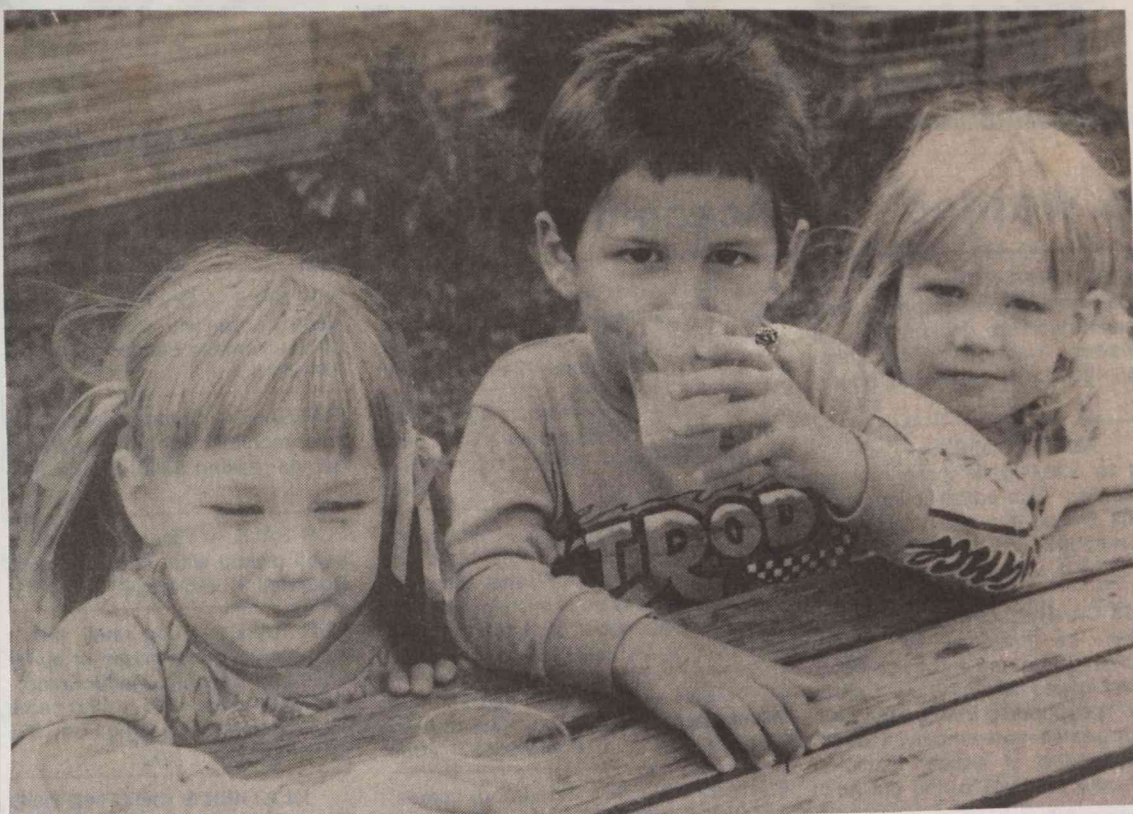




An apple a day...

Area residents and school children took advantage of nice weather last week to tour Mountain Orchards. Besides taking a wagon ride through the orchards to learn about the different apple varieties, participants also sampled the apple cider and purchased samples to take home. Pick-your-own outings are offered at most local orchards.



Mountain Orchards has 40 acres of apple trees with about 10 different varieties. Cider and other apple products are available and tours of the orchard are a popular attraction with school children.

A lot of moisture over the summer has made for a good growing season — producing large, nice quality apples. The MacIntosh in particular is excellent this year, said Phil Lyall of Mountain Orchards.

However, a few varieties such as the Empires were not quite as plentiful as the Mac. This was mainly due to dry conditions which resulted in less blossoming last spring.



J.J. visits the Mountain

Popular CJOH weatherman, J.J. Clark, was on location at Mountain Orchards for the 6:00 p.m. news last Tuesday. Pictured are (from left to right): Dave Alexander of CJOH News' Satellite Operations, Orchard owner Shelly Wayal, J.J. and Orchard owner Philip Wayal.