school completed for the summer.

Unique to the Otterville program is that rural block parents are included being the first ones organized in Oxford County if not

in Ontario. A sticker is placed on the mailbox visible to people on the road. Since often a window sign can not be seen down a long rural lane the sticker is visible. Though the sticker can not be removed like the sign when residents are not home, it will act as a deterrent to an offender. At least a child can get away from the person involved for odds are that the child will not be followed down the driveway by the offender. The child can get away from the problem.

Twenty-five per cent of the Otterville Block Parents are rural and such a program is recommended by Constable Fleming to rural areas. At present a group of interested citizens in Mount Elgin are planning a rural block parent program.

The Otterville PTA, whose chairman is August DeWachter, formed a Block Parent Committee of Marg Kramer, chairperson, Chris McMullen and Mary Lou Pickering who did the work of handing out the applications and organizing the program. Thirty-eight block parents have been approved through a check by the police with 11 more applications out. Constable Fleming is very pleased with the number of applications for a village the size of Otterville. More interested people are always welcome for the more block parents on a street or road the better.

The Block Parent program works as a means of prevention and insurance which is not just for children but may be used by adults as well. There is no way to gauge how many incidents have been prevented through the program but it is one which is recognized all over Canada and the United States.

The upcoming celebration of Halloween is one of the most useful times for block parents. For children who are trick-or-treating on the streets, block parents offer a safe home if one is needed. Last year in Tillsonburg approximately a dozen block parents were used.

Two aspects to be watched are the proper use of the signs, making sure that if residents are not available, the sign is removed from the window and complacency of block parents. Since the program is not used every day or very seldom, people can become complacent about it. Consequently, some social contact should be kept between block parents. This is being

ensured by the Otterville PTA through a potluck supper held Monday evening at the Otterville school to which the block parents were invited. Such social events keep block parents in touch with each other making the program that much stronger.

The students of Otterville Public School have been taught how to use the block parent program at school which will be reviewed soon during the fall.

The Tillsonburg detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police appreciate the work of the Otterville PTA and the pleasing community response. Also, the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club are to be thanked for their donation towards the block parent signs placed at the different entrances to the village. With cooperation which has been seen through these various groups Block Parents is sure to become an established, respected program within the village and surrounding area.



Rural block parents

Vern Fleming of the Tillsonburg Ontario Provincial Police and Michael and Julie DeWachter, of Otterville, look at the block parent sticker on the DeWachter mailbox that is used by rural block parents. The Block Parent Program in Otterville is the first program involving rural parents in Oxford County and possibly in Ontario. Twenty-five per cent of the block parents in the program, organized by the Otterville Parent-Teacher Association, are rural. (Staff Photo)

Otterville school priority

The Otterville Public School is at the top of the Oxford County board of education's priority list for capital projects in 1985.

Trustees approved a \$3.7 million, five-year capital expenditure forecast for elementary schools and allotted work valued at \$640,000 for the Otterville Public School in the forecast at the Monday night meeting.

Trustees agreed that the building of a general-purpose room and conversion of an existing central play area of the school now used as a gym into a library should be top priority next year if the province agrees to finance the project.

Otterville Public School Principal, Cathy Murphy said it was "great news" to hear the school had been placed as top priority by the board trustees and that there is a need for plant improvements in the school.

Also included in the forecast for 1985 are three school buses valued at \$119,000, a \$74,000 roof replacement at D.M. Sutherland Senior Public School, Woodstock, a boiler replacement at Tollgate Public School near Woodstock at an estimated cost of \$49,500 and for \$65,000, the installation of an elevator at Blossom Park School in Woodstock.

In 1986 the board is looking for financing for heating system improvements and an addition to Princess Elizabeth Public School in Ingersoll at a cost of \$907,500.

The next year the forecast proposes an addition to Rolph Street Public School in Tillsonburg at a cost of \$465,900.

In 1988 the forecast includes a \$440,000 addition to Drumbo Public School and an extension at D.M. Sutherland for \$145,000.

The final forecast on the list calls for an addition of three classrooms, a library and a general-purpose room at Westfield Public School in Ingersoll in 1989 at a cost of \$863,000.

The board forecast is reviewed each year. The Otterville Public School, Rolph Street Public School, Princess Elizabeth School and Drumbo Public School have been on the board's capital projects list for at least five years.

Otterville pupils' poems set mood for Halloween

Halloween activities have been taking place at Otterville Public School long before the witching hour on Halloween night, getting the students in the mood for the upcoming fun.

Lisa Tafel's Grade 4 and 5 class have carved pumpkins, roasted seeds, made popcorn treats and created Halloween art work and bulletin boards.

In co-ordination with this theme students wrote Halloween poems which helped to set the mood and reflect their ideas as seen in the following examples:

Monsters creeping,
Monsters peeping,
Monsters everywhere
Witches creeping,
What a scare.

Snakes and lizards, toads and frogs
Turn them into ugly dogs.
Haunted houses, don't go inside,
'Cause someone else went in and died.

Mike King, Grade 5

On Halloween night
We go out to fight.
I like bats
And I like cats,
The bats are black
And the cat's name is Mac.
We get pop
And then we stop.

Pam Hussey, Grade 4

Halloween night
Jack-o-lanterns burning bright,
Not at day but at night.
Goblins, witches, monsters too,
They help the witches make their brew.
Make sure they don't see you
Or they will scare you. Boo!

Jason Hird, Grade 4

Halloween is squeaky and shrieky
Ghosts float through the air
Witches cast spells that are freaky
To give us all a scare.

Duane Sutherland, Grade 4

Special activities at school

OTTERVILLE (C) — A delicious potluck dinner was greatly enjoyed by the 22 members of the Otterville-Norwich Leisure Club who attended their recent meeting held Wednesday, Oct. 3 at the Woodlawn Adult Centre.

Everyone was reminded of the upcoming Zone Rally to be held at Burford on Tuesday, Oct. 23. Those who wish bus transportation may notify Joe Nelson of Norwich. Those using the bus service are to meet it at 9 a.m., Oct. 23, at the corner of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville.

Members enjoyed an afternoon of card games and pool.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 12:30 p.m. for an executive meeting followed by the regular meeting at 1:30 p.m.

A "Ronald McDonald Day" is being held Wednesday, Oct. 24 at McDonald's, Tillsonburg, when local people will be assisting in serving food throughout the day.

All proceeds of the day are to be donated to Ronald McDonald House in London. One of the people to help will be Jeanette Berenz, Grade 1 teacher at Otterville Public School, who will be serving customers during the hour of 5-6 p.m. She will be looking for familiar local faces.

Many children of Otterville Public School were involved in special Thanksgiving activities in their celebrations of the holiday weekend.

The Kindergarten class of Dorothy Hill took part in making applesauce Thursday afternoon as they enjoyed one of the many autumn fruits of the harvest season. They have been appreciating the various tastes of apples through the snack program held every afternoon in their classroom. Experiences of touching, seeing, smelling and tasting apples have made their study of this fruit more meaningful. Thanksgiving songs and stories completed the day.

Jeanette Berenz's Grade 1 class and the Grade 2 and 3 class of Anna Orth used their cooking skills in making Thanksgiving Apple Squares. The children washed, peeled and cut up the apples, and combined the wet and dry ingredients. The pan was prepared with the batter being put in the oven to bake. Such activities provide opportunities for the students to use skills of measuring, counting, listening, following directions, reading, vocabulary development, identification and comparison.

This Thanksgiving treat was enjoyed by the children on Friday when they could appreciate for themselves the end results of following a recipe.



Making Thanksgiving treats

Members of Jeanette Berenz's Grade 1 class at Otterville Public School all took part in making Thanksgiving Apple Squares last week. Here helping cut and prepare the apples are left to right Kaleb Dreidger, Crystal McMillen, Ricky King, Kathleen Freeman, Kathy-Joe Roy and Michelle Redman. Members of Grade 2 and 3 also helped make the treats that were enjoyed by the students Friday. (Staff Photo)

Throughout the school students of all grade levels are involved in extra-curricular sports or primary soccer

baseball and senior soccer supervised by teachers Diane Hutchinson and John Lamont respectively. As well, school volleyball teams are practising and being selected for the upcoming schedule.

On Thursday, Oct. 25 the primary grades of Kindergarten to Grade 3 will be attending a drama production at Norwich Public School. The Tales of Beatrix Potter will be presented by the Erewhon Theatre Co. of Toronto during the morning.

On Monday, October 15 the Otterville P.T.A. are holding a Potluck Supper at 6 p.m. for anyone interested. Guest speaker is Grant Darling of Delhi.

Parent-teacher group holds potluck dinner

Approximately 75 people gathered Monday evening, Oct. 15 at Otterville Public School for the Otterville Parent Teachers Association potluck dinner.

Parents, teachers, interested individuals, block parents and children enjoyed a delicious meal of appetizing dishes served on the buffet tables following grace which was offered by Carl Howse, custodian of the school.

Following the meal the children watched videos in the library while the adults enjoyed a short program in the gymnasium.

Guest speaker for the evening was Rev. Grant D. Darling, rector of St. Alban's Anglican Church, Delhi, and St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville. Rev. Darling shared a couple of his concerns about education based upon his own personal religious principles. Every child is created in the image of God and has eternal worth. The teachers are important for it is they who provide the right kind of atmosphere so that a student's potential is realized and a child is helped to become himself.

The first concern is who has the ultimate power and responsibility for public education? It is parents and rate payers who own the education system. It is we who pay for education, our children are those involved and it is our government. Therefore, we should keep in close contact with the principal, teachers and trustees.

The fact that elementary education is

not recognized as the most important level of education is another concern. The formative years are the most important and therefore elementary education is likewise the most significant. The child during these years spends the majority of his time with the teachers. Therefore, elementary education should be given the significance it deserves.

Rev. Darling closed by suggesting that as a PTA these concerns should be kept in mind and should be positively acted upon to strive and attain these objectives.

Constable Vern Fleming of the Tillsonburg detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police addressed the group and congratulated them on achieving a Block Parent program in just the short time of three weeks. He stressed that one of the important times for Block Parents is that of Halloween and to keep this in mind as it approaches.

Chairman August DeWachter thanked the guest speakers and everyone for making the evening such a success. He emphasized that the Otterville PTA is for everyone and asked for their support in making the PTA an interesting and viable group. Everyone's help and ideas are needed. Special thanks were extended to the various PTA committees, school staff and to Nancy Walther, Ina Arthur and Bertha Gehring for the setting up of the tables, for the evening.



Shows appreciation

Rev. Grant D. Darling (left), rector of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, receives a gift of appreciation from Otterville Parent-Teacher Association chairman August DeWachter following a potluck supper for the PTA group held Monday at the Otterville Public School where Rev. Darling was guest speaker. (Staff Photo)

Thanksgiving meeting held

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Bruce Stover hosted the Thanksgiving meeting of the Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Otterville Baptist Church at her home on Tuesday evening, Oct. 2.

Mrs. Bill Fishback who is working with Christian Service Centres part-time, was the speaker for the evening. She said that Job had many trials in life but he did not lose his faith in God and turned out to be stronger and a better man. She asked, Can we be thankful in adversity? Man can turn to God at any time. Mrs. Fishback also told of the lives of Aquila and Priscilla and how God prepared them for future witnessing for Him. The conclusion of the message was that we should be thankful for everything not only the good things.

The ladies joined in singing the hymn "Count Your Blessings."

The president Wilma Butler opened the meeting by reading from Psalms 9 and she mentioned her recent trip to Europe thanking God for blessings arrived from it. She announced that an offering will be taken next meeting for Dr. Hazel Wrigglesworth a missionary in the Philippines.

Thanksgiving readings were read by Mrs. Paul Hill, Mrs. Murray Treffry, Hilda Stockmans and Evelyn Walters.

Betty Oenema and Mrs. Butler offered missionary prayers.

The meeting was closed with prayer and Mrs. Butler thanked the hostess and those who took part.

Fellowship followed around a delicious lunch served by Mrs. Stover and Mrs. Fishback.

School makes Halloween treats

Halloween activities have been taking place at Otterville Public School for primary children from Kindergarten to Grade 3 which have provided the students with a wide variety of things to do.

The classrooms themselves have taken on another identity with Dorothy Hill's Kindergarten room becoming The Cauldron where she with principal Cathy Murphy have been cooking special Halloween treats with the children. Such things as Monster Munch have provided an opportunity for the students to learn how to make unusual treats which are very healthy as well.

Jeanette Berenz's Grade 1 room, known as The Spider Web, offers activities all based on the theme of spiders. Examination of real and dead spiders, using magnifying glasses, researching, doing creative writing, making sticky spiders with marshmallows, toothpicks, raisins and wacky web water, straw blowing with paint to form spider's webs, spider printing, block building and painting are the wide variety of projects the children have been enjoying.

The Pumpkin Patch, otherwise known as Anna Orth's room, has activities of mathematics, reading, crafts, writing, art, music, pumpkin and a listening centre and



Making Monster Munch

Some Otterville Public School children tried their cooking skills by making Monster Munch made of peanuts, sunflower seeds and raisins during a Halloween activity Tuesday. Dorothy Hill (upper left), who had her homeroom entitled The Cauldron for the Halloween season, helped Brian Gilmore, (lower left), Grade 1; Ben Klassen, Grade 3; April Smith (lower right), Kindergarten; Alesia Brady, Kindergarten, and Jack Rice, Grade 1, make the Halloween treat. (Staff Photo)

film strip centre all focusing on the pumpkin theme and the story of Peter Pumpkin.

The library has become The Witch's Nook with librarian Janice Buchner leading the children through Halloween activities focusing on library skills. Centred on the book, Clifford's Halloween, the students are learning listening skills, word games, puzzle work and the basic structure of a book.

These special activities operated for six days completing on Halloween. The successfulness of the program has been due to the teacher planning, student co-operation and above all because of the parent helpers. Parents assisting with the program were Jennifer Grant, Sharon Balcom, Dorothy Brayley, Helen Gilmore, Gail Lewis, Mrs. Mudge, Vicky Walther, Kathryn Zimmer, Mrs. Hicks, Joanne Kapin, and Ina Arthur.

Norwich-Otterville Lions induct two new members

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the Community Hall, Otterville on Monday evening, Oct. 22. Lion President Jack Walther presided with 38 members present, six guests and two prospective members.

Prior to the meeting, all attended the an-

nual fall Turkey Supper at the Otterville United Church with compliments from all present.

The guest speaker was Priscila Zancheta Meira of Sao Paulo, Brazil, a Rotary exchange student attending Norwich District High School and sponsored by both the Woodstock Rotary Club and the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club. Priscila first lived with Isabel Harris, Otterville, and is at present living with Lion Bill Smith and his wife Helen, Norwich.

She gave an informative description of Brazil, its geography, form of government, religion, sports, education, foods, languages and economy. There were several interesting slides shown with a fine running commentary. Thanks of the club and a gift were presented by Lion Jack Walther.

Accompanying Priscila was Catherine Landry, an exchange student from Quebec, who is also staying with the Smith family and attending Norwich District High School for a three month period.

Lion Murray Cornwell reported a modest profit on the Fish-Fry and dance held at the Norwich Community Centre, Saturday evening, Oct. 20.

Past District Governor Howard Fleming was in charge of an induction ceremony for two new members, Lion Brian Parr and Lion Lawrence Trepanier sponsored by Lions Jack Walther and Les Dickson respectively.

Lion Peter Potter and two other members attended from the Long Point Lions Club and brought greetings from their club.

The 34th Annual Otterville Halloween Party, sponsored by the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held Halloween night at the Otterville Community Hall.

The evening was attended by approximately 80 ghosts, goblins and parents with judges of the various costume categories being Evelyn Picknell, Roberta McMurchy and Lion Brian Parr.

Costume winners of the witching hour were Best Dressed Boy, nine years and under - Brent Pierssens; Best Dressed Girl, nine years and under - Amanda Mary Braun; Best Dressed Boy, 10 years and over - Liam Dowds; Best Dressed Girl, 10 and over - Samantha Letoile; Most Comical Boy, nine years and under - Nathan Bull; Most Comical Girl, nine years and under - Lindsay Picknell; Most Comical Boy, 10 years and over - Rob Hussey; Most Comical Girl, 10 years and over - Timmi Brady.

District deputy governor visits local Lions club

The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held Tuesday, Oct. 9, in the Otterville Community Hall with 28 members and four guests in attendance.

Deputy District Governor Don Robertson from Langton Lions Club made his of-

ficial visitation to the Norwich-Otterville Club. He asked for the support of Zone Chairman Lion Colin Cope while making his official visitations in Zone 4 West, and encouraged support of the Diabetes Awareness Program and the Ronald McDonald House in London. Norwich-Otterville Lions have made a contribution of \$100 to that project but Lion Robertson encouraged support by individuals as well.

The Deputy District Governor was introduced by Zone Chairman Lion Cope, and appreciation for his visit was expressed by Lion Gary Walther.

Lion Jim Poole will act as the Lions' representative to the Boy Scouts and Cubs of Norwich. He reported they are organizing a paper drive on Saturday, Oct. 13 and need assistance in gathering and loading papers.

Lion Walther reported a new Cub and Scout troop is to be established in Springford and they are asking for a sponsor. It was decided that Norwich-Otterville Lions will act as sponsors.

The Girl Guides and Brownies in Norwich requested a financial donation, and an amount of \$100 was granted.

Next meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 22, at Otterville with dinner at the United Church and the meeting to follow in the Otterville Community Hall. Induction of new members will be held.

Tickets are available from all Lions for the Fall Fish Fry to be held Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Norwich Community Centre.

A meeting was held in the Woodlawn Adult Centre on Wednesday evening, Oct. 3 to determine the interest in holding a series of instructional classes in contract bridge for both beginners and experienced players.

Joyce Leeming explained the basis of the proposed classes, and there was considerable interest amongst those in attendance. Although these days are still subject to change tentatively classes will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday mornings and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings.

The next meeting will be held at Woodlawn Centre, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 17. It is hoped that as many as possible arrange to attend this meeting in order to make final plans for the classes.

It was also emphasized that other adult groups are encouraged to contact the Woodlawn committee if there is interest in using the centre for recreational purposes or for holding other types of classes.

Historical Society meeting held

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the South Norwich Historical Society held Tuesday evening, Oct. 9 at Woodlawn Adult Centre featured guest speaker Doreen Mountain, a local resident of Otterville, who has grown herbs as a hobby for approximately 20 years.

She gave a history of herbs which have been part of man since early times. She explained how the early settlers depended greatly upon them as well as how they are used in foods, medicine, magic and fun.

Introduced and thanked by Joyce Pettigrew, Doreen provided a very interesting and informative presentation.

The business portion of the meeting, presided by president Lorne Treffry, dealt with discussion of the restoration of the Gazebo received from McKay Davis. Progress on the Treffry Mill was given with

staining of the siding the color Ranch Red to be done shortly.

Everyone was reminded of the upcoming Antique Sale to be held Monday, Nov. 5, at the Norwich Community Centre starting at 7:30 p.m. Articles will be set up on Sunday, Nov. 4, with articles being for sale before the auction. Therefore all items to be sold or auctioned should be collected as soon as possible. Any member of the Auction Committee being Dr. Murray Downing, Jean Davis, Dave Hussey and Catherine Mann may be contacted.

A nominating committee was formed of Peter Pickersgill, Jack Smith, Mary Murray and Mr. Treffry.

The next meeting to be a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. will be held Monday, Nov. 12 with Woody Lambe, the outdoor educational teacher for the Oxford County Board of Education, being the guest speaker.



Present with pin

Grace Squance (left), Good Will convener of the Norwich-Otterville Leisure Club, and Violet Cole (right), past secretary, help present Annie Pritchard with her pin for being past president of the club. She was president from 1980-84. (Staff Photo)

Talks on Orient trip at Otterville UCW

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Otterville United Church Women met Thursday evening, Oct. 18 with president Betty Walther presiding.

Mrs. Walther opened the meeting with a poem "Thank God For Little Things" and prayer. All repeated the UCW purpose.

The program of the meeting was convened by Margaret Ryder and her committee. Hymns sung were "More Love To Thee" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" with Mrs. Walther at the piano. Mrs. Ryder gave the call to worship and a few thoughts on Thanksgiving. Speaker for the evening was UCW member, Mrs. Rod Taylor who gave an interesting talk, illustrating with slides, on her trip to the Orient.

Corresponding secretary Edith Petch read cards of thanks from Mrs. Bob Butler for flowers and cards sent to her mother Wilma Gleason and from Mrs. Harold Arthur for the flowers and cards sent her while in the hospital. A letter from Teeterville UCW invited the Otterville ladies to their flea market Saturday, Oct. 27. The president thanked the members for their response to the outreach project.

The ladies were asked to meet at the church Saturday morning, Sunday afternoon and Monday morning in preparation for the UCW Turkey Supper held Monday evening, Oct. 22 at settings of 5, 6 and 7 p.m.

The meeting closed with the benediction and a social hour followed.



Items for sale

Many items have already been received in preparation for the South Norwich Historical Society Auction Sale to be held Nov. 5. Pam Hussey (left), holds a Cabbage Patch Quilt made by Anna Treffry, Otterville, and Rob Hussey (right), both of Otterville, holds an autographed hockey stick of Wayne Gretzky's and an autographed painting of the hockey player. Other articles on the table include a tennis racket bag, a sports umbrella and a Wayne Gretzky watch, all donated by Mr. Gretzky. There will also be autographed books by Pierre Berton and Peter Newman going up for auction. (Staff Photo)

Historical Society auction Nov. 5

Articles donated to the South Norwich Historical Society by Wayne Gretzky are undoubtedly going to be a highlight at the upcoming Second Annual Auction held at the Norwich Community Centre, Monday, Nov. 5.

The articles include an autographed hockey stick, a tennis racket bag, an autographed painting of Wayne Gretzky which is one of a limited number made, a six-foot by six-foot mural of Wayne Gretzky, a sports umbrella and a Wayne Gretzky watch.

Other items of interest are autographed editions of *The Promised Land* by Pierre Berton and *True North* by Peter Newman. A Cabbage Patch quilt donated and made by Anna Treffry is another attractive item to be auctioned.

These special articles will be auctioned at specified times which are 8:30 p.m., Cabbage Patch quilt; 9 and 9:30 p.m., Wayne Gretzky items and 10 p.m., autographed books of Pierre Berton and Peter Newman.

The first auction, held in 1983, was a new venture, well supported and financially successful. This year's auction has a new format. From 2-4 p.m., Monday, Nov. 5, smaller articles priced at \$2, \$4, \$6 and \$8 will be offered for sale, not auctioned. The auction sale will begin at 7:30 p.m. and conclude at 11 p.m.

The Auction Sale Committee of Dr. Murray Downing, Jean Davis, David Hussey and Catherine Mann would greatly appreciate receiving donated articles at any time.

Kitchen changes discussed at Otterville ACW meet

The regular meeting of the Otterville St. John's Anglican Church Women held Thursday evening, Oct. 4 at the Parish Hall, opened with the singing of "Beneath The Cross Of Jesus." The scripture was read by Dorothy Durkee.

Meditation focusing on courage was presented by Georgina Spicer. Christian courage is a quality quite different from what the world often acclaims as courage. God rules through prayer and by serving and striving to grow in Christianity life is made worth living.

Mrs. Spicer closed with the reading, I'm Fine - Thank You.

The business portion of the meeting followed during which President, Cathy Furlong read a letter from the London Diocese. Plans regarding kitchen changes were discussed.

The members were informed that tickets were available for the A.C.W. Beef Supper, held Sunday, Nov. 4 at settings of 4, 5 and 6 p.m. Tickets being adults \$6, children \$3.50 with pre-schoolers free, were distributed.

A social time and lunch were enjoyed with the evening being closed with the benediction.



Officers installed

Officers of the Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 in Otterville were installed Monday evening. The officers are front row left to right Wilma Butler, treasurer; Vera Welsh, recording secretary; Ann Arthur, Vice-Grand; June Ash, Noble Grand; Olive Pickersgill,

J.P.N.G. and Anna Treffry, financial secretary. In the second row, club members, Ethel Arthur, Eva Deveney, Helen Thompson, Carl Howse, Ruth Collver, Margaret Kitchen and Emma Strudwick. In the back row are Ester Smith, Jean McClintock, Joe Howse and Violet Howse. (Staff Photo)

Officers installed at Rebekah lodge

OTTERVILLE (C) — Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 in Otterville held their regular meeting and installation of officers for the coming year in the Lodge rooms on Monday evening, Oct. 15 with Noble Grand Sister Olive Pickersgill and Vice Grand Sister June Ash in their respective chairs.

Sister Jo Howse P.D.D. retired with D.D.P. Sister Bernice Pettman of Myrtle Rebekah Lodge, Tillsonburg, and Past D.D.P. Sister Helen Thompson retired with Past President Sister Mabel Mabee of Myrtle Rebekah Lodge, Tillsonburg, and upon their return were welcomed by the lodge and visitors from Fidelity Lodge, Delhi, Arkess Lodge, Springfield, and Myrtle Lodge, Tillsonburg.

The D.D.P. Sister Bernice Pettman and staff installed the Violet Sisters for the year as follows: Past N.G. Olive Pickersgill, N.G. June Ash, V.G. Ann Arthur,

R.S. Vera Welsh, F.S. Anna Treffry, Treasurer Wilma Butler, Warden Esther Smith, Conductor Margaret Kitchen, Chaplain Helen Thompson, Musician Jean McClintock, Color Bearer Carl Howse, R.S.N.G. Jo Howse, L.S.N.G. Ruth Collver, R.S.V.G. Violet Howse, L.S.V.G. Eva Deveney, Inside Guardian Ethel Arthur, Outside Guardian Emma Strudwick.

The officers were installed in a capable and dignified manner closing with the singing "If I Have Wounded Anyone Today." Noble Grand June Ash thanked the installing team and also Violet Lodge for her election to the office of Noble Grand. Sister Jo Howse presented the District Deputy with a gift. Sister Norma Wilson presented Sister Olive Pickersgill P.N.G. with a gift from the lodge.

The roll call showed one officer absent. Report of the visiting committee reported that Brother Clayton Arthur was home from the hospital and doing well.

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At the churches

OTTERVILLE ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN

The church decorated in fruits of the Autumn harvest, provided an appropriate setting for the morning Thanksgiving prayer service. The senior and junior choirs entered the church during the singing of "Come To Me Lord, When First I Woke" accompanied by Lila Freeland at the organ.

Lay person, Carl Howse conducted the service in the absence of Rev. Grant D. Darling.

Scripture lessons were First Reading, Numbers 27: 12-23, The Lord said to Moses, "Go up into this mountain of Abram," read by Cathy Furlong; the Gospel, Matthew 21: 33-43, Jesus said, "Hear another parable," read by Jack Freeland; and Psalm 81, Sing with joy to God our strength, read responsively.

Mr. Howse called the children to the front of the church when they discussed the importance of Thanksgiving and things for which we are thankful. The children adjourned to their Sunday School classes during the singing of "Loving Shepherd Of Thy Sheep."

Betty Walther performed the vocal solo, "Just Remember To Pray" previous to the sermon based on the theme, God Builds Bridges, presented by guest speaker Lorraine Downing. Mrs. Downing suggested that we should give our love as God gives us his love. We are a communal people and we share love. When we have a problem we can stop and consider the alternatives and God will help us take a look at ourselves. Worship can mean the difference between happiness and unhappiness. If you pray in faith you will be able to cope with problems better.

She then shared the story of Murray Dryden from Toronto, who in his early financial life travelled to other countries and saw homeless children sleeping in the streets. The Drydens began a bed fund, providing supplies to children in 14 different countries.

As well, Mrs. Downing shared the joys and disappointments of a doctor's life as experienced by Dr. Downing Sr. and her

GLADYS KROHE
Mrs. Cecil Joseph Krohe of LaSalette passed away at Woodstock General Hospital on Monday, October 8, 1984, in her 83rd year.

Born in South Norwich Township, she was the former Gladys McDonald, daughter of the late Thomas McDonald and the former Barbara Flick. She was a life resident of the Otterville and LaSalette area. Mrs. Krohe was a member of Our Lady of LaSalette R.C. Church and of the CWL of that parish.

Her husband predeceased her in 1970. Surviving are one son, Leo Krohe of Woodstock; two daughters, Mrs. William (Marion) McMahon of Tillsonburg and Mrs. Andre (Margaret) Vandenberghe of RR 1, Norwich; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by three sisters, one brother and two grandchildren.

Resting at the Murphy Funeral Home, Delhi, until Thursday morning, October 11, thence to Our Lady of LaSalette R.C. Church for Funeral Mass at 10 a.m.

Prayers will be said tonight (Wednesday) at 8 o'clock at the Funeral Home. A CWL service was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Pallbearers will be Evert May, Ted Schooley, Jack Smith, James Esbaugh, Steve Sabo and Jack Eberth.

Interment in Our Lady of LaSalette R.C. Cemetery.

husband Murray Downing. This further exemplified the need to share love and to pray in faith. Following Olive Pickersgill shared the vocal solo, "Wonder Of It All." Offering was received by August DeWachter and Richard DeRoo and the service closed with the recessional hymn "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

OTTERVILLE FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST

On Sunday, Oct. 7, Sunday school was held for all ages at 10 a.m. followed by morning worship at 11 a.m.

Pastor Bull read the scripture from Luke 17:11-19 and spoke on Grateful Living.

How do we express gratitude? Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem, and while passing through a certain village, He was confronted with an urgent cry of 10 lepers. How did Jesus respond to this situation? He acted immediately and healed them. Only one leper returned to thank Him. How often do we take the time to thank God for the things He does for us. Everything we have has come from God. How grateful are we?

One of them became a believer, the others were healed. They took but gave nothing in return. If we live only for ourselves we are like unbelievers not acknowledging what God has done for us. God shows His love and mercy constantly. We can all give thanks.

Another example was Dorcas. Her gratitude showed in her lifestyle copying Christ by doing good works. She helped the needy and the poor. We too need to be generous people willing to share and help others in need.

Then there was Paul. He could rejoice in his suffering because he knew God was putting something of value in his life. Hope is being produced when we are suffering. God wants us to experience more of the love of God. Suffering is designed to help us keep our eyes on Christ. We need to trust Jesus Christ in everything that is happening in our lives. Are we grateful?

We were favored with special music by Brenda Stover.

OTTERVILLE (C) — The 9:30 a.m. morning prayer service opened with the processional hymn "Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven," while the junior and senior choirs entered the church accompanied by Lila Freeland at the organ.

Scripture readings were the Epistle, I Thessalonians 2:1-8, You yourselves know, brethren, that our visit to you was not in vain; the Gospel, Matthew 22:34-46, When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees; and Psalm 128 Happy are they who fear the Lord, read responsively.

Rev. Grant D. Darling, assisted by Junior Sunday school teacher, Olive Pickersgill, presented attendance awards to children of the Sunday school who had perfect attendance during the months of September and October.

Recipients of the awards were preschool class: Elizabeth Freeman and Ashley McMullen; primary class: April Smith, Michael DeWachter, Kathleen Freeman, Adam Zimmer and junior class: Julie DeWachter, Kerri Spicer, Joni Ryerse, Karla Spicer, Jodi Smith, Neil Smith. The children then adjourned to their classes during the singing of "Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee."

Rev. Darling presented through his sermon, The World of Non-Believers, suggestions of what we should be doing about this particular situation.

We must have some kind of relationship to the non-believers of the community. People who believe in the gospel are representatives or ambassadors of Christ. An evangelist is a messenger of God telling of God's work.

