



## Women's Institute staple of rural life

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The Women's Institute, an integral part of Canada's rural fabric, is 85 years old this month. Citizen Carleton Place correspondent **Mary Cook** looks at the evolution of the organization.



The Women's Institute — the WI for short.

The name is synonymous with rural women. Every village in The Valley has one and there are even a few branches in Ottawa.

But does the WI mean more than matronly ladies dishing out home baking at the fall fair?

For Dorothy Crump of the Morewood WI, who attended her first meeting with her mother more than 40 years ago, it has been "a social and learning experience."

"When my father was seriously ill, the members stepped right in and gave me much support. I couldn't measure the help they were."

It was 85 years ago that 101 women met in a small community hall in Stoney Creek, Ont., to help each other with the everyday problems of being a farmer's wife and raising a family.

Their chief concerns were hygiene, sanitation, making home economics part of the school curriculum and learning how to run a happy and successful farm home.

They called themselves the Women's Institute.

Today their objectives have broadened to include topics such as ecology, the country's economy and Canadian unity.

Their numbers have swelled to more than 50,000 in Canada. They have affiliations with the Associated Country Women of the World with representation in more than 70 countries.

There are half a million WI members in England alone, and in Canada there are 2,500 branches in every province including the North West Territories and the Yukon.

While other organizations are losing ground in memberships — and folding in many cases — the WI continues to attract new members and embark on new programs.

Although never loud and obvious, "the voice of women seems to reach into every corner of the rural community."

WI groups breathe life into fall fairs and into major events like the Ottawa Exhibition with displays of needlework, baking and crafts.

In many communities, the WI is the only organization which offers catering services. Hardly a week goes by, especially in summer months, that local branches aren't involved in making lunches for local farm meetings, catering to weddings, serving sandwiches and coffee to conferences and setting up food stands wherever they can in order to swell the branch coffers.

But WI life is more than buttering bread and making jellied salads.

"It brings together the young and old with common goals," says Dorothy Brown of the Ramsay WI. Each group is able to give to the other and each benefits from the presence of the other.

There aren't too many organizations where common goals can meld together such diversified ages.

Last year's annual report of the Federated Women's Institutes in Canada shows money was poured into developing water wells in Kenya, that scholarships were handed out across Canada, and that countless resolutions and submissions went off to governments showing concerns in everything from acid rain to child abuse.

Dozens of branches in Canada compiled local dossiers and worked with museums to document and record area histories.

The WI's continuing popularity is no mystery to Jenny Morgan, Executive Secretary of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada.

"We are filling a real need in the community, and have done so since the concept began."

"Not only are we working on many fronts at local and national levels, we are the only voice of rural women in Canada."

Local members are quick to agree. Says Margaret Howie of the Carp WI: "I would never have learned the things I did any other way."

Adds Margaret Nicholson of the Carp W.I.: "It's a way of finding friendship in a community. And I like the way members are always there to help when someone in the community is in trouble."

That was exactly what the founder had in mind when she gathered around her that first band of women in February of 1897.

Adelaide Hunter Hoodless, herself a farm wife, was concerned that although there was a strong men's farm organization, there was no group representing farm women.

Her theory was that wives needed just as much help in running the farm home and raising the farmers of the future as their husbands needed in growing good crops.

As urban-raised women move to the country and swell the rural population, many find themselves caught up in the spirit of the Women's Institute.

Says Mabel Ringreide of the Beckwith WI: "I'm not a farm woman originally so belonging to the institute has introduced me to many farm women I otherwise would not have met."

Margaret Drummond of Rocky Ridge WI agrees: "In my branch, there are half town women and half farm women. I find the institute brings the two groups together beautifully."

I get a great deal out of the workshops — and of course the companionship means a lot to me."

Hazel Blair of the Jonson May WI, a member of for than 30 years, apologizes because she isn't as active as she once was.

"I'm getting on in years. But I always loved WI work and hopefully, I've contributed something over the years."



DUNDAS DISTRICT WI celebrated their 75th Anniversary. Past Presidents attending the Annual Meeting are L-r Front row Mrs. Hugh Coons, Mrs. Donald Hess, Mrs. Lloyd Davis, Mrs. Nina Woods, Mrs. Fenton Hyndman, Mrs. Gertie Montgomery. Back row L-r Mrs. Roma McMillan, Mrs. Grant Becksted, Mrs. Alfred Carkner, Mrs. Claud Carr, Mrs. Jane Graham, Mrs. Irene Armstrong, Mrs. Clair Nugent. Absent Mrs. Ken Hillis.

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## Mountain musings

by Shirley Mills

I received the following notice from Doris Scharf of South Mountain:

"It is with regret that we announce the South Mountain Women's Institute was disbanded as of April 5, 1988. Thanks go to all the members who have served this community well over the last 52 years."

It does seem a pity that an organization which has been part of the community for such a length of time should disband. Although not large, the members sponsored a floor hockey team, a Christian child, took part in the local fairs, 4-H or other community events. It was a non-denominational group and it offered educational courses for rural women who did not have all the facilities available in a city. Its absence will be noted.

# W.I. community workshops were most successful

by Dorothy H. Winmill

Despite a low attendance and a full day of heavy rains the June Community Workshops on "The Challenge and Fun of Waste Management" held in North Dundas District High School on June 10th were most successful.

The exceptional leadership organized by the Women's Institute Districts from across the eastern half of Eastern Ontario Area was the key. Every single one of the nine workshops had extremely well informed, sincere people at the helm. They were able to put across their information capably and in an interesting and exciting way. There were some splendid discussion periods included as well.

These leaders included Marook Zidhwa, Recycling Education Officer, Waste Management Branch of the Ministry of Environment in Toronto; Gordon Winter, Master Gardener and Vice-President of the Ontario Horticultural Society; Linda Dunn, Deputy Mayor of Cumberland Township; David Graham, waste disposal manager for Goulbourn; Jean Boyd, a teacher at St. Lawrence College and member of the 1000 Island and Ottawa Valley Quilters Guilds; Pat Ager, well-known handcraft leader; Wayne Kine of Toastmaster International; Martha Webber, Botanist and leader of Ottawa Valley field trips; and Dorothy Wilson, professional "demo" person in food preparation subjects.

Subjects included the protection of the environment; making handcrafts with recycled items; quilting

and its history and use in recycling; how to deal with your garbage can contents; shopping with waste management in mind; composting; waste disposal; making tasty items with leftover food items; and all kinds of information dealing with the 4 R's, reduce, reuse, recycle and recover, which are fast becoming a necessary part of our lives.

The delegates and staff, numbering approximately 140, expressed many opinions on their evaluation sheets. 97% agreed the Workshops were useful to them and 45% said they were extremely useful. The majority of the comments were very encouraging.

One person wrote: "I am going home with a satisfied feeling that there are many things I can do, and will do, to help the environment. It was a very well-spent day. Excellent!"

Another said, "I think the idea of this type of get together is very useful for our communities and

helps spread the information. I have really enjoyed my day and found it all very interesting. It turned out much better than I ever expected."

The brown bag lunch was felt to be a great idea, a real time saver and very adequate. It also provided a relaxed opportunity for delegates to socialize and compare notes.

The Child Care Facility was well run and appreciated by users.

The one common criticism was "Not enough time"; "There were so many new ideas to try and absorb in such a short time. Time went so fast it was so interesting."

One delegate closed her evaluation with these words: "Hopefully we will not put more effort into spreading awareness of better use of waste, reduce, reuse, recycle and recover, and keep our planet from being polluted and destroyed. Let us be leaders in this matter!"

## Discover Dundas

by E. Ruth Algire

WINCHESTER — Colorful, beautiful, exciting and delightful are just some of the adjectives that have been used to describe the set of slides the Dundas District Women's Institute has put together to mark the 100th birthday of OMAF.

Scenes of farms, orchards, animals, farm machinery, etc. from the four townships of the county have been arranged in a Kodak carousel with commentary on a tape cassette. The show has already been presented several times, and

may be borrowed by any responsible group or school.

A slide projector which will take a Kodak carousel will be necessary. A cassette recorder can be used for the commentary or it can be read from the script which is provided.

For booking, call one of the following members of the committee: Mrs. Garnet Empey, 652-4258; Mrs. Clair Algire, 535-2022; Mrs. Russell Marcellus, 448-2605; Mrs. Norman Gibson, 258-2066.

Dundas District Women's Institute offers this show free of charge.

## Ontario Women's Institute to recognize environmental efforts

Workshops, briefs, surveys, composting, public meetings and recycling are a few of the challenges taken up by Women's Institute members in Eastern Ontario over the past two years.

Not only were Women's Institute members in Eastern Ontario initiating projects, so too were members right across the province.

That 1988 challenge of 100 projects by 1990 was accepted, so far 250 projects have been reported.

Workshops taught good buying practices to reduce packaging, for example, buying food in bulk where practical; to take their own bags to the supermarket; to take their own mugs to meetings and to help eliminate styrofoam; to use newspaper, especially the comic section to wrap gifts and to make Christmas gift bags from material for re-use, again and again.

Women's Institute members petitioned their municipalities to initiate recycling and composting. Many individual members joined local waste management groups and the Recycling Council of Ontario to stay informed.

Branches held public meetings where discussions were held on landfill sites, reduction of waste and the better utilization of resources.

Being aware of the need to care for the environment, trees, shrubs and gardens were planted. Garbage bins were provided at public buildings and recreational facilities.

FWIO has had the environment as its focus since 1988 when members were encouraged to "Let's Practice the 4Rs of Waste Management". This theme

was fully explored at Conference 88 in Kingston with keynote speakers and workshops. For 1989/90 members studied "Women and the Environment" with the purpose of studying the condition of the air, water, land, plants, wildlife and natural resources.

For 1990/1991 the area of study will be "Women and the Environment - Family and Community", yet another environment. Members will use this theme to explore a whole range of topics, such as, violence, drug abuse, health care and recreation.

The environment in its many forms will be the FWIO theme through the 1997 when the organization celebrates the centenary of its founding in February 1897.

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## Women's Institute pass resolutions

With a theme of Women and the Environment for the year, it was natural that some of the Resolutions sustained at the Annual Meeting of Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario held recently in Guelph, dealt with this topic that affects all who live in rural Ontario.

FWIO passed two resolutions that dealt with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), one asking that the Ministry of the Environment enforce legislation to eliminate PCBs and another asking that the Federal Department of Justice and the Ontario Attorney General prosecute politicians who allow infractions of the Environmental Protection Act 1982 pertaining to PCBs.

As many of the members of the FWIO live in rural and agricultural areas where many land fill sites are almost full and new sites are contemplated for local garbage as well as sites for Toronto's garbage, the topic of waste was addressed. FWIO would like the Minister of the Environment to legislate a drastic reduction in "packaging" and also to enact legislation to stop the use of styrofoam and plastics for meat and vegetables sold in stores. One

WI branch donated WI mugs to their local Township Council to stop them using throw-away styrofoam mugs and another WI branch who does a lot of catering has gone back to using china dishes instead of plastic throw-away ones. Just an example of practical application of what they mean.

The FWIO is not only concerned with landfills and recycling in their own back yards. Last year they passed a resolution asking for mandatory recycling in Ontario. This year they are asking the Federal Minister of the Environment to establish guidelines for waste disposal apart from landfilling; to enact legislation making a consistent, efficient and uniform recycling program in each province and territory across Canada. This program must be designed to make full and optimum use of all recycling technology currently available to ensure that Canada remains an environmentally safe country for our future generations.

An organization that was started over 90 years ago is proving, once again that its motto of "For Home and Country" is true as we approach the 21st century as it was in the past.

### 1940

According to the last 1931 census, Dundas County with an area of 384 square miles had a population of 16,098. That is an average of 41.92 people per square mile, the fourth smallest county in the

province. It is doubtful the next census (1941) will show much of an increase. At present it stands at 16,150, according to various assessment rolls. At Winchester was more thickly populated in 1901 than it is to at 1,040 residents.

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## Mountain Musings

by Shirley Mills

We are sorry to report that the Mountain Women's Institute is disbanding. This organization has always been vitally interested in women's activities and concerns and it is a disappointment to the members that the group will not be continuing. The Mountain branch has, however, a number of copies of the Tweedsmuir History of Mountain which was compiled by Eva Simms and published in 1982. These are available for sale at \$10 a copy and anyone interested should contact Bessie at 989-5631 or Mildred at 989-6075.

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## 85th Anniversary Luncheon

## "From a Flicker to a Flame"

In honour of the founding of the first Women's Institute in Ontario on February 19th, 1897, at Stoney Creek, over 1800 members and guests celebrated at the Constellation Hotel in Rexdale on August 12th.

Tribute must be paid to the 85th Anniversary Committee, chaired by the Provincial President, Mrs. Keith Hiepleh. It was a real achievement to make plans so that the largest number of W.I. members to attend an Ontario celebration could park, register, visit with old friends, have a delicious meal, take part in the celebration and depart from the hotel in record time. The hotel management is also to be congratulated on a job well-done.

The luncheon opened with the singing of the Institute Ode and the recitation of the Mary Stewart Collect. What a wonderful occasion it was to hear so many voices raised in unison. The President warmly welcomed everyone to the celebrations.

A very special guest, Miss Helen McKercher, a former director of the Home Economics Branch, and a wonderful friend and mentor of the Women's Institutes received a standing ovation as she was introduced. Members were delighted that Miss McKercher, in spite of ill-health, was able to be present.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II sent a letter of congratulation and wished the Women's Institutes a very successful anniversary. On behalf of the people of Ontario, the Premier, The Honourable William G. Davis, also sent congratulations. He praised members for their educational and humanitarian endeavours undertaken for 85 years across the province. Ontario's twin province at F.W.I.C., Manitoba, the Women's Institutes of Northern Ireland, and the A.C.W.W. National office, all sent greetings. Congratulatory letters were received from two F.W.I.O. past presidents, Mrs. Dorothy Fitcher and Mrs. Edith Purcell.

The Prime Minister of Canada, Pierre Trudeau, was represented by Mrs. Ursula Appoloni, M.P. for York South-Weston, an enthusiastic champion of women's causes. Mrs. Appoloni brought greetings and congratulations to the Women's Institutes, and a special welcome to Mrs. Ziny Westebring-Muller of the Netherlands, World President of Associated Country Women of the World. The Women's Institutes, Mrs. Appoloni said, were well-known as volunteer workers for their dedicated efforts and services to communities. She recognized that rural women faced similar problems to those of urban women, but these tended to be exacerbated in the former because geography often made them more isolated.

Senator Martha Bielish, the area vice-president of A.C.W.W., brought greetings from the Senate of Canada, the leader of Her Majesty's loyal opposition in the House of Commons, Joe Clark, and the other thirteen Canadian constituent societies of A.C.W.W. Senator Bielish presented a statement from the Senate to commemorate the occasion.



### Speakers Compare Notes

Mrs. Westebring-Muller chats with the Honourable Dennis Timbrell, Ontario Minister of Agriculture and Food. Both honoured guests addressed the 85th Anniversary audience.



The President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, Mrs. Bernice Noblitt, extended greetings from the national organization. Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless had certainly ignited a flicker when she conceived the idea of a Women's Institute. Over the years a flame has been developed as many thousands of dedicated women, during the past 85 years, have worked hard to provide leadership and inspiration across the world. Mrs. Noblitt urged all present to accept the challenge of current issues, especially those relating to women. She hoped that by the 100th anniversary, the Women's Institutes would be a larger, stronger organization than it is even today.

The Minister of Agriculture and Food, the Honourable Dennis R. Timbrell spoke at what was his first official meeting with members. His links with the Women's Institutes reach back to his grandmother and great-grandmother's days in Frontenac County. He congratulated members on being the guardians of history in their communities through the Tweedsmuir histories, for their relevant resolutions for their work with the 4-H clubs, and their fine record of community service and interest in the family. Members saw the need for commitment, growth and change.

Today, said Mr. Timbrell, life is changing so rapidly that no one can afford to fall behind by standing still.

Members must remain involved in community-related activities and ensure that interesting programs are drawn up in order to attract younger members to the Women's Institutes, thus guaranteeing a sufficient number of volunteer workers in the local communities in the years ahead. He concluded by assuring members that the ministry's home economists would

"continue to prepare and deliver programs of benefit to all residents of rural communities."

Keynote speaker at the luncheon was Mrs. Ziny Westebring-Muller, World President of A.C.W.W. who offered special greetings from the four Dutch societies. She reminded her audience that a nation cannot rise above the level of its homes. Consequently, the work of the co-founders of the first Women's Institute, Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless and Mr. Erland Lee, had a profound effect on family, community and national life in over sixty countries throughout the world. Mrs. Alfred Watt had carried the torch to England and through her tenacious efforts for twenty years, had helped form the world wide movement, A.C.W.W., in Stockholm in 1933.

Today, family life, education for rural women and strong local communities in every corner of the world are of prime importance. They form the foundation upon which all countries can develop their agriculture and food industries, vital for the survival of mankind. Although total world food production increased by 29% during the years 1970-79, world hunger remains a grave problem as world population outstrips food production.

A.C.W.W. must work unrelentlessly in support of the United Nations International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade, 1981-1990. Half of the world's population, three-fifths of this number living in the developing countries, is still denied access to a safe and adequate supply of drinking water. The World Health Organization estimates that 80% of disease in the world today is associated with infected water and a lack of proper sanitation. Women and children are deprived of valuable time to pursue family life and educational projects when they must fetch water many miles from their homes.

Mrs. Westebring-Muller challenged all members present to support the U.N.'s goal of fresh water for all by 1990. The A.C.W.W. Council has just endorsed a new project under UNESCO's co-operative Action Program in support of the Clean Water for all by 1990. Unless an adequate supply of safe water is provided so that a sufficient food supply is available throughout the world, world peace may be threatened.

The World President concluded: "Thank God for these 85 years. What has been possible in 85 years in Canada, must be possible to accomplish in the whole world. The world is in danger. Let us pull together, so that the world may say after so many years: there has risen a mighty force whose influence knows no bounds!"

Mrs. Hiepleh presented Mrs. Westebring-Muller with a book depicting pictorially a cross-section of Ontario life.

A symbolic cake, made by Mrs. Jean Gingerich, a member from Baden, was the centre of a candle lighting ceremony. Candles were lit by a long-standing member of the charter branch at Stoney Creek, Mrs. Nita Roderick, and the Provincial, National and World Presidents.

A skit, organized by two immediate past presidents, Mrs. Clarence Diamond and Mrs. Herbert Maluske, highlighting the history of the Women's Institutes, ended the luncheon celebrations. □



### Gift Presentation

Mrs. Ziny Westebring-Muller, left, receives a gift presented by Mrs. Janet Hiepleh, anniversary celebration chairman, on behalf of the 1800 members and guests in attendance.



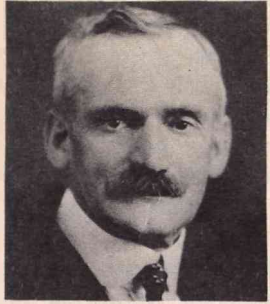




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Todd, first  
FWIO  
President

## Women's Institutes Eighty-Five Years Later

February 19, 1897 was a day that made history. One hundred and one women and one man, Mr. Lee, were the newsmakers at the turn of the century.

February 19, 1982, will mark the 85th Anniversary of the founding of the first Women's Institute in the world.

The family was the core-reason for founding Women's Institutes, and remains so, to this day.

Women's Institute members for the last 85 years have stood by the concept of strengthening the family unit and encouraged women to go beyond their homes and farms to help one another think as individuals.

The formation of local branches quickly snow-balled in Ontario and it wasn't long before the work spread into other Provinces in the Dominion. Men have played an important role in the Women's Institute, especially, in the first thirty years. Although it is questionable if any WI members would have enjoyed the benefits of the organization over the last 85 years without the support of their husbands.

In Ontario, back as far as 1896, Mr. Erland Lee heard Adelaide Hoodless speak, and herein lies the key to the formation of Women's Institutes. Just as the family unit, back at the turn of the century, depended on the mother and father for guidance, the Women's Institute would not have been organized without a woman (Adelaide Hoodless), who had a desire to tell the community about her problem and concern, and a gentleman (Erland Lee), who recognized the importance of the situation and encouraged a gathering of women, where she would have a receptive audience.

In our 85th year, Ontario WI's are encouraging members of FWIC and the Constituent Societies belonging to that group, to recognize and accept the fact, that the first WI in the world had co-founders, Mrs. Hoodless and Erland Lee. This will be on the agenda at the 1982 National Convention and Ontario members are hopeful bias will not shade the decision.

With the formation of Branches throughout Canada, it was inevitable that the Women's Institutes were destined for overseas. The Ontario born and educated Madge Robertson, moved to British Columbia, married Alfred Watt, and became a dedicated member of the Metchosin WI. After his death, she and her sons moved to England just before World War I. After war was declared, Mrs. Watt could see that rural women, if organized, could play an important part in planting garden plots from which the vegetables could feed the local residents. With the assistance of two influential men, a WI was organized in Flanfair, Wales, in 1915.

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario have spear-headed projects, such as, assuming ownership of the Erland Lee (Museum) Home, where history was made when the original Constitution was written. Thousands of dollars have been invested in the educational projects for the youth, not only in Ontario, but overseas, too. Assisting women in third-world countries has been beyond question, an important facet of the WI work, where strong support was given, along with other Constituent Societies, to the Associated Country Women of the World, projects.

Now in 1982, where do we stand as an organization in our community? History will record, in the beginning, the WI and the Church, were the organizational strengths in rural areas of Ontario. Today, we compete with a host of other local organizations, as well as leisure-time activities, such as we've never experienced before. Our role has become more difficult, so it becomes much more important to define our goals and objectives.

We cherish the past, but we cannot live on previous accomplishments. All those important roles we have played over the past 85 years were not in vain. However, in the 1980's, our reasons for being, our objectives for existence, must be motivated toward the needs of the present-day woman.

A re-thinking of direction and a re-defining of structure may be the answer.

*Margaret Zoeller*

## Early Years of FWIC

By 1913, Women's Institute members in all the Provinces in the Dominion felt the need to federate and have some type of continuity, including better communication within the nine Provinces. (Since that time, Newfoundland and Labrador have become the 10th Province.)

In the beginning, Saskatchewan's organization was known as "Homemakers" and Newfoundland were "Jubilee Guilds". However, by 1970 all organizations became known as Women's Institutes.

It has been recorded that Miss Mary MacIsaac, Superintendent, of the Women's Institutes in Alberta, was a prime mover in promoting federation of the provincial units.

During the war years, all the WI's worked with enthusiasm for a common purpose and it became evident that such an energetic body should direct those energies into co-ordinating their efforts throughout the Dominion.

Leaders in every Province felt an urge to work as a single federation, and yet hold onto their own provincial identity.

Here in Ontario, Mr. George Putnam, Women's Institutes' Superintendent, told the delegates at the Central Convention for Ontario that "a meeting of representatives of Women's Institutes and similar organizations throughout the Dominion has been called for Winnipeg in mid-February, with a view to formulating plans for closer co-operation among all, and it is expected that the basis of a permanent national organization will be decided upon at that meeting."

On February 13, 1919, thirteen women and one man, Mr. Putnam, met in Winnipeg. Miss MacIsaac was appointed chairman, and the following resolution was presented. "That the delegates, here assembled, from the Homemakers' Clubs, The Home Economics Societies, and the Women's Institutes, do federate themselves into a national organization. The name to be decided upon, after hearing the report of the committee on Constitution." Later, the announcement was made by Mr. Putnam, stating the or-

ganization would be known as the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada.

At this meeting, Judge Emily Murphy was elected President, Mrs. Wm. Todd, first Vice-President and Miss Eliza Campbell, Treasurer.

The first official FWIC meeting was held February 15, 1919, with the elected officers in charge and one of the items on the agenda was to set up the following Convenerships: Public Health and Child Welfare; Household Economics; Education and Better Schools; Immigration; Publicity and Legislation.

The original objectives decided on in 1919 were:

1. To co-ordinate the provincial units through a system of conveners, national, provincial and local.
2. To raise the standard of homemaking.
3. To act as a clearing house for the activities of provincial units.
4. To develop agriculture to meet the food needs of the race.
5. To promote educational, moral, social and economic measures in accordance with the objects of the Federation.
6. To encourage co-operation in community efforts.
7. To initiate nationwide campaigns in accordance with the objects of the Federation.

It is of interest to compare to-day's Purposes and Objectives that form part of the present-day format.

1. To co-ordinate programs of the Units.
2. To provide a medium of intercommunication among the Units.
3. To promote an appreciation of rural living.
4. To develop better informed, more responsible citizens, through the study of issues of National and International importance.
5. To initiate nation-wide programs in accordance with the objects of the Federation.



## Mountain W.I. ask Council for help to publish Tweedsmuir

Although the Mountain Women's Institute would like to preserve their Township's past, they need \$20,000. to publish their Tweedsmuir History book. Two members of the W.I., Betty Allen and Dorothy Gibson, attended the March 2nd Mountain Township Council session, to ask Council's support of the proposal. *March 1981*



Mr. Ewart Simms joined the several members of the Mountain Women's Institute last week to autograph a copy of the organization's book, Tweedsmuir History of Mountain Women's Institute. From left to right are,

Dorothy Gibson, curator; Betty Allen, president; Isabel Forward, curator of the Dundas District Women's Institute. *Dec 8, 1982*

Press Photo—Reimer

## Institute-compiled history published

MOUNTAIN — A graphic and entertaining history of the villages of Mountain, VanCamp and Hallville and the Mountain Women's Institute is ready for release.

The Tweedsmuir History of Mountain Women's Institute, a glossy, 223-page chronicle of the area's past is the product of years of work by former curator, the late Eva Simms, and the current W.I. executive and membership.

The soft-cover book combines black and white photos with short articles detailing the history of

the women's institute, Mountain village, schools, churches, VanCamp and Hallville communities, golden weddings, a section titled the old and the new, farms in the Mountain community, the Mountain Herald, postcards of yesteryears, personalities, family trees and sports.

The limited edition is available to the public at \$28 per copy. According to the Institute's past president and curator Dorothy Gibson, the Tweedsmuir History of Mountain W.I. is one of the first in Ontario published with copies

made available to local residents.

Eva Simms, who was curator of the women's institute for 15 years, discussed publishing the history with her assistant Nancy Hyndman, many years ago but it was not until 1980 that the work began, using all of the history compiled.

Students of Nationview school have used parts of the book for local history projects.

Much of the information included in the book is reprinted from accounts of the community activity reported in area weekly

newspapers.

Dundas - A Sketch of Canadian History by James Croil published in 1861 was the first published work of local history in all of Ontario, according to Dorothy Gibson.

A tea was held Sunday with Mountain councillor Ewart Simms, son of the late Mrs. Simms, attending to autograph copies of the history book on behalf of Mountain Township council.

Mountain council has provided support for the project.

## Mountain WI Tweedsmuir records memories in book

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by Pete McIntosh  
Advance Staff Reporter

Fifteen years of dedicated research, encompassing more than a century of Mountain-area history, was unveiled Sunday by the Mountain Women's Institute.

The first edition of the Mountain Women's Institute's "Tweedsmuir History" is now available

in tightly-bound form, rekindling memories of days gone by in the villages of Mountain, Vancamp, and Hallville.

Photographs and articles recording the history of the villages and their schools, churches, century farms, golden wedding anniversaries, and family trees have finally been brought together

under one cover after years of compilation by former curator, the late Eva Simms. Simms was the curator of the Mountain Tweedsmuir History from 1965 to 1979.

Although the term "Tweedsmuir History" may be unfamiliar to many of the publication's readers, the contents certainly

won't be.

The head-on train collision of 1907, another train derailment in 1916, and the tragic fire of January 1975 which levelled the town's post office, a general store, and an accompanying two-storey residence spell out some of the community's bad times. Brightly polished floors in a brand new school, cheerleading champions, winning softball teams, and report cards of 1929 stir up fond recollections.

The village history books have adopted the name of Lady Tweedsmuir, wife of Lord Tweedsmuir, who served as Canada's Governor-General from 1935 - 1940. Lady Tweedsmuir was an ardent member of England's Women's Institute organization and gave firm support to the idea of preserving village memories. Her Excellency visited Mountain in the spring of 1939.

But it wasn't until 1952 that local members became interested in compiling the anecdotes which would eventually lead to their current publication.

The Mountain chapter of the Women's Institute originally assembled in 1938 with 13 charter members but Red Cross work forced the institute to disband in 1942. Nine years later the group got back together and is still going strong today.

Progressive steps to publish the history compiled by Simms began in June of 1980 when a member of the institute received a phone call suggesting the local history be made more accessible to the public. Already local students had made use of Simms' efforts in researching projects regarding the area's early history.

Sunday it all became reality as township councillor Ewart Simms autographed copies in memory of his mother, as former residents returned to their old home town to

reminisce over a cup of tea. Visitors came from Embrun, Ormstown, Iroquois, Winchester, Smiths Falls, Kemptville, and other surrounding neighbourhoods.

The next edition of Mountain's Tweedsmuir History won't be expected for a few years down the road but already the compilation process has begun. Train wrecks and fires are still hitting the headlines in this town and although they are not happy memories, they are events which might otherwise be hopelessly lost or misconstrued as folklore.

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Dec 1982*



Tweedsmuir Tea Dec. 5, 1982



Dorothy Gibson, Mrs. E. Sommerville (Eastern Area Curator), Ewart Simms, Betty Allen (Pres. of Mountain W.I.), Miss Isobel Forward (Curator of Dundas District W.I.)



Visitors previewing the Tweedsmuir Histories



Willie and Mattie Riddell, whose 50th wedding anniversary just missed the Tweedsmuir History

## Women's Institutes thriving in Ontario

There's a new wave of movement among the women of Ontario these days.

The opportunity to belong to an organization with interesting programs, activities and speakers; the opportunity to learn and grow, through courses and workshops; the opportunity to attend conferences, to travel and meet new friends; the chance to do as little or as much, for both oneself and one's community — these appeal to the ever-changing lifestyles of today's women wherever they live.

Where are all of these opportunities available? What is this new movement?

Actually, it has been around for more than 90 years. It is the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario — "WI".

The Women's Institute was founded in Ontario in 1897 by Adelaide Hoodless and Erland Lee. It spread quickly throughout Ontario and then Canada.

The first national president was Emily Murphy, a noted women's rights activist who later became a judge.

WI spread throughout the world when Canadian WI member Madge Watt was instrumental in forming the organization, Associated Country Women of the World.

The aims and purposes of the WI are both difficult and simple to describe — difficult because the group's field of interest is broad, encompassing projects of many kinds; simple because their motto, "For Home and Country", says it all.

A revival is taking place within the Women's Institute. And why? Because it has stood the test of time, FWIO PRO Geraldine Campbell says. Without dramatics, the WI gets the job done.

"After all, Brock University is here today because of the actions of one WI branch," she says. "And FWIO was named the Outstanding Organization in Ontario this year, for its environmental efforts."

Until a recent change in the mandate of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, only the Rural Organizational Specialist was empowered to initiate a new WI branch. This is no longer the case.

Hilde Morden has been appointed the Provincial New Branch Co-ordinator for the FWIO, and New Branch Organizers have been appointed for each of the 14 Areas in the province. Following special training, these New Branch Organizers will be able to initiate new branches — not where they think there is a need, but where women want to have one started.

The need for new branches is evident, Campbell says. In just the past month, three new WI branches have been formed, and several other areas have been showing interest.

FWIO's goal is to establish 14 new branches by August, 1992; and they expect to achieve it easily.

"FWIO has consistently exceeded its goals in the past," Campbell says, "and, hopefully, this will be another time. The person who will really benefit from all this is the woman who joins WI, and that is really the purpose."

Another of FWIO's plans is their new WI Contributing Membership — intended for those who want the benefits of membership although there is not an established branch nearby.

"By the way, do not be misled by its name," Campbell says, "FWIO has never restricted its activities to women!"



# Bates' Corners flourishes

## Founders of Winchester persevere through trials of fire

WINCHESTER — Last October, Reid's General Store in Winchester was levelled by fire, a century-old building reduced to rubble.

Within a week there was already talk of plans to rebuild on the site.

The history of Winchester is the history of a community that has survived trial by fire. The village has lost shops, hotels, farms and a school to flames. And it has rebuilt them.

It is a hardiness and resilience that was established in the early 1800s when settlers carved out small plots of land in the unbroken forests of Winchester Township.

The township was surveyed in 1798 and opened for settlement two years later, taking its name from the city of Winchester in Hampshire, England.

The village itself, which began as four farm lots owned by George, John and William Dixon, Wilson Forth, Caleb Henderson and Benjamin Bates, was originally known as Bates' Corners.

The name was changed to West Winchester in 1855, when the first postal service to the village was established. Prior to that, villagers relied on the post office in Matilda, 12 miles away. A few families hired an elderly man known as Old Brocleau to make the trip twice weekly, bringing back any letters and papers along with tea, tobacco or a few yards of cotton.

While it was the post office that gave the hamlet its identity, it was the Canadian Pacific Railroad that gave it its final name. When the CPR built a line between Montreal and Toronto in 1887, a station in West Winchester was simply called Winchester.

The name had previously been used by Chesterville.

During the early years of settlement, industries developed to take advantage of the abundant timber in the area. Mahlon F. Beach, who built a saw mill in 1856, established a sash and door industry in 1870. Destroyed by fire three times, the plant had a troubled history but rose from the ashes each time to become bigger and more modern than ever.

Today the original Beach Lumber Company is known as Lannin Lumber Company, since it was taken over by H.S. Lannin in 1945.

During the nineteenth century, the region developed its agricultural base as the land was cleared and local merchants soon included blacksmiths, shoemakers, builders and carriage and wagon makers.

In 1857, the Winchester Township Agricultural Fair Society was organized. The fairs were alternately held at Winchester and Chesterville for several years, but Winchester was chosen as the permanent location in 1876. The fairgrounds were equipped with a race track, exhibition building, grandstand and cattle barns.

Farmers gradually lost interest in the fair because the money available for prizes gradually dwindled over the years. The last fair was held in 1926 and many years later the grounds were sold to the 100 Club for a community park.

Winchester was incorporated as a village in 1888, the same year the Winchester Press

was founded. The village's first council consisted of Reeve Aaron Sweet, clerk Norman W. Beach, and councillors Dr. Robert Reddick, Hugh Christie, Henry Marcill and James Alexander.