There are four principles to be followed for effective evangelism. One must be committed; knowing the faith and be willing to share it. One must reach out to people to spread evangelism, speaking very clearly and simply. One must talk in common terms and above all, one has to listen. Both believers and non-believers have to listen to each other. Evangelism means being sensitive to the needs of people.

Offering was received by Richard DeRoo and August DeWachter followed by the recessional hymn "Tell Me the Old Old Story."

Following the service everyone was invited to the Parish Hall to enjoy cookies and tea served by the Sunday school. During the social time Jason Ehl, Tillsonburg, became the recipient of a Halloween cake made and decorated by Olive Pickersgill and Andy Richardson received a jack-o-lantern filled with candy and apples.

Sunday school superintendent Carl Howse announced the presentation of Participation Awards, recognizing all children taking part in Sunday school activities. Those receiving awards were pre-school class: Amanda Richardson, Nicole Wezner, Jamie Davis, Elizabeth Freeman, Patricia Freeman, Ashley McMullen, Rebecca Zimmer, Billy Jo Redman; primary class: Lindsay Picknell, April Smith, Alechia Brady, Michael DeWachter, Kathleen Freeman, Adam Zimmer, Danny Pickering, Jeremy Pickering, Michelle Redman; junior class: Kerri Spicer, Julie DeWachter, Heather Picknell, Jodi Smith, Joni Ryerse, Brady Parr, Neil Smith, Karla Spicer, Lisa Parr.

Everyone enjoyed a social time together with the contributions of cookies and support of everyone being greatly appreciated.

Optimist club budgets \$16,080 for youth, community projects

The Board of Directors of the Spring-Otter Optimist Club approved their club's 1984-85 budget recently.

A budget that shall see \$16,080 used for youth and community projects during the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, and an increase of approximately 20 per cent over last year.

Club president Jim Countryman presided over the 2½ hour meeting which saw every director and standing committee chairman present.

"I'm very pleased with the outcome of this budget meeting," Mr. Countryman said. "The 20 per cent increase not only reflects the commitment and devotion of our membership, but is also indicative of how this organization has in the four short years since our charter, become such an important asset to the improvement of our community and its youth."

Bingo chairman Nick Visser received the board's approval for \$9,780 for the operating expenses, prize money and licence fee for TV Bingo, the largest single budget item on the agenda.

Youth Activities chairman Rene Letoile has received a budget of \$4,000 for youth projects throughout the year. These projects presently include the children's film festivals, soap box derby, Youth Appreciation Week, essay contest, bicycle safety week, Respect For Law Week, the Otterville Christmas parade and an outdoor skating rink. The budget also allows for several new youth projects to be decided upon at a future date.

A \$1,500 budget was awarded to Community Services chairman Dick Everett and \$750 is already allocated for the July 1 Street Dance and a Hunters Information Night. The balance is to be reserved for as yet undetermined projects of benefit to the community as a whole.

A \$600 budget approval was granted to Publicity and Bulletin chairman Glen Hill to cover the cost of maintaining a club

scrapbook, photos, the publishing of the monthly club bulletin and postage.

Finally the board of directors approved a \$200 budget to Bill Redman, Fellowship chairman, to be used to promote meeting attendance, fellowship and recreation for the club's members.

"Now that our budget has been established, the hard part begins," Mr. Countryman said. "The TV Bingo is certainly our largest single fund raiser but won't come close to covering all the expenses."

"Our Treasurer and Finance chairman Don Silverthorn presented some excellent fund raising suggestions during the meeting," he said. "Ideas which we won't let out of the bag just yet, but which prompted the board to increase our project budgets for the year. We now have to put these fund raising projects in operation, and with the continued support of the community, I'm certain we will be on target."

Another important report which encouraged the board to increase the year's spending came from Membership chairman Harold Walker. Membership has increased by 15 per cent over a year ago, and is expected to surpass that this year. "With the expected membership increase it will be easier to conduct and finance this year's projects," Mr. Countryman said.

Finally Mr. Countryman pointed out how the overall attitude the general membership was instrumental in the budget making decisions.

"I'm indeed honored to work with this group of men known as the Spring-Otter Optimists," he said. "The club has a well rounded membership, representing diverse areas of expertise. They're small in number, but big in enthusiasm. I've never seen such a group of go-getters. Not only has this membership accepted the responsibility of maintaining the high level of service our community needs, but they

have grasped the opportunity to increase the level of service. They could have chosen to be either leaders or spectators in the community. With the approval of a \$16,000 budget, I think it's obvious they've chosen to be leaders."

Skater wins gold medal

Kelly Walther, 17, of RR 1, Otterville, has achieved the Gold Medal in the Canadian Figure Skating Association dance tests.

Kelly began skating in Norwich when she was three years old as a recreational activity. She completed the first stage by passing 12 badge tests by the time she was eight.

Kelly was encouraged to attend spring, summer and fall skating schools in Tillsonburg to more quickly develop her talent and has been a member of the Tillsonburg Figure Skating Club ever since.

Her personal goals with figure skating are being involved in amateur coaching and partnering dances and she hopes to turn professional in the future.

In the Gold Dances tests, Kelly's partner was Dirk Mathys of Delhi.

Throughout her skating career Kelly has been coached by Sharon Balcom.

Hunter safety course offered at Springford

Hunters will again be able to receive extensive training in hunter safety when a 20-hour course is held south of Springford this weekend.

The course, to be held at the Trail Trotters Snowmobile Clubhouse, will be sponsored by the Spring-Otter Optimist Club to help increase the safety of hunters in the field and the community as a whole. Optimist members will also be on hand during the weekend course to assist in extracurricular activities and be responsible for providing meals for the students.

The course, instructed by Jim Countryman, Otterville, and Dale Cheney, Springford, will begin Saturday, Oct. 20 at 8 a.m. and run until 8 p.m. Instruction will run from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 21.

The extensive course will include lectures, seminars, films and slide presenta-

tions as well as outdoor activities such as orienteering and field and rifle range shooting with the use of real ammunition. The course will also include weapon carrying techniques, hunter-farmer relationships, First Aid training, proper bird identification and outdoor survival.

The Ontario Hunter Training Course is mandatory for anyone born after 1954 or for hunters who have not had a valid licence since 1968. The course must be taken as preparation for the examination given by the Ministry of Natural Resources to receive an Ontario hunter's licence.

Cost for the course is \$50 per person. For further information or to register contact Mr. Countryman at 879-6460 or Mr. Cheney at 842-5679.



Kelly Walther



Receive instruction

Twenty people learned about hunter safety during a training course held at the Trail Trotters Snowmobile Clubhouse on the weekend that was sponsored by the Spring-Otter Optimist Club. Dale Cheney of Springford and Jim Countryman of Otterville were instructors for the course and received assistance from Optimist members. Here

Optimist member Glen Hill (left) reloads the skeet thrower and Rene LeToile, gets ready to release the thrower while a participant in the course, Karen Totzhe, Tillsonburg (middle) watches Mr. Cheney show Donna Herrgott, St. Clements, the safety device on the shotgun. Participants were from Norwich, Tillsonburg, Aylmer, Burgessville, Kelvin and St. Clements. (Staff Photo)

Hunter training course held

A 20-hour Hunter Training Course was held during the weekend at the Trail Trotters Snowmobile Clubhouse, south of Springford.

Sponsored by the Spring-Otter Optimist Club, approximately 20 people took part from areas of Aylmer, Tillsonburg, Burgessville, Kelvin, St. Clements and Norwich.

Optimist members Glen Hill, Rene LeToile and Leon Poirier were on hand to help in the various activities and in providing the meals, one of which was ap-

propriately venison stew.

Jim Countryman, Otterville, and Dale Cheney, Springford, Hunter Safety Instructors operated the course which included both indoor activities of lectures, slide and film presentations as well as outdoor "hands-on" experience with orienteering, field and rifle range shooting, weapon carrying techniques, First aid, wildlife identification and outdoor survival.

The course is a good program for the community as a whole which the Spring-

Otter Optimists wish to promote and have done so through such courses as these as well as a Hunter Safety Evening held earlier at the Community Hall, Otterville.

The Ontario Hunter Training Course is mandatory for anyone born after 1954 or for hunters who have not had a valid license since 1968. The course must be taken as preparation for the examination given by the Ministry of Natural Resources to receive an Ontario hunter's licence.

Cubs, Beavers formed

Seeing a need for an activity for youngsters in the Springford area has led to the formation of the 1st Springford-Otterville Cubs and Beavers.

Regular weekly meetings of the Cubs and Beavers began at the beginning of the month in the Springford Women's Institute Hall. Don Marshall, who lives west of Springford and who has been involved in scouting for at least 20 years, felt there was a need for such an activity in the Springford area. There has been no cub pack in Springford for at least eight years and the scout troupe ended a couple years ago because there were no young members coming up to join. With the Cubs and Beavers, organizers hope to get the youngsters involved and then see about forming another scout troupe in the future, Ron Rice, group committee chairman, said.

Cubs meet Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m.

and Beavers meet Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the WI Hall. Numbers have been increasing each week and there are now 12 or 13 Cubs and six to seven Beavers but more members are hoped for, especially from the Otterville area.

Doris Donald of Norwich is Cub leader and Marie Davis of Norwich is Beaver leader. There are two assistants to help with the Cub pack but an assistant is still needed for Beavers.

The organization has also received support from the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club who sponsors it and heating expenses for the WI Hall are being paid by the Spring-Otter Optimist Club.

Registration for Cubs and Beavers is \$10.50 per person for the year and anyone interested can contact Mrs. Donald at 863-5235, Mrs. Davis at 863-2243 or Mr. Rice at 842-3949.

New community hall proposed at Springford

Public support and feelings are being awaited regarding plans to build a new hall in Springford.

Members of the Springford Hall Building Committee made a presentation of their plans for a new hall to members of Norwich Township council during an in-camera management policy committee meeting last Wednesday evening. The township committee made a recommendation to accept the building committee report in principal pending further information.

Members of the Springford Area Agricultural Society had made a proposal in the spring to council to move the Springford Women's Institute Hall next to the ball park to make it more useful as a community hall.

After further planning and study, it was decided a new, small building would be "more feasible and of economical use" to the community. John Sandham, chairman of the Springford Hall Building Committee, said. This new report was explained to council members last Wednesday.

The building committee will now be making more detailed plans and getting prices on the building of a new hall that

will be located next to the ball diamond in the recreation park by the former Springford school and see the response and support of the area residents. The estimated cost of a new hall is thought to be \$100,000, but "it depends on what the public wants," Mr. Sandham said. He said there would have to be almost 100 per cent public support of the project for it to progress. When plans were underway to move the WI Hall, there was good support from the community, he said and he hopes for continued support for the new hall project.

After the committee sees the support from the public, it will see what grants might be available to aid the project. "The main thing is to get the support from the public," Mr. Sandham said.

Action on improving facilities for community events began many years ago when the WI Hall was seen as outdated and inadequate. The building at its present location has no kitchen, no parking area and poor washroom facilities. The moving of the hall was seen as a way to acquire a better location that would provide parking and allow for updating of the building. Further studies into the project resulted in the plan to build a new hall.

Special recipes for special occasions

By Shirley Glendinning

Recipes for this special issue submitted by Orris Beecroft of Otterville are for special occasions. While Orris has been a professional woman most of her married career, she still cooked and entertained because of her love of cooking.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Beecroft are well-known in Otterville and the area, having taught (and he was principal) at Norwich District High School before their retirement. When Orris first went to the school it was a continuation school. For 10 years Orris taught history.

The Beecrofts have resided in a stately old Otterville home for the past 43 years where they raised their two sons, now doctors.

CHEESE BALL

- 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese
- 3 oz. pkg. chive or relish cream cheese
- 8 oz. sharp cheddar, grated fine
- 1 to 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 tsp. diced olives (or little more)
- 1 scant tbsp. curry powder
- 1 cup chopped nuts

Combine all ingredients and form into ball or log. Can be frozen.

EASY LIME PIE

- 1 chocolate flavoured pie crust
 - 6 oz. frozen limeade concentrate
 - 14 oz. can sweetened condensed milk
 - ¼ cup sour cream
 - few drops green food colouring
 - 8 oz. frozen non-dairy whipped topping (thawed)
- In a large bowl combine limeade and sweetened milk. Add sour cream and food colouring. Blend well. Fold in thawed whipped topping. Spoon into crust. Chill about 6 hours. Garnish with an additional whipped topping or chocolate chips.

Variation: Substitute canned frozen lemonade and yellow food colouring.

FISH SAUCE

- 1 tbsp. vinegar
- 1 tbsp. worcestershire sauce
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ cup melted butter
- 1 tsp. dry mustard
- 1/8 tsp. pepper

Mix above ingredients until smooth and pour over fish which has been sprinkled with crumbs in a greased casserole dish. Bake at 450 degrees F. for 10 minutes per inch of fish.

CUSTARD MIX

- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1½ to 2 cups milk
- salt, pepper, nutmeg to taste
- ½ cup biscuit mix

Pour custard over top other ingredients. Bake for 1 hour at 350 degrees F.

AUNT MARR'S SEAFOOD CASSEROLE

- 2 tbsp. chopped green pepper
 - 2 tbsp. butter
- Cook these together 5 minutes. Add:
- 2 tbsp. flour
 - 1 cup tomato juice
 - 1 cup grated cheese (medium cheddar)
- Mix ¼ cup milk with 1 beaten egg and add to cheese and tomato. Add:
- ½ tsp. dry mustard
 - ¼ tsp. salt
 - dash cayenne
 - 1 can crab meat or other seafood (lobster is good)

Put in greased casserole and cover with crushed potato chips or favourite topping e.g. buttered bread crumbs. Heat at 325 degrees F. for ¾ hour. Serves 4. May be extended with a little more sea food.



Orris Beecroft of Otterville searches for something different from her recipe collection for readers.

Recipe omission

In the food section of the October 10 Home Section the top section of one of the fine recipes submitted by Mrs. Orris Beecroft of Otterville was inadvertently omitted. The recipe in full is repeated here:

MAGIC QUICHE

- ¾ cup chicken/turkey/ham or crisp bacon
- ¾ cup kernel corn, drained

- 1 cup cheese, grated (Swiss or cheddar)
 - ½ cup diced onion
- Mix dry ingredients well. Place in greased quiche or pie pan.

CUSTARD MIX

- 4 eggs, beaten
 - 1½ to 2 cups milk
 - salt, pepper, nutmeg to taste
 - ½ cup biscuit mix
- Pour custard over top other ingredients. Bake for 1 hour at 350 degrees F.

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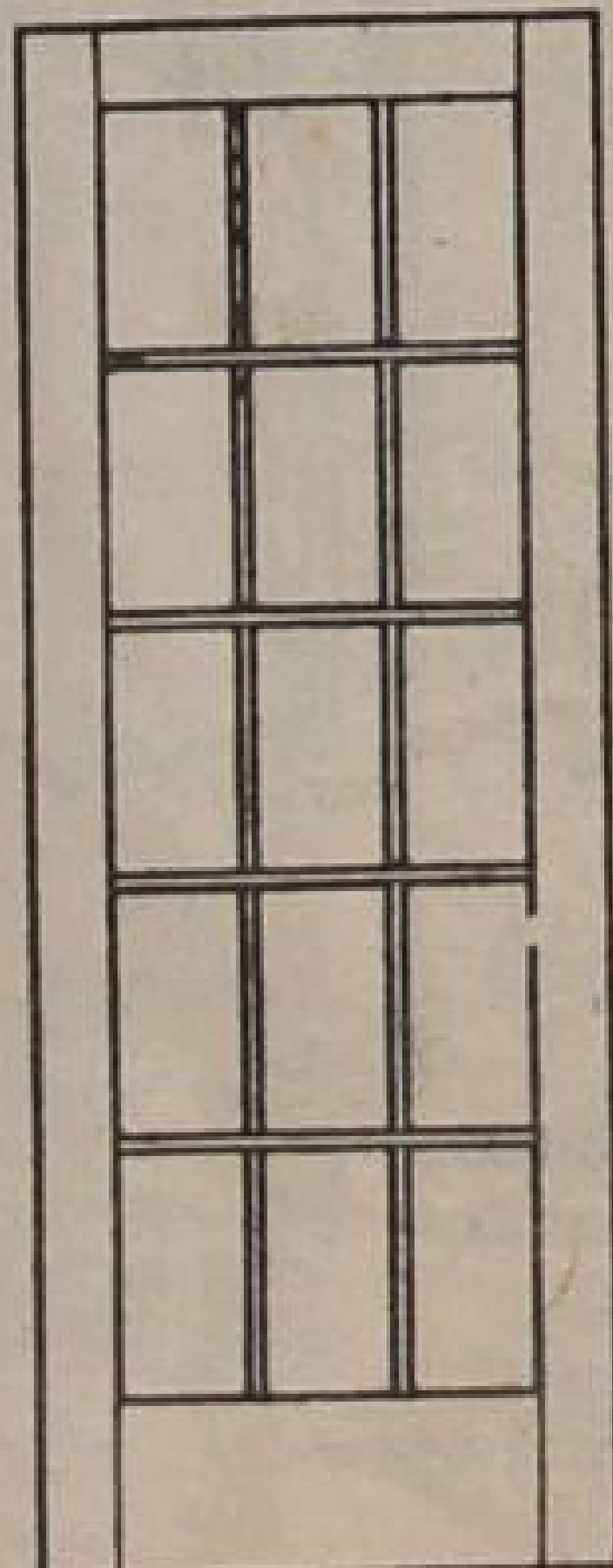
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Hobby grew into trout farm

By DOREEN HOOVER

What began as a hobby has now grown into a business that involves the raising of 80,000 rainbow trout on a trout farm.

Tony Drescher of RR 1, Otterville began trout farming eight years ago with 500 fish in a natural spring on his property. After the first year he added 10,000 more fish to the spring and with the idea of putting more fish into the farm, Mr. Drescher recently worked to increase the water supply on his farm by putting in wells. This spring he built a 200 foot long by 34 foot wide tank and began stocking it in June. It now houses 68,000 rainbow trout of varying sizes separated into three areas of the tank.

The 160,000 gallons of fresh water in the large tank are circulated continually by two large paddlewheels at both ends which recycle the water twice daily and maintain an even temperature. The ideal temperature is 54-55 degrees Fahrenheit. There are also two aerators that pump oxygen into the water to provide the large supply required by the thousands of fish. The cooler the water, the more oxygen it holds.

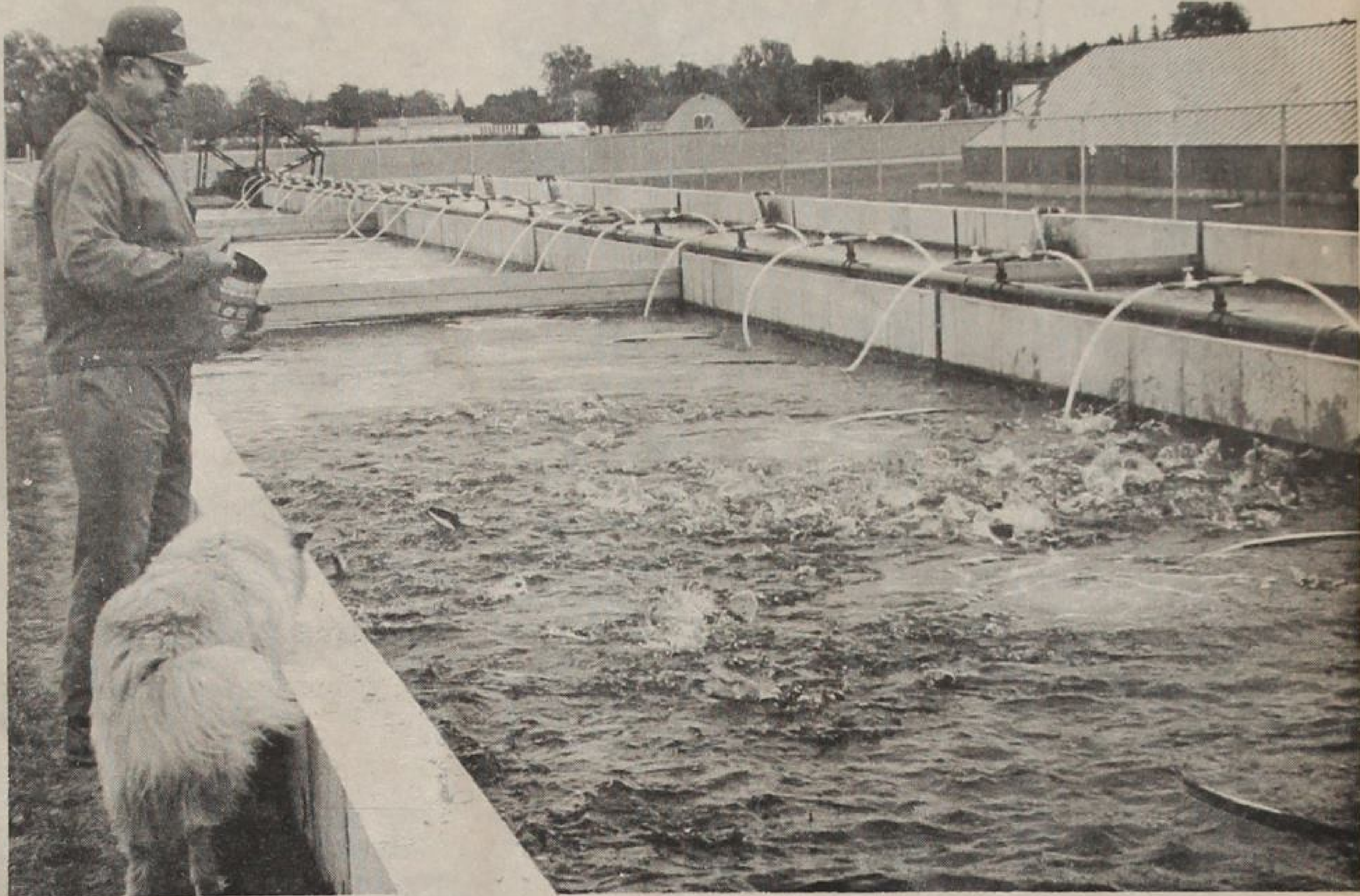
Mr. Drescher purchases the fingerlings when they are about two inches in length and it usually takes a year before the fish have reached the length of 10-12 inches when he sells them to wholesalers or to visitors to the farm.

The sale of many of his trout will begin in six weeks and he hopes the sale will go well. The fish sell for around \$1.35 each. This will be his first year of selling large numbers of fish and "time will tell" if his investment in the trout farming is a good decision for him.

Starting a trout farm requires a large investment of money and time. "It is very costly and a lot of work," he said. The proper tank area had to be arranged and he also required a backup system in case of hydro failure which would kill the entire stock in minutes.

The fish also have to be fed often and the tank must be kept clean to reduce the chance of disease.

When the fish are small they are fed every two hours but now Mr. Drescher feeds them twice daily and will only have to feed them once a day in the winter as the water gets colder and makes them less ac-



Feeding time

Tony Drescher of Otterville carries out the daily routine of feeding the 68,000 rainbow trout kept in a large outdoor tank on his farm.

tive and hungry. Watching the small trout grow is the biggest enjoyment of the operation for Mr. Drescher. The tank also requires vacuuming to keep it clean.

"Disease can be a serious problem," he said. "You can lose all the fish. When great numbers of fish are confined, the disease problem is always there."

He has only suffered about a one per cent loss which is an expected amount with such large numbers, but with the tank being in a confined area, he doesn't have the problems of minx and birds killing the fish as in natural pond trout farms.

Mr. Drescher is a member of the Ontario Trout Farm Co-operative and the Ontario

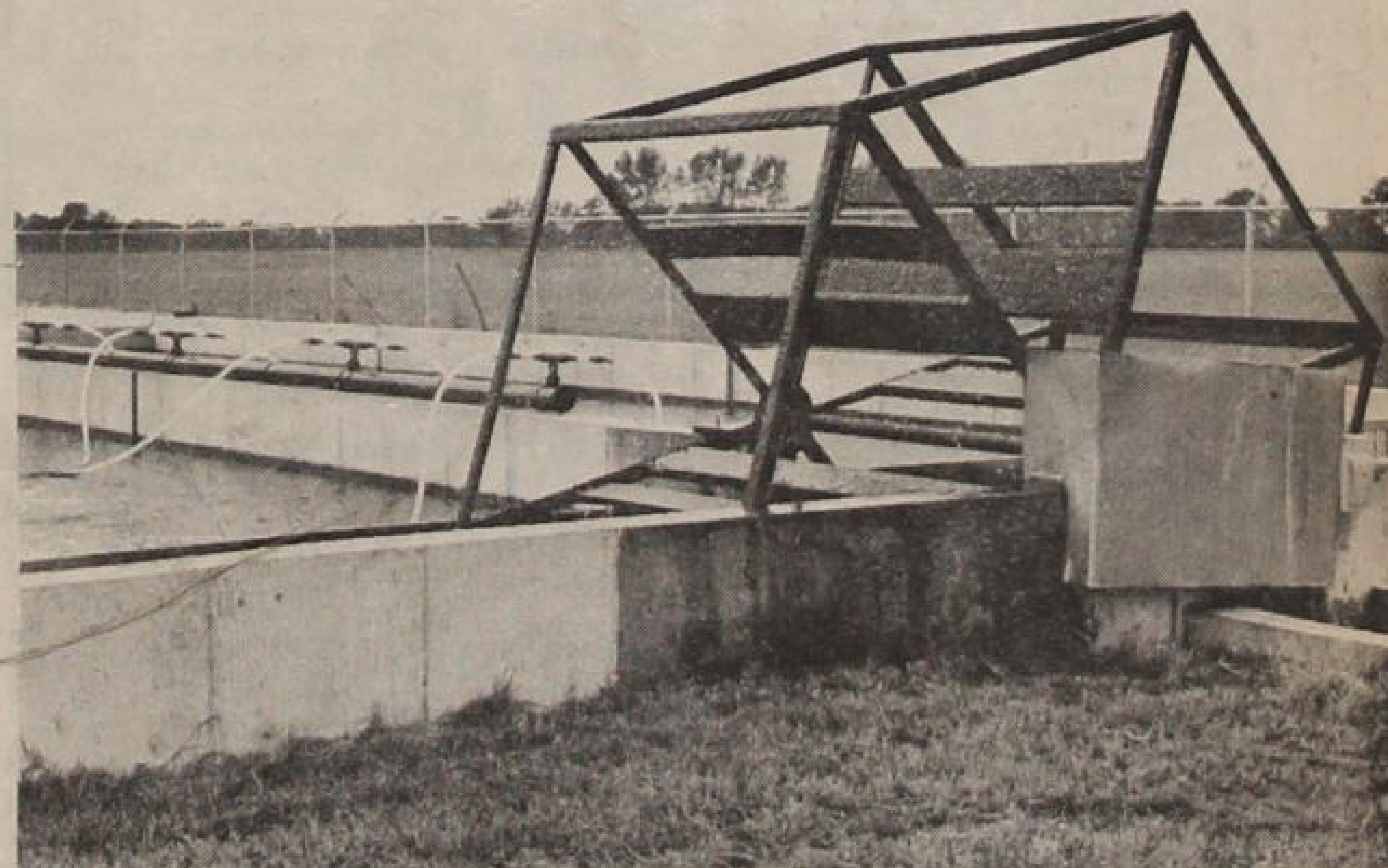
Mr. Drescher greatly expanded his trout farm this spring and is preparing for the sale of many of the fish beginning in six weeks. (Staff Photo)

Fish Farmers' Association. He started the trout farm as a hobby to operate along with his tobacco growing business, but now admits it is "past being a hobby."

To get involved with the business a person requires a large supply of water and some knowledge in the area, he said. As

his trout farm grew Mr. Drescher learned more and said he is still learning and will be years from now.

With much of his stock for this year soon to be sold, Mr. Drescher said he can just wait and see how it goes, but he feels if you risk nothing, you gain nothing. "So far it has worked well," he said. "I am pleased."



Circulates water

At each end of the large tank are paddlewheels that recycle the 160,000 gallons of water twice daily and maintain an even temperature. Two aerators are also used to pump oxygen into the water. (Staff Photo)

Historic day for Brantford

BY MARY SHAMLEY

Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh visited briefly in Huron Diocese October 1. One of their stops was the Six Nations Reserve, Brantford. The wind was cool but the reception of Her Majesty's Chapel of the Mohawks was warm and enthusiastic. Crowds began to gather for the dedication ceremony at least four hours before the Queen's arrival and she was greeted with cheers and applause, heightened by the long wait and the festive occasion.

The dedication of the Chapel as a national historic site had been postponed from earlier in the summer as a result of the cancellation of the Queen's Canadian visit. When the Queen did arrive, slightly behind schedule after a visit to Windsor, the crowd was delighted and eager to catch a glimpse of the cheerful and smiling couple.

Though the ceremony was relatively short it managed to combine history, pride of heritage and a sense of community. Bishop Derwyn Jones began with an opening prayer, followed by Reg Henry, who responded in Mohawk. Chief Wellington Staats of the Six Nations Reserve offered words of welcome to the Royal Party and to the thousands who had gathered. He presented an oil painting of Her Majesty's Chapel of the Mohawks, the artist Michael C. Hill, a Konadaha Seneca from the Six Nations Reserve.

"Although this is not Your Majesty's first visit to the chapel," Chief Staats said, "it is for our people a truly significant occasion, for 1984 marks the 200th year that the people of the Six Nations have made our home along the banks of the Grand River.

Chief Staats described Monday's event as "a time of reflection, a time of renewal and a time of beginning," as he recalled the historical alliance between the Six Nations and the monarchy signifying "the mutual respect, strength and quality of our relationship since the earliest colonial days."

He recounted the events that led to the arrival of the Six Nations in 1784.

"Our forebears, the chiefs and warriors of the Six Nations, fought side by side with British forces in the struggle for possession of this Dominion.

"During the War of American Independence, our people sacrificed everything, including our original homelands in faithfulness to the covenant with our British allies. Again in 1812 and beyond, the Six Nations have always remained loyal and devoted to the service of the British Crown.

"It is with great pride that we recount these cherished traditions, for the image of the covenant chain is clear in our minds today, and our mutual obligation to brighten the chain from time to

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Queen Elizabeth and Chief Wellington Staats.

HCN Photo by Mary Shamley



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time has on this occasion been fulfilled."

Chief Staats explained the significance of the Mohawk Chapel and its most cherished possessions—the Queen Anne Bible and the four-piece communion silverware, both gifts of Queen Anne in 1712 to the Indian Chapel of the Mohawks, originally built near Canajoharie in what is now New York State.

"So treasured were these possessions that they were buried for safekeeping by our people in a chest during the American War of Independence. Later, they were retrieved from New York State at great risk of personal harm.

"Today, both the Bible and the silver pieces continue to hold a place of the highest regard in our hearts, the hearts of the Six Nations people."

Chief Staats then turned his attention to the chapel itself, a gift from King George III in 1785, and to the \$286,000 restoration project.

"The chapel has been recently restored, with the gracious assistance of the governments of Ontario and Canada and their citizens who have come to recognize our historic chapel not only as a continuing place of worship, but also as an historic treasure (and) for the people of the Six Nations, a priceless link with our past."

The Queen then unveiled the dedication plaque, met the Six Nations Band Council and toured the Chapel where she signed the Bible and examined the renovations.

Tom Hill, museum director of the Woodland Indian Cultural Educational Centre, escorted

them and a small group of dignitaries, including Premier William Davis.

The royal couple viewed the four-piece communion silverware and royal coat of arms, and signed the Queen Anne Bible for the second time.