The incorporation became a catalyst for new expansion. There was a tanning factory run by Ed Morris, the Winchester Electric Light Plant, a woolen mill owned and operated by Hugh Christie and Sons and the Winchester Cement and Tile Factory.

The first street lights in Winchester were switched on in 1899, run between 5pm and 11pm nightly on steam-generated electricity. The cost was \$3 a year for 25 lights.

In 1909, the cost had jumped to \$800 for 34 street lights and lights in the town hall. In 1917, 117 Hydro Electric street lights were installed.

In the spring of 1890, a delegation of officials from Bell Telephone came to Winchester to look over the village and the prospect of locating an exchange there. That year 15 telephones were installed. When the dial system was installed in 1963, there were 777 residential and 132 business telephones.

As an educational centre, Winchester was a leader. The first school in the village, a log building, was built in 1848 near the present site of the Baptist Church.

As the village grew, the building was replaced by a stone structure in 1876 and replaced again in 1890 by a brick structure on the west side of St. Lawrence St. South. Considered to be one of the finest school buildings in Eastern Ontario, it contained seven rooms and a Domestic Science Room.

In 1927, the school was destroyed by fire. Temporary classrooms were set up in the library, Town Hall, Orange Hall and church and the following year the school was rebuilt. A gymnasium and assembly hall were added to the building in 1966.

Fire, and public opinion, took a greater toll on what had been a thriving hotel business at the turn of the century.

Although two hotels were doing well in the village during the late 1800s, public opinion cooled and forced the closure of bars of both hotels shortly before a devastating fire destroyed the buildings in 1907.

The town's temperance people built the Hotel Winchester in 1908, but after years as an apartment building it was boarded up. It is now occupied by the Bank of Montreal.

Ault Foods Ltd., now the major industry in Winchester, began in 1922 when J.W. Ault, who has operated a cheese plant at Cass Bridge since 1980, bought the Lemeul Ellis Cheese Factory in Winchester.

Over the years the plant expanded as milk production in the district increased and smaller factories closes.

By 1963, the plant had augmented its manufacturing of butter with the production of milk powder, condensed milk, whey, powdered whey and cheddar cheese.

The factory set an all-time production record on June 5, 1968 when 1,040,000 pounds of milk was poured into the milk products plant.

By the end of the second world war, Winchester had developed a wide base of

industries and community groups. But it needed a hospital.

Spurred on by an active community campaign, Winchester District Memorial Hospital was opened on Dec. 8, 1948 with 24 medical and surgical beds and 10 maternity. The hospital was expanded in 1961 and again in 1964 and is currently seeing the construction of a new lab.

Winchester marked a new era in its history in 1979 when the new municipal complex was opened, replacing the old town hall and fire station.

Today, Winchester has a population of 1,800 and more than 40 businesses. There is a theatre — the last independent in Eastern Ontario — a community hall, an OPP detachment, a hospital and a medical clinic.

And there is still a spirit of resilience and growth.

Winchester Press  
June 13, 1984

WINCHESTER — The Winchester Women's Institute has forged a link in a nation-wide chain of local history.

In a 20-year labor of love, the Institute has compiled one complete volume of a Tweedsmuir History covering the village and the surrounding farming district.

Packed with gems of long-ago events and personalities, the history is a complete record of the community's growth and development from the earliest days to the present.

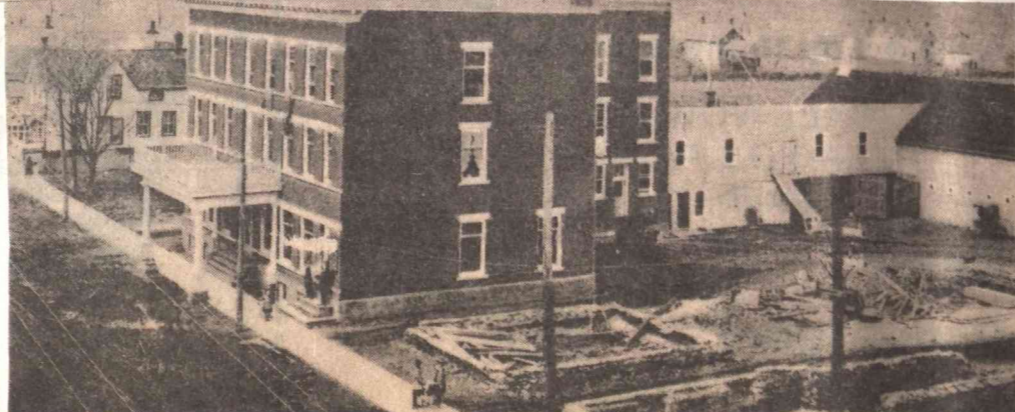
According to Margaret Johnstone, the present Tweedsmuir curator, the book has been the work of many hands since the project began in 1964.

Research was begun by the late Emma Gardner, and has been continued through the years by Mrs. Wilfred McKercher, Mrs. Floyd Armstrong, Mrs. Johnstone, and assistant curator Pearl Carkner.

Mrs. Johnstone, who has been curator of the history for about 10 years, says the memories of the area's oldest residents have been an invaluable source in compiling the information.



This postcard shows Main Street, facing west, before the fire of July 20, 1907.



After the fire, which destroyed both of the village's two hotels, The Hotel Winchester, now occupied by the Bank of Montreal, was constructed at a cost of \$25,000.



Winchester Public School, destroyed by fire in 1927.



# The Time That Was

The project just grew!

Originally it was to have been a 75th anniversary project of the Chesterville WI, Dundas District, but with the enormous amount of material in the Tweedsmuir History Book it seemed a pity to have it merely microfilmed just for the sake of posterity.

Why not share this history of the village and community with all? The Branch formed a Heritage Committee and set out to gather information not only from the Tweedsmuir book but from other old publications already in print. Among the many chapters in the book, there is information about the school sections, family trees (which added a third onto the cost), the churches, service clubs, family farms.

"The Time That Was" is a multicultural history of the village and district which was settled in turn by United Empire Loyalists, French Canadians, Scots—following the Highland Clearances, the Irish—following the great potato famine and finally the Dutch, following the second world war.

More than 100 persons contributed material, which

was edited by Miss Marion Casselman and Mrs. Allison Graham. The two women headed the WI's Heritage Committee, which also comprised business manager Mrs. Graham Smith; treasurer Mrs. A. E. Jarvis; secretaries, Mrs. Charles Graham and Mrs. Robert Gilroy; publicity committee Mrs. Isabel Forward, Miss Madge Campderros, Miss Addie Campderros, Mrs. George Merkley, and Mrs. Albert Smith. Mrs. George and Ken Merkley also acted as filing clerks, Mrs. Eric Casselman did the typing.

Miss Casselman says with the increase in costs due to the family histories, the WI would not have been able to publish the book without support from Wintario and the New Horizons program.

Two-hundred and fifty copies were pre-sold and another 100 were ordered before the book appeared in print. Money from the presales was used to apply for Wintario grants.

Chesterville WI now have a best seller in their community, the 460-page, blue and gold bound volume is a credit to the WI.



Heritage Committee of the Chesterville WI, Dundas District eagerly looking at the book just off the press "The Time That Was". L-R Miss Isabel Forward, Miss Madge Campderros, Miss Marion Casselman, Mrs. Eric Casselman, Miss Addie Campderros, Mrs. George Merkley, Mrs. C. Allison Graham, Mrs. A. Jarvis, Mrs. Graham Smith, Mrs. Kenneth Merkley. Not available at picture taking time, Mrs. Karen Graham, Mrs. Ruth Gilroy and Mrs. Albert Smith.

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## WI unveils Tweedsmuir book

Federal, provincial and municipal politicians were on hand Sunday as the Williamsburg Women's Institute unveiled 1,600 copies of the village Tweedsmuir History, published this year as a bicentennial project. From left are Stormont, Dundas MP Norm Warner, Beatrice Saddle mire, one of

three surviving members of the committee which began the project in 1950, Tweedsmuir curator Jean Casselman, Williamsburg reeve Johnny Whitteker and MPP Noble Villeneuve.

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80th annual

# District Women's Institutes convene at Dixon's Corners

by Doris Erratt

This 80th annual meeting of Dundas District Women's Institutes was conducted with the theme "Let us be large in thought, word and deed", long-time motto of the organization.

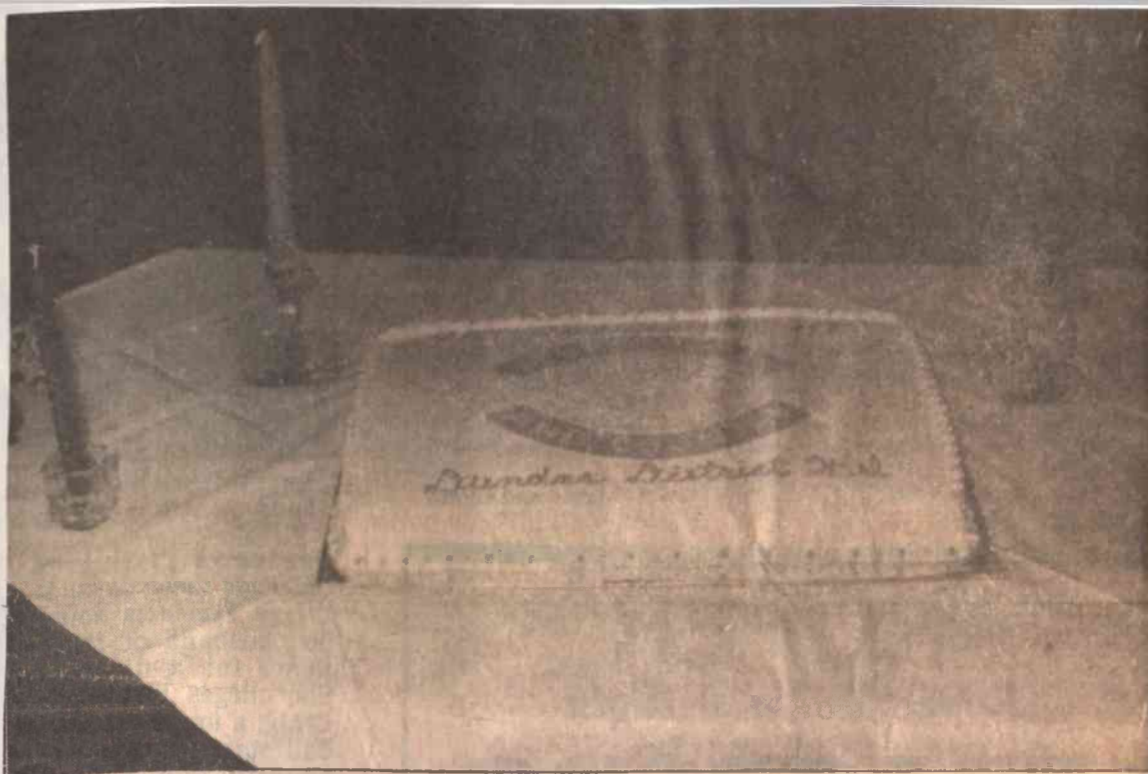
Seaway Valley School students put on an excellent presentation of musical numbers to the delight of the ladies and as well, a choir from Iroquois sang while "Pennies for Friendship" were given out.

With a bit of nostalgia attached, Hilda Garlough read an item from the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the District which was thoroughly enjoyed and of pertinent interest to the members. A solo by Mrs. Cecil McDermott, finished that part of the day's program.

### New Slate Elected

During the day, a new slate of officers was elected, as follows: Past President - Mrs. Ross Casselman; President - Mrs. Clair Algire; 1st Vice - Mrs. Alfred Carkner; 2nd Vice - Mrs. Wm. Craig; 3rd Vice - Mrs. Orval Fawcett; Sect. Treas. - Mrs. Garnet Empey; Federation Rep. - Mrs. Orval Fawcett; Alternate - Mrs. Alfred Carkner; Curator - Mrs. Byron Dawson; Dist. Delegate - Mrs. Clair Algire; Alternate - Mrs. Ross Casselman; Public Relations - Mrs. Gerald Erratt.

Convenors - Agriculture and Car Industries - Mrs. K. Hillis; Citizenship & World Affairs - Mrs. Lyle Schwerdtfeger; Education and Cultural Affairs - Mrs. Nina Woods; Family and Consumer Affairs - Mrs. T. Wm. Robinson; Resolutions - Mrs. Howard Mellan. Meeting ended with a delicious lunch and a special anniversary cake.

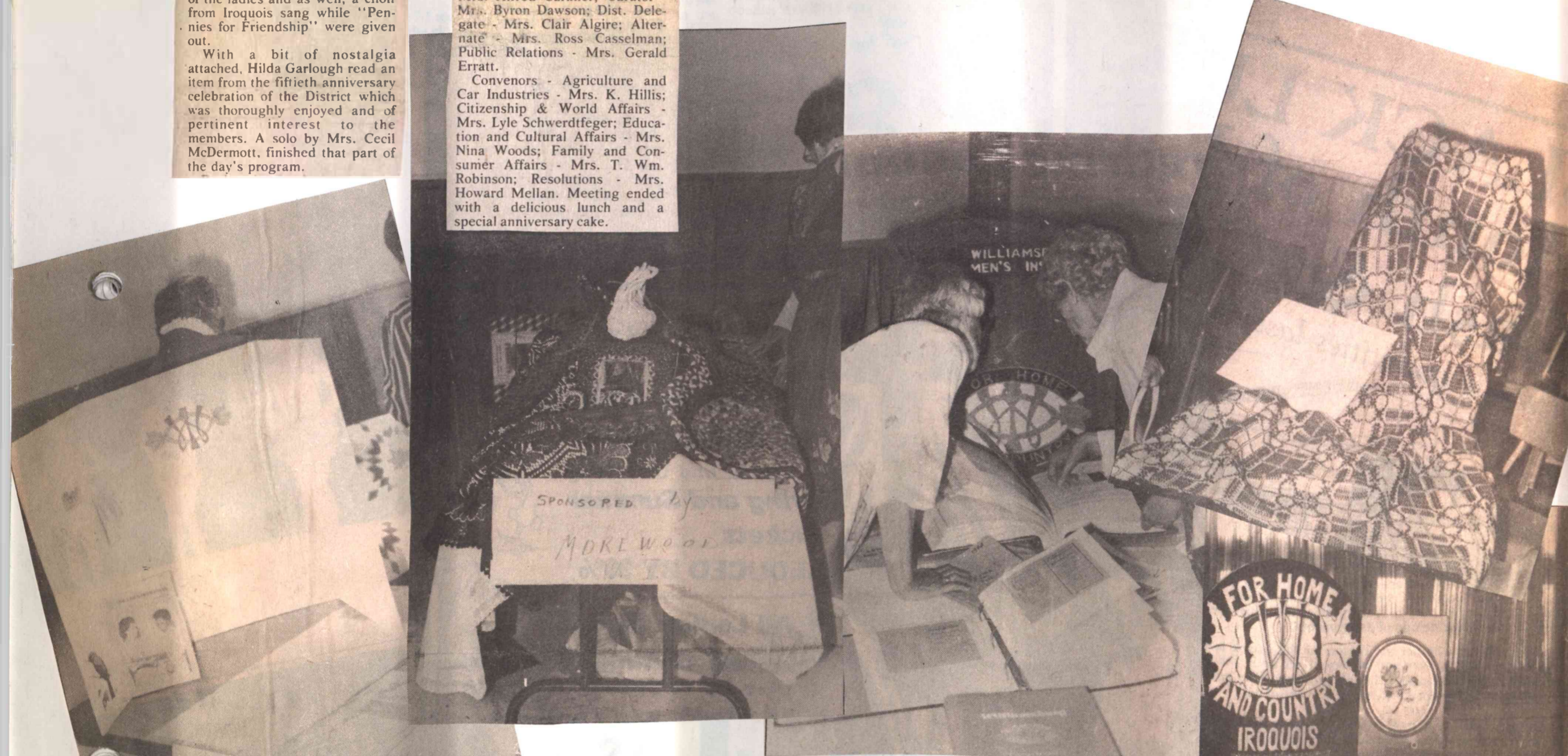


CAKE MARKS 80 YEARS

Photo by Ken Kirkby

This beautiful cake was used to mark the special 80th Anniversary of the Women's Institute and

was thoroughly enjoyed at the District Annual Meeting.



## Each Institute had a display







### Preserving the past

About 25 Women's Institute Tweedsmuir History curators attended a workshop in Winchester last Wednesday on researching and preserving local history. Guest speaker Marilyn Snedden of Almonte, Eastern

Ontario area curator, examines a history book with Margaret Johnstone, president and curator for the Winchester Women's Institute.

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## Protection of the white trillium

The Floral Emblem Act established the white trillium as the official floral emblem for the Province of Ontario. For many years and through-out several generations, we as Ontarians, have been told that it is against the law to pick the white trillium.

The only real protection offered for the white trillium is the Provincial Parks Act, which stipulates that no plant can be cut or removed from a provincial park without authorization from the Minister of Natural Resources. Breach of this regulation can result in a fine of up to \$500. Unfortunately, provincial parks take up only 4.2% of the province's land boundaries -- unless they have the blessing to grow within them.

The Floram Emblem Act was introduced in 1937, by a member of the Ontario Legislature, William Guardhouse. The bill instructed that the "trillium grandiflorum" or white trillium, would be the official floral emblem for the province. This was initiated in response to the urgings of the Ontario Horticultural Society, and the adoption of similar floral emblem laws by the provinces of Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Alberta.