Hill said afterwards that the Queen enquired about a couple of the eight memorial stained glass windows in the chapel depicting various aspects of Six Nations history.

"She was particularly interested in the window illustrating the founding in pre-Christian times of the Five Nations by Deganawidah and Hiawatha," Mr. Hill said.

Prince Philip asked about the restoration of the chapel, he said.

"The conversation was very informal, very pleasant."

During the tour of the chapel,

which lasted five minutes, the 78th Fraser Highlanders from Kitchener played Amazing Grace.

The royal couple was introduced to current members of the Six Nations band council on entering and leaving the chapel.

According to the official history, the Chapel, St. Paul's, was built in 1775 under the orders of Governor Frederick Haldimand. It is recognized as the first Protestant Church in Ontario and is now the only Royal Chapel outside the British Isles. "Built by the Crown", says the history, "it was given to those Mohawk Indians led by Joseph Brant who had supported the British during the American Revolution." It remains a symbol of the Loyalist Mohawks and the early Ontario settlements. Restoration of the Chapel was co-ordinated by the

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Mohawk Chapel Restoration Committee, a volunteer committee reporting directly to the Six Nations Council.

After the tour the Queen planted a white pine tree and visited with the crowds. The entire ceremony lasted a little more than an hour.

There can be no doubt about the Queen's impact on those gathered.

Most wanted a photograph, a closer look or a chance to offer flowers. Everyone wanted to see. Everyone had a story to tell afterward about how she looked, what she wore or how close they had gotten to her.

It was a simple celebration but one that had involved many hours of work, painstaking planning and security measures, and much dedication on the part of those involved.

Revise plans for Norwich BIA beautification

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By DOREEN HOOVER

Revised plans and budgeting for the Norwich Business Improvement Area (BIA) beautification project were described to Norwich Township council members last Wednesday as efforts continue towards the completion of the estimated \$150,000 project.

Members of the Norwich BIA, Norwich Public Utility Commission and Philips Planning and Engineering Ltd., Burlington, met during the management policy committee meeting held incamera last Wednesday to hear the presentation for the downtown beautification project by Harold Fritz, business improvement area co-ordinator for Philips Planning and Engineering Ltd. The various community groups were brought together to help provide co-ordination of the departments as the project progresses. Funding is to be divided among Oxford County, Norwich Township and the Norwich BIA. Planners are now awaiting township council action on whether it will back the project and word will also be received from the county. This approval is needed before an application can be made for a provincial grant under the Community Area Improvement Program (CAIP). Applications for the grant must be submitted by March 1985.

At the initial stage of the project Philips Planning and Engineering Ltd. organized two concepts for the Norwich BIA to choose from. One concept was for total reconstruction of the downtown area and the other was for reconstruction of the parking lane from Washington to Stover Street on Main Street. Mr. Fritz recommended to the BIA the second concept that is estimated to cost \$150,000. Plans got underway for the project in January and

initial plans were presented to the BIA in March. Discussions have led to the revised plan presented last Wednesday.

Changes in the streetscape plans include the elimination of social nodes or curbs jutting out into the roadway by the Norwich Post Office, Norwich Home Hardware, in front of Arn and Son Furniture Store by The Norwich Gazette office, and by Smith's Men's and Boy's Wear store on Main Street.

A new parking lane has been proposed on the north side of Main Street with the lane ramped up to the sidewalk leaving a six to eight inch curb. Earlier plans had been to have full road reconstruction from Buck's Foodmarket to Stover Street and have the asphalt of the new road raised on a slope to the sidewalk to eliminate the need for steps.

Some of the trees and all the multi-purpose standards for hanging banners that would have been put along Stover and Main Streets in the downtown area have been eliminated from the plans. The existing planters on Main Street will be utilized. The idea of low-level street lighting in the downtown area is still part of the plans with more lights to be added on Main Street East on the north side to Albert Street.

The idea of putting asphalt on the parking lot located behind the stores on the north side of Main Street has also been deleted from the project.

Mr. Fritz said if township and county approval is received and provincial funding received, Philips Planning and Engineering Ltd. could start making engineering design programs by May 1985 and construction could possibly begin in October 1985.

Beautification project approved

By DOREEN HOOVER

Norwich Township council took the initial step in continuing efforts towards a beautified downtown Norwich area with the passing of a motion regarding funding and budgeting of the estimated \$145,432 program at a special council meeting Tuesday evening.

With the recorded vote of 6-5 in favor of the motion moved by Councillor Norm Lusk, the Norwich Business Improvement Area (BIA) executive will now be able to take the streetscape design to BIA members for their views. Council approval was needed before further action could be taken by the BIA.

The approved motion stated council transfer \$15,000 from the 1984 sidewalk budget to a reserve fund to be used for sidewalk improvement under the streetscape design, that council budget for \$35,366 in 1985 for the project and that council authorize the completion of an application for funding under the Commercial Area Improvement Program (CAIP). The CAIP funding would permit the municipality to take advantage of a low interest loan of \$33,577.34 payable over a 10-year period, subject to the Norwich Public Utility Commission joining in applying for funding to relocate and replace water and hydro supply lines. Applications for CAIP for the 1985-86 program year must be submitted by Jan. 31, 1985.

Funding of the estimated \$145,432 streetscape project, designed by Philips Planning and Engineering Ltd., Burlington, will consist of a total estimated cost of \$100,732 for Norwich Township with this said amount being eligible for a grant of \$16,788.66 and a low interest loan of \$33,577.34. The Norwich BIA is estimated to be responsible for \$29,037.50 and Oxford County for \$18,100. Provincial contribution to the project under CAIP may be \$72,716 consisting of a maximum grant of \$24,214.43 and a low interest loan of \$48,501.57 payable over 10 years.

Councillor Don Pettigrew expressed concern about all township ratepayers helping to pay for the streetscape project when Norwich business people and people living in Ward 2 would be getting the most benefit and would not be paying anymore for this benefit. Coun. Pettigrew moved for an amendment to Coun. Lusk's motion asking that the BIA commitment to the financing be increased to \$49,075 and that a levy of \$16,454.87 be area-rated on Ward 2 so the total amount contributed by the township

would equal that of the Norwich BIA. The amendment to the motion was tabled by council.

Coun. Lusk, council representative on the Norwich BIA, said the beautification project would attract more people to the township to start businesses and thus help the township economically.

Other council members, such as Councillor Bob Carney and Councillor Jack Lester thought the cost estimates of the project should be reworked while Councillor Larry Martin asked council what had happened to its restraint policy for he saw more than the bare necessities being present in the beautification project.

Councillor Darrell Force said it was up to council to take some action on the matter. "We have to be careful with taxpayers' money but this is something that is needed."

IMPORTANT MEETING
to discuss plans for
Canada Day Celebrations
and
Norwich's 175th Anniversary Celebrations
Thursday, November 29th
7:30 p.m.
Norwich Museum Meeting Room

Agenda:

- Committee needed to organize events.
- Service Clubs, Churches, Any Groups or Individuals are urged to come and participate.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Brownies get support

The Otterville Brownies will now be able to hold regular Tuesday night meetings at the Otterville Community Hall following the issuing of complaints to Norwich Township Council Tuesday.

Gail Lewis, a member of the Otterville Brownies parent support group, told council Tuesday the group is "frequently being bumped downstairs" in the hall when special meetings are held. Such occasions have been tobacco board meetings, the Lions Club Thanksgiving dinner and election meetings. "When a paying customer comes along, downstairs go the Brownies," Mrs. Lewis said.

Councillor Don Pettigrew said it was improper for the group, that has been allotted Tuesday nights at the hall, to be bumped out of the room.

Councillor-at-large Helen Smith said if the group had been told they could have

the hall Tuesday nights, then "they should have it."

Council approved a motion stating the Otterville hall be allotted to the Otterville Brownies every Tuesday night and that other bookings be made around them.

Another complaint told to council was the condition of the downstairs area of the Otterville hall. The Brownies often have to use a small back room downstairs that has water running in it, is unfinished, filthy, cold, and has poor toilet facilities, Mrs. Lewis said. "It is a total disgrace." If the group had another building to use, it would, but "there is no other place for us to go," she said.

Mayor John Heleniak said the visit of Mrs. Lewis to council was "timely" for council is looking into applying to a Canada Works program to conduct repairs in the downstairs area of the Otterville hall.

Wants services charged benefitting ratepayers

Norwich Township council will consider a motion regarding prorating services to areas enjoying the benefits when it is brought before council at the Dec. 10 meeting.

Councillor Don Pettigrew made a notice of motion at the Nov. 13 council meeting to allow councillors time to consider the issue. The notice of motion stated that because Norwich Township is predominately rural and to be fair to all ratepayers that "services received by urban and residential areas and not enjoyed by the ratepayers as a whole, be prorated to those areas enjoying the benefit."

Coun. Pettigrew said the subject needs some discussion by council and he hopes it is not tabled at the Dec. 10 meeting but will be discussed "at some length." He said all levels of government are trying to tighten

their belts and "one of the fair ways to do this is by asking people and areas receiving extra benefits to finance them," he said.

Before restructuring, benefits now being received were paid by those who received them, but now the "municipality pays for benefits only a few receive," Coun. Pettigrew said.

Coun. Pettigrew said areas such as street lights in urban areas and garbage pickup are prorated now, but other areas are not. An area he would like to see considered for prorating is residential sidewalks. Coun. Pettigrew is concerned an area such as road construction has been slowed in the last few years because of lack of funds and the prorating of services could diminish this problem.

Applications approved

Two applications for Building Rehabilitation and Improvement Campaign (BRIC) grants were approved by Norwich Township council Tuesday, Nov. 13.

One application was submitted by the South Norwich Historical Society for work on the Treffry Mill in Otterville and the other was submitted by Ida Singer, Tillsonburg, for work on the Beck Store in Hawtrey.

The maximum amount that can be received in the grant in a year is \$2,000 and buildings must be designated to have architectural or historic significance under the Ontario Heritage Act, to qualify.

The application for the grant for the Beck Store included such improvements as removing the old foundation and existing steps and slab, excavate and backfill for new walls, repair existing floor to new walls and pour concrete steps at the rear entrance. The existing brick on the rear

and front walls would also be removed and replaced with suitable brick. Work is estimated to cost \$4,677.

For the Treffry Mill application, work would include restoring the mill to its 1880s external appearance, raising the mill to restore the foundation, rebuilding the foundation, providing drainage for wet spots, changing electrical service, planing and sawing of lumber for siding and staining for the siding. The work is estimated to cost \$11,290.11.

Commerce plans

Norwich Township council approved a motion Tuesday, Nov. 13, that the Canada Week Committee be encouraged to commence plans for the 1985 celebrations including the 175th anniversary recognition of Norwich and North Norwich as soon as possible.

Attend study

Councillor Darrell Force will attend the Oxford County Computer Feasibili-

ty Study Committee meeting at the County Court House Nov. 30.

Make donations

Township council has approved donations of \$100 to the Salvation Army for 1985 and the Norwich Firefighters Association will be granted \$100 to assist with cost incurred in presenting the Santa Claus parade.

Uncollectable taxes

Because of insufficient proceeds from the sale of property assessed to Floyd Kyte of Tillsonburg, and because of non-payment of taxes, council decided to write off as uncollectable the taxes for the period of Jan. 1, 1975 to Aug. 31, 1984 in the amount of \$3,620.12 together with penalties and interest of \$2,784.21 and costs of \$1,881.11. The property that was the former bakery on Main Street, Otterville, was sold to David Finch by council after it took the property back from Mr. Kyte because of lack of tax payments.

Councillor Hardee Richardson asked council why it should take the loss, while Councillor Bob Carney said nothing could be gained from suing Mr. Kyte other than increased legal costs and that council should "just take our licks." Councillor Don Pettigrew called the issue a "dead horse" and recommended council members just "wash our hands of it."

Local Government Week

The week of Jan. 14-19, 1985, will be proclaimed Local Government Week in Norwich Township.

Conduct public hearing

Township clerk will write to the federal minister of transport and the chairman of the Canadian Transport Commission requesting a public hearing be held at a convenient location in the township before council makes any decision to conduct any testing or operation of cabooseless trains. A public hearing will be held Dec. 3 in Hull, Que., regarding an application by CN and CP Rail of a plan to test and operate cabooseless trains.

Attend annual meeting

Members of township council and members of the township pheasant committee are advised to attend the annual meeting and social evening for the Oxford County Regulating Townships Association.

Accept property offer

The offer of John M. Ryksen for the 1985 rent of the former Bailey property in Ward 3 at a rate of \$65 per acre was accepted by council. The Bailey property is the former proposed site for the central public works shed property that council decided not to proceed with.

To discuss fitness facility

A letter from Roland and Janet Harrison of Norwich regarding the idea of organizing a physical recreation and training area at the Norwich Community Centre was referred to the Norwich Township Culture and Recreation Advisory Committee and the Harrisons have been invited to attend the next meeting to discuss the proposal.

Gather employee information

Council approved a motion that David Coad of London Life Insurance Company be invited to gather informa-

tion concerning township employees and claims experience for the purpose of quoting on the township employee benefits plan.

Archives receive municipal records

The Township clerk has been authorized to turn over any municipal records and documents to the Norwich and District Archives which the municipality no longer needs to retain. The council action was taken after receiving the request from the archives.

Electrical repair

The Norwich Community Arena manager has been authorized to arrange for proper electrical repair at the arena relative to motor protection. The repair is to protect against damage in the future such as could be caused by a severe storm.

Allow veterinary clinic

Council approved a minor variance application to amend Bylaw 19-84 to allow rezoning of the property of Dr. William and Linda Cook, RR 3, Norwich, from residential existing lots (RE) to agricultural commercial (C3) to permit the operation of a veterinary clinic and an accessory single dwelling house. The garage on the property in the south half of Lot 2, Concession 3 (North Norwich), will be used for the clinic. The veterinary clinic will be for farm animals with Dr. Cook specializing in horses.

Township construction

There was construction valued at \$60,831 in Ward 1 in the month of October, \$5,000 in Ward 2, \$83,989 in Ward 3 and \$38,000 in Ward 4.

Wave tax penalty

Council passed a motion waving the late pay penalty for late taxes of Elmer Haight, Norwich, until such time as the municipality receives word from Frank Cowan Company in writing as to the liable party regarding crop damage on Mr. Haight's property and that the insurance company provide the council and Mr. Haight with reasons for its decision. Mr. Haight is holding the municipality responsible for damage to some of his corn crop caused by flooding from a municipal drain.

No paving agreement

Norwich Township council decided to not enter into any agreement with James Lavern Irving or David Irving, of Irving's Department Store in Norwich, regarding the paving of their parking lot on the north side of the business section in the village. The motion also stated that a possible lease agreement regarding the right of way to the parking area from the east end, be discussed with the owners.

Appointed to study committee

Councillors Jack Lester and Hardee Richardson (as an alternate) were appointed by council to be representatives of the township on the expanded Ontario Hydro Highway 401 Liaison Committee. Over the next six months six meetings will be held for the liaison committee to help identify alternate transmission routes and transformer station sites between the Bruce Nuclear power plant, London and southeast of Cambridge.

Letters to the editor

WHAT PRICE BEAUTY!

To the Editor:

This is regarding the beautification project that was approved by Norwich council on Tuesday evening November 20. A 6-5 vote was recorded in favor of the project at a cost of \$145,432 of which the bulk of it will be paid by us, the taxpayers.

Who will such a project benefit? The Norwich business people and Ward 2 would likely be the only ones to benefit by such a costly plan or just a chosen few. Why do we have to pay for such a waste of taxpayers money? What about the business people of the smaller villages in the township? These people will be paying taxes to help the businesses in Norwich take their business away. I thought there was supposed to be equalization and fairness to all. This is supposed to be a time of restraint and a minimum of spending tax dollars. What is happening to it?

I understand the business people on council voted in favor of the plan. I can certainly believe it. Why not? Would these same councillors who favored the plan reach in their own pockets and spend their money like they would ours?

Not long ago in the village of Otterville there was a former business place that had taxes owing on it for years and it was an unsightly eyesore as well as dangerous to anyone who walked near it. Townspeople asked several council members for years to do something sensible and tear it down because it was unsafe. Every council member knew about this building but it got kicked around for so long they gave up.

Now a local person has bought it (yes, bought it!) and is tearing it down to again make the area look decent. Why didn't council do it when it should have been done and make a parking lot for people using the park? I guess they wanted to save money for improvements elsewhere.

Council doesn't seem to care about the people in smaller places or so it seems only when they pay their taxes.

I would like to see them spend some money on these little places so we would

all feel like part of the township. Just a little more common sense and less spending would certainly be appreciated.

Ken Mann,
Otterville

Canada Works grant sought

Norwich Township council has applied for participation in the Canada Works Program to conduct work in the municipality valued at a total of \$110,438.

The township project outline consists of five areas. They include renovations to the Otterville Hall, Norwich Township Municipal Offices, Norwich Arena, Burgessville and Norwich Public Works sheds; repairs and painting to various buildings and equipment in parks throughout the municipality; an extended sidewalk replacement program in urban areas; painting and minor repairs to various bridges within the municipality, and traffic count for a Roads Needs Study.

The project would involve 174 work weeks from January 7, 1985 to July 31, 1985 and the contribution to the work by the township would be \$52,951.

Items specified by the township report have not been given any priority and, dependent upon the acceptance of the proposal, the township is prepared to scale projects depending on the amount of funding received from the federal government.

Parents want kids bused DN

OTTERVILLE — A petition is being circulated by a group of concerned parents here to provide busing for their children.

Julie McGilligan, Main St., Otterville, spokesperson for the group, says the children have to walk over one mile to school on a potentially dangerous route.

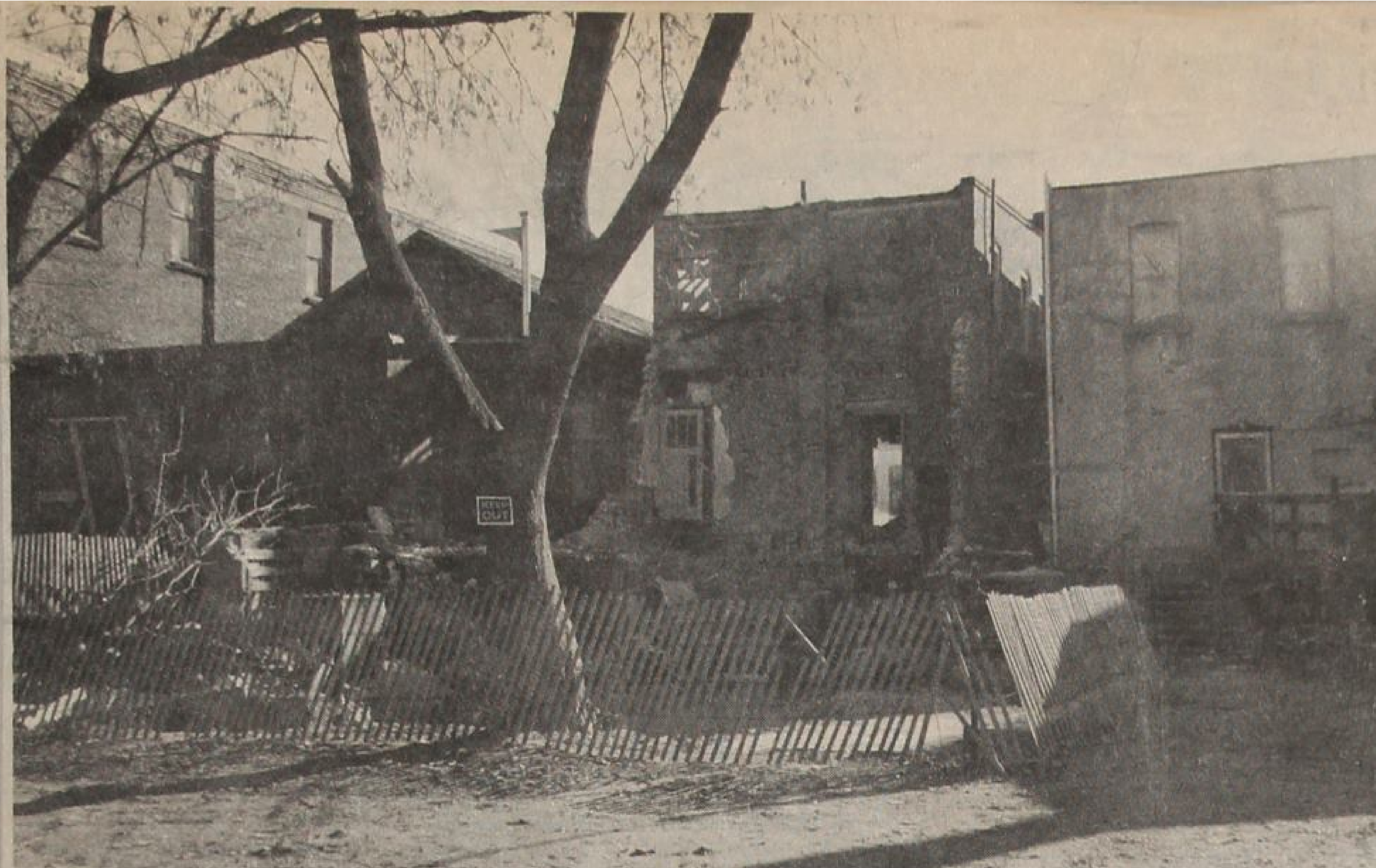
To get to Otterville public school, according to Mrs. McGilligan, it's "uphill and over a bridge. In the winter the sidewalk disappears under ice and the children have to walk on the road and they can't see oncoming traffic."

School buses are passing by half full so there would be no extra cost to the Board of Education if the children were picked up and bused to school, insists Mrs. McGilligan.

Once the petition is signed by parents and interested ratepayers, the group plans to present it to Oxford Board of Education at week's end.

Norwich Township Council has thrown its support behind the parents. At its last meeting, Council passed a resolution requesting the Board of Education provide busing.

Parents tried before to have busing but were turned down on grounds it would be "too costly." This time, stresses Mrs. McGilligan, the Board had better come up with a "reasonable answer."



Removing eyesore

The old Spicer's Bakery on Main Street, Otterville (seen here from the back) is being demolished by owner David Finch, who operates the hardware store adjacent to the property with his father Frank

Finch. There are no immediate plans for the property by Mr. Finch other than to have the unsightly building removed from the main street of the village. (Staff Photo)

Walk to school hazardous for students

By TOM DURALIA

A group of Otterville concerned parents have a problem. It's not a problem new to the Oxford County Board of Education, but as winter begins to set in each year, the question of busing seems to continually come to the forefront.

A delegation before the board, Monday led by Jennifer Grant, outlined some of the difficulties faced by Otterville Public School students living within the village.

According to Mrs. Grant, the Otterville situation is unique. The school is located on the west end of the community, while many of the students reside on the east end.

Separating their homes from the school are the hazards of crossing a main street at two blind intersections, a bridge over Otter Creek with large gaps in the railing, a sidewalk up a hill that is rarely cleared of snow and a distance of more than one kilometre, that in winter takes students about 45 minutes to walk.

The board's policy is that all urban areas are deemed walking areas, and that transportation to school will ordinarily only be provided in rural areas.

Mrs. Grant pointed out that the board's bus policy, initiated in 1969, states that exceptions to the rules may be changed if the distance is found to be excessive. She said that what is "excessive" is relative. "What is excessive for a five-year-old? a 10-year-old? a senior citizen?"

Trustee Barry Hunt suggested that the delegation's concerns should be directed to the Transportation and Bus Safety Committee. He added that there are "many areas (in the board's jurisdiction) where children walk in excess of one mile" to

school, and also indicated that some of the safety hazards mentioned are the problem of the municipality, not the board. He said "the board's problem is to get municipal boards to do their part."

Mrs. Grant said she would like herself or other concerned parents to be able to sit in and contribute to the transportation committee's deliberations.

A number of board members said this might be possible if the delegation were to work through their representative trustee.

Mrs. Grant said the time factor and distance the children must travel were the major concerns of the parents, as for 45 minutes the children are unsupervised and anything could happen. She said there is no phone check system, to ensure the children get where they are going, and that if a child does run into difficulty, there are few places the child could go for help.

Mrs. Grant said the parents of Otterville have a number of unique ideas that might solve the problem one of which would be a proposal to utilize existing buses which aren't full and modify their schedules.

She said that this proposal would cost about \$22 per day to implement or \$4,070 for the 185 days per year that children attend school.

"We take our children's safety quite seriously," said Mrs. Grant, "and have given this much thought. Children's safety shouldn't be measured in dollars and cents."

With respect to the busing question, trustee Wilma Boughtflower said that "perhaps it is time for the transportation committee to take a look at the policy" it operates under now with a mind to making changes.

Following discussion, the board resolved to review Otterville's situation, review the cost implications of changes to the policy and review the situation in other board

jurisdictions comparable to Oxford, as well as forward the concern to the Transportation and Bus Safety Committee.

Otterville student bussing sought NC Nov 21

To protect the safety of children in Otterville, Norwich Township council will issue a request to the Oxford County board of education to provide bussing for students living east of Otter Creek.

At the council meeting Tuesday, Nov. 13, council addressed the fears of a group of concerned parents from Otterville about the safety of their children while walking to school.

Under the Oxford County board of education bussing policy, any child living more than a mile (1.6 km) from school receives transportation. In a letter sent to council by the concerned parents, they stated there are many children in Otterville who live just under the one mile policy and must walk the distance in "what we feel is not safe terrain and in all types of weather," the parents stated.

The distance includes crossing at blind corners such as at the Otterville United Church on John and Main Streets and at Janny's Groceries on Dover and Main Streets, if they live on the south side of

Main Street. The bridge spanning the dam must also be crossed and there is fear that with the gaps along the bridge railings, small children could slip through. There is also no safety patrol to escort small children to school and the parents feel "it has been sheer luck that no injuries or deaths have resulted from children slipping through," the letter stated. There was one traffic accident involving a child and a car a few years ago at the bridge.

The walk to the school also involves a steep hill with narrow sidewalks in need of repair and with increased snowfall, the sidewalk becomes covered and children often walk on the road thus increasing the chance of injury.

Taking these issues into account as well as adding the point that the bussing of the children living east of Otter Creek using existing facilities would cause no additional cost to the board of education, council approved the motion to request the board provide bussing for the Otterville students.



Municipal backgrounder

By John L. Harrison

Regional and area councillor — Delhi Township

Open meetings

While the issue of open or closed meetings of municipal council and its committees has become a "hot topic" recently in the Township of Delhi, it is not a new one to this writer, local Government in this Region, or, province wide.

In April of 1983, after expressing his personal concern about the secretive conduct of some municipal councils in the province, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing created a "Provincial/Municipal Working Committee on Open Meetings and Access to Information." The committee is composed of representatives of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario and the Ministry.

The committee released its report this month. The writer, seizing the happy circumstance, read the following passage from the report at a recent Township Council meeting:

The basic reason for supporting open meetings and access-to-information provisions at the local level is to foster and promote values considered essential to the democratic process. If electors are to choose their leaders intelligently; evaluate decisions and judge the decision-makers; correct misinformation; respond to policy initiatives; and avail themselves of the opportunity to shape their own communities, knowledge and involvement are key.

To become knowledgeable, citizens need access to the same information as the decision-makers have before decisions are made. The public should be made aware of the considerations upon which governmental decisions are made. They should be allowed to go behind and beyond the decisions made to see the advantages and disadvantages and possible consequences of various courses of action. Ideally, the information made available to them should be timely and presented in a form which is both usable and

comprehensible. With this information, involvement becomes meaningful. Hence the further and corresponding need for citizens to be able to attend meetings, hear deliberations and make representations before municipal councils.

Certain benefits can be expected to accrue where information is available and meetings are open, among them more accurate information and reporting and a higher level of public debate. In such an environment, citizens are more likely to understand the significance of particular issues and are more likely to accept decisions when they are made. Local Government is likely to become more responsive, accountable and better able to discern public reaction to policy and program initiatives if access to information/open meetings legislation is enacted.

Based on the principles enunciated the committee proceeded to make the following recommendations:

1. That all municipalities be required to adopt a procedural bylaw (a survey indicates that almost half the municipalities in the province have no such bylaw);

2. That the procedural bylaw require all meetings of council or committee to be open to the press and public with a few stated exceptions; and,

3. That the allowable exceptions be restricted to: (a) personnel and labour relations matters; (b) acquisition, disposal or protection of municipal property; (c) litigation; and, (d) preliminary discussions of development proposals.

Having established a set of acceptable criteria for the open conduct of municipal business, the committee recognizes that it requires a fundamental commitment by councillors and staff to the idea of openness. (Municipal business can, after all, be conducted in secret in someone's recreation room or the local coffee shop.) Good will and good sense on the part of all will also be necessary.

Annual turkey supper held by Anglican Church Women

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the St. John's Anglican Church Women, held Thursday evening, Nov. 1, opened with the singing of the hymn "Blessed Be The Tie That Binds."

Janet Ryerse shared a devotional concerning Thankfulness. The importance of the grace of gratitude is rarely expressed. Like the 10 lepers who Jesus healed, only one expressed thanks. We refuse to recognize God's miracles often involving insignificant means. A truly thankful hearts shows we are a child of God. We

should always resolve to be thankful. Prayer followed.

During the business portion of the meeting it was announced the ACW would provide a donation to support Kathy Durkee who will be attending a Toc-Alpha conference. Dorothy Durkee expressed thanks for the donation. The rest of the meeting focused on final arrangements for the ACW annual beef supper held Sunday evening, Nov. 4.

The meeting closed with the benediction and a social time and lunch followed.

Good use of library

The Otterville Public Library is busy with activities in addition to their regular hours which are seeing a continuing good use of the facilities by village and area residents.

Story Hour for pre-schoolers over two years of age to five has had an extremely good response with two hours being led Wednesday morning by Vicki Walther and Thursday morning by Joyce McMullen. With much assistance by mothers and fathers the children have been participating in a variety of activities related to weekly themes. The children are learning an appreciation of stories, crafts, songs, action games, finger plays, the use of the library as well as enjoying interaction with each other.

Upcoming at the library on Tuesday evening, Dec. 4, Mae Leonard of Otterville, is going to be presenting a demonstration on the making of Christmas decorations. Held at 7:45 p.m., everyone interested is welcome to enjoy this seasonal activity which should be both interesting and informative.

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Anglican Church Women of the St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, held a successful beef supper on Sunday evening, Nov. 4.

Approximately 325 people were fed at the three settings of 4, 5 and 6 p.m. with many dinners being delivered to those who were unable to attend.

Carl Howse offered the blessing at the beginning of the supper which offered well laden tables with a delicious family style meal. ACW President Cathy Furlong thanked everyone, following the supper, for their help in making the evening such a successful and profitable one.

Banker speaks to ACW

OTTERVILLE (C) — Brian Parr, manager of the Royal Bank, Otterville, was the guest speaker of the St. John's Anglican Church Women on Thursday evening, Nov. 15.

Introduced and thanked by Janet Ryerse, Mr. Parr has been involved in banking for 11 years during which he has seen many changes. A simpler time can be remembered when banking consisted of basic chequing and savings accounts, standard interest rates, and basic lending procedures. Now, in contrast, approximately 58 services are available for use by the customer.

The bank manager is now called upon to have a working knowledge of law, estate planning, income tax, real estate, stocks, bonds, advance accounting and family counselling to name only a proportion of the skills required. It is interesting work with the bank manager having a resource of experts to draw on in assisting clients with information.