As such, the white trillium has developed into a singularly distinct and identifiable symbol of



**Norm Sterling**

*Carleton M.P.P.*

our provincial heritage. With there being no specific law to protect this flower I introduced legislation, the Floral Amendment Act, to rectify this. The bill instructs that anyone wilfully killing, injuring or interfering with the white trillium, will be guilty of an offence liable to a fine of not more than \$200.

The support and interest this bill has generated, has been overwhelming. Lawyers from British Columbia have even written to me, enclosing a copy of a similar law established in that province to protect a variety of flowers.

Incremental steps in the protection of our environment are essential. For every small step we take towards preserving both the wildlife and fauna surrounding us, the closer we will come to realizing the essential importance of the ecosystem to our survival.

*The Ottawa-Carleton Review/Weekly Advance, Wed., July 18, 1990*

## South Mountain WI celebrates 50th



**SOUTH MOUNTAIN** — On May 11, 1936, 11 women from the South Mountain area got together, put in an annual membership fee of 25 cents and formed a chapter of the Women's Institute.

On Friday afternoon members of that chapter celebrated its 50th birthday.

"After 50 years, we aren't getting older, we are getting better," past chapter president Sandy Weagant told a full house of members and well-wishers at the South Mountain Community Hall.

Joined in the celebration by members of neighboring WI chapters and by the Pittston UCW, the South Mountain WI celebrated the historic birthday with songs, poems, a comedy and recognition of the achievements of the WI.

Greetings were made by Helen Burns, a member of the Women's Institute's provincial board of directors, and district president Ruth Alguire.

Once a division of Junior Farmers known as "The Jolly Homemakers", the South Mountain WI has earned a reputation for community support.

The chapter is currently involved in activities ranging from fundraising for the hospital to supporting a foster child in Sri Lanka. In addition to its charitable works, the institute has tried to preserve some of the past from the onslaught of the fast-paced present.

Said Weagant, "Crafts lost during the industrial revolution, such as quilting, candle wicking, and needlework, are again being taught by Women's Institutes."

"This is a great way to end my term," said current president Barb Black. "To see so many members and friends here to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the South Mountain Women's Institute."

Following a comic fashion show by the Pittston UCW and some rousing musical numbers by the Mountain Senior Citizens band, a special anniversary cake was cut by charter members Ruby Robinson and Dorothy Thomas.

"Our group has had fun over the last 50 years serving the community, helping others, making new friends and touring the area," said Weagant.

"Our Tweedsmuir book has been kept up as much as possible, providing the only record of development of the community for the next generation."

"In short," she said, "I quote the words of our code, 'We seek the common weal, the good of all mankind'."



Would you believe the latest in jewellery fashion? Would you believe an 18 carrot necklace? Pittston UCW member Alice Connors



*A-one ... a-two ... a-three ...*

Members of the Mountain Senior Citizens Band toasted the South Mountain Women's Institute on its 50th anniversary with a medley of songs during a Friday afternoon tea in South Mountain

*Winchester Press Wed., April 16, 1986*



# Farmhouse vignettes

by Jean Fawcett

## MOUNTAIN

### Township named after churchman

One would think it was safe to assume that any place called Mountain owed its name to a very prominent mountain, or at least a noticeably big hill somewhere in its territory.

But the long-ago established Township of Mountain was actually named in honor of one of Canada's most prominent early churchmen, Rev. Dr. G.J. Mountain, Protestant bishop of Canada.

Rev. Dr. Mountain played an important part in Ottawa's early church history too, after Nicholas Sparks donated the site where Christ Church Cathedral stands today for the building of an Episcopal church in Bytown's beginning days.

The first communities in the Township of Mountain had sprung up long before the 1830s. As early as 1815 there were 28 permanent settlers, mainly United Empire Loyalists, living in the wilderness there.

The village of Mountain didn't flourish until the coming of the CPR railway station in the late 1800s. The first settlers concentrated mainly around Boyd's Bridge (now South Mountain), and Inkerman was a prosperous lumbering community with some 400 inhabitants by 1880.

The Citizen, Ottawa,

Wednesday, March 5, 1986

## INKERMAN

The little village of Inkerman looks quite quiet and strictly residential as you drive through it nowadays, and it would certainly not be possible to guess at its long and colourful history.

However, at one time, long before the turn of the century, it was one of the most thriving and up-to-date villages in Dundas County, as well as a centre of commerce.

Originally, the site of the village of Inkerman formed part of a grant of 400 acres made to Robert Park, a United Empire Loyalist settler, who erected the first building where the Village now stands.

Later, several mills were built, operated by the water-power in the river. The settlement was known as "Smith's Mills", and later "Bishop's Mills", but when the Post Office was opened in 1855, it was called "Inkerman", after a famous battle fought in the Crimean War (1853-1856). John Rennick was the first postmaster. The Canada Directory of 1855 lists some of the names of the tradesmen in Inkerman as: Baker, Bishop, Dillabough, Merkeley and Sufferl.

The village seems to have made a great advance during the next ten years, and the Directory of 1865 shows many businesses in Inkerman: post office, three merchants, two blacksmiths, a tinsmith, two churches, Orange Hall, a public school, two cheese factories and a grist mill.

At that time, Inkerman was one of the stops on the mail route from the St. Lawrence to Ottawa, and the Livery Stable in Inkerman was one of the points where the drivers changed their horses.

At one time, there were two hotels located in the village, and when the old laws were searched at the time that a permit for selling alcoholic beverages was requested for a hall in South Mountain in 1970, it was found that it was not necessary to have a plebiscite or change any laws to allow liquor to be sold in the township. Mountain Township had always been legally "wet".

Over where Saunders' Feed Mill now stands, the Temperance House was located. There was a Sample Room in the hotel where salesmen displayed their wares and the merchants from the surrounding territory came to view the merchandise and place their orders.

The Allison name has been connected with much of the early history of Inkerman and is still known in the village today. Bernie Allison tells me that when he was a small boy Mr. George Torrance was the tinsmith and he did a big business in the large 30 and 40 gallon cans, as well as the smaller ones, that were used in the milk and cheese industry at that time. He made the cans right on the premises, and he also made and sold stove pipes, which were another necessary item in those days.

Bernie tells me that George Torrance also installed many of the tin roofs with the Maple Leaf pattern which are still on houses in Inkerman today. (One is his own house and one is Mrs. Fawcett's house next door, where Bernie's mother formerly lived). Both of these roofs are still en-

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tirely waterproof today. There are many others of the same vintage.

For many years, the cheese factories were the most important outlet for the milk produced in the area, and cheese factories were numerous and flourishing. In Dundas County alone, the following 11 cheese factories are listed:

Advance Factory, owned by Edward Scott.

Mountain Factory, owned by Jos. Wilson.

Hallville, owned by Wm. Grant, Henry Settles, Robt. Hyndman and Milton Hoy.

Connerty Factory, owned by John Connerty.

South Mountain and Inkerman, owned by Wm. Eager.

Inkerman Factory, owned Ennis & Raney.

Ault's No. 3 (Mulloy Settlement), owned by Ault Bros.

Van Camp Factory, owned by Sufferl, Rose & McTavish.

r.f. No. 1, owned by L. Miller.

Mountain Ridge & Oak Valley, owned by Alex McMaster.

King Factory (Conc. 11) was a joint stock company.

I found it interesting to learn that Mountain Township was named in 1798 in honour of Rt. Rev. Jacob Mountain, D.D., first Protestant Bishop of Quebec.

Mountain Township Agricultural Society was started in 1857, some of the founders being: Reuben Shaver, Alexander Rose, John Fraser, Joseph Hyndman and Samuel Rose. At first, a fair was held alternately at South Mountain, Inkerman and Hallville, then a permanent fairground was established at South Mountain, which is still in use today.

## SOMETHING ABOUT CHEESE

We in Eastern Ontario are all interested in the dairy industry - especially if we live in or near the Cheese Capital of Ontario at Winchester - and you might like to know that it all started in 1891, when 30 or so farmers drew their milk by horse and milk wagon to the first Ault's Cheese Factory.

This factory was located at Cass Bridge, near Winchester, at the site of the present Ault Cheese House. The owner was Jack Ault, father of Sam Ault who is the present Chariman of the Board of Ault Foods, and grandfather of Stephen Ault, who is the General Manager of the Ault Milk Division.

The plant at Winchester is the largest single milk processing plant in Ontario, and the second largest in Canada and the Ault Food Company is the largest milk processing company in Canada. In addition to Winchester, there are plants at Napanee, Balderson and New Dundee, and five Sealtest plants are included in the total company operation.

Today the unloading area at Ault's in Winchester can handle 100 bulk trucks at once, a big change from milk wagons and 30 gallon milk cans! They also have receiving stations at St. Isidore and Eganville, and the milk is trucked daily to Winchester. Instead of buying directly from the producers, a milk processing plant today must purchase its milk through the Ontario Milk Marketing Board, so it cannot be stated how many producers supply each plant.

by Jean Fawcett

Winchester produces mostly cheese - from 90,000 to 110,000 lbs. of different varieties per day. Napanee produces about the same amount, while Balderson produces about 20,000 lbs. of cheese per day. Winchester also produces butter, evaporated skim and condensed milk, sweetened whole condensed milk, whey powder, powdered infant formula and skim milk powder, so you see that it is a very complex organization. By far the largest portion of cheese manufactured by Ault's is packed or processed by other companies under their own labels, for example, Kraft or Black Diamond.

I suppose cheese is the first produce that was ever manufactured. It goes back to Biblical times, when the nomad tribesman with a few sheep and goats made cheese to use up the milk from his small flock in a form which would keep in the hot climate. Cheese is still made in basically the same way today, except for a few modern developments such as sanitation and volume.

Cheese is a completely natural product. Only rennet and salt, and sometimes colour, are added to the basic dairy in-

gredients. The colour used is annatto root, which is also a natural product. There are no preservatives or additives of any kind. I'm sure there are very few other products in general use today that can boast of such a pedigree.

Cheddar cheese originated before the 16th century in Cheddar, Somerset, England. Cheddar is made from fresh pasteurized whole milk. It requires 11 pounds of milk to make one pound of cheddar. Cheese is an excellent source of protein - an ounce of cheese has about the same protein value as an ounce of meat. Cheese contains the calcium from the milk, as well as most of the protein, essential minerals, vitamins and other nutrients. In addition to being nutritionally good for you, cheese is easily digested.

The full, rich flavour of cheddar is famous around the world and it is a major Canadian export. Total exports of cheddar and specialty cheeses are approximately 11,000,000 pounds per year. About 6,000,000 pounds of cheddar is exported to the United Kingdom and 1.8 million pounds to the United States. This is premium quality aged Canadian cheddar and is sold in those countries as a specialty product.

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### Hallville fire guts home

A familiar Hallville landmark is no more following a Monday afternoon fire which destroyed the old brick Coleman home, located next to St. Andrew's Church. When the Mountain township Fire Department arrived at the scene, the blaze was already out of control, and as a result, the home was completely gutted. The cause of the blaze is not known.

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### Dedication service

A dedication service for the Hallville United Church's new piano and recent renovations to the Sanctuary was held Nov. 22. Pianist Helen Hyndman tries out the piano which was donated by Shirley Nichol-Scott in memory of her parents, Minnie and Paul. Frank Milne, the Clerk of Session, looks on.

The Winchester Press Wed., Dec. 2, 1987



**MOUNTAIN** — For most refugees, it's a trip they're lucky to survive even once. From the wasted, war-torn villages of Cambodia, from the abandoned cities marked by mass graves — through wilderness, mountains, jungles — they hobble on stick-like legs, clothed in rags, stomachs distended, impoverished faces that have seen too much suffering, too much agony.

It is a nightmare of horror, blood and death. They have been called victims of a second Holocaust.

Since last October, 80,000 Cambodians have safely reached the Thailand border. One can only imagine how many never made it that far — who because of disease, starvation of Khmer Rouge soldiers — never reached the overcrowded refugee camps beyond the frontier.

Mie Hoa Wan, his wife Thou Sin Lo and three of their daughters made that trip twice.

Their very existence defies the policy of genocide which tried to wipe them out. They made that trip because they believed in survival, in a better way of life — and they found that way of life in a small village called Mountain.

The Wans are staying with Mountain resident John Blom. Sponsored by Holy Cross Church and St. James Church in Kemptonville and St. Daniel's Church in South Mountain, they arrived in Canada two months ago.

Since then, they have eagerly tackled the job of adapting to the ways of a strange country, especially the children. For the first time in their lives, Pie Chou Wan, 13, and Pie Lin Wan, 12, are attending school. Their older sister, Pie Kuon Wan, 21, is also resuming her studies again after years of lost opportunity.

Enrolled at Nationview Public School, the children are so thrilled with learning that they become miserable when the teachers take time off for a professional development day. When the Khmer Rouge, as the Cambodian Communist forces are called, took over their country in 1975, education was forbidden.

Blom says the teachers at Nationview have worked wonders with the children. The Wans speak a mixture of Chinese and Cambodian, but already the children are learning English. Both the younger girls are in Grade 5, while Pie Kuon is in Grade 8.

The recent weeks the family have spent in Mountain are an unbelievable contrast with their life in Cambodia.

During the early years of the Vietnam War, their country was neutral. However, later, Cambodia unwittingly became a base for the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese which led the United States to conduct savage bombing attacks on it.

In 1970, its popular Chief of State, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, was overthrown by Lon Nol. Five years later, Lon Nol was deposed by Khmer-Rouge-backed Pol Pot — and the years of terror for the Wans began.

In 1975, Mie Hoa, who owned a trucking business in Phnom-Penh, was stripped of all his possessions. He and his family were forced-marched to resettlement on rural communes. There they worked from dawn to dusk, while all traces of civilization in their country were slowly wiped out by the new regime.

Families were separated, the state

religion of Buddhism was abolished, postal stations, telephones and currency were destroyed. There was mass murder everywhere. The once-beautiful city of Phnom-Penh was left to rot.

In halting English, Pie Kuon explains what life was like.

"There was no city anymore," she says quietly. "There were no people, no dogs, no trees. Only the wind."

"In the camps we worked all the time. Day after day. There was not much food. We were always hungry."

Pie Kuon stops her story to search for something in Blom's refrigerator. She pulls out a can of soup.

"Here," she says offering the can for inspection. "This is what we had to eat for dinner — twelve of us and just this much food."

What you immediately expect from these people is emotional scarring, their spirits broken, ravaged by years spent in fear. But if the scars are there, as they must be, they are well hidden. Blom says he is amazed at the reserve of his guests. Although affectionate in manner, even among themselves they will rarely touch each other.

Leafing through a recent Time magazine detailing the plight of Cambodians, Pie Kuon stops at a photo of a starving child. The body is wasted, shrivelled into a pale imitation of a child's limbs. Her younger sister Pie Lin makes a face while Pie Kuon mentions, almost as a footnote to her own story, "that's what I

Immediately she breaks out in an embarrassed giggle. It is almost as if she believes she has broken some vague social code and is ashamed to have mentioned her starvation.

The first time the Wans escaped from Cambodia was last March. After a three day march, they reached the Thai border and were admitted to a refugee camp. But a month later, they were loaded in buses by the Thai government and with other refugees, they were driven back to the mountains of Cambodia.

In August, they tried again. But this time they had much farther to go. For 37 days they walked toward that intangible promise of freedom. Their feet were cut and bleeding, their legs could barely support their starving bodies.

Near the Thai frontier, the constant danger they faced reached a crisis. Pie Kuon lies on the floor with her arms covering her head to show how her family hid during a battle between the Khmer Rouge and invading Vietnamese soldiers.

This time, they were allowed to stay in the camp. Crowded, infested with disease, littered with dying bodies, the Wans knew that they were lucky to be there. Four months later, their prayers were answered. The Wans were healthy enough to emigrate to Canada.

But still the whole family isn't together. Two daughters and a grandchild



Pie Lin (left) and Pie Chou (right) get some help with their homework from sister Pie Kuon. All three are students at Nationview Public School.

are living in St. Agathe, Quebec and the Wans have visited them there. Another two sons are living in Paris, France and are hoping to come to Canada soon. The Wans know that these children are secure in their safety.

But another daughter, her husband and their two children are surviving in a refugee camp in Vietnam. The Wans write to her and are desperately working to get the family out of the camp soon.

Ask the Wans what they like about Canada and watch their faces break out in wide grins.

Mie Hoa speaks one of the few English words he knows — "everything."

Don't bother asking them if they mind the cold, the snow or the strange food. They love Canada and they are grateful to Canadians. Blom says the response from people in the area has been overwhelming. The Wans have received baskets of clothes and presents. The congregation of St. James Church has offered to buy two hearing aides needed by Thou Sin Lo and Pie Lin.

At school, the girls are quickly making friends and learning how to play volleyball and other Canadian games. They eat a lot of ice cream.

Blom says Thou Sin Lo is a superb cook and Mie Hoa is a skilled mechanic. Although neither are working yet, Blom plans to advertise that the couple would like to do mending and tailoring.

Back in Cambodia, Pol Pot no longer rules the country. The Vietnamese invaded the blood-soaked land more than a year ago and installed a puppet regime headed by President Heng Samrin. But things are not much better.