Mr. Parr then gave an overview of types of deposit accounts from past to present. Approximately eight years ago banking became competitive with Canadian banks generally following the United States' role. Consequently, package banking plans were developed giving people alternatives for their individual needs in banking.

Various means of investment such as term deposits, guaranteed interest certificates and RRSP's were discussed. In order to know what type of investment vehicle to choose the individual first has to know what he wants and is suitable to his

Foot Care Clinic on November 27

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Foot Care Clinic will be held at the home of Evelyn Waring, Main Street, Otterville on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 1 p.m. The VON will be ready to serve interested people at this time.

Lillie Hill returned home after spending the weekend with Rev. and Mrs. Don Gorrie of Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. Rod Taylor were weekend visitors with their son, Bryan Taylor and family of Cannington and their daughter, Lynn, in Toronto.

Winnie McMullen entertained Edith Petch and Evelyn Waring at the Buchaneer Restaurant, Burgessville, on Thursday, Nov. 15.

Edith Petch, Dorothy Durkee, Winnie McMullen and Evelyn Waring attended the annual Christmas Craft Bazaar at the Norville Nursing Home, Norwich, on Saturday morning, Nov. 17 and later called upon Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Leitch.

The Otterville Sunshine Club has been busy preparing for their annual Pre-Christmas Bazaar to be held Saturday, Nov. 24, at the Norfolk Mall, Tillsonburg. The members have been preparing a fine selection of ceramics, various crafts and baking for the sale which will commence at 10 a.m.

situation.

Modern trends to the future look to automated banking which is quite popular in major centres. By way of a banking card and banking machines money can be withdrawn, deposited, transferred, advanced and even utility bills paid. In 1983 there were 555 banking machines in existence in Canada with 691 to be established by 1984. Mr. Parr concluded that the future will be a time of personal touch banking. A question period followed.

Janet Ryerse led the group in a devotional focusing on Trust. Scripture reading was taken from John 14:1 and 2, Let not your heart be troubled.

We should sing of our assurance of trust and faith in times of trouble. Like the trust of a child with a loved one we must reach to the Father in faith. We are not alone but have a loving Father who is always with us. Both life and death are in the control of His loving and gentle hands. Prayer was given.

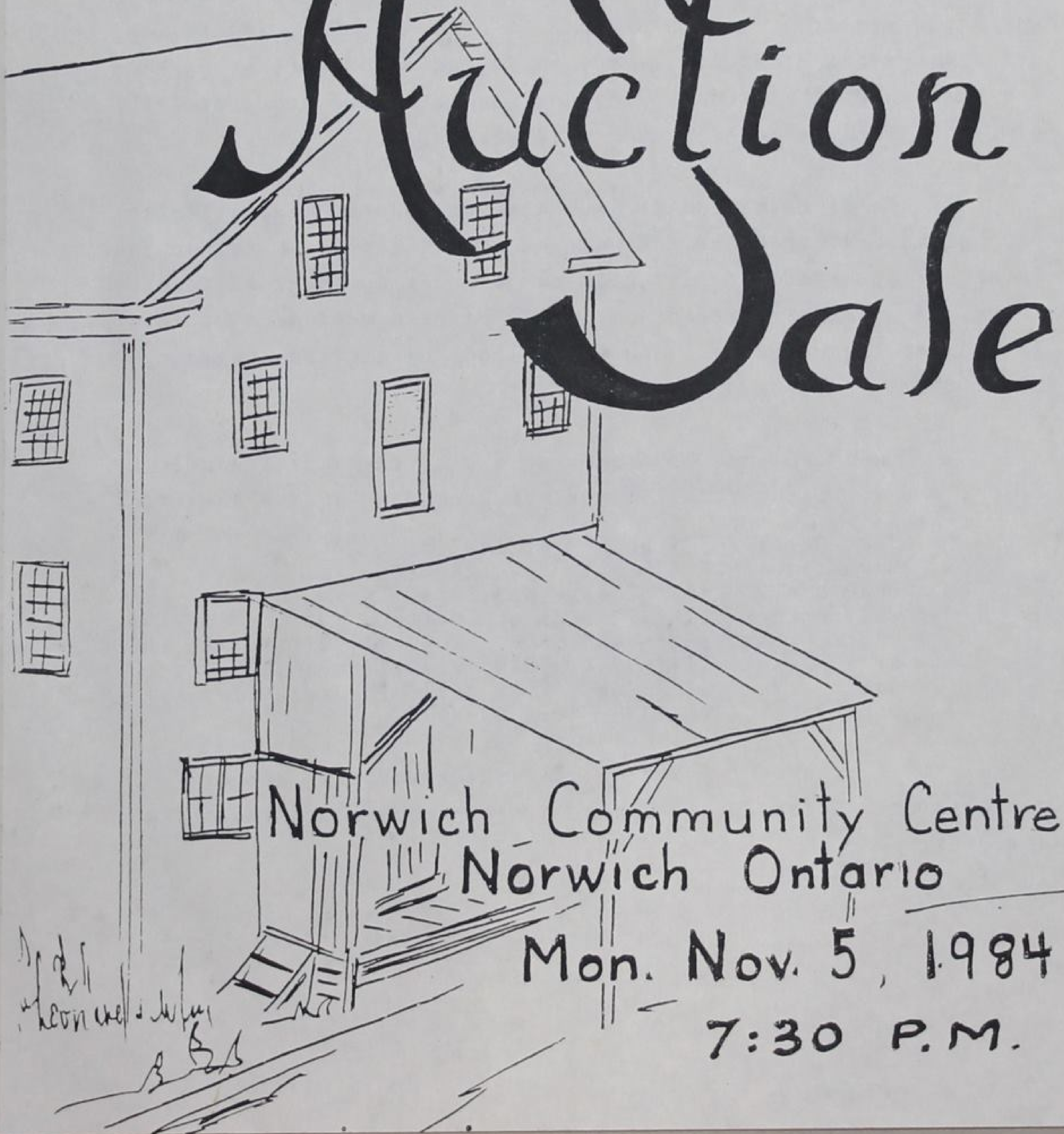
The business portion of the meeting revealed pleasing results from the Annual Beef Supper with this year being more successful than previous years. Plans were made regarding the church Christmas Potluck Supper and Concert to be held Sunday, Dec. 2 at 5 p.m. Members decided to hold a general work night on Thursday, Nov. 29 at 7 p.m in preparation for this Christmas evening.

The meeting closed with the benediction. A delicious lunch, provided by Mrs. Ryerse and her committee was served and a social time enjoyed.

SOUTH NORWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2nd
Annual

Auction Sale



Norwich Community Centre
Norwich Ontario

Mon. Nov. 5, 1984

7:30 P.M.

Handwritten signature and initials
B.S.

Restoration of the Treffry Mill, Otterville is well underway. Several white pine have been cut and turned into new siding. New foundations have been completed, grounds levelled and a new electrical service installed.

Our first auction, held in 1983, was a new venture, well supported, and financially successful. This year's auction has a new format. From 2 to 4 p.m. Monday Nov. 5th, smaller articles priced at \$2.00, \$4.00, \$6.00 and \$8.00 will be offered for sale (not an auction). The auction sale will begin at 7:30 p.m., and will be shorter than last year's.

Township residents have already donated many articles. Only clean, saleable articles are requested (no clothing, no junk). Painting and repairs to articles can be done by the committee. Donors of articles selling for \$10.00 or more will receive receipts for income tax purposes. Any historical information regarding older items would be appreciated.

Donations may be left with any of the representatives listed below. Large articles will be picked up by the committee:-

Jean Davis - 879-6625 - Otterville
David Hussey - 879-6549 - Otterville
Mountain's Barber Shop - 863-2108 - Norwich
Pat Smith - 424-9176 - Burgessville
Charles Bradford - 863-5509 - R.R. #1, Otterville (Milldal)
Rick Singer - 842-3748 - R.R. #2, Tillsonburg (Rosanna)
Jack Smith - 582-1766 - R.R. #2, LaSalette (Hawtrey)
Don Rice - 842-7137 - Springford

Your support for this worthwhile project will be appreciated. Watch local newspapers for information regarding articles.

MAILED IN JUNE

Restoration of the Treffry Mill, Otterville, continues and the new siding has been cut, planed and stained, ready for installation.

An outstanding selection of articles for the auction sale Monday evening, November 5th, at the Norwich Community Centre, has already been received.

An afternoon variation has been added this year - there will be a sale (not an auction) of a large group of smaller articles, at \$2.00, \$4.00, \$6.00 and \$8.00. At this time visitors may view special items for the evening auction also. The auction will be from 7:30p.m. to 11:00p.m.

Some of the auction articles include six donations from Wayne Gretzky - a numbered framed portrait (2ft. x 2½ft.), a Gretzky watch, sports umbrella, tennis racquet case, hockey stick and a 6ft x 6ft., wall mural. All of these articles are in great demand in both Canada and in the U.S.A.

The Gretzky articles will be auctioned in two lots, one at 9p.m. and one at 9:30p.m. A special hand made crib quilt will be auctioned at 8:30p.m. and autographed books by Pierre Berton and Peter Newman, a framed autographed Mulroney picture and a signed painting will all be at 10p.m., and an antique telephone at 10:30p.m.

Amongst the many other articles are several old street lights, a solid oak cabinet with plateglass top (60 years old) an antique hand corn planter, an early pine blanket box, a hump-back chest, a 5ft. mahogany stand (50 years old), glassware, kitchen utensils, a good T.V. (B-W), records, pewterware, etc.

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Sales brisk at auction

The second annual South Norwich Historical Society Auction Sale was held in the Norwich Community Centre, Monday evening, Nov. 5.

An afternoon sale of small articles was held from 2-4 p.m. The evening auction was from 7:30 p.m.-11 p.m. Carmen Denton was the auctioneer.

Sales were brisk, but total receipts a little below 1983. However, the proceeds will go towards the completion of restoration of the Treffry Mill, Otterville.

There was outstanding support of a fine variety of articles for sale. The committee of Dr. Murray Downing, Jean Davis, Dave Hussey and Catherine Mann is grateful for all their support.

It is hoped that, weather permitting, work may continue this fall on replacing the mill siding.

New officers elected by society

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the South Norwich Historical Society, held Monday evening, Nov. 12, at the Woodlawn Adult Centre, featured guest speaker Woody Lambe.

Introduced and thanked by Joyce Pettigrew, Mr. Lambe is the out-of-classroom consultant for the Oxford County board of education.

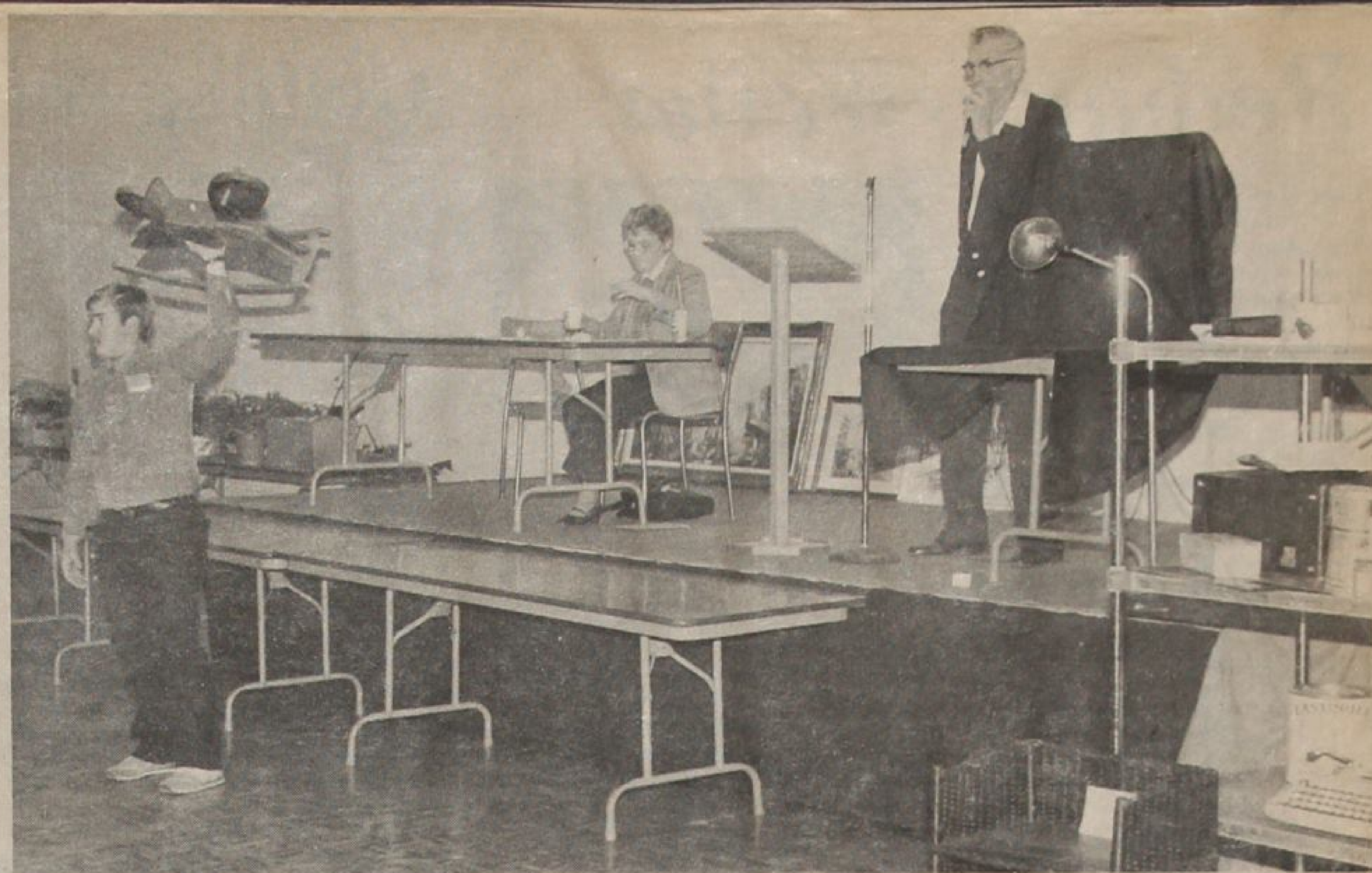
He shared his interest in history, especially that of the War of 1812. The Battle of Stoney Creek was the last conflict on Canadian soil during the War of Independence which he discussed. Mr. Lambe further elaborated on this topic through several selections on his banjo which were self-composed, one being "Stoney Creek War." A shot of his musket, which must have aroused everyone in the neighborhood, concluded an interesting and entertaining presentation.

President Lorne Treffry presided at the meeting which was preceded by a potluck dinner. The Nominating Committee report introduced a new slate of officers for the coming year which are past president, Lorne Treffry; president, Jack Smith; first vice-president, Peter Pickersgill; second vice-president, Ken Mann; recording secretary, Carl Howse; treasurer, Dave Hussey; directors, one year - Muriel Gehring, Lila Freeland; two years - Peter Pickersgill, Bryce Smith; three years - Don Pettigrew, Bill McMullen; newsletter - Boyd Little, Catherine Mann; program convener, Mary Murray; mill committee, Rick Singer; mill grounds, Dave Hussey; publicity, Ed Moore; and auditors - Marjorie Pearce and Brian Parr. Lorne Treffry thanked all those who had helped during the past three years with Joyce Pettigrew expressing appreciation to him through the Society.

It was noted that a good amount was raised at the recent auction and sale to apply on the restoration of the Treffry Mill. Lumber for the mill has been stained and siding should start shortly. Restoration of the Gazebo has been started and is well under way.

The Emily Stowe Plaque is to be purchased since Norwich Township Council has granted permission for its erection in Summerville Cemetery.

The decision was made to enter a float in the Santa Claus parade both in Norwich and Otterville.



Asking for bids

There was a variety of items up for sale Monday evening during the second annual South Norwich Historical Society Auction at the Norwich Community Centre. Carman Denton (right) of Woodstock was

auctioneer for the evening, Rose Thompson of Otterville, helped keep track of the items and the bids and Dave Pearce of Otterville, helped display the items to the audience such as this antique wooden rocking horse. (Staff Photo)

South Norwich Historical Society SECOND ANNUAL

AUCTION

Monday, November 5
at 7:30 p.m.

Community Centre, Norwich, Ontario

Antiques, good collectable and household items; toys; books; dishes; old sheet music; old street lights; Otterville Manufacturing Co. corn planter; Victorian chair, serial 1890 model in Guelph; child's sleigh made at Teeterville Blacksmith shop; 5' mahogany stand (50 years old); solid oak cabinet with plate glass top (60 years old); early pine blanket box; hump back pine trunk; signed Japanese teapot; press back child's commode chair; wooden crib; antique settee and chair; wicker three tier stand; wicker serving tray; steel single pedestal desk; fireplace screens; 1/8 h.p. electric motor; buck saw; 6" table saw made in Brantford; early hand cultivator; wooden machinery wheels; 15" tires; black and white portable TV; hostess chair; footstool; daybed chesterfield; bird houses and feeders; stereo; cameras; doors - aluminum and wooden; wooden magazine rack; CB radio and antenna; Coleman camp stove; Hamilton Place gift certificate and many other items too numerous to mention.

Special Sale Times, 8:30 p.m., Cabbage Patch Crib Quilt (handmade).

9 and 9:30 p.m., Wayne Gretzky items.

10 p.m., autographed books - Pierre Berton and Peter Newman. Framed autographed PM Mulrone picture, signed painting.

10:30 p.m., antique telephone.

Preview of sale items 2-4 p.m. along with sale (not auction) of articles \$2, \$4, \$6 and \$8.

Lunch available
Carmen Denton Auctioneer
Proceeds for restoration of Treffry Mill,
Otterville.

Yule party for Bluebirds

OTTERVILLE (C) — Dorothy Daniels, president of the Happy Bluebird Club, was hostess in her home in Norwich, to their annual Christmas dinner on Saturday, Nov. 17.

The delicious noon-day dinner, in which the members had assisted, was served in potluck style. Mrs. Daniels opened the dinner returning thanks.

In the afternoon card bingo was enjoyed, the hostess donating the prizes which were gift wrapped appropriate to the season. The members welcomed Mrs. Evoy to the party which included Mrs. Daniels, Jenny Mitchell, Helen Davis, Tune McNally, Mary Vankerbroeck, Josepha Rosehart and Lillian Morris. The members expressed their regrets due to the absence of Daisy Ash who has been president in previous years and helpful in times of need. The members signed a card sending words for recovery.

Owing to other activities planned for the day the ladies felt their time shortened. All thanked the hostess for the lovely time spent and wished each other Happy Holiday greetings.

Students hold service at Otterville school

OTTERVILLE (C) — A Remembrance Day service was held at Otterville Public School on Friday, Nov. 9 at 11 a.m. led by Grade 8 student Kelly Noels.

The national anthem was sung by the student body followed by "Let There Be Peace on Earth" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Scripture readings, Rev. 21:1-5, And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, and Psalm 23, The Lord is my shepherd, were read by Anita Vigh.

A wreath laying ceremony was performed by class and staff representatives before the memorial display. Those placing wreaths were Amey Davis, Kindergarten; Allison Mudge, Ricky King, Adam Zimmer, Emma Stangel, Grade 1; Ben Klassen, Grade 2 and 3; Katherine Arthur, Grades 4 and 5; Heather Picknell, Grade 6; Brady Parr, Grade 7; Criss Racher, Grade 8 and Carl Howse, staff representative, assisted by wreath bearers Joey Comeau and Darren Forsyth, Grade 7 students. "Blown in the Wind" was sung by the students of Grade 7.

Debbie Corbeil shared the remembrance thoughts of The First Poppies explaining the beginning and meaning of the red poppies. Hali Walters followed with the poem "Why Wear A Poppy?" A two-minute silence was observed. The service concluded with the singing of "O Canada" in French.

All assistance and resources for the service received from the Royal Canadian Legion was greatly appreciated by the school.

was reported that Mrs. James Squance was not well and Mrs. Tune McNally having returned to her own home, would enjoy and welcome company.

The game Aggravation and cards were enjoyed by the members. Birthday cake and ice cream was served after the games.

Remembrance service held at Otterville War Memorial

A Remembrance Day service was held at the Otterville War Memorial on Sunday, Nov. 11 at 1 p.m. as residents of the Otterville community gathered to pay tribute to those Canadians who gave their lives in defence of their country.

Led by Rev. Herb Herring, Legion Branch 190 Padre, everyone was reminded and called to remembrance. "The Last Post," played by Ed White, was followed by prayer and a two-minute silence in memory of the fallen.

A memorial wreath laying ceremony at the cenotaph was carried out by Comrade

President Colin Slater - Branch 190 Royal Canadian Legion; Gladys Harris - Legion Branch 190 Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary; Mayor John Heleniak - the Province of Ontario; Don Pettigrew - Township of Norwich; Fred Thompson - the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club; Jack Cundy - Otterville Royal Bank; and June Ash and Alvin Racher - Otterville Violet Rebekah Lodge and IOOF.

The service dedicated to the glorious memory of those who gave their lives concluded with the parade of the colors from the memorial at the entrance of the Otterville Community Park.



Laying of wreath

Following the Remembrance Day service in Norwich Sunday, members of the Legion Branch 190 color party and representatives of various organizations attended the service and wreath laying ceremony at the Otterville War Memorial. (Staff Photo)

Area Irish Club decides to incorporate

LaSALETTE (C) — The Irish Club held their November meeting at the town hall in Delhi, with 30 members in attendance. Minutes were read by Mariea McNamara and treasurer's report was given by Parnell McNamara.

Vice-president Michael Murray gave a report on the pub night held in October. G. Byer reported on the Irish display at the Bicentennial Multi-Cultural day at Eva Donly Museum, Simcoe, and expressed appreciation to Mary Ann McNamara of LaSalette, Lucy Gaynor of Tillsonburg and John O'Sullivan of Simcoe, for assisting with the event.

President Tony Murphy explained the advantages of having a club incorporated. After discussion members voted in favor of applying to have the Irish Club incorporated with three objectives: to identify and help those area residents of Irish heritage to get to know one another through various social functions; to promote a greater awareness among members of their Irish heritage, culture and history here and to encourage them to record their family history and genealogy for posterity; and to establish an Irish identity in the community through participation in such functions as Heritage Day and other community events.

The present executive will remain as directors until the elections in January.

The December meeting will be held at the Golden Leaf in Delhi on Sunday, Dec. 9, followed by a smorgasbord meal. Meeting will be held at 4 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. Marilyn Murray and Mariea McNamara are conveners.

Members voted on the admission price

to the St. Patrick's Day celebration to be held at the Belgian Hall, Delhi, which will include a smorgasbord meal and a dance with the Mint Green band. Michael Murray is convener.

It was reported that to date there is a membership of 161.

Following the business meeting, John McNally of Norwich introduced guest speaker Joyce Pettigrew, who gave an enlightening talk on the Irish settlement patterns in the Townships of North and South Norwich. To show appreciation for the extensive study and research she had done for her presentation she was given a membership in the club and a cap bearing the Club logo.

Coffee was served.



Attend Veterans Night

Jim Waterman (left) and Cameron St. John, both of Norwich, were two World War I veterans who attended the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club's annual Veterans Night dinner Monday at the Legion hall. (Staff Photo)

Norwich-Otterville Lions annual veterans' dinner held

The Norwich-Otterville Lions Club entertained local veterans at the annual Remembrance Day dinner, Monday, Nov. 12, in the Legion Hall, Norwich.

Thirty-nine veterans were present with 29 Lion members in attendance. Lion Paul Wood, first vice-president, chaired the meeting on behalf of Lion president Jack Walther, suffering from laryngitis.

A delicious meal was served by the members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Hydro failure in the middle of the dinner curtailed activities to a certain degree, but candles, gas lights and lighters provided sufficient light to allow the program to proceed.

Lion Andy Vandenberghe expressed the thanks of the Veterans and Lions for a delicious turkey supper with all the trimmings. Lillian Oatman replied on behalf of the ladies.

A tape recording of an essay written by a public school student in Windsor on the subject of Remembrance Day entitled

"The Man We Never Knew" was presented. It was a touching commentary by a member of a generation which must sometimes wonder what we are talking about and what Remembrance Day means.

Lion Harold Kirktown introduced the guest speaker, Rev. Grant D. Darling, rector for both the Delhi and Otterville Anglican Churches and padre of the Delhi Legion.

Rev. Darling spoke on the topics, Why Remember? Prior to his main address he delighted all present with a series of appropriate stories pertaining to his main topic. In dealing with remembering his theme was "if we do not learn from history, it will happen again."

The speaker was thanked by Lion Grant Orth, who presented a gift of appreciation.

The meeting concluded with the Legion color party "marching off" the colors and the singing of "God Save the Queen." The convention draw winners were Comrade Lloyd Farrell and Lion Wood.

Otterville Leisure Club elects new executive

OTTERVILLE (C) — The election of the executive for 1985 was the major focus of the regular meeting of the Leisure Club, held Wednesday, Nov. 14, at the Woodlawn Adult Centre.

Mrs. Barham conducted the election in which the executive formed was past president, Annie Pritchard; president, Gladys Evans; vice-president, Violet Cole; secretary, Vera Welsh; treasurer, Mel Beecroft; press reporter, Vera Welsh; kitchen convener, Annie Pritchard; program convener, Bertha Lee; card convener, Grace Squance; auditors, Norman McIntyre, Lillian Morris and additional

convener, Orris Beecroft.

The meeting, which followed a delicious, bountiful potluck dinner, enjoyed by 23 members, was conducted by president, Gladys Evans. It was decided that the Leisure Club Christmas dinner would be held at the Otterville United Church, Wednesday, Dec. 5, catered to by the Otterville United Church Women.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent playing euchre, aggravation and pool. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 1:30 p.m. at the Woodlawn Adult Centre.

Lions hear talk on ambulances

The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the Sunday school room of the Burgessville United Church.

Lion vice-president, Gary Walther presided. Rev. Cyril Dyke offered grace. There were 28 Lions and two guests present.

The United Church Women again maintained their reputation for providing fine meals - turkey with all the trimmings.

Lion Les Dickson introduced the guest speaker, Joe Pember of Ambulance Service, for the Woodstock and surrounding area including the Burgessville and Norwich area.

Ontario Ambulances are all government owned, all similar in appearance and equipment and ambulance services in Ontario probably rate amongst the best anywhere, with highly trained personnel, Mr. Pember said.

Woodstock ambulances attend about 3,800 calls annually, many being farm-related accidents. The speaker gave a comprehensive overview of the service concluding that he could not think of more interesting work. Lion Albert Cornwell expressed the thanks of the club to the speaker and presented a small gift.

A donation of \$100 was authorized to the Canadian Leader Dog Centre in Oakville. Lion Fred Thompson reported that the Annual Blood Donor Clinic, held on Nov. 13 showed 188 attended with 161 donations.

Lion Bob Scott reported the club receives about 100 pairs of used glasses every month that are forwarded to a central Lions Depot for distribution in various countries.

The club will sponsor a draw for Cabbage Patch dolls. There will be one draw at the Santa Claus Parade in Norwich, Dec. 8 and one in Otterville, Dec. 15.

From the minutes of the last executive meeting, held Monday, Nov. 5, the annual Fish Fry will be held April 6. The club Christmas party will be held in the community hall on Saturday, Dec. 15.

The Leisure Club met on Wednesday, Nov. 28 at the Woodlawn Adult Centre with 23 members attending.

Gladys Evans presided and opened the meeting with O Canada.

During the business it was decided to sell the rest of the cookbooks for \$2.50 each. The birthdays of the month were Amy Cowie, Annie Pritchard, Isabell Tinknell and James Squance with greetings being sung to Mrs. Cowie and Mr. Squance. The Christmas dinner will be Wednesday, Dec. 5, 12:30 p.m. at the Otterville United Church.

Cards were enjoyed and ice cream and birthday cake made by Ella Weidrick and Stella Myerscough was served. The next regular meeting will be Wed., Dec. 19 at the Woodlawn Adult Centre.

Violet Rebekah

OTTERVILLE (C) — Violet Rebekah Lodge was co-hostess with Fidelity Lodge, Delhi in Otterville, when Vice-President Violet Darsh made her official visit.

Fidelity Lodge performed the opening and closing ceremonies.

PNG Sister Oliver Pickersgill introduced Sister Darsh and NG Sister June Ash welcomed and presented Sister Darsh with a wrist corsage. Sister Norma Wilson, PNG, introduced PP Sister Mabel Mabee and Sister Jo Howse introduced Sister Bernice Pettman, DDP, of E. St. Thomas District No. 17. Sister Norma Lefevre introduced Sister Florence Armstrong, DDP, Simcoe District No. 16. Other visitors were welcomed from Delhi, Waterford, Port Dover, Brampton and Tillsonburg.

Visiting committee reported cards had been sent to Bert Redman, Gertie Hanson and Edith Avey. Sister Jo Howse reported Brother Clayton Arthur had fallen and broken his arm but was at home. Sister Grace Morris, Fidelity Lodge, thanked all who had sent cards to her husband and reported he had come home from the hospital. Sister NG June Ash reported that she, Vice-President Sister Darsh, DDP Bernice Pettman and Sister Darsh's friend had visited Brother Max and Sister Edith Avey, Sister Violet Cole, Brother Jim and Sister Grace Squance, Sister Gertie Hanson and Sister Florence Church.

VP Sister Darsh congratulated both lodges for the way the meeting was conducted and asked the lodges to remember the less fortunate in our communities.

Lodge closed in regular form after which all enjoyed a sing-song led by Sister Jean McClintock and Delhi Lodge gave two readings after which lunch was served. VP Sister Darsh's friend from Brampton gave the courtesy remarks.

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ramsay who have been living in the home of the late Mrs. Martin Magashazi, moved on Saturday to their new home in Lisgar Heights, Tillsonburg.

On Monday, Nov. 19, Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 opened in regular form with N.G. Sister June Ash and V.G. Sister Ann Arthur presiding, and 15 members present.

Sister Ann Arthur, on behalf of the visiting committee, reported sending cards to Brother Clayton Arthur, Sister Helen Thompson, Sister Annie Godby, Sister Mary Jull and Lorne Treffrey. She had also visited Sister Annie Godby and Lorne Treffrey in Tillsonburg Hospital.

During the business a donation was sent to Sick Children's Hospital, London. It was decided to have a potluck supper the first meeting in December, members to bring their husbands or friend with gift exchange taking place at the second meeting in December.

Lodge closed with the regular format followed by refreshments and fellowship downstairs.

Executive elected

The Christmas meeting of the Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Norwich Chapter 175 O.E.S. was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pearce, Otterville, which was beautifully decorated in the Christmas theme.

A potluck supper was enjoyed at 5 p.m. followed by a short business session and gift exchange.

The minutes were read by Dorothy Durkee and the treasurer's report by Florence Saunders who also gave the card report.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President Marjorie Pearce, secretary Josephine Howse and card secretary Florence Saunders.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Saunders, Otterville with Vera Carroll in charge of the entertainment. Marjorie Pearce was in charge of the evening's entertainment.

A Christmas lunch was served by the host and hostess. Courtesy remarks were extended by Katie Lowe.

Spring-Otter Optimists share club facilities

A new sign has been erected west of County Rd. 13 in Concession 9, south of Springford, to show the location of the Trail Trotters Snowmobile Club and Spring-Otter Optimist Club.

A committee has been formed of six members, three of each club, to oversee the maintenance and operation of the clubhouse. Previously, the facilities were used solely by the Trail Trotters Club, who offered the use of them to the Spring-Otter Optimists who were in need of a location to hold their regular meetings, and fundrais-

ing events. This is proving to be an ideal solution for the Optimists and through the joint use of the facilities, costs of maintenance and upkeep can be shared.