Some 250,000 Cambodians are waiting to escape. Another 2.25 million will more than likely die in the next few months unless massive aid reaches them. That aid is being sucked into a quagmire of red tape.

For the Wans, life begins now. The horrors that their countrymen are facing, the horrors that they faced, cannot be described as anything else but a nightmare.

Winchester Press Feb. 7, 1980

# Whatever you're up to drop it for O Canada

Canadians are being invited to delay their golf shots, put down their beer, drop whatever they're doing at noon local times on Tuesday to sing O Canada as it becomes the official national anthem.

But those who sing in English might be slightly confused because the English lyrics approved by Parliament are slightly different from the version sung most often in the past.

The new lyrics go like this:

O Canada! Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all thy sons command.  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The True North strong and free!  
From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

The first four lines of the new official anthem are identical to the version written by R. Stanley Weir in 1908 and now sung by most anglophones.

But two new phrases — "From far and wide" and "God keep our land" — in the new lyrics replace two of the five "stand on guard's" in the Weir version and shift one "O Canada."

Weir's version, composed to go with the music composed by Calixa Lavallee of Quebec in 1880, goes like this:

O Canada! Our home and native land!

True patriot love in all thy sons command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,

The True North strong and free.

And stand on guard, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, glorious and free!

We stand on guard, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee!

The main criticism of Weir's words has been that they ask Canadians to stand on guard too many times without telling them for exactly what.

The French lyrics have not presented the same problem. The new official version is that written by Sir Adolphe Basile Routhier in 1880 to accompany Lavallee's music:

O Canada! Terre de nos aïeux,  
Ton front est ceint de fleurons glorieux!

Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,  
Il sait porter la croix!

Ton histoire est une épopée  
Des plus brillants exploits

Et ta valeur de foi trempée,  
Protègera nos foyers et nos droits.

Ottawa Journal June 80



# Property Clean-Up Bylaw Sought By Mountain W.I.

Members of Mountain Women's Institute at their May meeting voted in favour of a resolution

which would ask municipal council to introduce a new law "forbidding property owners to demerit their own or other's property".

The idea behind the worthwhile WI motion is to get council to take action against homeowners who persist in not keeping their premises at least presentable. Mountain WI believes that if each homeowner makes an effort to make his premises more attractive both the value and appearance of the property will improve.

Newly elected president, Mrs. Bessie Boyce, presided at the meeting and opened the proceedings with a reading on "Age."

The 15 members and four visitors present at the meeting heard an informative talk by Miss Ruth Thompson of Dixon's Corners who also demonstrated the "Slim and Trim" theory and exercise.

Grade Eight students planning an education tour to Toronto and Stratford were offered \$25.00 for a clean-up slave day in Mountain.

Plans were discussed for the 20th anniversary celebration next month.

Mrs. Audrey Gibson won the prize for the contest "Parts of the Body".

The members extended thanks to Mrs. Mabel Robinson and the lunch committee.

Winchester Press May 1971

# Women's Institute special meeting held at Mountain

Over eighty W.I. ladies and visitors welcomed Mrs. B. Noblitt, president-elect of the Canadian national W.I. (F.W.I.C.) Mrs. Morgan, editor of Federated News (Canadian National W.I. news magazine) and Mrs. G.E. McCaffrey,

president of Eastern Ontario Area W.I. to the Mountain Twp. Community Centre recently. W.I. members from Chesterville, Matilda, Morewood, South Mountain, Winchester and Kemptville were guests at this meeting.

After the meeting opened with O'Canada, the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart collect the resolutions convenor Mrs. Nancy Hyndman took charge. She introduced Carolyn Van Koppen who with two of her students Tracy Woods and Kimberly Telford danced two delightful numbers. Marg Alexander introduced her 4-H girls Mary Jane Van Den Brock, Ellen Blaine, Michelle Gregory, Marnie Lamb and Norine Milne who discussed and demonstrated the making of a variety of crepes for the ladies to sample.

Mrs. Morgan stressed the need for W.I. members to read Federated News in order to be informed of W.I. affairs across Canada. She briefly outlined some of the material available from the loan library. Mrs. Nobbitt gave her impressions of the A.C.W.W. (International W.I.) conference held recently in Hamburg, Germany and showed beautiful slides of her trip through Germany, Austria, Switzerland and France.

A short business period followed in which the roll call was taken, the minutes accepted as written, and it was decided to participate in the Memorial Day service in Nationview P.S. After it was decided to cater to the Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner an executive meeting was called to make arrangements. It was noted that Miss M. Micheles, Home Economist for Dundas County will speak on Food Additives at the next meeting November 20. Lunch was served and Bessie Boyce thanked all those who had participated in the meeting.

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Four local students have been working down on the farm this summer as part of the province's Agricrew program. The program allows farmers to hire the crew for \$90 a day — a bargain considering all of the students have farm experience.

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Dundas County's crew is headed by John Blaine (left) and includes Dianne Baker, Neal Matthews and Mary Ann Koekkoek. At the right is co-ordinator Brian Van Doormaal.



## spectacular train derailment at Mountain



MOUNTAIN — Arnold Johnston is used to waking up to the sound of the 6:50 a.m. Montreal-bound freight train whistle as it passes his farmhouse. It is as regular as a rooster crowing in the morning.

Saturday morning however, he awoke to a far more ominous noise.

"I've never heard anything like it," said the 62-year-old Johnston. "I couldn't believe the noise."

"As soon as I heard it, I knew it was the train."

He ran to the window and there in the pasture behind his house lay an estimated 24-car pile-up of twisted metal — the aftermath of a spectacular derailment unlike anything the small village of Mountain has ever seen. One of the boxcars came to rest within 20 metres of his farmhouse and a steel railway shack was thrown even closer.

"Our neighbors a few miles away could hear it," Johnston commented.

Miraculously no one was injured in the early morning smash-up here on the Canadian Pacific railway line at the edge of this hamlet.

Evidence of gouges on the railway ties indicate the freight train initially left the tracks on a curve in the line about two and a half miles from where it finally came to rest.

CP Rail officials believe this is where the wheels of one of the boxcars came off. The exact cause is still under investigation, but one CP investigator noted one side of the track is higher than the other on this curve.

The force of the derailment on the 18-year-old track left a trail of sheared-off track bolts and savagely gouged railway ties for a distance of over two miles in its wake. The train finally came to rest just past a

railway crossing, in a pile of twisted metal which literally spilled over into farmer Johnston's backyard.

Johnston has lived at his current residence for about 26 years and he confided, "I'd often thought about an accident occurring, but never seriously worried about it."

"I'm just feeling lucky and relieved there was no real damage. All this (pointing to his torn-up field) can be replaced."

## Looked like "somebody dropped a bomb"

The Recorder and Times July 12/82



Wreckage litters track before clean-up operations began Saturday morning

Kemptville Advance July 14/82  
(looking west)





Steve Johnston surveys damaged boxcar on family's farm  
Advance Photo - M. Buttars

Thousands of people clamored close to the burning carnage of steel freight cars in Mountain Saturday for a better glimpse of the 24-unit train derailment, but the Johnston family had seen far more than they cared to.

Their 350-acre farm, divided by two east and westbound CP rail lines, caught the brunt of the fiery train wreck. One of the boxcars stopped just 20 metres short of Arnold Johnston's farmhouse and an automated steel railway shack, used to control the crossing signals on County Road 3, was uprooted and pulled along by the speeding train towards the Johnstons' home. Only a sturdy maple tree in front of the house halted the flying object.

Although there was no structural damage to the Johnston property, a few acres of farmland were rendered useless by Saturday's accident.

Johnston's 30-year-old son Steve was in the barn preparing the 50-head dairy cattle herd for the morning milking when the 7 a.m. crash took place. He watched stupefied as car after car skidded into the pile of growing debris.

"I saw it but the part of it was...I couldn't believe it," Steve confessed later.

"You'd swear somebody had dropped a bomb."

It was all over in a matter of minutes but the swirling dust took much longer to clear.

"It was like night, with all the dirt and ground flying," recalled Steve's mother Marion. She had been awakened by a crunching noise that "just got louder and louder". Her initial reaction was to alert 12-year-old daughter Lori and transport her, along with an eight-month-old grandchild the Johnstons' babysat for daughter Marilyn back to the baby's mother's place half a mile away.

After running to the house to ensure his family was safe, Steve was forced to turn

the herd of cattle out to pasture. Dust had infiltrated the barn and the nervous animals started kicking and jumping.

"If I lost the barn that was bad enough," Steve said. "I didn't want to lose the cows."

Flames soon ignited in the bludgeoned boxcars, some of which were empty. In one car, cleaning products in aerosol cans kept popping and soon littered the field like tiny missiles.

Marion Johnston said the South Mountain fire department was on the scene immediately and Canadian Pacific railway officials arrived soon afterward.

A spokesman from the Winchester detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police said for almost an hour and a half from the time of the derailment, CPR officials were unsure if toxic chemicals were contained in the freight cars. Two tankers were marked 'sulphuric acid'. It was later discovered they were empty and chemical residue left on tanker walls was considered insufficient to fuel a blaze.

Spectators, many whom had heard radio reports of the disaster, came in droves to Mountain.

At first they were just neighbours, said Marion Johnston. By Sunday the faces in the crowd belonged mostly to strangers, some professing to have come from Ottawa, Kingston, Smiths Falls and even New York. They came equipped with pocket instamatic cameras, and swarmed freely across the Johnston property.

A lot of people brought lawn chairs, babies and bottles," said another married daughter in the Johnston clan, 31-year-old Carol Ann Arcand.

They trampled flowerbeds and sat on the edge of the family swimming pool in search of a better view, bending the pool's steel beam reinforcements. Young Lori remembered people walking up to the front veranda and peering in the windows.

CPR's security force would have kept people away from the farm if they felt there was imminent danger to their welfare, explained the Winchester OPP spokesman.

Incredibly, nobody was injured in the train mishap. Had the locomotive derailed 20 metres before it did, the Johnston farmhouse could have suffered severe damages. Had the smash-up taken place a quarter of a mile before its eventual resting spot most of Mountain village would almost certainly have been obliterated.

Gladys Imrie, whose husband George operates the Imrie Fuel Supplies delivery business, said two tank trucks parked at their Main Street home just west of the Johnston residence had been filled with oil the previous evening. They contained about 12,000 gallons of the fuel.

Additional fuel was stored in an underground gas tank.

"We would have never known what would have happened," Gladys Imrie stated simply considering the consequences of a train derailment under different circumstances.

"We're very fortunate."

Joey Whittaker, owner of the Stage West Restaurant in Mountain, thought "everyone was just so relieved" nobody had been hurt in the incident.

"I thought we'd all have to be evacuated," she said. "That was on everyone's mind that morning."

As though it were an emotional outlet, people poured into the streets to witness the mutilated remnants of a train.

"It reminded me of living in a tourist village," said Whittaker, describing the scene. "I walked outside that evening and there were hundreds and hundreds of people. It was a zoo."

Nevertheless, it was great for business, and the village's only restaurant was "jammed" until close to 10 o'clock Saturday evening.

## cause

Timing and a combination of conditions resulted in an empty freight car jumping CPR tracks and causing 23 more cars to derail in Mountain July 10, says a Canadian Transport Commission spokesman.

Peter Schnobb emphasized these were the findings of a preliminary investigation and that further examination into the accident would take place.

A broken axle indicated two wheels of the empty 'gondola' car had bounced off the track. Centrifugal force caused by a curve in the rail line, exaggerated motion in the unweighted car and speed of the train, which was well beneath the freight-carrying limit, together formulated a momentary bouncing motion that brought the derailment of train No. 918.

"It's something that, unfortunately, is inherent in the system," said Schnobb.

The clean-up and investigation long complete, the cause of the accident, according to officials of the Canadian Transport Commission, has been attributed to timing and a combination of conditions. A broken axle indicated two wheels of the empty "gondola" car bounced off the track first. Centrifugal forces caused by a curve in the rail line, coupled with exaggerated motion in the unweighted car and the

train's speed resulted in a motion that bounced No. 918 off the tracks.

The train was travelling at two-thirds of its freight capacity, carrying grain, general merchandise, automotive parts, and a flammable wax substance which kept fire departments from Mountain, Kemptville and Winchester busy throughout the day and night Saturday.

Estimated speed of the train when it left the tracks was 80 km/h.



# Teen shaken in train-wagon collision

MOUNTAIN — A 17-year-old helping to harvest corn escaped injury Mon., Sept. 13 when a CPR freight train shattered a forage wagon at a farm crossing only one-quarter mile away from the scene of a July derailment.

Neal Bartholomew, a grade 12 student, managed to accelerate the tractor out of the path of the train when he reached the crossing. However, the wagon following was sheared away, pulling the drawbar and rear equipment right out of the tractor.

Total damage to the farm equipment is estimated at \$9,100. Damage to the front of the engine is, as yet, undetermined, according to CPR officials in Toronto. The condition of the farm cross-

ing where the accident occurred has been a cause for concern for Dave Bryan and his wife, Carol, owners of the farm, since 1977.

And just hours previous to the accident, the Bryans called CPR in Smiths Falls to report poor visibility at the crossing.

The accident is the second in 66 days within a one-quarter mile stretch of track, just east of Mountain. A major derailment shattered the morning silence Sat., July 10 when 24 of 81 cars derailed at the Arnold Johnston farm.

The Bryan farm crossing is elevated above field level with a steep incline on the north side of the double tracks and a slightly better incline on the south side.

Dense brush on the CPR right-of-way obscures the view of the tracks during the approach from both sides of the crossing.

Mr. Bartholomew was travelling north across the tracks when he first saw the westbound train approaching.

"Thank goodness he didn't just freeze," Mr. Bryan said with relief the next day. The teenager managed to accelerate the tractor off the tracks and was unhurt when the corn wagon was demolished.

Debris from the collision littered the right-of-way several hundred feet from the point of impact, and some was found in adjacent fields.

The accident report, signed by a CPR official on board the train,

indicated visibility at the crossing "is poor".

The engine of the 53-car freight train suffered a broken windshield and some body damage.

The Bryans' call to CPR was to request brush be cut along the tracks to improve visibility.

Five years ago, after considerable correspondence and discussion, CPR cut brush and put two loads of gravel at the steep crossing.

"We go across there with pretty big machinery, including a 150-horsepower tractor and the forage wagon," Mr. Bryan said.

"As recently as the last train wreck, I said to Carol — 'We're just playing with luck,'" Mr. Bryan said.



The farm crossing where a CPR freight train collided with Bryan's farm equipment has steep grades leading up the double tracks. Brush along the right-of-way restricted visibility at the time of the crash. Debris from the collision lies on the track bed in the foreground.

Dave Bryan surveyed some of the shattered, twisted wreckage of the corn wagon smashed by a freight train at his farm crossing last week. Corn and debris from the collision settled far down the tracks and some pieces of the wagon had to be retrieved from adjoining fields.

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## Accident crossing may be taken out

MOUNTAIN — Preliminary indications are that the farm crossing where a train-corn wagon collision occurred last week will be closed.

Officials from the Canadian Transport Commission (CTC) and the CPR, investigating the accident last week, appear to favor re-opening a crossing directly behind the Bryan farm buildings, according to Carol Bryan.

## Crash kills

## Brinston man,

MOUNTAIN — One person was killed and five escaped with minor injuries in a two-car collision at the entrance to a restaurant here Friday night.

Dead is 21-year-old Derek Arthur Hill, RR1 Brinston, who was a passenger in a 1980 Pontiac driven by Thomas Hamilton, also of RR1 Brinston.

According to the police report,

the Hamilton vehicle was northbound on County Road 1 in Mountain and made a left-hand turn into the driveway of the Stage West Restaurant. The car was struck on the passenger side by a 1973 Buick, driven by Patricia Trudell, Kemptville, which was southbound on County Road 1.

Const. Bill Holmes charged Hamilton with making an unsafe left turn under section 121 of the Highway Traffic Act.

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## Mountain Musings

I saw an interesting thing the other day which still has me wondering. The railway men were out working on the tracks near my home with quite a few of those big machines. Then I noticed one of the workers climb down from the cab and crouch to put his ear to the rail. He then did the same thing with the other track. Gosh, I thought it was only kids who listened at the rails to get warning that a train was coming. Anyway, whether it was modern technology or old-fashioned savvy, it worked. When the train trundled past shortly after, the machines were on the other line.



# \$700,000 Carl-Don fire



Carl-Don Equipment Ltd. officials are still trying to sort out their loss following an early Monday morning fire that destroyed the International Harvester dealership's parts department and administrative offices.

## Blaze damages equipment dealer

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MOUNTAIN — A representative of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office was on the scene Monday morning trying to piece together the cause of the fire that destroyed the offices and parts department of Carl-Don Equipment Ltd. here early Monday morning.

Cause of the fire, which caused an undetermined amount of damage, has yet to be determined although Mountain Township fire chief Jim Scott said "no foul play is suspected".

The alarm was turned into the Mountain fire department just a few minutes after midnight and the department responded with 18 men and two vehicles. Assistance was called in from Winchester, Kemptville and Iroquois and a total of 11 vehicles were involved in containing the blaze and saving the repair garage.

Men and vehicles from the out-of-town department left at 4am but Mountain Township firefighters remained on the scene until 10 Monday morning.

Company spokesmen were unable to give an estimate of the damage since the firm's month-end inventory had just been taken and figures have not been received back from International Harvester's Chicago office.

The building and its contents were partially covered by insurance but the policies, were also lost in the conflagration and the firm will have to wait until later this week to find out how much of its loss is covered.

All of Carl-Don's business records and parts inventory were lost.

The firm closed its Chesterville operation in August and had been centering all of its business at its Mountain location since then.



### Four fire departments fight Carl-Don blaze

A slumping year for Carl-Don Equipment Ltd. was further worsened early Monday morning when fire ripped through the company's outlet in Mountain, causing an estimated \$700,000 in damages. The blaze, which began shortly before midnight, was brought under control by fire departments from Mountain Township, Kemptville, Iroquois, and

Winchester at approximately 2:30 a.m. The office section and parts department of the building was completely destroyed. Company spokesman Allan Bell says the future of the company will be decided later this week. The Ontario Fire Marshal's office says the cause of the fire is still undetermined, but foul play is not suspected. *Advance Photo - P. McIntosh*

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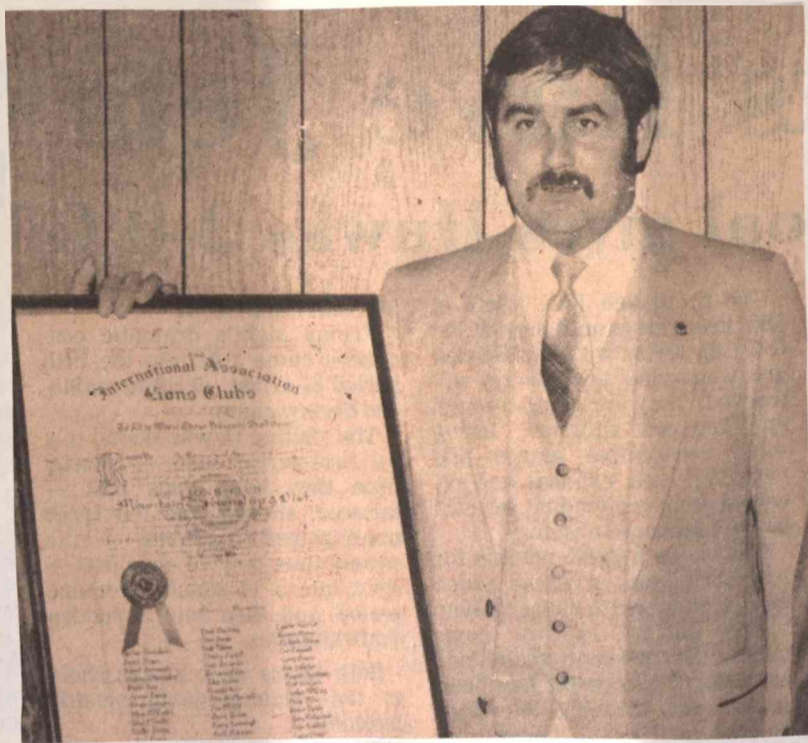


# Mountain Lions Club



Mountain Township and District Lions Club charter executive members are pictured following charter night activities. Front, left to right: Allan MacCaslin, secretary; Denis Puddy, president; Earl Roach, first vice-president; Barry Shane, second vice-president; Leroy Empey, third

vice-president. Back row, left to right: Gerry Lecuyer, director; Hugh Roddick, director; David Guy, director; Paul Simms, treasurer; Brian Telford, tail twister; John O'Reilly, lion tamer. Absent: director, Hugh Blaine.



**MOUNTAIN** — Last Saturday night was a historic occasion in the municipality of Mountain when, with guests present from many neighboring clubs, the newly-formed Mountain Township and District Lions Club was officially chartered.

## 45 MEMBERS

The new club, joining the world's largest service fraternity, has 45 active members and the charter executive includes the following: president Denis Puddy; first vice-president, Earl Roach; second vice-president, Barry Shane; third vice-president, Leroy Empey; directors, Hugh Blaine, Gerry Lecuyer, Hugh Roddick and David Guy; secretary, Allen McCaslin; treasurer, Paul Simms; tail twister, Brian Telford; and lions tamer, John O'Reilly.

Other club members are: Paul Barkley, Laurier Bazinet, Glen Beggs, Dennis Blaine, Richard Blaine, David Bryan, Stanley Cardiff, Lee Carswell, Robert Derraugh, Hugh Desjardin, Andrew Etherington, Terry Foley, Barry Forbes, John Harley, Maurice Hyndman, George Imrie, Ron Kerr, Matt Krisjanis, John Maxwell, Hunter McCaig, Jim McGill, Oscar Milne, Dennis Puddy (Sr.), Walter Puddy, Barry Redmond, Gary Richardson, Keith Robinson, Zeke Sanders, Larry Shay, Roy Sherrer, Ronald Simzer, James Spong and Gordon Workman.



The Mountain and District Lions Club recently purchased 10 copies of the Mountain Women's Institute Tweedsmuir History and is donating them to area senior citizen apartments, hospitals and nursing homes. On Fri., June 10 Lion Bob Derraugh presented copies to Millview Senior Citizen Apartments in Winchester and Hillcrest Haven in Mountain Township. (Top photo) Mr. Derraugh

presents a copy of Hillcrest resident Mable Robinson, a former WI president, as present Mountain WI president Carole Roach, left, and Tweedsmuir curator Dorothy Gibson look on. (Bottom photo) Millview representative and former Mountain resident Ruth Milne accepts a copy from Mr. Derraugh, Mrs. Roach and Mrs. Gibson.

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*Top achievers at Nationview*



Top academic and athletic achievements were honored at the graduation exercises of Nationview Public School in South Mountain last Tuesday evening. Receiving awards were, seated from left, Marjorie Rose, most improved and most conscientious student; Tammy Allen, citizenship award; Lindsay Rodger, public speaking award; Kelly Durant, top academic standing; Donna Koekkoek, best all 'round student; Cindy Warren, top girl athlete, and Doris Serviss, most conscientious student and citizenship award; standing, Patrick Alexander, applied science award; Marc Dicaire, arm wrestling trophy; Kevin Stewart, applied science award; Dwayne Billings, arm wrestling trophy, and Dwayne Backes, top boy athlete.

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The two smiling "trophy girls" are Kelly Durant [left] who was awarded for academic excellence and Donna Koekkoek who was named best all-round student.

Iroquois Chieftan 1982.

*Graduating class at Inkerman*



Inkerman Public School held graduation ceremonies last Tuesday and about 60 attended the exercises and luncheon. The grade six graduates are, back row from left, Lori Garlough, Mark Patterson, Jeffrey Holmes, Raymond Sherrer, Jeffrey McCooeye and Kim Robinson; front from left, Karen Milne, Melanie Fisher, Cheryl Armstrong, Jill Durant and Sharon Crowder. Press Photo—Cox

June 30/82



*Top academic student*

Jill Durant was named the top academic student of the grade six graduating class at Inkerman Public School during ceremonies last Tuesday.





Nationview's junior team was also the best in its division at Dundas County's Public School Track and Field Meet last week in Iroquois. The juniors compiled 98 points to win their award. Members of the championship team are, back from left, coach - Alison MacKeen, Glen Rodger, Derek Brannan, Craig Lyon, Chantal Dicaire, Erin

Crowder, Martine Thurler and Rene McLeod. Front, left to right, Chris McLennan, Derrick Workman, Tania Hansma, Leslie Hamilton, Jacqueline Smyth, Sharlene Ault and Tracey Hansma. Absent: Cory Coons, Marc St. Pierre. *Winchester Press June 13/84*

*Pictures above and below interchanged*



Nationview Public School's senior team was tops at the 1984 Dundas County track and field meet last week collecting 198 points. Members of the team are, back row from left, Kelly Smaile, coach - Bill Patterson, Cheryl Amrstrong, Jenny Lamb, Tara Berry, Troy Suddard, Rob

Whitteker, Mike Gryspeerdt, Derek Hyndman, Scott Gregory, Elkar Fischer, Greg Liezert and Raymond Sherrer. Front from left, Roxanne Backes, Karen Milne, Jeff Holmes, Kerry Nixon, Debbie Cooper, Wendy Barkley, Lisa Warren and Crystal Beckstead.

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Led by the Derek Hyndman's scoring exploits Nationview ran away with the 1984 Dundas County Public School's Senior Boys Basketball Tournament. The new champs won all four games and outscored their opposition 136-23. Front, left to right, Elkar Fisher, Scott Fields, Billy Dodger, Ray Sherrer. Back, left to right, Scott Gregory,

Derek Hyndman, coach - Mr. Jean, Troy Suddard, Dave Hobson. Nationview defeated Maple Ridge 45-2, Nationview B's 28-8, Iroquois 41-0 and Morrisburg 32-13 in Monday's event to become the 1984 Dundas County champions.

*Winchester Press Feb 28/84*



# Nationview grads



Award winners at Nationview Public School were, front row from left, Shelley Verhey, Jeff McCooeye, Debbie Smyth, Jenny Lamb, Debbie Cooper, Tara Berry, Derek Hyndman. Back row from left, Scott Fields, Leslie Disheau, Jill Durant, Ursula Eckert, Scott Gregory, Greg Liezert, Wendy Barkley, Crystal Beckstead.

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Nationview Public School Valedictorian Jill Durant, left, and Best All-Round Student Jenny Lamb cut the graduation cake at the school's graduation exercises, held last Friday. Seventy Grade 8 students graduated.



## Award-winning orator

Pam Giles, a Grade 8 student at Nationview Public School, placed first in a recent French Public Speaking contest

Winchester Press Mar 13/85

# Nationview students know the answers



These Nationview Public School students proved their grasp of Canadian facts by placing first among SD&G schools in the first annual SD&G Canada Quiz. From left are quiz team coach Bill Patterson, Stephan Jampen, Les Pap, Pam Giles, Kevin McCarger and coach Irene MacLean.

Winchester Press May 1/85

**SOUTH MOUNTAIN** — Nationview students proved last week they had what it took to be Trivial Pursuit champs as they topped the competition in the Grade 7-8 category of the Canada Quiz.

The quiz was held last year as an Ontario Bicentennial event, but was expanded this year to a Canada-wide competition.

Nationview defeated quiz teams from Iroquois, Maple Ridge and Roxmore public schools to win the series.

Each team was required to answer 50 questions per match, covering a wide variety of subjects including Canadian geography, famous people, history, sports, current events, nature, science, music and art, and local history.

Nationview chose its team through tryouts using last year's quiz, and used Petro Canada's Canadian trivia quizzes to study.

"A lot of it came from their own general background," said coach Irene MacLean. "I think a lot of the credit goes to the kids."

The final game between Nationview and Roxmore Public School was held Thurs., April 25.





**Best junior team**

Nationview Public School's junior athletes earned a first place total of 137 points to become 1987 Dundas County junior track and field champions. Front, left to right, Jason Cull, Kyle Marriner, Sarah Colbridge, Jeff Hyndman, Todd Woods, Shane Nichol, Phillip Brisebois

and Lee Melki. Back, left to right, coach Bill Patterson, Laurie Bodin, Nancy Hamilton, Laura Zyrmiak, Tamara Bond, Jessica Lyall, Jayme Hamilton, Michael Spear, Kathy Boyd and Karen Dalrymple.

Winchester Press Wed., June 10, 1987

Nationview Public School's senior athletes won the top senior boy's team trophy and were second in the best senior team overall at last week's track and field championships. Members of the team, front, left to right, Brenda Koekkoek, Laura Andersen, Jason Schoenfeld, Kevin Williams, Shawn Backes and Karen Fossit. Second



row, left to right, Kris McGlone, Marie Froats, Shealyn Summers, Shelley Clavette, Teresa Sherrer, Michelle Ault and Rina McNairn. Back, left to right, Ingrid Mulder, Vicki Gryspeerdt, Chris Oldford, Jamie Foley, Oliver Thurler, Kim Kerr and Alison MacKeen coach. Missing, Mark Smith.

Winchester Press Wed., June 10, 1987



**Nationview's Juniors**

Nationview Public School put together the best junior track team numbers at this year's Dundas County meet. The winning combination is: front, left to right, Terry Hoy, Lauren Colbridge, Rhonda Blaine, Sarah Trude, Sharon Spear, Shelly

Coons. Back, left to right, Sharon Roderick, coach Bill Patterson, Kyle Marriner, Adrian Pancirov, Scott Woods, Andy Hoogenboom, Wally Cinnamon, Jo-Anne Larocque, Alana Bannan, Julie Pollock.

The Winchester Press Wed., May 3, 1989

**Nationview Seniors**

Members of the 1989 Nationview Public School's award winning senior track team include: front, left to right, Jeff Hyndman, Phillip Brisebois. Second row, left to right, John Trude, Tracy McLeod, Jayme Hamilton, Tina Carbino, Natiel

Schonefeld, Liane Tremblay, Scott Brown. Back, left to right, Josee Salgado, Todd Woods, Jessica Lyall, Jamie Pollock, Nancy Hamilton, Karen Froats, Tonia Foley, Jennifer Preston, Kathy Jansen, Allison MacKeen - coach.





# Official opening of Nationview Centre

by Shelley Cumberland  
Advance Staff Reporter

Nationview Public School's Education Centre officially opened the great outdoors centre, Wednesday, October 11th, with a congregation of interested well-wishers and donors, gathering to see the finished result of their labours.

A brainstorm happened upon quite by accident in 1987, by teachers Rob Saunders and John Pollack while completing a development assignment for an Outdoor Education course they were taking at the time. Mr. Saunders is currently on an exchange program in the United Kingdom but will be returning next year. During the work on the learning assignment, the pair found the land they were mock-developing for their course actually turned out to be six acres of property the school didn't know it had claim to. Due to the rich rural heritage of the area, John and Rob decided to aim high, to make their project a reality, and thus Nationview Outdoor Education Centre is born! Not quite. They were about to be faced with co-ordinating a very difficult plan with oodles of red tape, but also with community spirit that has gone unmatched.

The natural outdoor theater harnesses an unlimited amount of knowledge which will hopefully raise the level of awareness surrounding environmental threats. "There is a tremendous amount of knowledge to be gained here," stressed Mr. Pollack. Since the school first flung its doors open wide, over 5,000 trees have been planted on the grounds. The hope for the future of the Outdoor Centre is to see at least three or four examples of each species native to Eastern Ontario resting on its site. Presently, over two kilometres of nature trails have been chipped away, compliments of Ontario Hydro and their massive chipper truck. This has promised to open a host of activities year round. Throughout the summer, students employed by the South Nation River Conservation Authority (SNRCA), cleared unwanted and unattractive debris from the riverbed area, exposing an abundance of wildlife species. As well, a whole natural botanical garden awaits the explorer. So far, six different varieties of poisonous plantlife have been identified!

There is still much to be done, and hopefully, 1990 will see the completion of the Boardwalk, and stairs leading from the upper level to the river.

"Eternally grateful," and, "Truly remarkable," are but a couple of phrases Bill Roddy, Superintendent in charge of the project, used to describe the feeling that different organizations, service clubs and individuals have given of themselves to the success of the facility. A short ceremony was held to offer appreciation to these dedicated groups.

Trustee Roy Hastings arrived with greetings from the SD & G Board of Education. He recognized Mr. Pollack and Mr. Saunders for all they have done toward the Centre, noting, "Very outstanding community involvement."

Board Director Jim Dilamarter, himself a Lion member for 16 years, offered gratitude to the Mountain and District Lions Club, and the staff of Nationview for their active participation.

Honours were bestowed upon the SNRCA who, commented Mr. Pollack, have been partners from the beginning, and without them, the facility would not have been possible. Representing the SNRCA, and accepting a token plaque were Dennis O'Grady, Williamsburg Reeve John Whitaker and Hewart Sims.

The Mountain and District Lions

Club offered more support than was initially expected. Through their generous efforts, a trail and dock added to the centre. President Terry Foley and Gerry Lacuyer accepted the plaque commemorating the occasion.

Linda Touzin, on behalf of the Ministry of Natural Resources, accepted an award for continuous help and guidance with tree selections.

Last but not least, the parents and students of the area accepted recognition. This group handled many of the menial and less glamorous chores surrounding the project, from digging weeds to stripping wallpaper. Principal George Hollingdrake was called to accept on behalf of this large group.

Absent from the glory circle were Ontario Hydro, who chipped out the nature trail, Bell Canada for donating 25 telephone poles, and the Canadian Wildlife Foundation, who forfeited grant money to aid in the development as well as donating bird houses and feeders.

Mr. Roddy informed everyone that in the future, other schools will be welcome to take advantage of this unique educational facility. In the rear of the school, a former apartment was transformed into a classroom, complete with amenities, so classes using the outdoor centre will actually be acting independently of the school building. "We would like to have it open to all children in SD & G," noted Mr. Pollock. Other Boards will be offered the service for a small support fee to the centre.

The opportunities are endless. Already the area has been used for cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing, outdoor education and art classes. However, there is still much to be done. Continued support is still needed to ensure the success of the centre. The only way to go is up, and interested individuals and organizations wishing to become involved can call Nationview Public School at 989-2600. Environmental threats affect us all. We all need to educate ourselves to lessen the dangers of the future, and promote nature for what it is...serenity, colour, peace.