Under the direction of Don Silverthorn, the new sign, that has been planned for some time, was put up on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 11.

The Spring-Otter Optimists' membership is constantly growing and since the beginning of their year, Oct. 1, four new members have joined the club. Recently, they held the Hunter Firearm Safety Course at the clubhouse location, with a Turkey Shoot upcoming this Saturday, Nov. 17, from noon until 4 p.m.

TRAIL TROTTERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

SPRING OTTER OPTIMIST CLUB



Putting up club sign

Members of the Spring-Otter Optimist Club were busy Sunday putting up their club sign along with the Trail Trotters Snowmobile Club sign west of County Rd. 13 in Concession 9, south of Springford. The Optimist Club will now be jointly using the clubhouse with the Snowmobile Club for meetings and events. (Staff Photo)

Spring-Otter Optimists holding film festival

Children will be able to enjoy film entertainment as the Spring-Otter Optimist Club holds a Film Festival Saturday, Nov. 24.

The club has organized the showing of "The Velveteen Rabbit," "Ringtail Raccoon," "I Know A Secret," two Laurel and Hardy films entitled "The Laurel and Har-

dy Murder Case," and "A Live Ghost," and a cartoon entitled "Pluto's Surprise Package." The afternoon entertainment will run from 1-3 p.m. at the Otterville Community Hall, Nov. 24.

Refreshments will be provided for the children and admission is free to the film festival.



New Beaver members

Nine Kits were invested as members of the Springford-Otterville Beaver pack during a ceremony at the Springford Women's Institute Hall last Wednesday. New members are front row left to right, Steven Wright, Adam Rice and Bowen O'Brady. In the second row are Eric Whitehead, James Babby and Kaleb Driedger. In the back row are Beaver leader Marie Davis, Garth Wilson, Jeffrey Lee and John Hopkins. (Staff Photo)



Members become Guides

Two members of the 1st Otterville Brownies moved up to become part of the 1st Norwich Girl Guides last Tuesday night during the ceremony at the Otterville Community Hall. At left are Sherry Cation, Girl Guide assistant giving the Girl Guide handshake to Amy Gehring and Susan Fachnie, 1st Norwich Girl Guide leader greeting new member Joni Ryerse (right) while Dianne Monsere (centre), 1st Otterville Brownie leader, looks on. (Staff Photo)

Brownies hold Christmas bazaar

OTTERVILLE (C) — On Saturday morning, Nov. 24, the 1st Otterville Brownie Pack held a successful Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale at the Otterville Community Hall.

Organized by the girls and their parents, a wide variety of items were available for purchase including home baking, preserves, used toys and Christmas crafts.

A door prize of a dried Christmas wreath, created by Mae Leonard of Otterville, was drawn for and won by Roger Monsere. Draws were held for other items and won by Muriel Kozuch - handmade wool vest; Tammy Hewitt - Michael Jackson picture; Bill Redman - Cabbage Patch boy doll; and Judy Freeman - Cabbage Patch girl doll.

In addition, a very popular Penny Table offered many varied and interesting items donated by people of the area, for those placing tickets. The winners were Mary Ellen Lee, Karen Dow, Janet Ryerse, Liz Dobovits, Gail Lewis, Carrie Ann Lewis, Melissa Leguee, Shirley Hokke, Kathleen Freeman, Larry Dymont, Ina Arthur, Shelly Sweazy, Floyd Lewis, Bertha Gehring, Isabel Harris, Melissa Wilkinson, Crystal Hewitt, Ross Dow, Betty Arthur, Marg Kramer, Edna Furlong, Grace Morris, Chris McMullen, Nic Visser, Clara Arthur, Lila Freeland, Wenda Smith, Diane Monsere, Elenor Harris, Bill Redman, Dorothy Brayley, John Monsere, Winnie Leach, Reni Latoile, Margaret Lee and Jeff Arthur.

The morning provided an opportunity for some early Christmas shopping as well as support of a worthwhile organization.

The Spring-Otter Optimist Club was pleased with their first Film Festival of the year having approximately 75 children attend. Held Saturday afternoon at the Otterville Community Hall, from 1-3 p.m., the children saw a variety of films. "The Velveteen Rabbit," "Ringtail Raccoon," "I Know a Secret," "The Laurel and Hardy Murder Case," "A Live Ghost" and "Pluto's Surprise Package" were shown. Refreshments were provided for the children who are looking forward to another upcoming festival.



New Brownie members

Otterville Tweenies moved up to become members of the 1st Otterville Brownie Pack last Tuesday at the ceremony at the Otterville Community Hall. New members are front row left to right, Kathleen Freeman, Emma Stengal, Michelle Redman and Cindy Dymont. In the back are, Dianne Monsere (Brown Owl), Deb Stone (Snowy Owl), Erica Gehring, Sarah Dickey, Rebecca Arthur and Crystal Hewitt (Tawni Owl). (Staff Photo)



Invest new leader

Rick Vuylsteke of RR 1, Otterville was invested as a leader for the 1st Norwich Beavers Monday night at the Beaver Hall with the aid of son Ryan (holding flag) and Gloria McMillen, assistant district commissioner for Big Creek. (Staff Photo)

Engagement



The parents of Linda Darlene DeVoogdt of Otterville and Svend Erik Svenningsen of Simcoe are pleased to announce their engagement. Linda Darlene is the daughter of Mrs. Marion DeVoogdt of Otterville and the late Mr. Maurice DeVoogdt, and Svend Erik is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Holger Svenningsen of Simcoe. The wedding is to take place November 3, 1984, at 2:30 p.m. at Delhi United Church. (Studio One Photo, Delhi)

Open House

MRS. MAY LEE
of Otterville will celebrate her
85th BIRTHDAY
with an Open House
for family and friends on
SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 25, 1984

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
at her home in Otterville
"Best Wishes Only"



Receives birthday greetings

Norwich Township Mayor John Heleniak was among the well wishers Sunday at the home of May Lee, Otterville, on the occasion of her 85th birthday. Friends, neighbors and relatives from as far away as Windsor as well as some of her 28 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren attended the surprise party. (Staff Photo)



Discuss aspects of seminar

Rev. Joseph Bull (left), of Otterville Fellowship Baptist Church, and Charter Davis, a member of the congregation, discuss aspects of the seminar presented by Rev. Elmer Cassidy (right) of London on "Preparing Your Will" held at the church Friday evening. The seminar, presented through the Ontario Bible College and the Ontario Theological Seminary, dealt with various topics and aspects of writing a will. (Staff Photo)

Conducts free seminar on preparing wills

By JOYCE McMULLEN

Rev. Elmer Cassidy of London, Ont., conducted a free seminar concerning "Preparing Your Will" presented by the Ontario Bible College and the Ontario Theological Seminary on Friday evening, Nov. 16, at the Otterville Fellowship Baptist Church.

Mr. Cassidy, a field representative of the Ontario Bible College, became interested in this field when questions would often arise during his visits in homes of people who support the college. Consequently, he took a course dealing with Will making, did much research and background reading, and began giving seminars in 1979 for he concluded it was a subject in which a lot of people needed help.

Mr. Cassidy dealt with a wide range of topics to enable individuals to become more knowledgeable about their present Wills or ones which they are anticipating making. Many people do not make a Will due to reasons of procrastination, indecisiveness, superstition, lack of ownership and legal and government costs. Also the reasoning that verbal instructions are enough or that a spouse's Will exists causes many to not prepare a Will. The important facts of no inheritance and gift taxes, existence of capital gains and the

advantages to joint ownership were elaborated upon.

The definition of legal terms such as testator, testatrix, personal representative, executor, executrix, intestate, per stirpes, issue, administrator, administratrix, and holograph Will clarified many common misconceptions and made such words understandable to the lay person.

Various aspects, often not considered, such as disaster clause, illegitimate clause, christian testimony, and charitable bequests were explained and Rev. Cassidy showed how they could be set up and be advantageous to the persons involved.

Through examples and illustrations Mr. Cassidy pointed out where Wills did not fulfill the desires of the deceased. Beneficiaries, distribution and evaluation of the estate, are all things to be dealt with through a Will.

The making of a Will often poses a confusing problem, full of legal jargon not easily understood and concerns, which worry many. Rev. Elmer Cassidy capably clarified these misunderstandings changing the prospect of making a Will from one of dread to one of desire to have a proper and satisfying document.

The Otterville United Church Women met Thursday evening Nov. 15 with President Betty Walther opening the meeting with a poem "Whatever Your Gift," followed by prayer.

All repeated the U.C.W. purpose and the president gave an excellent report on the U.C.W. executive meeting she had attended.

During the business it was decided to make a donation to the church board and to Alma College and to serve hot chocolate and cookies to the Sunday School children after carolling, Dec. 23.

Gail Lewis conducted the devotional

opening with a reading "Day Is Done." Songs sung were "Love Is The Greatest Gift" and "I Want To Pass It On" with Betty Walther as pianist. Dorothy Neale read the scripture Luke 10:31-34. Offering was received and Nancy Walther gave the topic Special Kindergarten. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Lewis.

Guest speaker Mae Leonard, introduced by Mrs. Neale, gave an interesting demonstration of Christmas wreaths and arrangements. Nancy Walther thanked Mrs. Leonard and presented her with a gift. A social time followed after which all sang "Blessed Be The Tie That Binds."

Missionary Fellowship plans Christmas banquet

OTTERVILLE (C) — The ladies of the Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Baptist Church, Otterville, met at the home of Mrs. Bill Smith.

Janet Vandelinde, Marlene Haggith, Wilma Hill and Darlene Wilson presented a play entitled Puzzle Or Plan. Three Biblical ladies were interviewed - Mrs. Job, Naomi and Esther, who maintained that their troubled lives ended happily and made them better people.

Mrs. C. Davis read an article, When God Lets Evil Triumph. It concluded by saying when a christian sees evil all around and sees things caving in right and left he also sees God. He knows that one day he will walk with Him forever. That thought keeps him going.

A solo, "Reach Out to Jesus" was sung by Mrs. Murray Treffry.

Mrs. Charter Davis began the devotional program with I Thess. 5:18 - In everything give thanks for this is the will of God concerning you, followed by the hymn "Leave It There." Mrs. Fred Hill read Scripture,

Romans 8:18-30.

The president, Mrs. Wilma Butler, opened the meeting by reading Hebrews 12:1-3. The hymn "Consider Him" was sung which some ladies had learned at the Muskoka Conference in June.

Betty Oenema read the minutes of the last meeting. It was announced that the annual Christmas banquet for the ladies would be Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. with a gift exchange.

Mrs. Dwight Davis read a letter from Dr. Hazel Wrigglesworth in the Philippines. Mrs. Oenema read the news from Mr. and Mrs. Ross Helgeton, missionaries in northern Saskatchewan.

Mrs. Fred Hill and Mrs. Bruce Stover offered prayer for the missionaries.

Hilda Stockmans gave a reading about the burdens of life. The meeting closed with singing "Never Alone" and prayer.

The hostess served a delicious lunch assisted by her mother, Mrs. F. Hill. The president gave the courtesy remarks.



Observing crafts

Edith Petch of Otterville observes some of the crafts and Christmas items made by residents of Norvilla Nursing Home during the Christmas Craft Bazaar at the nursing home Saturday. Money raised from the event will fund activities and crafts for residents. (Staff Photo)

Edith Petch attended a baby shower for her granddaughter Heather Brodie on Saturday, Nov. 24 at St. Agatha. On route to the shower Mrs. Petch's car was struck by a deer which shattered the right side of her windshield. The deer fled appearing unharmed and Mrs. Petch, though very shocked, was able to continue to drive her car.

Otterville has new business

By JOYCE McMULLEN

Otterville is welcoming a new business to the village with the opening of Plywood and Trim Company operated and owned by Ron Young of Langton.

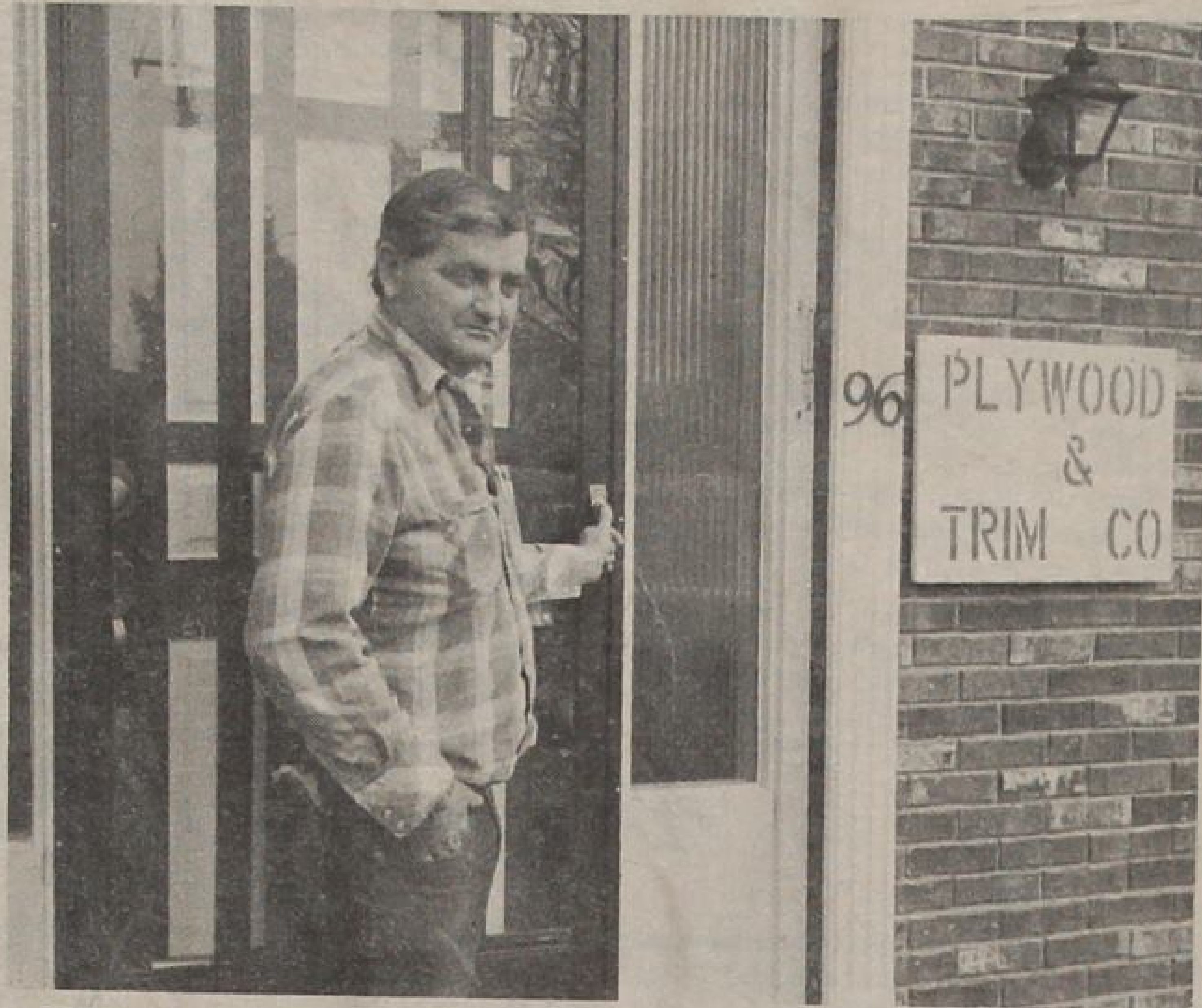
The business located on Main Street East has been in operation for two months. It deals with interior finishings of doors, trim, plywood and builders' hardware.

Mr. Young began the business 2½ years ago in Simcoe but has been looking for a location with more space and facilities. He found the answer to his need in Otterville which provides a good location in relation to his major shipping areas of London, Guelph, Toronto and Hamilton and is not hard for out-of-town people to find.

Large quantities are dealt with at a time with shipments being made daily; the majority of it going to new housing. However, Plywood and Trim Co. is open to area builders or to anyone who is in need of these supplies. The business is not set up for retail trade with a showroom, but all products are in stock and can easily be seen by those interested. Much of the material, which is manufactured in lumber mills across Canada, is obtained from Toronto.

There are two employees on staff, Marlene Tormey, who works in the office and Doug Fleming who deals with delivery. The business is open daily with a large inventory of stock. All major designs of trim and varieties of wood are carried. Mahogany seems to be the most popular type for trim and doors especially for production line housing. Hardwood plywood, finishing trim and builders hardware of doorknobs, entry handle sets, closet rods and hinges gives a sampling of the stock on hand. In addition to supplying materials Mr. Young will go to homes to measure giving an estimate of what materials are needed and the approximate cost.

Mr. Young has always been interested in the building profession, working for manufacturers, building houses and having a lumber yard in the past. However he



Opens new business

Ron Young of Langton, is owner and operator of Plywood and Trim Co. that opened on Main Street East, Otterville, two months ago. Otterville provided the space and facilities required for the business that specializes in doors, trim, plywood and builders' hardware. (Staff Photo)

went into this special line of work because few were doing it and he is now the only one within this 60-mile area. Other advantages are that weather does not affect the business. Even in the winter, work can be done inside working with trim and hardware. Also, equipment is not needed like that which is required in a lumber yard.

At present all space at the Plywood and Trim Co.'s new location is filled since Mr. Young wants to have the material on hand that is in demand. This sees a turnover of his inventory approximately twice a month. Consequently, expansion may be

necessary in the future for which this new location allows.

At the present time Mr. Young feels that if interest rates continue as they have, building will keep going. Building has been steady for the last two years and has been doing much better than in the previous years.

Living with his wife and son in Langton, Mr. Young finds Otterville to be a friendly village in which to operate his business. He has always lived in small towns and has found this one a very good location for Plywood and Trim Co.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Davis are pleased to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Catherine Lynn Louise to Arthur Jonas Ragauskas. The wedding will take place November 23 at St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, Ontario.

Catherine

and

Arthur

To everything there is a season
a time and a purpose . . .

Catherine Lynn Louise Davis

and

Arthur Jonas Ragauskas

invite you to share with them

and their families

a day of happy beginnings

when they will be united in marriage

on Friday the twenty-third of November

nineteen hundred and eighty-four

at seven o'clock in the evening

at Saint John's Anglican Church

Otterville, Ontario

Reception to follow

Otterville Community Centre

Regrets only

Norwich Township Council Briefs

Prepare municipal housing statement

Norwich Township council requested the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing prepare a Municipal Housing Statement to update the report done in June 1982. An assisted housing survey will be used to review the housing needed for senior citizens and families in the township. The survey will allow council to determine if there is demand for rent geared to income or market rental units needed for low income seniors and families. "The objective is to prepare background information for council to determine policy reaction necessary to provide for the housing wants and needs of the township," Mayor John Heleniak said. Previous surveys done

in 1978 and 1982 found there was insufficient demand for additional units

Provide parade aid

Monday, township council approved a \$100 donation to the Spring-Otter Optimist Club to aid in expenses from the annual Santa Claus Parade held in Otterville.

Consider paving

Council will inform South-West Oxford Township that Norwich Township is considering the paving of the road through Zenda in 1985.

Approve storm windows

Council approved the request from Jean Edwards, secretary-treasurer of the Curries Hall, for the replacing of five storm windows in the hall but asked further estimates be obtained prior to the purchase and installation.

Hire assistant

Chuck Clark of Tillsonburg has been hired in the part-time position as assistant to the township municipal inspector effective Monday. He will be paid on Grid Level 2 of \$8 per hour plus mileage on his private vehicle.

Building construction

Total building construction for Ward 1 in November was \$18,000. Construction was \$1,000 in Ward 2, \$4,000 in Ward 3 and \$70,000 in Ward 4.

Renew subscription

Subscription to the publication Municipal World was renewed for members of council for the upcoming year.

Uncollectible taxes

Council accepted writing off

\$17,618.44 in tax adjustments for 1984. Slightly more than \$17,000 consisted of uncollectible business taxes while the remainder was made up of refunds.

New chairman

The recommendation by the township Agriculture and Works Committee that Councillor Larry Martin be appointed chairman of the committee effective Dec. 1 was approved by council Monday.

Erect street light

Council approved a recommendation made at the Agriculture and Works Committee meeting that Ontario Hydro be requested to erect a street light at the corner of Robson Street and Highway 59 in Ward 3.

Attend conference

Municipal inspector has been authorized to attend the OFDA Drainage Superintendent's Association meeting in London in January.

Road signs

Council will contact the Ministry of Transportation and Communication and request road signs be placed on the corner of Highway 59 and the Old Stage Road denoting the location of Oxford Centre.

Radio system installed

The Agriculture and Works Committee was informed Nov. 28 by Road Superintendent Ron Smith that the new two-way radio system has been installed for use of the township public works department and has even been installed in mobiles in the sanders for winter control.

Approve vehicle purchase

Council approved a recommendation by Agriculture and Works Committee that since the drainage inspector has proven the worth of the all terrain vehicle that was rented to carry out his duties, that council should purchase the vehicle.

Table tree cutting

Council tabled a recommendation to remove two trees next to Bob Alexanders' store in Norwich to allow councillors the chance to see if the cutting of the trees is absolutely necessary or if trimming will solve the problem of the closeness of the trees to the building.

Christmas parties

Council approved a recommendation made by the township Community Services Committee that the township offer the four firefighters associations \$50 towards a Christmas party or the use of a community hall or auditorium at no charge.

Make donation

Council approved a recommendation the township pay \$50 to the Golden Eagle C.B. Club for their assistance to the Norwich Police Department during Halloween.

Purchase first-aid kits

Facilities Manager Marcel DeWitte will be authorized by council to purchase first-aid kits (if required) for all public halls.

Appoint committee chairman

Councillor Bob Carney was appointed new chairman of the Community Services Committee while Councillor Hardee Richardson was appointed vice-chairman of the committee.

Table recommendations

A recommendation by the Community Services Committee from Dec. 4 that Chief of Norwich Police Department Robert Knight advertise for a part-time secretary to work no more than 32 hours per month was tabled by council Monday to be discussed in budget considerations in the 1985 police contract. Also tabled to budget was the recommendation regarding police training expenditures.

Smith heads planning committee

Norwich Township Councillor-at-large Helen Smith was appointed chairman of the Oxford County Planning Committee beginning Dec. 1.

Because appointments for chairman are for one-year periods, Councillor-at-large Smith knew she would be taking over the duties and has been preparing for it, she said. "I'm looking forward to it. It is quite a responsibility." The committee, consisting of five county council members, meets every other week. She has been a member of the committee for three years and feels during these years she has gathered the knowledge necessary to efficiently chair the committee.

Councillor Joe Pember will serve as vice-chairman of the committee.

Parade fund

OTTERVILLE — The Spring Otter Optimist Club has been granted \$100 by Norwich Township Council to help with the Otterville Santa Claus parade.

Wants help

OTTERVILLE — Norwich Township council will inform South-West Oxford Township that it is considering paving the road through Zenda in 1985. South-West Oxford will be asked to pay half the cost of the \$9,000 project.

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Purchase books

Norwich Township council approved Tuesday, Nov. 27 the purchase by the township of copies of Mortar and Pine to present to the three exchange students, Priscila Meira, Brazil; and Catherine Landry and Barbara Debays, Quebec, who have been on exchange in the township.

Kidney Month

Mayor John Heleniak shall proclaim the month of March as Kidney Month in Norwich Township.

Review group insurance

Fred Thompson of Norwich, representing Mutual Life, will be invited by township council to review the Norwich township Group Insurance.

Monthly paper drive

Council approved the motion that the Norwich Boy Scout Group Committee be authorized to place a truck on the east side of the lot at the Norwich Township Police Department Station once each month for a paper drive.

Maintain hall

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Davis were appointed to maintain the Otterville Hall, kitchen and washrooms at \$5.51 per hour and also be responsible for the hall bookings at \$25 per month plus five per cent of the fee collections.

Clean Medical Centre

Township council approved the recommendation of the Norwich Medical Centre Advisory Committee to hire Wayne Amey to clean the medical centre commencing Jan. 1, 1985 at \$250 per month, duties to be specified in the job description prepared by the advisory committee.

Endorse roads concerns

Norwich Township council endorsed the concerns expressed by the Ontario Good Roads Association regarding the inadequacy of the funds made available by the provincial government for municipal road subsidy as expressed in their brief to the Ontario cabinet committee on resources development dated Nov. 1, 1984. A copy of the resolution of support will be forwarded to the treasurer of Ontario, the secretary to the Ontario cabinet and the minister of transportation and communications.

The Ontario Good Roads Association is suggesting the government give consideration to beginning in 1985 increasing subsidy allotment for roads by \$75 million in each of the next five years as an initial step to preserving the existing road system at reasonable costs.

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Norwich downtown getting facelift

By Ben Steidman
Staff Writer

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NORWICH — Approval in principle has been given by Township Council to a major downtown facelift here at an estimated cost of \$145,000.

Funding for the proposed Norwich Downtown Beautification/Revitalization Project is to be shared among the municipality, Norwich Business Improvement Area (BIA), Oxford County and the province.

The design proposal was prepared by Philips Planning and Engineering Ltd. Included are streetscape improvement, water and hydro relocations, trees, sidewalk improvements, etc.

At last week's meeting, Council also passed a resolution to limit the financial burden for the project on Town of Norwich (Ward 2) ratepayers. The motion

'Funding for beautification concerns council'

in addition proposed the township seek a greater financial commitment towards the scheme from BIA.

Mayor John Heleniak said the request would first be discussed by BIA's executive committee and then a recommendation would be taken to the group's Board for action.

It's possible that under the Commercial's Area Improvement Program (CAIP), the province might provide a grant of up to some \$16,700 and a low interest loan of about \$33,500 payable over a 10-year period.

Councillor Bob Carney raised strong objections to heavily taxing township residents to "benefit" Norwich merchants.

He took issue with the idea of subsidizing these businesses.

He regarded the proposed facelift as nothing short of "advertising" for Norwich businesses and maintained they should pay a bigger share of local costs as a consequence.

Councillor Michael Oliver, however, while agreeing that BIA should pay a greater share of costs, insisted the "esthetic value" of the project be considered as well as money.

He reckoned the entire township would "benefit" from an improvement to its centre.

The county would contribute about \$30,000, according to Councillor Norm Lusk.

But, he also noted that Council has not really "come to grips" with the province's share.

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Cutbacks cut back on road improvements

NORWICH — Township Council is faced with the bleak prospect of not being able to proceed with certain road improvements because of cutbacks in provincial cost-sharing funds.

The dilemma is Ontario-wide Council learned at last week's meeting. All municipalities are being hurt by the drying up of money allocated by the province for road budgets and additional road projects.

In a letter to Council, William Taylor, president of the Ontario Good Roads Association, pointed out his group has presented a brief on this very problem to the Cabinet Committee on Resources Development.

The brief stressed the widespread problem requires immediate attention by Queen's Park so "additional funding to municipalities" be provided to "preserve our existing road system at reasonable costs before it is too late."

Queen's Park is being urged by the association to increase road subsidy allotments in the province by \$75-million in each of the next five years. To get its point across, the association is asking for support from Municipal Governments, including Norwich Township.

Councillor Don Pettigrew suggested that the township might just have to keep raising extra funds for road work at the

"local level" acknowledging the added tax burden on ratepayers.

The association points out in its brief that "approximately 28 per cent of all municipal roads and streets are now inadequate by the standards set by the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MTC)."

In 1984, new requests to MTC totalled some \$159-million but only \$9.7-million were made available.

"In rural areas, substandard roads are a major cause of motor vehicle accidents, adversely affect the movement of agricultural and forestry products, add to the wear and tear of vehicles, as well as adding to fuel consumption," notes the brief.

Mayor John Heleniak said after the meeting that the township has been "hurt" by cutbacks. For example, the Cornell Road project in Ward 1, considered a "priority" is being 100 per cent funded by money raised locally.

MTC turned down the township's request for supplementary funds, claiming money was just not there for it.

Council wholeheartedly passed a motion supporting the association's position. The resolution will be forwarded to the Provincial Treasurer urging more road subsidy money be made available.

Want BIA to reconsider improvement project share

Norwich Township Council would like the Norwich Business Improvement Area (BIA) board of management to reconsider increasing its financial commitment to the proposed downtown Norwich beautification project estimated to cost \$145,432.

During the council meeting Tuesday, Nov. 27 council approved a motion moved by Councillor Don Pettigrew that the BIA board of management be requested to reconsider paying a larger share of the project cost. Council approved in principle the streetscape design Nov. 20.

Financing is now estimated to cost the township \$100,732, the Norwich BIA, \$29,037.50 with Oxford County to pay \$18,100. Provincial contribution to the project through the Commercial Area Improvement Program (CAIP) could be \$72,716 consisting of a maximum grant of \$24,214.43 and a low interest loan of \$48,501.57 payable over 10 years.

The motion approved also stated that in recognition of the \$24,000 commitment assumed by Ward 2 ratepayers through the Norwich Public Utility Commission (PUC) in addition to the ratepayers' share of the total cost of the project, that no further burden should be placed on these ratepayers.

Councillor Norm Lusk said it was hoped the township's financial commitment to the project would be less than estimated at the outset.

Discussion on the beautification project will next be taken to BIA members for their views.

Play it again, Sam . . .

NORWICH — There was a popular movie released a few years ago about shooting the piano player if the music was dreadful.

Norwich Township Councillor Hardee Richardson thought he was on that hot seat at last week's meeting. Council received a letter from a Ward 4 resident complaining about the atrocious condition of the piano purchased for Oxford Centre Hall.

Mr. Richardson had made arrangements to have the piano purchased. The purchase was then approved by Council. Obviously the choice of a piano was not very good, and Councillor Richardson admitted he felt bad about the whole affair and how it turned out.

In the letter, the irate resident pointed out that with Christmas fast

approaching and many parties planned for the facility, a decent piano was needed. The current piano was described as a "disgrace" and Council was urged to ensure replacement was given "top consideration."

Council received a broadside from the letter-writer when it was accused of wasting thousands of dollars on some road work in the area that really was not a high priority item — but there was no money for a decent piano.

Bob Carney took offence to the letter labelling it a "slap in the face" to Council. "The major part of the letter was uncalled for," he added.

Councillor Carney said the letter-writer should be told so by Council; he also insisted Council obtain a suitable piano for the facility.

A different stand was taken by Councillor Don Pettigrew. He thought it was "great" that a ratepayer took the time and trouble to "criticize us." What with "public apathy" rampant about politics in general, Councillor Pettigrew was delighted this particular resident has shown such an interest in municipal politics.

Councillor Carney countered by suggesting the letter-writer could run for office in the next municipal election and have an opportunity to be a mover and shaker.

Nevertheless, it appears Oxford Centre Hall will be getting a better piano. Councillor Richardson said he was looking into ways to obtain funds for another piano and perhaps even raise some money towards it by trading in the old one.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH NOTICE OF CLOSING OF ROAD ALLOWANCE

TAKE NOTICE THAT:

1. The Council of the Township of Norwich intends to pass a by-law for stopping up that portion of Bond Street shown on Plan 388, Village of Otterville, lying north of North Street.
2. Any person who claims that the effect of the proposed by-law will be to deprive any person of ingress and egress to and from his lands may apply in writing to the undersigned not later than December 14th, 1984.

DATED AT OTTERVILLE THIS 14th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1984.