The Weekly Advance,

October 18, 1989



The official opening of Nationview Public School's Outdoor Education Centre surmounted from the combined efforts of community spirit, generous donations, and a lot of hard work. Acknowledged for their much needed help were (back) Ewart Sims, Johnny Whitteker and Dennis O'Grady of the S.N.R.C.A.; President Terry Foley and Gerry Lacuyer representing the Mountain and District Lions Club; and Roy Hastings, George Hollingdrake, Jim Dilamarter, Karl Duncan and John Pollack, liaisons of Nationview and the School Board. Up front, students Marilyn Brooks and Kerry Howse accept a plaque for the parents and community involvement, while Linda Touzin represents the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, October 18, 1989



The Nationview Public School Outdoor Education Centre received its second donation from the Mountain Township and District Lions Club Friday. Lions Club president Terry Foley presents a \$1,000 check to Nationview students Tara Kerr and Craig Halpenny. Nationview PS science teacher and the outdoor education co-ordinator, John Pollock

Up in the tree are Emily Pollock, left, Leslie Weagant and Amanda Lewin.

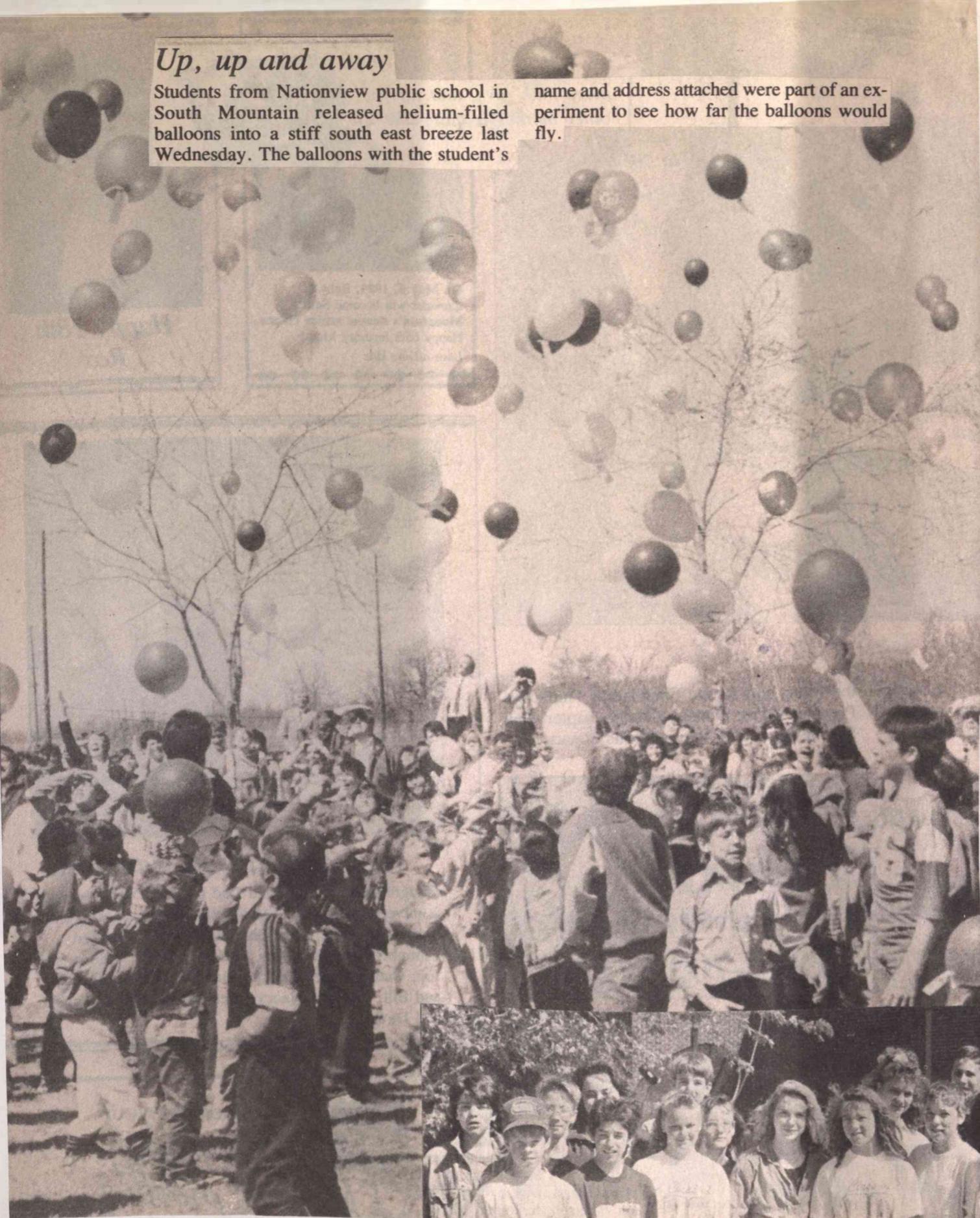
The Winchester Press Wed., Nov. 1, 1989



**Up, up and away**

Students from Nationview public school in South Mountain released helium-filled balloons into a stiff south east breeze last Wednesday. The balloons with the student's

name and address attached were part of an experiment to see how far the balloons would fly.



**Capping the weather man**

CJOH's weather man J.J. Clarke models a South Mountain cap during his visit to Nationview Public School last Wednesday. Clarke discussed the weather business with the students.

The Winchester Press



**Nationview seniors**

Nationview Public School senior track team claimed the fifth Dundas County Elementary Track and Field (senior) championship in the last eight years last week. Lauren Colbridge and Kevin Cook (far right) won individual awards. The seniors,

coached by Ali McKeen (third from right), earned a winning total of 297 points. The senior girls' squad also claimed their division title with 155 points.

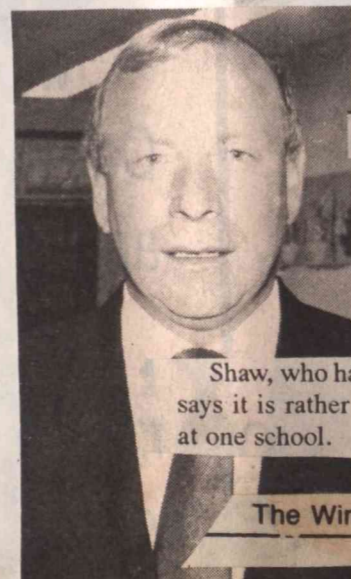
The Winchester Press Wed., June 6, 1990



**Nationview P.S. Award winners**

Thursday night, Nationview Public School saw 73 budding young minds graduate. Pictured above are the school's special award winners. Back row: Paul Brennan, Vocal Music Award, Captain of Winning House League; Sarah Smith, Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation Award; Amy Simpson, Best All-round student, Visual Arts Award; Mike Bond, English Public Speaking Award; Mary Morrow, Vocal Music Award; Jo-Anne Larocque, Nationview Music Award, Citizenship Award; Middle Row: Lee Melbi, Music Award; Kyle Marriner, Royal Canadian Legion Silver Medallion; James Hodges, Academic Award, Applied Science Award; Toby Broadfoot, Clarence Cross History Award, Athletic Award; Corey LeBlanc, Most Improved Student; Darryl Casselman, Most Conscientious Student; John Trude, Cross Country Award. Front Row: Kerry House, Music Award, Royal Canadian Legion Bronze Medallion; Terri Hoy, Applied Science Award, Royal Canadian Legion Gold Medallion; Connie Bryan, Applied Science Award; Nancy Hamilton, Cross Country Award, Athletic Award; Alanna Vandewint, Citizenship Award; Brandy Coughler, Citizenship Award; Natalie Schoenfeld, Academic Award, Valetorian, French Public Speaking Award, Captain of Winning House League

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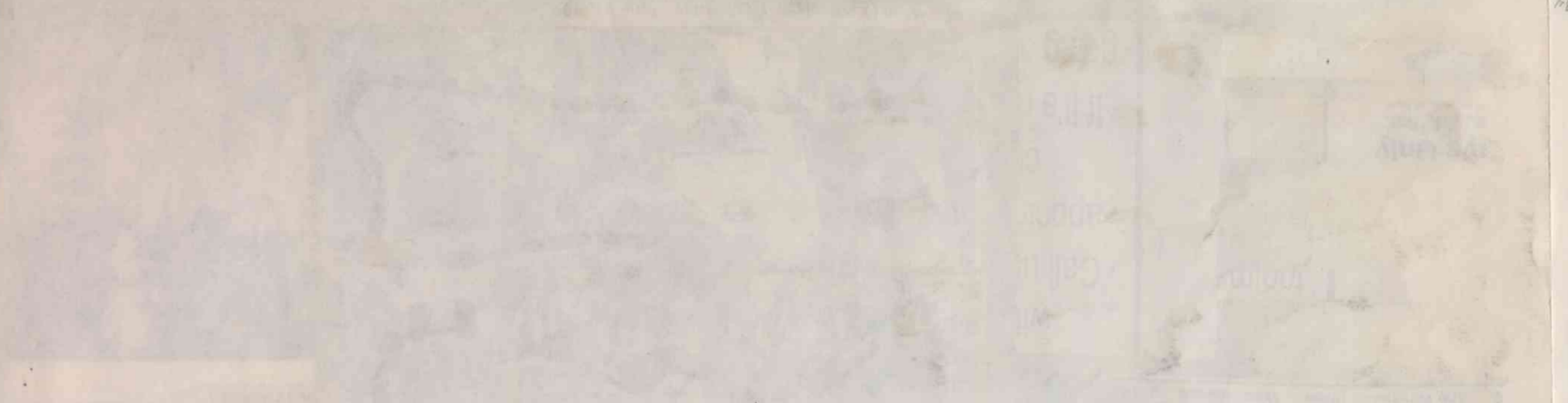
Jim Shaw

Shaw, who has been at Winchester Public for 13 years, says it is rather unusual for a principal to stay that long at one school.

The Winchester Press Wed., May 22, 1991



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# Mountain Lions club marks fifth year

## Mountain Musings

by Shirley Mills



Roy Sherrer presented Winchester Press employee Shirley Mills with an award of appreciation for the coverage the group receives from the newspaper.



The Mountain Township and District Lions Club celebrated its fifth anniversary Saturday night, and will honor its first five presidents by putting their names on this plaque. From left are past presidents Denis Puddy Jr., Barry Shane and Hugh Blaine, Lions district governor Jack Anthony and current president Andy Etherington. Absent for the photo was former president Earl Roach.

Winchester Press Wed., March 25, 1987



## Lion leaders

New and old executive posed for a picture at the Mountain Community Centre on Friday. Beginning at the front left are: Glen Robinson, assistant secretary; Roy Sherrer, past-president; Terry Foley, president; Roy Page, treasurer; Dick Blaine, secretary; Gerry Lecuyer, in-coming zone chairman. In the back are: Brad Holmes, director; Andy Etherington, bulletin editor; Leo Backes, tail-twister; Alex Lough, director; Terry Triskle, director; Larry Bazinet, first vice president.

Last summer, some parents in the village of Mountain took a long look at the park there. While the baseball diamond was fine and T-ball players abounded, the entertainment facilities for younger children were limited to two teeter-totters which were almost unusable. A group was formed which aimed at getting some playground equipment for the park.

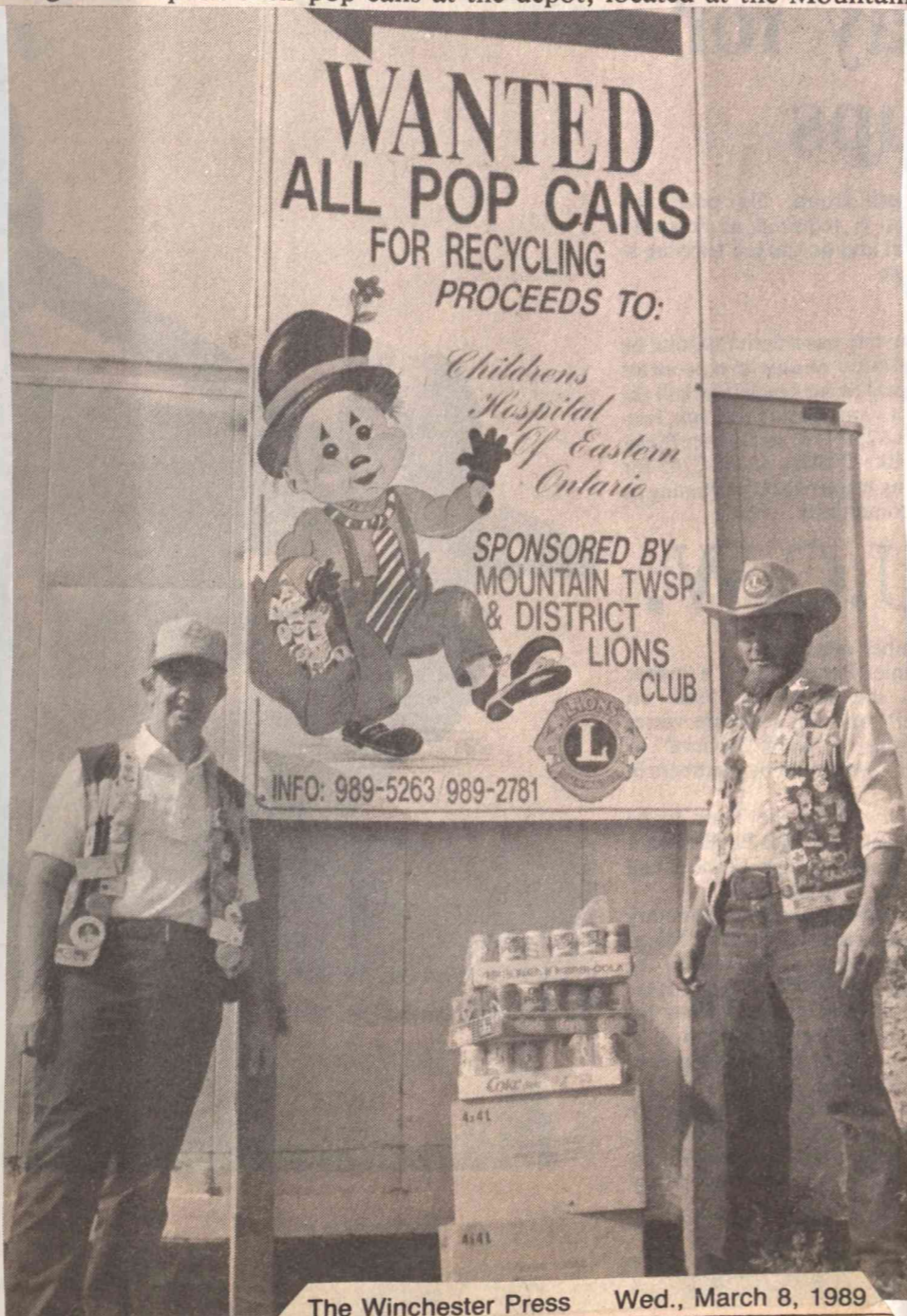
If you remember, this group held a successful bake sale last fall and with other sales and catering jobs, things are moving ahead. The members also received a donation from Mountain Recreation, the Winchester Legion and will get a further donation shortly from the Mountain Lions Club. This enabled the members to order a playground structure which is also handicapped accessible. Future plans are for more equipment including a sympathetic swing, which can be operated by a handicapped child either alone or with a buddy.

The latest fundraiser for the group is a 50-50 draw. While the tickets at \$20 each might seem rather costly, it is like a donation to a local cause with the potential of winning up to \$5,000 if all 500 tickets are sold. The tickets may be obtained by calling Paula Coassin at 989-2706 or Darlene Mills at 989-2590, with the draw taking place on June 20. Everyone is also invited to the installation and grand opening of the playground equipment in the park on July 8 — but we'll remind you of the date closer to that time.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, September 27, 1989

Mountain Lions Club members, and founders of the Mountain Recycling program stand proud beside their new depot. Terry Foley and Roy Sherier initiated the program hoping to have a sizeable donation for the Children's Hospital next spring. All residents are urged to deposit their pop cans at the depot, located at the Mountain Dump.

## Donations to Mountain Park



The Winchester Press Wed., March 8, 1989



On Monday afternoon two cheques were presented to the Mountain Park Fundraising Committee. The Winchester Legion donated \$2,000 and the Mountain Lions donated \$3,000. This money will be used to buy playground equipment. The new playground will also be handicapped accessible. Shown are, Tom Beck, 1st Vice President, Winchester Legion; Dwight Hutt, Past President; Darlene Mills, co-chairman Mountain Park Fundraising Committee; Chrystal Mills; Louie Coussin; Paula Coussin; Lion Roy Page, Treasurer Mountain Lions; Roy Sherrer, Lions President.



Proceeds of the Third Annual Mountain Township Ball Tournament were donated to worthy organizations July 22 at the Mountain ball park. Among the donations was a cheque for \$350 presented to the Mountain Community Park Association. From left are Helen Bartholomew, Bob Williams, Jo-Anne Hyndman, Dennis Puddy and Darlene Simms.

Winchester Press Wed., July 30, 1986



## CHEO benefits from Mountains of empty cans

Foley wants to involve all Lions clubs in Eastern Ontario in the recycling program. As things stand now, cans are coming from far-flung origins, with between eight and 10 schools participating in the program, along with merchants and private industry.

Mountain Lions have been receiving empties from all over the United Counties and as far away as Campbell's Bay, Quebec, Foley said. Lions are hoping to fetch about 50 cents a pound (based on last year's prices), with all proceeds earmarked for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario.