ROBERT C. WATKINS,
CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR
TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH
P.O. Box 100,
Otterville, Ontario
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879-6568 or 863-2709

Letters to the editor

WIDENING GAP

The Editor: On Tuesday, Nov. 20 Norwich Township council approved in excess of \$140,000 for a beautification project on Main Street in Norwich. The major portion of these funds will come from all taxpayers in the township.

Is it fair to expect all taxpayers to pay for something that will benefit only a few? What of the business people of the other areas of the township? Is it fair to expect them to contribute to a project that could do nothing but take business away from them?

There are many unemployed people who would benefit more from efforts by council to attract small business and industry to all areas, and by increasing industry you increase taxable property value and the tax burden already too high is spread more evenly over the population. There are roads that require repair, in particular, the 10th concession through Cornell. This particular section of road has been under construction for several months, with no end in sight.

A rift has existed between various sections of the township for many years and actions such as those recently taken by council can only succeed in making this gap ever wider. It is time for the local government to start listening to what their constituents are saying.

Peter Pickersgill
Otterville, Ont.
879-6977

A BACKWARD STEP

To the Editor: The motion Councillor Don Pettigrew is bringing before the Norwich Township Council is an interesting and important one but if I understand it correctly it would be a backward rather than a forward step for our township. The gist of it is that the taxes raised in each

area would be used only in that area.

If followed far enough each farmer would be responsible for paving/repairing/maintaining the road in front of his property and I would pave/repair/maintain the street in front of mine. Would the taxes of the 3,000 people in Springfield, Otterville, Norwich, Burgessville and Oxford centre each rebuild the bridges the Otter and the other creeks require in their own areas and the taxes of the 7,000 farmers rebuild those in theirs?

Whether we like restructured government or not, it is here and I think we should try to make it work — not turn the clock back. If Councillor Pettigrew's idea is primarily designed to reduce total expenditure, I'm all for it. The federal, provincial, county and township governments are all spending too much of our taxes — and our grandchildren's.

For more than 100 years Oxford County Council governed Oxford superbly and disbursed only what they took in, but they finally joined the others. Over the years that council was composed of many able statesmen. If we taxpayers in each township ward would elect statesmen (and stateswomen!) rather than politicians perhaps Councillor Pettigrew's motion would be defeated and his objective obtained.

Paul M. Moore
Norwich

P.S. A professor of political history recently expressed an interesting opinion on statesmanship. Of Canada's prime ministers to date it was his opinion three were statesmen: Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mackenzie King. He also said there were three men who would have been statesmen if they had had the opportunity: Arthur Meighen, Joe Clark, and John Turner.

Council tables motion to prorate services

In an effort to place more responsibility on the ratepayers to determine their wants and needs, Norwich Township council will give consideration to a motion of prorating services to areas enjoying the benefits.

Councillor Don Pettigrew presented a motion of area rating of services to council Monday and asked members to give it positive and rational consideration, but not deal with it immediately. The motion was tabled to be discussed in the future.

By introducing the motion of prorating services Coun. Pettigrew said it is an attempt to free tax dollars in an effort to unite the township and certainly not to turn one group of ratepayers against another. Through the motion he intended to have ratepayers determine whether their wants are needs or their needs are wants.

"Let us move in a direction that will simplify our decision-making, based on the proven needs of ratepayers and be willing to supplement these needs," he said in a statement presented to council. "Let us move in a direction that will free additional tax dollars to be spent to benefit the greatest number of ratepayers as

possible."

An area of concern to Coun. Pettigrew is the roads system. In the last few years road improvement at the township, county and provincial level "has fallen to a level that, if the trend continues we will find ourselves conducting a maintenance level only," he said. "We have to find dollars to correct this worsening problem."

Coun. Pettigrew feels the three areas that are purely municipal and could not be area rated are the roads system, administration and fire protection.

Councillor Darrell Force said his first response to the motion was anger for he felt it would put urban against rural and questions whether anyone would "come out on the top end of the stick."

Coun. Pettigrew asked council what had happened to community pride. "If you want it, you pay for it," he said. "There is no Santa Claus."

He said restructuring was not meant to be an economic ride to prosperity, but an attempt to equalize services to a broader area and through his motion he hoped to supplement that attempt.

Norwich participating in computer study

Norwich Township council will continue participation with the Oxford County Computer Feasibility Study Committee after approving a request, Wednesday, for information and a request for proposals on automating the township offices.

Chris Gorman of Toronto, engaged as a consultant by the study committee under the Action '85 program, discussed a Requirements Analysis Study on the computer system with council in camera during a special council meeting Wednesday afternoon.

The township is participating in the study co-operatively with the city of Ingersoll, Zorra Township, Blandford-Blenheim Township and South-West Oxford Township. The five municipalities are investigating the feasibility of and the requirements that must be made in regards to getting a computer system in the municipal offices. Under the cost-sharing

study the request for information will cost \$1,125 and the request for proposals will cost \$1,875 which means each of the five municipalities will have a cost of \$600 if all agree to proceed as Norwich Township has.

Township offices are now run manually and with increased demands, council became aware that alternative ways should be investigated. The study underway will determine the requirements of the participating members both individually and as a group and to determine those areas where the implementation of automated systems would be of value.

The Feasibility Study Committee, consisting of representatives from the five participating municipalities, will meet to review the results made from formal presentations of the analysis study to the five councils.

Council briefs

Purchase lapel pins

Norwich Township council approved the purchase of 1,000 plastic lapel pins at a cost of 70 cents each and 250 metal pins at a cost of \$2.50 each during a special council meeting Wednesday. The lapel pins will contain the township crest and will be distributed at cost to anyone wishing to purchase them.

Appoint to committee

Murray Hilliker of Norwich has been appointed to the Norwich Medical Centre Advisory Committee replacing Jim Butler who recently resigned.

Approve right-of-way

Council approved a bylaw Wednesday for providing right-of-way from Washington Avenue in Norwich across Lot 289 to the properties leased by the township for a public parking area. The lane, owned by Martin Edgar Snyder, owner of Snyder's Electric, will be leased to the township for \$200 per year.

Approve increase

Township council approved an increase of \$50 per month for the Canine Control Shelter in Simcoe, increasing the monthly amount to \$600.

Pins on principle

Norwich — Why be different?

Township Council decided at Wednesday's special meeting it didn't want to be and so decided to join the crowd by authorizing the purchase of lapel pins branded with the municipality logo.

Mayor John Heleniak said the lapel pins for Norwich will display its pioneer heritage, and its main farm products — dairy, tobacco, corn, wheat and apples.

One thousand plastic pins and 250 metal pins have been ordered.

Levesque's not only one embroiled in separatism

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By ALISON DOWNIE
of The Sentinel-Review

OTTERVILLE — Rene Levesque isn't the only one with a separatist issue on his hands.

Closer to home, Norwich Township Mayor John Heleniak is having problems with residents who support separation. At council's meeting Monday he said there is a movement afoot in Otterville to have the former community of South Norwich (Ward 1) opt out of the township.

The mayor has heard rumours a concerned ratepayers association has been formed and that a petition will be initiated calling for separation of Ward 1 — which has a population of less than 3,000 — from the rest of the township.

"This sort of thing upsets me a great deal," councillor Helen Smith said.

"Personally I don't have strong feelings about one area or another. I don't know the solution but there's quite a few people unhappy."

Council's recent decision to support a \$140,000 beautification project in downtown Norwich seems to have brought the issue to a head.

An Otterville resident — who asked not

to be identified — said a lot of ratepayers definitely support separation because they believe Ward 1 is being neglected by council.

"We're getting sick and tired of all the money going to Norwich (Village)," said Lyle Davis a former township councillor. "A lot of people are upset down here about the streetscaping project in Norwich. If there's any possible way we will separate."

No official committee has been set up to Davis's knowledge.

Mayor Heleniak said conflicts exist between the four wards and north and south parts of the township. Each ward operated as a separate municipality before restructuring. Councillors are now elected under the ward system.

"A lot of people were against restructuring but none of us were responsible for that," Mrs. Smith said. "I don't think we can change things now. What we have is a very unhealthy situation."

She disagrees that some wards receive more from council than others.

"We've been hearing rumours about separation for the past couple of years now. Residents are very serious about it and feel they can get along better on their own as they did before," Mayor Heleniak said. "It's unfortunate that restructuring was forced on us but it's up to council to try to make it work. It's a difficult job for council and the mayor to try to please everyone."



LYLE DAVIS



Separatist movement in South Norwich?

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It's as if the war between the north and the south in the U.S. is being re-enacted in Norwich Township with South Norwich (Ward 1) threatening to secede from the rest of the township.

At a council meeting Monday night, Norwich Township Mayor John Heleniak said there is a movement afoot in Otterville to have Ward 1 opt out of the township.

The mayor said he has heard rumors that a concerned ratepayers' association has been formed and that a petition calling for the separation will be circulated.

It's believed council's recent decision to support a \$140,000 beautification project in downtown Norwich sparked the separatist movement.

An Otterville resident who asked not to be identified said a lot of ratepayers support the proposed separation because they feel Ward 1 is being neglected by council.

Former Township Councillor Lyle Davis said people are sick and tired of all the money going to the Village of Norwich and if there is any possible way they will separate from the township.

No official committee has been set up to his knowledge.

Mayor Heleniak admitted conflicts exist between the four wards and the north and south part of the township. Prior to restructuring, each ward operated separately. Councillors are now elected under a ward system.

Councillor Helen Smith called the situation unhealthy. She disagreed that some wards receive more from council than others.

Mayor Heleniak said it was unfortunate restructuring was forced on the township but said it was up to council to make it work.

Mason-Dixon line crisis

By Ben Steidman
Staff Writer

NORWICH — Is the purported secessionist movement in South Norwich nothing but a tempest in a teapot as some contend? Or is there some substance to rumours about formation of a concerned citizens' group in South Norwich and Otterville (Ward 1) threatening to secede from Norwich Township?

"For now, all this talk and speculation about an association is preliminary."

— John Heleniak
Mayor

Ask Mayor John Heleniak and he says he's heard talk about organizing a concerned citizens' committee or ratepayers' association. "I believe there

may have been a meeting already but from what I understand they won't say anything until after the New Year."

He believes at least two recent incidents triggered the storm now brewing over South Norwich. One was dedication of a memorial plaque in October to honour Dr. Emily Stowe at Norwich Museum and Archives. Second was the recent approval in principle given by Council to a \$140,000 downtown facelift in Norwich.

"At this stage, I support an association, maybe township-wide. For now, all this talk and speculation about an association is preliminary."

Questioned about signs posted on Highway 59 south of the Town of Norwich designating a boundary there as the "Mason-Dixon Line," Mayor Heleniak said the signs apparently reflected assertions that Council has neglected Ward 1 and separation was the solution for some.

Council spends the taxpayers' money, Mr. Mann added. Council appears to favour Norwich over other areas and says Mr. Mann there's "plenty of talk" about a petition and forming an association.

He wants an accounting of tax dollars spent in the past five years in each ward and of revenue collected in the same period in each ward.

"I really don't know what the advantages or disadvantages of a committee would be," admitted Mr. Mann. One thing, though, is certain, a lot of concerned people in the township will now be looking at how Council operates more carefully, including Mr. Mann.

An angry and frustrated Mr. Mann said many ratepayers feel the same. If a meeting of concerned taxpayers is held in the New Year, Mr. Mann declares unsurprisingly that he'll be there with a host of grievances.

At any rate, the two signs are now gone — one disappeared, the other is resting in Mayor Heleniak's office as a souvenir.

"If it (the proposed association) does indeed materialize, it will be a positive approach."

— Don Pettigrew
Councillor

Conflicts have and do exist among the township's four wards as well as between the northern and southern sections. Each ward functioned as a separate municipality before restructuring or regionalization. Now, councillors are elected under a ward system.

Ken Mann of Otterville, a farmer and member of the township's historical society, is outspoken in his criticism of the way Ward 1 and other wards (outside of

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"Regionalization has meant more cost to taxpayers for fewer services," he states flatly, referring to the township's structure. He says tobacco farmers in South Norwich, for example, are paying more taxes, but they along with other taxpayers are just not enjoying benefits equal to what they are putting into the municipality.

Councillor Don Pettigrew, one of three elected representatives from Ward 1, "welcomes" formation of a ratepayers' association; he adds that other Councillors he has talked to "feel likewise." Consequently, he envisages "no problems" with such a body of ratepayers.

However, he regards any threat to secede from Norwich Township as a negative approach to resolve long-standing problems. "If it (the proposed association) does indeed materialize, it will be a positive approach," observed Councillor Pettigrew. "I think more people should become

enlightened about municipal affairs. It's not all that bad ... if people don't complain, we (local politicians) don't know what's going on."

Councillor Pettigrew is in the dark about who is spearheading the drive for a citizens' group. Nevertheless, he readily admits the "controversy" is a "symptom of real or imaginary frustrations."

He tagged signs posted along the highway as a "silly stunt" and not conducive to bringing about fruitful discussions to solve problems. "I believe that the levels of frustration will cool and the approach will become more positive."

Councillor Pettigrew viewed setting up of a citizens' group as "progressive" and if really implemented, speculated some action could be forthcoming early in January, possibly at the next Council meeting on the 14th.

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Norwich or Ward 2) have been treated by Council.

He unhesitatingly declares that he would "vote for separation" and let South Norwich revert back to its original form of Municipal Government. "A tremendous majority here would vote for separation."

There's discontent simmering in South Norwich, maintains Mr. Mann, over the Stowe plaque, which he insists should have been located in the south and the downtown Norwich beautification project.

But there's also bitterness festering over the Norwich Community Arena, which, according to Mr. Mann is losing money. Another bone of contention is the museum itself or "white elephant" as described by Mr. Mann.

People are "hollering" all over the township about the manner in which

Rumblings of separtism starting to be heard in Norwich Township

This is the last in a series looking back at events in the county during 1984.

By LINDA HULME
of The Sentinel-Review

•Dec. 3 — Officials from Oxford and its local municipalities returned from a trip to Hamburg, N.Y., to view the town's mandatory garbage separation program. The program got rave reviews and gave them tips on what could be done in Oxford.

•Dec. 5 — Oxford County should not use taxpayer's money to help underdeveloped countries such as Ethiopia, the county's administration and finance committee decided. Ingersoll resident Agnes Kramer suggested in a letter that \$10,000 of the \$310,000 reserve fund from projects not undertaken this year be sent to help underprivileged African countries.

•Dec. 7 — Just prior to a guest speaker's talk about the importance of service to others, eight members of the Oxford County Federation of Agriculture declined the 1985 vice-president's position at their annual meeting. 1984 president Don Woolcott said the executive committee and the board of directors would have to come up with someone to fill the position.

•Dec. 10 — Thirty-three residents of Oxford County received Bicentennial medals from provincial officials, including Oxford MPP Dick Treleaven.

•Dec. 11 — Norwich Township Mayor John Heleniak said there is a movement underfoot to separate the former South Norwich Township from the rest of the municipality. Lyle Davis, a former councillor and South Norwich resident, said the area is getting sick and tired of money being pumped into Norwich village. Council recently approved a \$140,000 d o w n t o w n



JOHN HELENIAK



LYLE DAVIS

beautification project for the community.

•Dec. 12 — A trial before an Ontario Supreme Court justice began to determine the liability, if any, of the county in the death of an Embro man who crashed his car into a bridge construction abutment on County Road 6 south of the village in 1983. The lawsuit arising out of the Aug. 3, 1983 death of Paul Huser, 37, of RR 5, Embro, names as defendants both the county and Jim Daily Contracting Ltd. of Cambridge who were involved in the construction work.

•Dec. 14 — The Huser lawsuit resulted in an out of court settlement. the Huser's widow and two daughters will receive \$152,000 to compensate them for their loss. Lawyers involved in the case agreed the county, the contractor and Huser himself were all partially responsible for his death.

•Dec. 18 — An inquest into the deaths of two Oxford Regional Centre residents began before regional coroner Dr. Douglas MacKinlay. Renato Rossi, 30, and Doreen Fidlin, 56, died following an outbreak of salmonella at the centre for mentally handicapped adults over the Labor Day weekend.

•Dec. 20 — Oxford County was requested to contribute part of the \$655,000 needed to improve facilities at Stratford General Hospital.

•Dec. 21 — A well near the Canada Cement Lafarge plant in Beachville came up with low chemical pollution levels following a test by the Ontario Ministry of Environment. Previous tests had shown high levels of cadmium and manganese, prompting an Embro area citizens group to claim the pollution resulted from contaminated dust dumped in the CCL landfill site.

•Dec. 22 — A coroner's jury recommended the Oxford Regional Centre establish a detailed crisis plan in case emergencies such as the widespread salmonella poisoning in September arise in the future.

•Dec. 24 — A plan to incinerate garbage in Oxford County was dropped, and the public works committee recommended the same treatment for its hired consultant, Derek Wilson. The county paid Wilson about \$28,000 to come up with a workable incineration proposal.



A new sign posted

This Mason-Dixon Line posted just south of the village of Norwich, on the boundary between Norwich and Otterville, was recently put up by unknown persons presumably in regards to plans to organize a ratepayers association in Otterville in January. Some Otterville residents have voiced their complaints that Norwich Township council is neglecting Ward 1. (Staff Photo)

Council considering recycling garbage

NORWICH — A garbage recycling program is under consideration by Township Council.

At Monday's meeting, Councillor-at-Large Helen Smith and Councillor Darrell Force related their impressions of such a program in Hamburg, N.Y., which they viewed as members of Oxford County's Public Works Committee.

Mrs. Smith said she had thought the program had merit and might be applicable locally, depending on a number of factors being worked out ahead of any implementation.

similar program. "It works well too," noted Mr. Force.

Basically, the program in Hamburg works this way: the town's full-time garbage personnel collect separated garbage (newspaper, corrugated paper, glass, cans and used oil) and take it to the town yard. There ARC Industry workers sort the materials, put them in bins and ship them to recycling plants. The rest ends up in a landfill site.

Mrs. Smith pointed out that the town learned by "trial and error" over the past four years on how to effectively run the program so now it's quite "impressive."

Program could work locally

Mr. Force said the program covers about "98 per cent of the town (population 10,400, about the same as Norwich Township)." Apparently there have been few complaints about the program during its four years of existence.

Although there is no rural garbage pick-up in Hamburg, nearby Batavia, N.Y. does have urban and rural pick-up with a

Don Pettigrew wanted to know if the program made a profit, what the costs were and if there were markets for the products.

Councillors Smith and Force said the operation makes a profit, costs were unknown to them and markets were there for the recycled goods.

"We'll be discussing this further," said Mayor John Heleniak.

No secretary for the chief

OTTERVILLE — A request from the Norwich Police department to hire a part-time secretary was turned down by council Monday.

The community services committee had requested Chief Robert Knight be authorized to advertise for a part-time secretary to be paid \$4 an hour and work eight hours a week.

"Are our police that busy that they can't do eight hours of paperwork a week?" Coun. John McNally asked.

Mayor John Heleniak said police presently write out their reports in long hand and a typist is required.

Housing study

asked for

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Norwich Township council has asked the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to review the housing needs for senior citizens and families in the township.

The last provincial housing study done in the township in 1982, concluded there was not sufficient demand for additional rent-geared-to-income or market value units in the township.

A new survey will help council to determine if there is a need to establish a local non-profit housing corporation. A joint federal-provincial program helps municipalities build units with a proportion of them set aside for tenants who pay less than the going market rates.

There are now 30 Ontario Housing Corporation built units for seniors in Norwich.

This staff's getting too darn educated says councillor

By ALISON DOWNIE
of The Sentinel-Review

OTTERVILLE — Norwich councillors and staff are getting too much education says one councillor.

And if they weren't so much education the township could save itself \$20,000 Coun. Bob Carney said Monday. He estimated that would be the cost of conventions and training courses next year.

While discussing a recommendation from the community services committee for two police officers to attend training sessions next year, Carney said the township is over-educating its staff for the jobs they have to do. The recommendation will be discussed again during budget deliberations.

"We're going to send two officers to school and pay overtime for others to do their jobs."

He said he wasn't knocking the police force adding that other municipal employees and council members use



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CARNEY

taxpayers money to attend training courses and conventions.

"Where do we draw the line," he said, "it seems we're always sending somebody somewhere. I haven't attended any conventions since I've sat on council and I'm no smarter or dumber than anybody else."

He said it will get to the point where Norwich's staff is so educated they will be sought by other municipalities.

"Then we'll have egg on our faces," Carney said.

Shortly after making his comments, the majority of council members indicated they would be attending the annual conference of the Rural Ontario Municipal Association at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Feb. 3 to 6, along with their spouses. Carney will not be attending.

All he had to say to his fellow council members was, "Let your conscience be the guide."

Following the meeting Mayor John Heleniak said council's policy is that each member can attend two conferences or conventions a year.

"Some councils only send two or three representatives to this conference and then they report back to council," he said. "In our case everybody likes to go to this conference to find out things first hand. It's rural oriented."

The policy of the council is that each member may attend two conferences or conventions a year at the taxpayers' expense.

Councillor raps staff training cost

One Norwich Township councillor believes the township is over-educating its staff for the jobs they have to do and if it keeps on it might lose them to other municipalities.

Councillor Bob Carney said the township could save itself \$20,000 if it weren't doing so much educating, estimating \$20,000 as the cost of conventions and training programs next year.

The issue arose at Monday's township council meeting during discussion on a recommendation to send two police officers to attend training sessions next year.

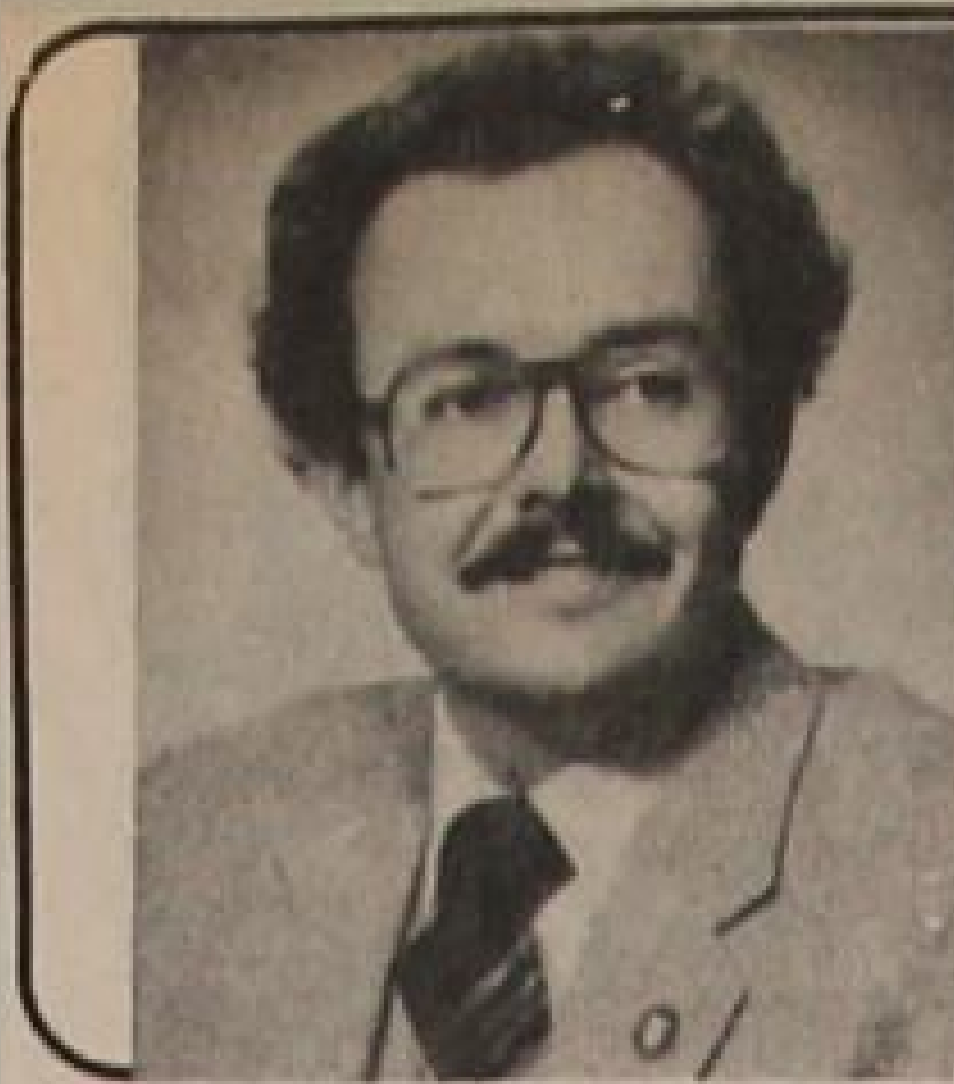
"We're going to send two officers to school and pay overtime for others to do their jobs," Coun. Carney said. He said he wasn't knocking the police force, adding other municipal employees and council members use taxpayers' money to attend courses and conventions.

But he asked where council draws the line. It seems someone is always being sent somewhere, he said.

"I haven't attended any conventions since I've sat on council and I'm no smarter or dumber than anybody else," Coun. Carney said.

He said it will get to the point where the township's staff is so educated they will be sought by other municipalities.

The majority of council members indicated later in the meeting they would be attending the annual conference of the Rural Ontario Municipal Association in Toronto in February, along with their spouses. Mr. Carney will not be attending.



Municipal backgrounder

By John L. Harrison

Regional and area councillor — Delhi Township

Local Government week

Jan. 14 to 20, will be Local Government Week in the Province of Ontario. An extensive campaign of media advertising, especially on T.V. and in all of the newspapers in the province, will highlight the importance of services provided and funded by local Government. Both municipalities and school boards will be included.

Local Government bodies are being encouraged to participate to raise the level of public perception of the role they play in the community. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs, taking a lead role in the project in conjunction with the Ministry of Education and others, has circulated a package of promotional material suggesting ideas for carrying out local projects.

The program is based upon and expands the scope of the advertising campaign by the Ministry in the fall of 1982 for the purpose of encouraging participation and interest in the municipal elections. There were fulsome claims after that election of increased voter turn out ascribed to the province's efforts. Some cynics gave the credit to unusually good weather on election day.

It is not clear at this time whether Local Government Week is intended as either an annual event or as a kick-off to a renewed program fostering interest in next fall's election on the local level. This will depend to some extent, of course, on whether the current Minister of Municipal Affairs retains that portfolio after the new Conservative Leader restructures his cabinet in February.

The writer takes some satisfaction from the instigation of this program. Almost

three years ago the Board of Directors of the Organization of Small Urban Municipalities, of which I am a member, expressed concern to the province about the lack of public awareness of the role and importance of local Government in Ontario. We requested that the local Government component of the school curriculum be increased and that a publicity campaign mounted province-wide. Both of these requests have now been approved by the Government.

As part of a general and over-all review of high school curricula being carried out at this time we have been assured that increased emphasis will be placed on local Government, and, a member of our Board has been named a member of the responsible committee to ensure this result. Local Government Week is the province's response to our other request.

It seems to me, however, that the key to the success of this effort lies in the contribution made at the grass roots level. Thus far the commitment has not been overwhelming. The Township of Delhi has appointed a committee. The Town of Simcoe has decided to hold one event. The Region has not even considered the matter.

I wonder how many of the readers of this column, clearly the best informed observers of the municipal scene, feel confident in their knowledge of such subjects as the structure of local Government, the range of services provided, the methods of funding available, etc. Local Government Week, and your participation in local events held in conjunction with it, should be an opportunity to expand that knowledge.

THE EVILS OF SECRECY

To The Editor: In a free democracy council members shouldn't be able to pass laws behind closed doors.

Our province's Municipal Act is far too loosely worded. The law says regular council meetings "shall be open to the public." But it also lets councils call "special meetings" which "can either be open or closed." They can be called for virtually any purpose. To close them, all the aldermen need to do is declare in writing that a secret deliberation is for the public interest. They don't have to say or give a reason why. And there's no limit on what municipal business can be conducted - even bylaws can be approved behind closed doors. The taxpayers do not know whether bylaws have actually been passed by councils in secret.

Most large centres limit secrecy through their own legislation. But that's only true for about half of the province's 838 municipalities.

Secrecy breeds abuse of power. The fact that secret bylaws should be passed at all in this province is totally unacceptable. As the Canadian Civil Liberties Association counsel says "The taxpayer is entitled to know what positions its representatives are taking on the issues of the day."

The taxpayers use the ballot box to eject council members if we don't like the way they vote, but how can we take action if we don't know how they vote?

And even if councils don't pass bylaws in secret behind closed doors, the law now lets them do the next worst thing. They call a special meeting on short notice and at an inconvenient time to enact controversial legislation. Such meetings are open, but only in theory. Many of these meetings are used as opportunities to pass items on major issues with as little chance for the public to be in attendance as possible. One provincial official says this practice is not "unusual." In another case, a municipal budget was debated entirely in secret, then passed at 4 p.m. on a Friday with no discussion.

Many laws should be tightened up to deal with this sort of things. Some deliberations, of course, must be secret - personnel matters, or court cases which a town is involved with, or which could affect a third party's business interests. Most taxpayers know it's impossible in many cases for officials to do all their dealings in public. Many talk over issues with their colleagues at their homes, or over the telephone.

The act should allow secrecy only when it's legitimately required and list when this is the case and when it's not.

The Education Act was changed two years ago to make school boards open and accessible to citizens. And all Municipal council governments should be no less accessible. Too much power at any government level can become ominous to the public, to our democracy and freedom of the press and also to speech and religion.

If we do not heed the warning given by the catastrophe which happened to Germany and Europe, we will have to bear the inevitable consequence. Let it not be "Too Late."

D.C. Smart
Norwich

Pleasing the bride has history people all steamed up

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By ALISON DOWNIE
of The Sentinel-Review

OTTERVILLE — A booking mixup at the Norwich Community Centre could force the Norwich and District Historical Society (NDHS) to change the date of its annual steam show for the first time in 15 years.

Society representatives told Norwich council yesterday the community centre has already been booked for a wedding June 8, one of the days the steam show was planning for.

Don MacPherson said the NDHS normally waits until the start of each year to book the complex for the three-day steam show, which is held on the first full weekend of June each year. Advertising has already been printed for June 7, 8 and 9, he said.

"We felt it was a perpetual thing. The first weekend in June has always been our established date. We just assumed it would be held for us," MacPherson said to explain why the NDHS did not confirm its booking earlier. He suggested it would be easier to change the date of the wedding than the date of the steam show but councillors did not agree.

Money has changed hands and a contract signed, which council cannot ignore. Coun. Helen Smith said. If it did, legal action could probably be taken against the township.

Coun. Bob Carney said until Monday's meeting the society was in arrears for \$1,600 rent for the steam show held last June. MacPherson brought along a cheque for that amount and said the reason rent had not been paid earlier was because of an "extreme foul up."

He said to change the date of the show could mean a loss in revenue as some exhibitors are already booked for other dates in June.

"If we're forced to another date, you can be sure the show won't be held in town," MacPherson warned. "We'll go out of town."

Mayor John Heleniak said although it was an unfortunate situation council was firmly against asking the party who has booked the community centre to change their date. He said the NDHS could submit to council a written request for a grant to help pay costs associated with changing the date of the steam show.

Centre booking mixup threatens steam show

By DOREEN HOOVER

Misbooking of the Norwich Community Centre for the Norwich and District Historical Show has organizers concerned about the future of the annual event in Norwich.

Don MacPherson, vice president of the Norwich and District Historical Society and chairman of the Norwich and District Historical Show, and Lavern Irving, president of the Historical Society, attended Norwich Township council Monday to ask council to change bookings at the community centre allowing the Historical Society to have the long weekend of June 7, 8 and 9 for the steam show.

The Historical Society had planned on booking that weekend for the event as in previous years, but found out the steam show had been reserved for June 1 and 2 and that June 8 had been booked out for a wedding.

Mr. MacPherson said organizers are "very concerned" about the misbooking of the centre and that because of advertising already underway and plans made with exhibitors that it would be "near impossible for us to change our date," he said. "It will affect us extremely if we have to try changing the date of the show. It is an impossible task."

Mr. MacPherson and Mr. Irving hoped to convince council to take action to cancel

the booking of the wedding for June 8 and move it to the June 1 weekend so the steam show could be held at its usual time of the year.

Mayor John Heleniak said in previous discussion on the subject that council feels the hall is already booked for June 8. "It is unfortunate and we realize it is important to the society, but it is also important to her" (the renter of the centre), he said.

Councillor-at-large Helen Smith questioned whether council could do anything legally now that a document has been signed and money has changed hands.

Councillor Norm Lusk said he was sympathetic to the problem of the historical society but that he would not vote to change the booking of the hall for it could be a vote that could lead to the township being sued.

Members of council had previously discussed the problem with the party who booked the centre for June 8 and found they have no plans to change the wedding booking.

Councillor Hardee Richardson said council's hands were tied and that any further action would have to be members of the historical society discussing the problem with the renter of the centre with no involvement by council.

Mr. Irving suggested the renter be given

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basis and assume it had that weekend reserved.

Councillor Don Pettigrew said he did not know how to rectify the situation and that the booking of three days a year for the historical show did not mean that council could stop being concerned with rental to private citizens for the rest of the year.

Following council's decision Mr. MacPherson said organizers of the historical show would have to meet with the party who rented the centre on June 8 to see if a change in dates could be arranged. "We can't do anything else," he said. "We have got to have those dates. We will lose greatly on gate receipts if it is held on different dates."

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the June 1 weekend for free with the historical society and the municipality sharing the rental cost for the weekend so June 7, 8 and 9 would then be available for the steam show.

Councillor Larry Martin questioned why the municipality should have to pay half when the booking of June 1 and 2 was an honest mistake by staff at the community centre and the historical society had assumed it would get June 7, 8 and 9 for the show.

Councillor Jack Lester said that just because the historical show has gone on for 14 years does not mean the society can stop handling the booking on a year-to-year

Letters to the editor

DECIDING FUTURE OF HISTORICAL SHOW

Dear Editor: This community is in danger of losing a 14-year tradition - The Historical Show.

Because of a mistake, a wedding was booked on our dates - June, 7, 8, 9 (the first full weekend in June). When the mistake was discovered, Norwich Township council refused to support us and correct their mistake.

This is a fine thank you for all we, the Historical Society, have done for this community. The community centre grounds 14 years ago when we started, were only a weed patch with a dead horse lying in the middle of it. We helped clean this up. We put in all the outside electrical outlets on the poles and five of the poles and the connecting wire. Also we put in some of the inside electrical outlets; an expense over the years of more than \$3,500.

We have also paid an annual rent for the complex of nearly \$2,000 in 1984. This is one of the highest rent rates in Ontario for this type of event; although many of the other places have more facilities - like grandstands; fences; more buildings; etc. We also protected other community groups who ran concessions at the show by keeping out commercial competition.

This show has brought the Norwich and District Historical Society over its 14 years more than \$48,000 after all expenses were paid, not to mention what other organizations have benefited from it. This money was spent locally to add to and improve the Museum complex which has grown into something the community should be very proud of.

We also helped the township when they were trying to raise money for the community centre. For several years we paid our rent for the community centre a year in advance.

We are now actively seeking an alternative; Do we go to another fairgrounds with more facilities for probably less rent? This way we could keep our dates which have already been extensively advertised.

We always advertise nearly a year ahead. Our date cards were out last July. Many exhibitors and concessions book before they leave the show for the next year.

Do we settle for a week earlier, as the council asks us to do, with the massive job of re-advertising and the higher risk of bad weather. Past records show that the years we were on the first of the month were mostly wet years.

In our present tight financial condition we don't need these extra risks and expenses.

What should we do? Tell us! Tell your councillors! We are about to suffer from someone else's mistake.

Donald W. MacPherson,
Show Chairman

Memorial plaque to be erected

CORNELL (C) — The December meeting of the Women's Institute began with a delicious meal in a restaurant in Woodstock, then to the home of Mrs. Bill Marshall, where a short business meeting was held.

It was announced that a memorial plaque has been purchased to be placed in the hall in memory of former Cornell residents.

Mrs. Mac Hicks gave a short tribute to a member who has purchased a home in Tillsonburg, namely Mr. and Mrs. George Hulme. Mrs. Ross Adlington presented her with a handpainted plate with their Cornell home on it, painted by Mrs. Jean Davis of Otterville.

A Christmas contest, depicting Christmas carols and songs, was enjoyed by all.

Next month's meeting will be at the home of Mrs. E. Bowlby; roll call to be "A recipe made with milk."

A social half hour followed and all departed to their homes wishing each other a Merry Christmas.

Lions members receive perfect attendance pins

The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions was held in the Legion Hall, Norwich, Monday evening, Dec. 10. Lion president Jack Walther presided. There was one guest and 36 members present.

Plans for the annual club Christmas party have been completed and a good turnout is anticipated. The party will be held on Saturday night, Dec. 15, in the Otterville Community Hall.

Zone chairman, Colin Cope reviewed his present term. Lion Colin has completed all of his official visits to the other clubs in Zone 4-W.

Lion Dick Harrison introduced the guest speaker Rick Coad, a lawyer practicing in Woodstock and Norwich. Mr. Coad gave a humorous overview of the legal profession, summing up by recommending the most trustworthy lawyer. He also discussed the

legality of bankruptcy, the landlord-tenant laws and the legal aspects of the planning commissions.

The speaker concluded with briefly mentioning two touchy topics - capital punishment and abortion. Lion John Leitch expressed the thanks of the club and presented the speaker with a gift.

Zone chairman presented 100 per cent attendance pins for the year 1983-84 to the following lions: David Beam, Colin Cope, Albert Cornwell, Murray Cornwell, Rene DeCooman, Les Dickson, Murray Downing, Tony Drescher, Howard Fleming, John Heleniak, Jim McLaren, Don Miller, Grant Orth, Bill Orth, Jim Poole, Gord Shearer, Fred Thompson, Andy Vandenberghe, Jack Walther, Gary Walther, Murray Wardell and Paul Wood.

The convention draw was won by Lion Don Miller.

Demonstrates ornament making

The Otterville Public Library focused its attention on another aspect of learning Tuesday evening, Dec. 4, when it hosted Mae Leonard of Otterville in a demonstration of Christmas decorations.

Librarian Lurene McMullen welcomed everyone present and expressed the pleasure of the library to see such a good response which provides encouragement to offer other such evenings in the future. Mrs. Leonard showed the creation of dif-

ferent Christmas decorations. The basic, always popular, evergreen wreath was made using both a cardboard form wrapped tightly with green plastic and a commercial wire form which is stuffed with various materials such as grass, straw or pine needles. A sense of balance must be created with the decorations which is completed with a big bow made by Mrs. Leonard using different types of ribbon and wire.

Pine cone wreaths are made using a combination of techniques involving glue and wire. First one must establish a pattern and start on the outside edge of the wreath. Once this is done a basic pattern should be created spacing the largest cones first, adding the smaller ones as they graduate down in size. Interesting flowerette can be created by cutting the cones in various ways and the shades of brown can be changed by putting them in the oven or washing in bleach.

Wreaths using grass, leaves and dried flowers were also shown and explained in terms of basic skills necessary. Kissing balls made of wired cones, dried flowers and ribbon were demonstrated and miniature versions were suggested as Christmas tree decorations. Mrs. Leonard also briefly explained corn husk dolls and their basic formation.

In contrast to the circular wreath, a Christmas Swag is another option to be used as a hanging. A size and line must be established first and then other materials can be placed at different angles. Berries, cones, decorations and ribbons can then be added.

A centerpiece for a table provided yet another aspect of Christmas decorations. Once establishing a line and height Mrs. Leonard showed how simple greenery, flowers and decorations can create an appealing arrangement. Also, decorations can be made to be for all seasons which she demonstrated with the use of a basket and greenery.

Mrs. Leonard enjoys making floral decorations and arrangements for the fun of it although her skills and talents are wide ranged. Using materials that are earthy and can be found in our natural surroundings she showed how this hobby can be both enjoyable and inexpensive. Her sense of creativity became contagious as everyone left eagerly planning on using her techniques and ideas in making decorations of their own.



Making Christmas decorations

Mae Leonard of Otterville demonstrated the making of a variety of Christmas decoration displays during the special event held at the Otterville Public Library Tuesday, Dec. 5.



Donate display cabinet

As a bicentennial project of the Summerville Women's Institute, the organization officially donated a display cabinet to the Otterville Public Library Saturday. Evelyn Duffy (left), president of the Summerville W.I., and Muriel Gehring, curator of the W.I., presented the cabinet to Librarian Lurene McMullen. The cabinet will hold Otterville and Summerville Tweedsmuir History Books. (Staff Photo)

Leisure Club

OTTERVILLE (C) — Thirty-seven members and friends of the Otterville Leisure Club sat down to a delicious Christmas dinner served by the Otterville United Church Women at the Otterville United Church, Wednesday, Dec. 5.

President Gladys Evans welcomed all and Grace was sung. At the conclusion of the dinner Mrs. Evans gave the courtesy marks and announced there would be a meeting at Woodlawn Adult Centre, Dec. 12 at 1:30 p.m. She thanked Max Avey for running the heat on at Woodlawn for meetings throughout the year, as well as anyone that has helped.

The meeting opened with carol singing, with Nellie Taylor at the piano and the singing led by Mel Beecroft and Bill

Evans. Mrs. Taylor played a piano solo, "Star of the East." Mrs. Evans gave three readings, "Just a Few Minutes," "Definitions of Christmas" and "Christmas Wail." Bertha Lees had all sing "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean" to actions. Annie Pritchard's contribution was a reading, "A Fruitful Old Age" and Mrs. Douglas Carroll gave two readings, "Pa's Resting Day" and "Pastors Wedding Reception." All answered roll call by What I don't want for Christmas.

More carols were then sung after which Mrs. Evans conducted Christmas Bingo and candy canes were given as prizes. The afternoon concluded all singing Merry Christmas and Mrs. Lee played her harmonica accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Taylor.

Potluck for Rebekahs

OTTERVILLE (C) — Violet Rebekah Lodge #330 started their meeting Monday, Dec. 3 with a tasty and plentiful Christmas potluck dinner with husbands and friends.

Lodge opened in regular form at 8 p.m. with N.G. Sister June Ash and V.G. Sister Ann Arthur in their respective chairs. There were no visitors but N.G. was glad to see so many out.

Calling roll of officers showed one absent. Members of the visiting committee, Ann Strudwick reported her granddaughter had surgery on her leg and is home. Sister Oliver Pickersgill reported Sister Grace Squance is feeling better and Sister June Ash had visited Brother Clayton and Sister Alice Arthur.

Sister Jean McClintock reported on the

bylaw committee, stating the committee had met and hoped to have the bylaws printed for the first meeting in January. A letter was read from D.D.P. Sister Bernice Pettman thanking the lodge for the corsage and crystal presented; Sister June Ash for entertaining her, V.P., and friend and co-operating with Fidelity for the Vice-President visit. A report from the Amblyopia committee was read. Lodge closed in regular form followed by progressive euchre with guests.

Prize winners were high, Sister Winnie McMullen, Sister Olive Pickersgill; low, Sister Eva Deveney and Ila Howse. Lunch was served to conclude a most enjoyable evening. At the next meeting, Dec. 17, there will be a gift exchange and fruit cake will be served.



Participate in Pet Day

Preschoolers visiting the Otterville Public Library Thursday morning were kept busy during craft time making turtles with the aid of one of the parent helpers, Marilyn Driedger. The Library Story Hour held Wednesday and Thursday mornings until Dec. 12 has a different theme each week to revolve activities and stories around. The theme Thursday was pets. (Staff Photo)

Twice-weekly story hour at Otterville library

Preschoolers are finding the Otterville Public Library a good place to hear stories, make crafts and play action games as a Story Hour is held twice weekly.

Working with weekly themes the children aged two to five years are learning to appreciate all that a library can offer, spend time with children their own age, and participate in crafts, action games, finger plays and have stories read to them.

This week's theme was pets with the Story Hour filled with hearing stories about pets, making turtles in craft time and having a visit by a neighborhood black Labrador.

The six-week session of the Story Hour

will continue until Dec. 12 under the leadership of Vicki Walther on Wednesday mornings from 10-11 a.m. and Joyce McMullen on Thursday mornings. Help is also provided by parents willing to give of their time to spend with the children.

Another six-week session will be offered after Christmas.

The Norwich Public Library has also been offering a Story Hour that began Nov. 6 and will continue until Dec. 11 for children three to five years of age every Tuesday at 3 p.m. Let by Gretchen Pollock of Norwich the children are read stories and participate in activity songs and craft time. Another sessions is expected to be offered in February and March.



Retires from fire station

Lee Richardson (left), of Otterville was presented with a plaque from Donald Barnim, president of the Otterville Firefighters Club, Thursday evening in recognition of Mr. Richardson's retirement from the fire station after 23 years. (Staff Photo)

Lee Richardson served 23 years as fireman

Retiring after 23 years with the Otterville Fire Station, Lee Richardson was thanked by fellow firefighters for his involvement with the station at a recognition night Thursday.

Mr. Richardson received a plaque from fellow Otterville firefighters in appreciation of his service.

Having an interest in community work first led Mr. Richardson to join the fire department. He said he is glad about his decision to leave the force but will miss all the aspects of the work.

"I'd like to stay but I have other interests as well," he said. "I'd like to give the younger guys a chance."

During his 23 years with the fire station Mr. Richardson served as president for one year and secretary of the firefighters social club.

The plaque received from fellow workers was seen as a beautiful gift by Mr. Richardson to remember his involvement as a firefighter with the Otterville Fire Station.

Christmas baskets for 28 area families

Christmas was made a little brighter for 28 area families this Christmas thanks to the Norwich Township Benevolent Committee.

The committee, composed of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 190, the Spring-Otter Optimist Club and the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club, used donations made by citizens of the township to the Benevolent Fund, to purchase food and then made up 28-30 Christmas baskets that were distributed to 28 area families on Saturday, Dec. 22. This year the fund also received donations of turkeys and socks

full of toys to go along with the food baskets. Several single parent baskets were also made from food donated into a basket at Buck's Foodmarket.

Robert Knight, president of Branch 190, said this year's benevolent program was a "real success" with a large response from the community and more families receiving baskets at Christmas. Families who receive baskets are chosen by the two representatives from each participating organization who investigate the needs of families throughout the township and decide the distribution of the baskets.



Helping the needy

Members of the Norwich Township Benevolent Committee made Christmas a lot brighter this year for 28 Norwich Township families by making up Christmas food baskets. Here, from left to right, preparing the food baskets for delivery Saturday, Dec. 22, are Rev. Herb Herring, Robert Knight, Wanda Nickerson and Tony Drescher. (Staff

Siding started on mill

During the past week another major milestone has been reached in the restoration of the Treffry Mill, Otterville by the South Norwich Historical Society.

Work began on the siding of the mill using 10,000 board feet of pine lumber which has been donated, planed and stained by S.N.H.S. members. The siding project and installation of windows is being carried out by Floyd and Albert Lewis of Otterville.

The new window frames and trim have all been prepared by Harold Singer, a S.N.H.S. member, through several applications of paint and stain. The north wall of the mill is completed and the west end is ready to be installed.

The restoration of the mill is being achieved through the use of donated materials and the help of the many members and local residents who have worked hard and gave freely of their time towards this worthwhile project. As well, society fund raising events have provided financial resources necessary; the most recent being the Second Annual Auction Sale held in November at the Norwich Community Centre.



Restoring Treffry Mill

Work is underway to put siding up on the Treffry Mill in Otterville. Pine lumber that was donated, planed and stained by members of the South Norwich Historical Society, is being put in place by Floyd

Lewis, contractor, and Albert Lewis (on ground), of Otterville. New windows will also be installed in the historically designated building. (Staff Photo)

Otterville Personals

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Otterville Leisure Club met Wednesday, Dec. 19 at the Woodlawn Adult Centre with the president Gladys Evans opening the meeting with a poem.

Financial report was given by secretary-treasurer Mel Beecroft. Grace Squance, good cheer convener, reported calling on Mrs. McNally and Clayton Gilmore with both feeling quite good.

Games of cards and pool followed. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 2, at Woodlawn Adult Centre.

Violet Rebekah Lodge opened in regular form with N.G. Sister June Ash and V.G. Sister Ann Arthur presiding in their respective chairs.

Christmas greetings from the Rebekah Assembly were read. Also letters were read from D.D.P. with the list of the Noble Grands and recording secretaries of the district and the dates of the D.D.P. in January, weather permitting. Jan. 21 was accepted for D.D.P. Sister to visit Violet Lodge.

Thank-you cards were read from Sister Edith Petch, Brother Max Avey and Sister Annie Godby for cards and plants that had been sent them.

Sister Helen Thompson thanked the lodge for the get-well card sent her and Sister Margaret Kitchen thanked the lodge for the plant sent her mother.

Lodge closed in regular form followed by a few games of card bingo, exchange of gifts and a show and tell. Christmas cake and cookies were enjoyed.

Mrs. Joe Keller and son, Joe of Glen Meyer, called on Katie Mics and Evelyn Waring.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Thomlinson and Danette, Norwich, Mr. and Mrs. Earl King, Eunice Brown were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy King, Justin and Alechia.

A family Christmas gathering was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Julius Narancsik, Brendan and Carmen.

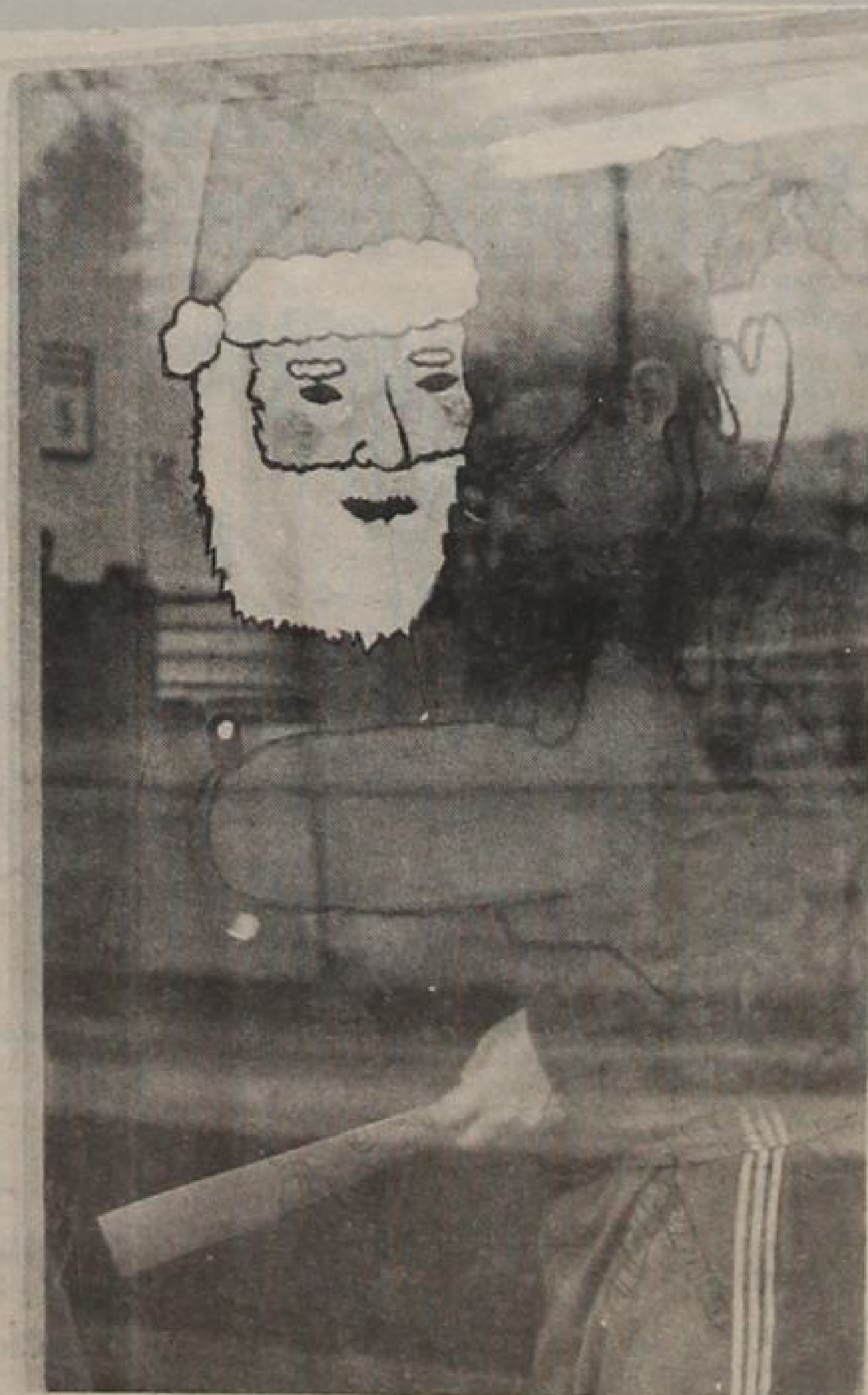
Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey were Christmas Day visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Avey.

A family Christmas was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Murray Downing.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland were Christmas Day guests with Mr. and Mrs. Winston Williams and family, Ancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pinnoy were hosts to family Christmas gatherings with Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Pinnoy and family, Otterville; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pinnoy, Tillsonburg and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Pinnoy and family, Otterville.

John and Mary Ellen Keno have returned to their home at Nanaimo, B.C., following their recent marriage, Dec. 21, held at the home of the bride's sister and family Mr. and Mrs. Robert Butler, Otterville.



Adding the Christmas touch

Paul Marchuk, Grade 8 student at Otterville Public School, spent last Wednesday decorating some of the windows of the Otterville Post Office for the holiday season. (Staff Photo)



Christmas decorating

Bret Butler (left) and Rob Hussey, Grade 8 students at Otterville Public School, were busy Dec. 5 painting Christmas scenes on the windows of the Otterville Post Office. (Staff Photo)

Group holds banquet

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Christmas banquet of the Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Otterville Baptist Church was held in the Sunday school rooms convened by the social committee of Mrs. Fred Hill, Mrs. Dwight Davis, Mrs. Evelyn Walters and Mrs. Ken Lee.

President Mrs. Wilma Butler opened the meeting by reading Luke 2:19: Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. A reading, Christmas Ought To Be, was presented by Mrs. Butler. She announced that the offering would be sent to Mr. and Mrs. H. Pollard for a Christmas gift. A letter was read from Dave Pathay saying he would be home for Christmas.

Mrs. Bill Smith and Mrs. Betty Oenema led in prayers for the missionaries.

Mrs. Bruce Stover read the slate of officers for the coming year: past president, Mrs. Fred Hill; president, Wilma Butler; vice-president, Betty Oenema; secretary, Mrs. Charter Davis; assistant secretary, Mrs. David Hill; social committee, Mrs. Dwight Davis, Mrs. Fred Hill, Mrs. Evelyn Walters and Mrs. Ken Lee; pianist, Mrs. Bill Smith; in charge of sending cards, Mrs. Hilda Stockmans; telephone, Mrs. Bruce Stover and used stamps, Mrs. Dwight Davis.

Mrs. Dwight Davis opened the devotional program with a poem, "A Real Christmas." Luke 2 was read responsively followed by prayer. The trio of Mrs. Charter Davis, Mrs. Hilda Stockmans and Mrs. Bill Smith accompanied by Wilma Butler sang, "The Straw Carol."

Mrs. B. Hill read a poem, "Twas the Night Before the First Christmas," and Mrs. B. Smith played a medley of Christmas carols on the piano.

Mrs. Davis had a crossword puzzle for the ladies on candles for the Bible has interesting things to say about candles. There were candle readings given by four ladies when they each lighted a candle with carols sung between lightings. Candle of memory by Mrs. Bob Marshall, Candle of Love - Mrs. Delmer Clinton, Candle of Worship - Evelyn Walters and Candle of Peace by Mrs. J. Jull.

Mrs. D. Davis gave a reading, "Christ in

Christmas," which gave 12 guidelines to a Christian Christmas.

Mrs. H. Stockmans read a poem, "Christ is Christmas." "My Christmas Love Box" was read by Rhonda Treffry.

There was a panel discussion on Christmas Traditions after readings on the origin of the Christmas tree by Mrs. Oenema, Christmas gifts by Mrs. M. Treffry, Santa Claus by Mrs. Jay Durkee and Christmas feasting by Mrs. Paul Hill.

Mrs. D. Davis read an article from Moody Monthly, Box of Blessings, a tradition kept in a family. The roll call was answered by one way I can put Christ in my Christmas.

The carol "Silent Night" was sung and Mrs. Davis closed in prayer.

Church women

The Otterville Anglican Church Women had an opportunity to do some interesting browsing at Gladway Gardens, Norwich, Thursday evening, Dec. 6, when the group visited for their regular meeting.

Decorated appropriately for Christmas there was an endless variety of ideas for gifts, crafts and decorating tips. As well various members participated in learning how to make an evergreen wreath first hand with the instruction and help of Marg Hagan and Bernice DeGroote of Gladway Gardens. Others looked on learning the various techniques and also enjoyed the hot spiced cider and Christmas goodies offered to everyone in attendance.

An enjoyable and beneficial evening for everyone, organized by program convener Evelyn Picknell; it provided a chance for the members to both learn some basic

ideas about Christmas decorating and to do some shopping as well.

Supper, concert held at Anglican church

OTTERVILLE (C) — Otterville St. John's Anglican Church was alive with the Christmas spirit on Sunday evening, Dec. 2 when the annual Christmas Supper and Concert was held.

A potluck meal at 5 p.m. provided buffet tables of delicious foods which offered a wide variety of dishes for every taste.

Following the meal the many people who filled the Parish hall to capacity enjoyed a concert organized by the Sunday School. Sunday School Superintendent, Carl Howse was Master of Ceremonies and welcomed everyone to the evening of entertainment.

All the children enjoyed the story of The Night Before Christmas as told by Katherine Zimmer who invited them to join her and gather around on the stage for the storytelling.

The Pre-School Class, with teacher Judy Freeman and assistant Katherine Zimmer, performed Away In The Manger, complete with actions to further illustrate the words. Members of the class were Jamie Davis, Nicole Weszner, Ashley McMullen, Patricia Freeman, Bill Joe Redman, Rebecca Zimmer, Elizabeth Freeman and Amanda Richardson.

Julie DeWachter played an organ solo,

"Angels We Have Heard On High" and "The First Noel" which was followed by the delivery of a surprise telegram from Santa saying perhaps he would be paying a visit later that evening.

The Primary Class with teachers Joyce McMullen and Janet Ryerse presented a choral speech welcoming everyone present, played "Jingle Bells" using their rhythm instruments and sang "We Wish You A Merry Christmas." The group of April Smith, Alesia Brady, Danny Pickering, Kathleen Freeman, Michael DeWachter, Jeremy Pickering, Michelle Redman, Lindsay Picknell and Adam Zimmer closed by chorally extending Christmas wishes.

Rev. Grant D. Darling with Lila Freeland at the piano led everyone in carol singing while the Junior Class prepared for their play, Lucinda's Gift. The play tells of a little girl Lucinda who feels she has nothing worthy of presenting to the Christ child in the church's Christmas service. In presenting her gifts of weeds a miracle occurs in which they are changed into beautiful red poinsettias illustrating the universal idea that it is not the actual gifts that are important but the feelings and thoughts that go with them. Actors in the play were Narrator, Julie DeWachter; Lucinda, Kerrie Spicer; Mother, Karla Spicer; Father, Neil Smith; Padre, Brady Parr; Old Lady, Jodi Smith; Townspeople, Heather Picknell, Liza Parr and Joni Ryerse, with teachers Jean DeWachter and Olive Pickersgill.

Brady Parr favored the audience with a piano solo entitled "The Rose" followed by "A Christmas Song" vocally performed by Rev. Darling, Kay and Krista Darling.

Anticipation grew as it was reported that Santa's location was to be close by.

A special presentation by a few members of the A.C.W. told the story of The Three Bears, through acting, choral speaking and rhythm. Those taking part were Choral Speakers, Kay Darling, Lila Freeland; Goldilocks, Cathy Furlong; and The Three Bears, Jean DeWachter, Joyce McMullen and Wenda Smith.

Carl Howse thanked all classes and people who participated in the concert and everyone who helped to make the meal so bountiful. The sound of sleigh bells, excitement in children's eyes and the singing of "Here Comes Santa Claus" welcomed the arrival of Santa and his two helpers who distributed the many gifts from under the glittering Christmas Tree.

OTTERVILLE ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN

Sunday service, celebrating the first Sunday of Advent and the contemporary Eucharist, placed its emphasis on the waiting for the coming of the Lord.

The junior and senior choirs entered the church during the singing of "Come, The Long-Expected Jesus" accompanied by organist Lila Freeland.

Scripture readings were Isaiah 63:16-64, Thou art our Father, though Abraham does not know us; Corinthians 1:3-9, Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and Mark 13:32-37, Jesus said, "But of that day or that hour no one knows."

Rev. Grant D. Darling invited the children to the front of the church for the lighting of the first Advent candle performed by Neil Smith. He spoke to them of repentance and forgiveness, the theme of this first lighting. The children then adjourned to their Sunday school classes during the singing of "Advent Tells Us Christ Is Near."

Rev. Darling elaborated on the service theme through his sermon. Advent has a four week season before Christmas. Similarly we should think of our life as an advent waiting for the Lord to come.

Offering was received by Martin Cowan and Jack Freeland which was followed by the celebration and sharing of the Eucharist by Rev. Darling and the congregation.

The service closed with the recessional hymn, "Hail to the Lord's Anointed."

Next Sunday, the second Sunday of Advent, will be an opportunity for a White Gift offering. Members of the ACW were reminded to meet at the church, Thursday evening, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m., when they will visit Gladway Gardens.

Holiday services in area churches

OTTERVILLE ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN

Morning prayer service, the last Sunday of Advent, opened with the singing of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" while the senior and junior choirs entered the church accompanied by organist Lila Freeland.

Flowers placed on the church altar for the Christmas services were given by Lorraine Downing in loving memory of her sister Eileen. The church was appropriately decorated for Christmas with red and green candle arrangements in the windows and a twinkling Christmas tree at the front of the church.

Scripture lessons were I Samuel 7:8-16, Now thus you shall say to my servant David and Psalm 89:1-4; 19-24, I will keep my love for him forever, read responsively.

Rev. Grant D. Darling invited the children to the front of the church for the lighting of the fourth Advent candle performed by Michael DeWachter. This, the candle of trust, reminds us that we must trust and put faith in what God does at all times. The children adjourned to their Sunday school classes during the singing of "Unto Us A Boy Is Born."

Rev. Darling focused his sermon on the fact that God chooses the weak and humble to inherit his kingdom. He always takes the side of people upon whom other people look down. This is strongly emphasized in the Christmas story when God chose to come as a little baby, weak and young; an unlikely means for God to send his only begotten Son.

OTTERVILLE FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST

On Sunday, Dec. 2 Sunday school was held for all ages at 10 a.m., followed by morning worship at 11 a.m.

Bob Marshall led the service. Scripture reading was taken from Psalm 96 and also Ephesians 6:10-24.

Pastor Bull spoke on the Church: Born to be victorious.

Paul wants us to understand that there is a war going on in this world today. None are exempt from it. A war of Satan against God's creation, and Satan is out to destroy. Paul has called Satan the ruler of the Kingdom and power of the air, the god of this age and he has blinded people. How many among us are captured by Satan?

God's design is to no longer be under the control of Satan. We have been redeemed. Christ said I will build my church. The Church is what God has redeemed and

brought out, and Satan is trying to destroy it.

We need to put on the full armor of God to resist the enemy whenever he attacks, and when it's all over you will still be standing. Although God has left us in this world He promises protection, and encouragement. Be strong in the Lord.

Offering was received by Paul Babcock and Alex Davis. Pianist was Dwight Davis.

The Lord's table was observed following the morning service.

Offering was received by Jack Freeland and Ross McMullen followed by the singing of the recessional hymn, "Songs of Praise the Angels Sing."

Christmas Eve service opened with the singing of "Once In Royal David's City" while the choir entered the church accompanied by organist Lila Freeland.

Scripture reading was taken from Hebrews 1:1-12, In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets.

The new church Christmas Creche, given by Carl and Josephine Howse in loving memory of loved ones, was dedicated during the Blessing of the Manger. Procession of Rev. Grant D. Darling, choir and congregation to the manger took place during the singing of "Away In A Manger," "Silent Night, Holy Night" and the reading of the Christmas Story by Rev. Darling. This was concluded by a vocal duet, "Violets in the Snow," by Kay and Krista Darling.

The children gathered at the front of the church with Rev. Darling for the lighting of the Christmas Candle performed by Lisa Parr. Upon its lighting the children wished a Happy Birthday to Jesus. This was the final lighting following the four Advent lightings of forgiveness, love, intention and trust.

Offering was received by Richard DeRoo and Ivan Pickering during the singing of "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

The congregation joined in singing "Hark The Herald Angels Sing" preceding the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist celebrated and shared by Rev. Darling and the congregation.

OTTERVILLE UNITED

OTTERVILLE — The chimes rang out the message of "Peace On Earth, Good Will To Men," as the congregation gathered for the Christmas Sunday service at the United Church.

Mrs. Vi Sackrider, lay preacher, conducted the service. Mrs. Betty Walther, at the organ, and Mrs. Jean McClintock, at the piano, accompanied the Christmas carols throughout the service.

The Advent candles were lit by Amy Gehring, Steven Cope and Robert Sherman. The Sunday School children sang "Little Baby Boy" and "Take Time."

The choir presented two anthems, "When Little Lord Jesus Came," and "I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day."

Mrs. Sackrider read the scripture lessons, Isaiah 61:1-4, John 1:14, 16, 18. Her sermon was entitled "The Day Christmas Came True."

Offering was received by Stuart Godby, Donald Neale, Lorne Treffry and John Walther.

The service closed with the carol "Joy To The World," and the benediction.

The service, celebrating the birth of the Savior, concluded with the recessional hymn, "Good Christian Men Rejoice."

Morning service, the last Sunday of the year and that of Litany, opened with the singing of "Angels From The Realms Of Glory" as the junior and senior choirs entered the church accompanied by Lila Freeland at the organ.

Scripture readings were Isaiah 52:7-10: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings and Psalm 98: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God, read responsively.

The children adjourned to their Sunday school classes during the singing of "When Jesus Was A Baby."

Rev. Grant D. Darling focused his sermon on the meaning of Grace. Rather than the name of a person in the Bible, which some may think, Grace is a special word in our Christian vocabulary. Grace is everything God does and is God in action. It is everything good in this world, a gift that is free from God. Such good things as spiritual and good health should not be taken for granted but we should constantly thank God for them. Above all we must have faith in God.

Offering was received by Jack Freeland which was followed by the recessional hymn "For Thy Mercy And Thy Grace."

The congregation was reminded of the A.C.W. meeting held Thursday, Jan. 3 at 7:30 p.m. and the upcoming Vestry Potluck Supper Meeting, Monday, Jan. 28 at 6 p.m.

New executive elected by Otterville UCW

The December Christmas meeting of the Otterville United Church Women was preceded by a bountiful Bring and Share dinner.

All were welcomed by president Betty Walther with Mrs. Sackrider, the lay

minister, asking the blessing.

Jean Gehring presented the nominating committee report with the slate of officers for 1985 being past president, Jean Gehring; president, Betty Walther; 1st vice-president, Nancy Walther; 2nd vice-president, Lorraine Downing; recording secretary, Vera Welsh; assistant secretary, Elaine Oliver; treasurer, Vicki Walther; corresponding secretary, Edith Petch; program convener, Marion Taylor; Elaine Oliver; friendship and visitation, Marion Taylor, Evelyn Waring; manse finance, Dorothy Neale; auditor, Chris McMullen; archives, Edith Petch; press, publicity, Evelyn Waring; newsletter editor, Isabell Harris; social convener, Jean Little and nominations, Dorothy Neale, Jean Gehring.

Betty Walther opened the meeting with a reading "Let Us Pray This Christmas Day." The president thanked all who had helped with the last two dinners as well as Boyd Little and Don Neale for the work they had done preparing for new choir loft carpet.

A gift from the Otterville people was presented to Mrs. Sackrider who expressed her appreciation.

Betty read a poem written by her granddaughter, Kelly, "Christmas Time" followed by the Christmas Story and a Thought On Christmas presented by Vicki. Christmas carols, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," "Silent Night" and "We Three Kings of Orient" were sung and Vera Welsh offered prayer.

The offering received by Nancy Walther and Marion Taylor will be sent to the Women's Emergency Centre in Woodstock. A portion of the story, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," was read by Betty followed by the singing of a round, "Christmas Is Almost Here." Mrs. Sackrider pronounced the benediction.

Santa parades planned at Norwich, Otterville

Old Saint Nick will be visiting Norwich and Otterville in December and organizers are working hard to make sure Santa is welcomed with large parades and enthusiastic crowds.

The annual Santa Claus parade in Norwich will be held Saturday, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m. organized by the Norwich Firefighters Association and the Ladies Auxiliary.

Larry Charlton, organizer for the Firefighters Association, said he wants this year's parade to be "bigger and better" than previous ones. Last year's parade included 48 entries. Mr. Charlton would like a variety in the entries in the parade and encourages anyone to participate individually, in a family or in groups. Church participation is also encouraged because many don't really know the reason around Christmas, Mr. Charlton said and the involvement of churches could change this.

Judging of the entries will be conducted prior to the parade this year so trophies can be presented during the parade. Trophies will be awarded to the best overall entry, the best commercial entry, the best organization entry and the best individual entry. Refreshments will be provided for participants at the Norwich Fire hall following the parade.

Changes in the parade this year include the starting point being on Florence Street above the Liquor Store to make more room and improve the movement of traffic.

Anyone wanting more information or to register an entry in the parade can contact Mr. Charlton of Jeanne Charlton at 863-6332 as soon as possible.

Santa will make a visit to Otterville the following Saturday on Dec. 15 at 10 a.m. for the Spring-Otter Optimist Club's annual Santa Claus parade.

Organizers are asking for everybody and anybody to participate to make the parade bigger than last year.

The parade will follow the regular route from the township yards to the Otterville Public School.

Trophies will be awarded for the best overall float, the best Bicentennial Christmas theme and the best entry depicting "A Children's Christmas." Santa will be at the public school to greet the children and hand out stockings full of toys and candy. Refreshments will also be available at the school for all participants.

For additional information or to register for the parade persons are asked to contact Dick Everett at 842-4487 or Harold Walker at 879-6426.

Santa Claus parade at Otterville Saturday

Bands, clowns and numerous floats from area organizations, schools and churches are expected to fill the Main Street in Otterville when the annual Spring-Otter Optimist Club Santa Claus parade is held Saturday, Dec. 15.

Organizers are expecting at least 30 entries in the parade that will begin at 10 a.m. at the township yards and travel down Main Street to the Otterville Public School. Parade entries are asked to be at the township yards by 9:30 a.m.

Following the parade Santa will be handing out sacks of goodies to the children in the school. Refreshments will also be available for all parade participants.

Trophies will be awarded for the best overall entry, the best bicentennial Christmas theme and the best entry depicting the theme of "A Children's Christmas."

Anyone wishing to register for the parade are asked to contact Dick Everett at 842-4487 or Harold Walker at 879-6426.



The night before Christmas

This float by the South Norwich Historical Society shows the delight of children Christmas Eve as they await Santa's arrival and are too excited to fall asleep. The float was one of 51 entries in the Norwich Santa Claus Parade Saturday. (Staff Photo)

Otterville Santa parade a success

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The weatherman was co-operative on Saturday, Dec. 15, for the annual Spring-Otter Optimist Club Santa Claus Parade in Otterville.

The parade began shortly after 10 a.m. at the township yards and travelled down Main Street to the Otterville Public School. Many entries filled the street as the

parade was led by the Ontario Provincial Police accompanied by Mayor John Heleniak followed by the Spring-Otter Optimist Club and Royal Canadian Legion Color Guards. The Varnavair Cadets of Tillsonburg and the Norwich Musical Band provided music throughout the parade helping to set the holiday mood.

Various creative and attractive floats and entries participated from the Burford Snowmobile Club, 1st Otterville Brownie Pack, Otterville St. John's Anglican Church, Springford and Area Cubs and Beavers, Jo's Auto Body, Springford; the South Norwich Historical Society, Norwich Fertilizers, CKOT Radio, Tillsonburg; Burgessville Firefighters, Norwich Cubs, Otterville Public School, the Royal Canadian Legion, Otterville-Norwich Lions Club, C.L. Finch and Son Pro Hardware, Otterville; Speedy Electric, Otterville; and Tillsonburg Kiwanis Club.

As well, many funny and entertaining clowns including a Hostess Munchie were as always a favorite of the children lining the parade route.

The climax of the event was the appearance of Santa Claus chauffeured in a red truck by the Spring-Otter Optimists in order to give Santa's reindeer a rest. Accompanied by four of his busy elves they made their way to the Public School where Santa handed out socks of goodies to the

children. Refreshments were also available for all the parade participants organized by the Otterville Sunshine Club.

The decisions of parade judges Jean Davis, Otterville, and Bob and Eleanor Turnbull, Springford were announced for the various categories. The winners were Best Bicentennial Float - South Norwich Historical Society; Children's Christmas Float - Springford and Area Cubs and Beavers; and Best Overall Float - 1st Otterville Brownie Pack. The winner of the Otterville-Norwich Lions Club Cabbage Patch Doll Draw was announced to be Margaret Thompson.

Otterville Public School

Lisa Tafel's Grade 4 and 5 class at Otterville Public School have been busy with Christmas activities in their classroom, in which they have made tree ornaments, wreaths, centrepieces and baking.

The help of several mothers, Mrs. DeGroot, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hussey, Mrs. Gehring, Mrs. Dowds, Mrs. Sutherland and Mrs. Farkas has been greatly appreciated by the students in helping them make crafts of their choice.

A group of Grade 6, 7 and 8 girls, accompanied by Miss Tafel will be Christmas carolling on Thursday evening returning to the school for hot chocolate. As well, girl's basketball tryouts have begun with practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Receiving Christmas treats

Karen Murchie, 8, and Bryan Murchie, 5, both of Norwich, were the recipients of Christmas candies from the Hostess Munchie as they watched the Spring-Otter Optimist Club Santa Claus parade on its march down Main Street in Otterville Saturday. (Staff Photo)



Best overall entry

Members of the 1st Otterville Brownie Pack decided to dress as Care Bears on their entry in the Spring-Otter Optimist Club Santa Claus parade and were chosen the best overall entry in the parade held in Otterville Saturday. (Staff Photo)



Music in the air

Members of the Otterville St. John's Anglican Church helped fill the air with songs of Christmas during the Spring-Otter Optimist Club Santa Claus parade held in Otterville Saturday. (Staff Photo)



Telling her Christmas wishes

Sarah Percy, 2½, of Norwich, had the opportunity to tell Santa some of her Christmas wishes when she met Saint Nick at the Otterville Public School following the Spring-Otter Optimist Club Santa Claus parade in Otterville Saturday. About 300 sacks of toys and candy were handed out to the children by Santa and his helpers. (Staff Photo)

Santa parade at Otterville

Although there was an absence of snow, Christmas was on the minds of many people in Otterville as the annual Spring-Otter Optimist Santa Claus parade was held Saturday.

Approximately 30 entries followed the parade route from the township yards down Main Street to the Otterville Public School Saturday morning.

Young and old lined the street to see the variety of floats, catch the candy that flew through the air and especially to welcome Santa Claus into the village.

Following the parade, spectators and participants gathered in the public school auditorium to enjoy the refreshments supplied by the Optimist Club. The children also got the chance to sit on Santa's knee, tell him their Christmas wishes and receive a sack full of goodies. Approximately 300 sacks of candy and toys were given out.

The recipients of trophies for their parade entries were The Springford and Area Cubs and Beavers for best children's Christmas float; The South Norwich Historical Society, for best Bicentennial entry and the winner of the best overall entry was the 1st Otterville Brownies.

Letters to the Editor

Drinking and driving

This will just take a minute
 Please sit down and think
 Just how important it is
 Not to drive and drink.
 Yes, I can hear you laughing
 And hear you say,
 "No, it's okay."
 Maybe it's not, when your tires ring
 And also screech their last breath
 Into death. And you laugh again.
 "It won't happen to me,
 Never, you'll see."
 I'm sure your friends won't fight
 When you decide to stay for the night.
 It's foolish, you'll probably say.
 But at least you're sure of another day.
 It's your choice to choose
 Driving and booze.
 Remember, it's you who will lose.

— Otterville resident



Best children's Christmas

The Springford and area Cubs and Beavers, which were formed this year, decided to make their presence known at the Spring-

Otter Optimist Club Santa Claus parade in Otterville Saturday, and came away with the trophy for the best children's Christmas entry. (Staff Photo)

Will receive bicentennial medals Sunday

Three Norwich Township residents will be among 35 people in Oxford County who will receive their provincial bicentennial medals for volunteerism and community service during a ceremony Dec. 9 in Woodstock.

Fred Hartley, Norwich; Jean Davis, Otterville, and Mary Richardson, Woodstock, formerly of Oxford Centre, will receive their medals during the ceremony to be held in the Supreme Court Room of the Oxford County Courthouse, Woodstock, at 8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 9. The medals will be presented by Gordon Walker, provincial secretary for Justice and MPP for London South, and Dick Treleaven, MPP for Oxford. Local and county council members will also be in attendance. The 35 recipients during the evening are all people chosen from Oxford County to be honored.

The three Norwich Township recipients were chosen to be the three nominees from the township in June and were informed in October that they had been chosen to be among the 1,984 persons in Ontario to receive the medals as part of the provincial government's way of celebrating Ontario's bicentennial. Medals will be presented in 30 different locations in the province on Dec. 9.



Public school participates

Students at the Otterville Public School decided to help welcome

Santa into the village Saturday by being one of the 30 floats in the Spring-Otter Optimist Club Santa Claus parade. (Staff Photo)

Praises work of volunteers

Hundreds of volunteers across the province, including 34 from Oxford County, were honored on Sunday with the presentation of bicentennial medals and certificates.

More than 200 spectators — family and friends of the recipients — packed the supreme court room in the Oxford County courthouse in Woodstock Sunday evening as London South MPP Gordon Walker, who is the province's justice secretary, and Oxford MPP Dick Treleaven made the presentations.

"There are hundreds of thousands of them (volunteers) throughout this province," Mr. Walker said. "Most of the time they go about their work quietly, without fanfare or thought of recognition or reward."

But he said the work they do leaves its mark on all of us. "We can see the results of volunteerism wherever we look."

Mr. Walker told the crowd that the communities across Ontario could not have been built or function as well as they do today without volunteers and their generous spirit of giving and caring.

During this bicentennial year of the province, "we pay tribute not only to dates but to the experience that has molded the character of Ontario. Community service

is a pillar of that strong and vibrant character," he said.

On Sunday, in 30 ceremonies across the province, 1,984 medals were presented to people whose names were put forward by their communities as those who best illustrate the ideals of community volunteerism and community service.

"Today's recipients are truly representative of the hundreds of thousands of other volunteers who share our appreciation for their valuable service," Mr. Walker said.

He said the bicentennial medal, a special issue struck by the Royal Canadian Mint using a layer of pure gold on a nickel base, is a fitting symbol of the immensely valuable work contributed by volunteers.

The following are the Oxford County recipients of the bicentennial medal:

OXFORD COUNTY RECIPIENTS

Roy Beechey, Tillsonburg; Ed Bennett, Woodstock; Helen Beynon, Ingersoll; Kathleen E. Caffyn, RR 5, Ingersoll; William Chesney, RR 2, Innerkip; Rev. John Davies, Woodstock; Jean Davis, Otterville; John Dingwall, Lakeside; Don Engel, Woodstock; Bruce Gibson, Tillsonburg; Linda Hammond, RR 1, Mount

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Elgin; Shirley Hanlon, Tavistock; George Harron, Woodstock; Fred Hartley, Norwich; J.C. Herbert, Ingersoll; John Hofstetter, RR 1, Plattsville; Helen Hossack, Woodstock, (formerly Embro); William Knowles, Woodstock; Dr. John Lawson, Ingersoll; Carl Littlejohns, RR 1, Innerkip; Dave MacKenzie, Woodstock; Madge Montgomery, Tillsonburg; Charles Munro, RR 1, Embro; Clarence Neeb,

Tavistock; Bert Newman, Tillsonburg; Greg Pepler, Tillsonburg; Edna Pipe, RR 2, Drumbo; Mary Richardson, Woodstock, (formerly Oxford Centre); Jean Sedgwick, Woodstock; George Simmons, Woodstock; Dora Sykes, Brownsville; Hector Verhoeve, Tillsonburg; William E. Wallace, RR 4, Ingersoll; and Gordon Wiseman, RR 1, Woodstock.



Norwich Township volunteers honored

Outstanding residents of Norwich Township were honored for their volunteer efforts over the years during a special presentation ceremony in Woodstock Sunday evening. Oxford MPP Dick Treleaven, left, and London South MPP Gordon Walker, right, shared the honor of presenting bicentennial medals to 33 Oxford County residents. Norwich Township's nominees for the medals were Fred Hartley of Norwich, Mary Richardson, of Woodstock formerly Oxford Centre and Jean Davis of Otterville (absent). A total of 1,984 medals were presented to citizens across the province in similar ceremonies Sunday. (Staff Photo)

Bridal shower at Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — A miscellaneous bridal shower was held for Mary Ellen Gleason on Tuesday evening, Dec. 18, at the home of Joyce McMullen, Main Street, Otterville.

The many people in attendance enjoyed the opportunity to see and visit with Mary Ellen who has been living in Nanaimo, B.C., for the past few years. The bride opened her beautiful and useful gifts with the help of her nieces, Donna and Jeanette Butler, after which she thanked everyone for their thoughtfulness.

Lunch was served by the hostess with the assistance of Lurene McMullen, Laura Brown and Denise Doan.

Engagements

Nelson and Wilma Gleason, Otterville wish to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Mary Ellen to John Clifford Keno, son of Jack and Helen Keno, Nanaimo, B.C. The wedding will take place at the home of Robert and Dianne Butler, December 21, 1984. 4

Home setting for Keno-Gleason vows

White poinsettias with big blue bows in white wicker standards and blue candles in white candelabra created a pretty Christmas setting on Friday evening, Dec. 21, 1984, when wedding vows were exchanged between Mary Ellen Gleason and John Clifford Keno.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Gleason, Otterville, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Keno, Nanaimo, B.C.

Rev. Grant D. Darling of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, performed the double-ring ceremony at the home of the bride's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Butler, 29 Main St., Otterville, at 6 p.m., with Joyce McMullen, Otterville, providing contemporary wedding music on the piano.

The bride met her father at the bottom of

the winding staircase wearing a white floor length organza gown accentuated with white alecon lace. Interest was added to the neckline through its semi-diamond V-neck shaping enhanced by lace trim and long sleeves fitted at the wrist. The chapel length train gave a flowing effect and a Juliet cap highlighted with alecon lace held her finger-tip veil. She carried a white Bible adorned with an arrangement of two red roses and greenery.

Maid of honor was Denise Doan of Brantford, friend of the bride. She wore a street length dress of royal blue chiffon crepe accented by a white lace inset in the bodice and full length sleeves fitted at the wrist with white lace on the cuffs. She carried a nosegay of blue and white daisies with corresponding white and blue streamers.

Best man was Bob Butler of Otterville,

brother-in-law of the bride.

Reception was held in the dining area with the bride's table featuring a white three-tiered wedding cake adorned with blue flowers. This was offset by blue and white carnations and the bridal flowers. The guest table was similarly decorated with vases of carnations, the color scheme reinforced through blue table napkins.

Master of ceremonies was Bob Butler who proposed the toast to the bride.

The bride's mother chose a street length royal blue dress of silk crepe with pleated skirt, full length sleeves and round neckline. She wore black accessories with a corsage of yellow carnations.

The groom's mother wore a street length dress of burgundy jersey crepe with a high neckline and full length sleeves. She wore black accessories with a corsage of pale

pink carnations.

An open house was held at the Butler residence the following day, Dec. 22, 1984, for approximately 200 guests when the bride received guests in her going away attire of a white blouse and street length black skirt highlighted with a red carnation corsage.

Upon their return to Victoria, B.C., the newlywed couple was honored at a family wedding reception on Dec. 26, 1984.

The bride and groom are living at #10-4604 Hammond Bay Rd., Nanaimo, B.C., where they held an open house for family and friends on Jan. 5, 1985.

Helps establish Caribbean health program

By DOREEN HOOVER

A desire to nutritionally help a Third World country led Kathryn Zimmer of Otterville to take the job of organizing a dietician internship program in the Caribbean.

Mrs. Zimmer, a sessional professor in nutrition and dietetics at the University of Guelph for the last six years, was recommended as a short-term consultant with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), which is a branch of the World Health Organization (WHO). As a consultant setting up a dietician internship program, she was required to spend a month in the Caribbean.

Great numbers of Caribbean students come to Canada, the United States and Britain to take their four years of university in dietetics. The Caribbean is just now developing a post graduate dietician program. Students would then take their internship in a hospital for a year before returning home and being allowed to work as dieticians.

A couple years ago a new regulation meant that non-landed immigrants could not take their internship in Canada so there was a need for such a program in the Caribbean so the graduated students could find work.

With organizational help from the Canadian Dietetic Association, Mrs. Zimmer's appointment as consultant was approved in Washington, D.C., the WHO base, and then by the Cabinet of Trinidad.

Mrs. Zimmer began her journey on Aug. 8 when she went to Barbados for a day and a half to become familiar with and to see Caribbean hospitals. She then travelled on to Trinidad to set up the Trinidad and Tobago Dietician Internship Program. Under the Caribbean Associations of Nutritionists and Dieticians Incorporated (CANDI) program, it is hoped eventually all Caribbean Islands will become involved in the internship program, but at this point funding has only been received from Trinidad and Tobago. The dietetic program will begin in March, 1985.

With her duties as consultant, Mrs. Zimmer met with representatives at the schools to set up lectures on such topics as health disciplines and lectured and talked to dieticians in Trinidad and Tobago to prepare them for the internship program such as what type of subjects would be taught to the students. The internship program in Trinidad and Tobago is based on the standards of the Canadian Dietetic Association.

Mrs. Zimmer was responsible for assessing the hospitals and made recommendations for improvements needed in regards to the internship program. She also wrote the manual they will use in the Caribbean for the program and has sent additional information for the manual since her return on Sept. 12.

At the start of her position as consultant, her work was supposed to include a return trip to see the progress made in the program, but it is uncertain if there will be funding under the PAHO grant program.

During her stay in Trinidad and Tobago, Mrs. Zimmer found the people to be enthusiastic about setting up the internship

program and personally thinks it is a good move for them. Previously many Caribbean students would receive their university education in Canada and a year of internship experience and then return home and have to adapt to the different hospital form, different health problems and totally different food and dietetics. "It will be easier if they do their schooling there," she said.

Common health problems in the Caribbean are protein energy malnutrition, when children do not grow, and increasing problems are diabetes, obesity and heart disease. A once serious problem that is now sporadic is oral rehydration.

Taking on duties of helping organize the internship program was seen as a challenge by Mrs. Zimmer and a way she could help the people in the Caribbean.

Mrs. Zimmer has had a great deal of experience in the field of nutrition and dietetics. Before working at the University of Guelph, she was a manager of clinical nutrition at McMaster Medical Centre in Hamilton, worked as clinical nutrition consultant for the Ontario Hospital Association and researched, compiled and proofread material for the Ontario Dietetic Association Dieticians Manual two years ago that is the official diet to be used in hospitals in Ontario. While working for Ross Laboratory of Montreal, she travelled across Canada giving workshops, on and off for two to three years, on quality assurance, looking at the quality of the care of patients nutritionally in hospitals.

She finds the field of nutrition and dietetics to be "fascinating" and sees knowledge of nutrition as being crucial to people's health. A major concern of hers is the awareness of the public to the "nutrition quackery" that people often believe such as the idea that cravings of specific foods means the person has an allergy to that food and that certain foods can cure arthritis and cancer.

The trip to the Caribbean gave Mrs. Zimmer a better appreciation of the people there and she also saw many differences in their health care. The government controls the hospitals there so it is difficult to make changes, she said. There is much less staff with two dieticians being responsible for 1,000 patients in a hospital while in Canada there is an average of one dietician to care for 100 patients.

There is also a great difference between the eating patterns in Canada and the Caribbean. There are often food shortages because everything relies on imports. "There is no agriculture," she said. "So they totally rely on imports." There is little variety of foods with rice being a major food and the majority of the diet is starchy consisting of potatoes and macaroni along with rice.

Mrs. Zimmer found the experience to be interesting and rewarding for the country is "very enthusiastic" about starting the internship program, the first of its kind in the Caribbean she said.

"This is the first time I have participated in something like this and I would do it again."



Aids country nutritionally

Kathryn Zimmer of Otterville spent a month this summer in the Caribbean organizing a dietician internship program so university graduating students can do their internship in their home country. She worked as a consultant with the Pan American Health Organization which is a branch of the World Health Organization. (Staff Photo)

Family history hunt brings Loyalist membership

By DOREEN HOOVER

After months of gathering information on her family history, Mary Murray of Vanessa has been accepted as a member of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.

Mrs. Murray, assistant archivist at the Norwich and District Archives, wanted to find out more about the UELs to aid in her work at the archives which she began in 1981.

While attending a Grand River Sachem branch of the UEL meeting at the Eva

Brook Donly Museum in Simcoe last year she found she was a seventh generation Loyalist descended from Isaac Gilbert.

In the winter of 1983 Mrs. Murray received information from Ethel Chapin of the Grand River Sachem UEL branch that had already been collected on the first three lines descended from Isaac Gilbert. With this early information provided to her, she felt she should go ahead and gather the necessary information to apply to the Loyalist Association.

Mrs. Murray first became aware she was a Loyalist descendant when someone mentioned to her that she was listed as a descendant in a book entitled, Isaac Gilbert, U.E.L. 1742-1822, by Harriet Walker in 1982.

To be accepted by the UEL Association, family information must be collected to show proof of lineage. By using family bibles, marriage certificates, obituaries and censuses, information found in scrapbooks and editions of The Simcoe Reformer she had the needed proof to apply for the certificate in May. She received her certificate in September.

Mrs. Murray was surprised to realize how difficult it was to find up-to-date information on her family ancestry who were mostly from Windham Township in Norfolk County. She also found having the early groundwork already done, proved a great help.

"I was glad it was done for I would probably have got discouraged and quit," she said. While also looking for information Mrs. Murray said she wished she had paid more attention to her mother when she talked about their family history.

Mrs. Murray's lineage to Isaac Gilbert was traced through the Kellam family line. From her grandmother, Sarah (Kellam) Chrysler, the lineage went back through James Freeman Kellam to James Kellam to Mary (Gilbert) McNally, a daughter of Isaac Gilbert.

Isaac Gilbert was one of many UELs who fled to the Maritime provinces after the American Revolution. He delayed too long and was not granted free land.

Isaac and his family came up the Lake Erie shore in small boats and landed at



Decendant of UEL

Mary Murray, assistant archivist at the Norwich and District Archives, recently received a certificate accepting her as a member of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada. By tracing her family tree she found she was a seventh generation Loyalist. (Staff Photo)

Port Ryerse. Although he and his three sons didn't receive land grants they purchased land in Woodhouse Township around 1800 and settled there.

Isaac was the son of an English emigrant and had been living in New Jersey when the American Revolution broke out. He enlisted in the British Navy becoming an officer during the war. He later settled in Saint John, New Brunswick but decided to move to Upper Canada and become one of the pioneer settlers of Norfolk County.

Mrs. Murray was quite pleased to receive her certificate from the UEL association especially in Ontario's

bicentennial year.

"It is interesting to trace your family and see what they have done through the years and the hardships they went through for our easy living today," she said. For being accepted into the association, Mrs. Murray is now able to put the initials, U.E. after her name.

Mrs. Murray, nee Chrysler, may not be content with her one lineage to a UEL. She knows she is descended from UELs through the Chrysler family and hopes to trace it back as well. She may not apply for another certificate, but would like to trace the Chrysler side of the family "for my own satisfaction," she said.



Meals for Otterville

Meals-on-Wheels program is being expanded into Otterville following a summer survey that indicated a need for the service there. The expanded program has been organized by the Tillsonburg and District Multi-Service Centre and will operate with the help of volunteers from the village. Shown looking over plans for the program are Bonnie Briggs, manager of home support services at the MSC, and Tammy Antaya, who organized the program, with Alex Yantho, MSC board chairman. (Staff Photo)

Meals-on-wheels program coming to Otterville

Otterville residents will be getting a Meals On Wheels program starting in January.

The program, organized through the Tillsonburg and District Multi-Service Centre, will provide meals for 10 Otterville residents during the week from Monday to Friday.

The meals, which will cost \$2.50 to be delivered, will be provided by the Maple Manor Nursing Home in Tillsonburg and delivered by trained volunteers from Otterville.

Meals will contain meat, potatoes, a vegetable and dessert. Consideration will be given to those needing a special diet.

Persons interested in receiving a hot, nutritious meal, or those with time on their hands who could assist the program as volunteers, can contact Margaret Stanbridge at 842-9517.

The Meals On Wheels program for Otterville follows a Summer Canada project at the Multi-Service Centre last summer in which senior citizens within a 10-mile radius of Tillsonburg in Oxford County were contacted to determine whether the Multi-Service Centre was actually meeting community needs

and to be informed about existing programs.

The survey, carried out by Maureen Vandenberghe, Joanne Hedderson and Cathy Bridle, determined that 22.6 per cent of Otterville residents needed a Meals On Wheels program in their area.

In November, Tammy Antaya was hired on a part-time basis by the centre's Home Support Services for Seniors Program to further research, and organize a Meals On Wheels program for Otterville.

The two key volunteers for the Otterville Meals On Wheels program are Jean Davis and Isabelle Harris.

The Meals On Wheels program in Tillsonburg has operated out of the Multi-Service Centre since 1980. About 25 people receive meals prepared in conjunction with the dietician at the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital.

Trained volunteers deliver these meals to clients for \$2.25 per meal. Again, more volunteers are needed to help with the program and anyone interested can contact Mrs. Stanbridge.