Brian Telford salute those who contributed thousands of beer and pop cans to their club's recycling program.

The Winchester Press Wed., March 14, 1990



The Mountain Township and District Lions Club members gathered into a large pack Thursday night as they presented a check of \$6,000 to Canine Vision Canada. Accepting the check from Lions president Terry Foley is Steve Shepherd, second from left in the front row, chairman of the Lions Club Foundation of Canada and Canine Vision Canada.

Winchester Press Wed., Feb. 7, 1990

## Melvin Jones Fellowship

Mountain Lion President, Terry Foley, was presented Thursday night with the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship. Named after the founder of the Lions Clubs International, it is the highest honour that can be bestowed on a Lion. Foley was one of the charter members for the Mountain Lions Club in 1982. Advance Photo - P. McConnell

## MOUNTAIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPT. SUBSTATION



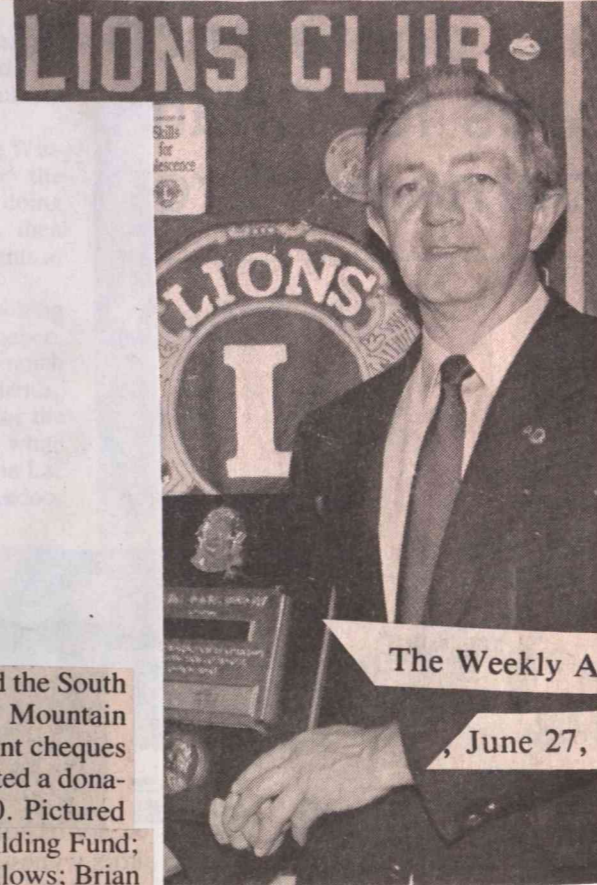
Representatives from the Mountain Lions Club and the South Mountain Oddfellows were at the site of the new Mountain Township substation in Hallville last week to present cheques to the Building Committee. The Lions Club presented a donation of \$2,000 and the Oddfellows donated \$1,000. Pictured were left to right: Willis Kerr, representing the Building Fund; Lloyd Graham and Ronny Wardel from the Oddfellows; Brian Telford and Brian Walker also representing the Building Committee and Terry Foley donating on behalf of the Lions.

The Winchester Press Wed., May 23, 1990

The Mountain and District Lions Club quietly goes about its business of helping in the community. There are often fundraising events held with the proceeds channelled to worthy causes, and all handled with an absence of fanfare. However, it might be of interest to know where some of the money goes.

The major donation recently was \$6,000 for a leader dog to assist a blind person. Terry Foley, president of the Mountain Lions, explained that the Lions Foundation of Canada has a training facility for the blind in Mississauga. The chapter in Mountain raised enough money (\$6,000) to cover the cost of the full training program for the dog and its new master.

Other donations ranged through \$1,280 for home improvement for handicapped residents; \$1,000 for bursaries at each of Seaway and North Dundas High Schools; \$1,000 for fire victims; \$1,000 for Inkerman Library; \$200 for Huntington disease; and \$100 each for Inkerman and Hallville carnivals.

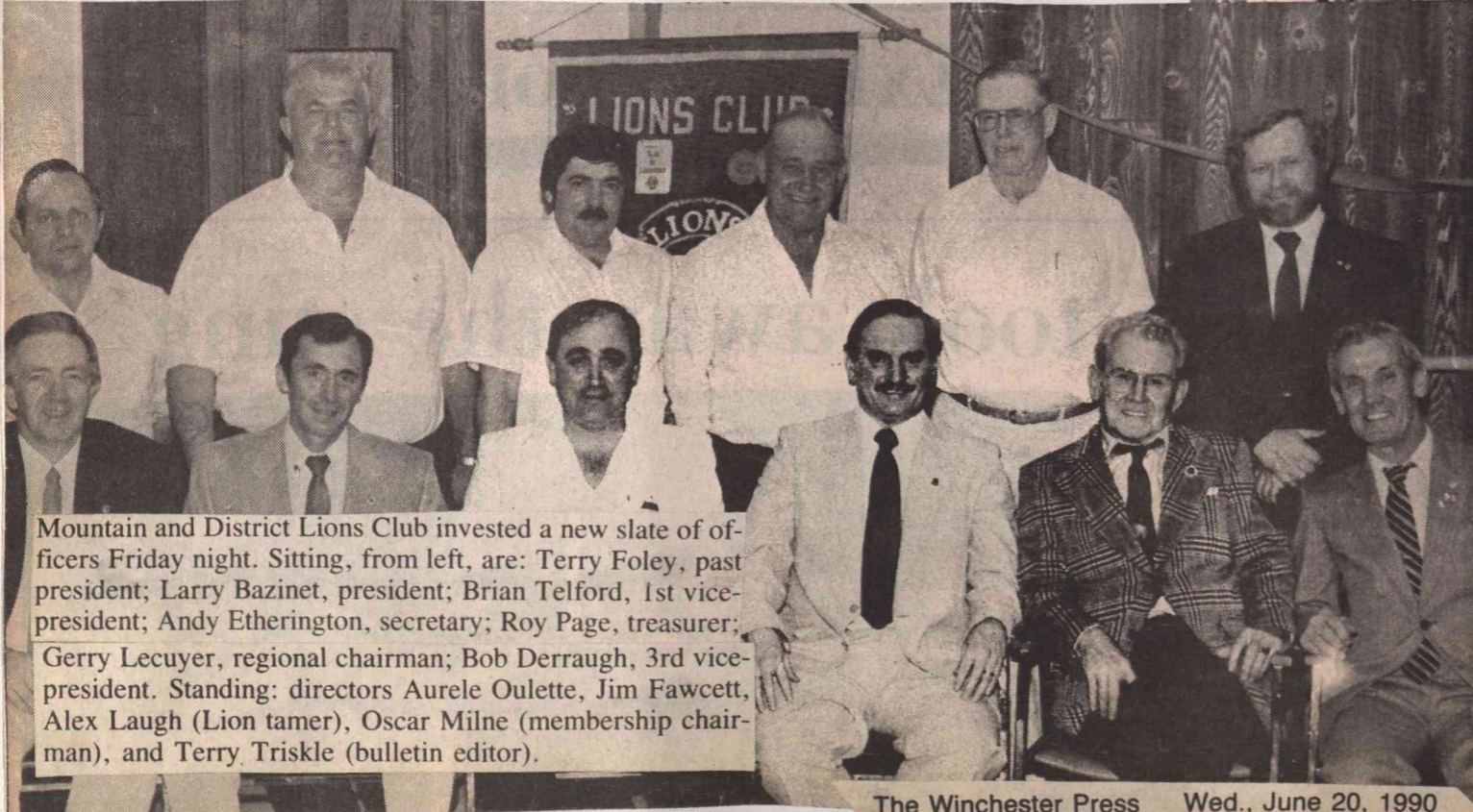


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The Mountain Lions recently donated \$6,000 to the Mountain Township Agricultural Society to build a new exhibit hall at the Mountain Township Fairgrounds in South Mountain. The donation is the first installment of an \$18,000 pledge made by the Lions. Pictured at the site of the new hall is (left to right): Lions president, Larry Bazinet and past-president, Terry Foley presenting the cheque to chairman of the Planning and Construction Committee, Max Sabey, while Terry Triskle Lions bulletin editor looks on.

The Winchester Press Wed., July 11, 1990



Mountain and District Lions Club invested a new slate of officers Friday night. Sitting, from left, are: Terry Foley, past president; Larry Bazinet, president; Brian Telford, 1st vice-president; Andy Etherington, secretary; Roy Page, treasurer; Gerry Lecuyer, regional chairman; Bob Derraugh, 3rd vice-president. Standing: directors Aurele Oulette, Jim Fawcett, Alex Laugh (Lion tamer), Oscar Milne (membership chairman), and Terry Triskle (bulletin editor).

The Winchester Press Wed., June 20, 1990



## Mountain Lions Club

On Thursday, March 21, beginning at 6:30 p.m., the Mountain Township and District Lions Club will be holding a Community Roast. The event will take place at the Mountain Township Agricultural Society Hall in South Mountain.

The purpose of the roast is to recognize outstanding citizens in Mountain Township for their achievements and community involvement. People to be honored at the event are Roy Hastings, Lila Fawcett, Donnie Scott, Lucien Benoit, Linda Lewis, Matt Hastings and Arnold Graham.



### Community roast

Lila Fawcett was among several Mountain residents honored recently at Mountain Township and District Lions Club's community roast. Lion Larry Bazinet presented her with a commemorative plaque during the event.

The Winchester Press Wed., April 3, 1991

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, March 20, 1991

## Gala pays tribute to Mountain's finest

The Mountain Township and District Lions Club held its 3rd annual appreciation night last Thursday night. The event recognized the contribution several of its more famous residents have made to the local community.

In a world where all too often than not, the media and people in general tend to focus on problems, this night was a welcomed change and was definitely something each of those honoured will never forget.

Honoured next for her accomplishments in 92, Teresa Sherrer sat quietly and listened as Jack Barkley, (her public school teacher,) recounted her life.

In a humorous yet sincere speech, Mr. Barkley told some of the secrets that most in the audience were not aware of. "Did you realize that the main reason Teresa began dancing, was because she was awkward and clumsy," the audience laughed in response.

In 91, Teresa entered the Miss Ottawa Pageant. On her way to Toronto to audition for a commercial, and not having enough time to enter the contest herself, she called her mom in South Mountain and asked her to drive to Ottawa and enter her name in the contest.

After winning the pageant, it was time to prepare for the Miss Canada Pageant in Toronto. With a minimal amount of time to prepare, as opposed to other girls in the competition who had had months, Teresa delved into her work, letting nothing slide, and giving 150 percent of herself to her school studies, her duties on students council and the upcoming competition.

Upon arriving at the competition, she was nervous, but when they called her name as one of the finalists, the world seemed to stop and revolve around her.

Placing as 3rd runner-up, her brothers and sisters sat glued to the television back home, taking phone calls from neighbors, friends and residents of the Township, congratulating her on her success.

Teary eyed, Mr. Barkley finished his speech and Teresa took to the podium. With grace and composure, the 18 year old Canterbury student thanked everyone who had supported her and gave special thanks to her family.

"Without them (her family) none of this would have been possible," said Teresa.

Up next, Marlene Fawcett was honoured for placing as one of the top ten finalists in the CKBY country music search in 1991.

A life time resident of the area, Mrs. Fawcett was congratulated and thanked for her many hours of community service and for generally making Mountain Township a better place to live in.

The last person honoured was none other than Keith Fawcett. Estella Rose, Keith's neighbor spoke of his accomplishments in the Lions Club, as a Councillor and as Reeve of the Township.



The Lions' Club's Appreciation Night in South Mountain was a great success. Pictured above, Teresa Sherrer, Keith Fawcett and Marlene Fawcett, were all honoured for their personal achievements.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, April 1, 1992

## South Mountain plays regal hall

OTTAWA — One of Canada's top country groups, South Mountain entertained last weekend in Canada's most regal or vice-regal of settings.

The five-member group performed in a free concert at the Governor General's residence Sunday.

South Mountain, which takes its name from the Dundas County village of the same name has garnered recognition by its peers in recent months.

The band, which consists of

guitarist Steve Piticco, singer-guitarist Laurie Piticco, singer-bassist Todd Nolan, fiddler Don Reed and drummer Bill Carruthers, is competing against Prairie Oyster and Blue Rodeo for Group of the Year honors in the Canadian Country Music Association annual awards.

Piticco, Nolan, Carruthers and Reed are also included in the CCMA's All-Star Band Citations.



On stage at the north end of the hall, the groups first gold record sat with other memorabilia that they had gathered across the country and touring Europe, a tribute to their success thus far.

A short video prepared by the band documented a few performances, special awards, and an appearance on the Tommy Hunter Show.

The award winning country music band South Mountain was honored by the Mountain Township and District Lions Club last Thursday night at its appreciation night. Manager Larry Code, and band members Todd Nolan, Laurie Laporte-Piticco, Steve Piticco and Don Reed were presented with a plaque for their contribution to their community.

The Winchester Press Wed., Aug. 26, 1992

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**New executive for Mountain Lions Club**

The Mountain Lions Club have installed their new executive for the coming year. In the front row (left to right) are: Delle Palme, secretary; Roy Page, treasurer; Brian Telford, past president; Bob Derraugh, president; Terry Triskle, first vice-president; and Aurele Ouellette, second vice-president. Pictured in the back row: Roy Sherrer, Lion tamer; Terry Foley, director; Leo Backes, bulletin editor; Jim Fawcett, director; Gerry Lecuyer, membership chairman; Larry Bazinet, director; Barry Scott, director; and Alex Lough, third vice-president.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, June 24, 1992



The Mountain Township and District Lions Club celebrated its 10 years of community service recently with a dinner and awards night at the South Mountain Agricultural Hall. Lions regional chairman Jean Goulet presented Lions President Brian Telford with a plaque commemorating the club's charter.

The Winchester Press Wed., March 25, 1992



**Mountain Lions auction**

The Mountain Lions Club held their annual fundraising auction Friday evening at the fair grounds in South Mountain. A good crowd of bargain hunters turned out for the event which featured everything from ironing boards to donkey flower carts. Donations of items to the auction continued even after the bidding started and area residents are to be commended for their support of the event.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, June 3, 1992

*[Faint, illegible text from newspaper clippings and notices, including phrases like 'Prewer K-1 Roy', 'One Year', 'NOTICE', and 'MOUNTAIN LIONS CLUB']*



## Mountain Lions officially open new park in Hallville

Almost 14 months to the day from when the project was first started, The Mountain Township and District Lions club hosted the official opening Saturday of their new park in Hallville, marking the completion of one more community project for this relatively young service club.

It was on July 3rd, 1984, that Mountain Council first gave their approval to the concept, allowing the Club to develop the township owned property into the well used park setting that the large crowd found there on Saturday, and provide an estimated \$3,000 worth of equipment.

Mountain Lions Club President Hugh Blaine began the ceremony shortly after noon, introducing some of the major organizers behind the park project, beginning with the immediate Past President of the Club, Barry Shane.

Shane went on to recognize the efforts of Lion Larry Bazinet who was the major force behind the park work. The club also paid tribute to local contractors Redmond Sand and Gravel and Forbes Building Materials for their help in preparing the site and special mention was made of the many neighbours who pitched in to help in clearing the site for the park.



Mountain Township reeve Keith Fawcett did the honors Saturday as a play park built by the Mountain Township and District Lions Club was unveiled at Hallville. From left are reeve Fawcett and Larry Bazinet, Barry Shane, club president Hugh Blaine.

*Kemptville Advance Sept. 11/85*

## Cub and Beaver programs setting up in Mountain

Mountain Township could have its own Cub and Beaver groups in a few weeks. An organizer says he's surprised at the positive response.

Edward Dizazzo is running the Beaver colony for kids five, six and seven years old. He says he and Cub organizer Alison Tucker sought out support in the community before sending notices home with Nationview and Inkerman Public School pupils.

At registration night three weeks ago, 27 youngsters signed up for Beavers and about half that number joined the Cubs. And Dizazzo says organizers plan to work through local churches to find other interested kids.

He says there has been a lot of support from community groups. The Mountain Lions are sponsoring both groups, and the Women's Institute have donated time and material for the cub's neckerchiefs.



### Beavers and Cubs

The First Mountain Beaver and Cubs held their Investiture on November 5th at the Nationview Public School. Scarves were presented to all the boys. Beaver Leaders: Dave Mullin, Debbie Black and Ed. St. John. Cub Leaders: Alison Tucker, Ken Hilson and John VanLanen.

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# Mountain mail delivery route spans three generations for Black family



One of the things Tim Black's family had to get used to when he gave up the R.R. 3 Mountain mail route was getting their mail delivered. The box went up about two weeks ago, the first one they've had job in 23 years.

When Harold P. Black started delivering mail in 1938, he probably wouldn't have guessed the job would stay in his family for three generations.

His wife, Mabel and son, Norman took over the R.R. 3 Mountain route for 26 years between them. Grandson Gordon Black had it for a year, until he turned it over to his brother, Tim Black, three years ago.

Canada Post paid Tim \$549 a month to go to the Mountain Post Office every weekday morning to sort letters, parcels and advertising and deliver them to almost 100 boxes on the 26 km. route. Out of that, he had to buy gas and cover the cost of keeping his battered Datsun F-10 going.

With all the starting and stopping on the route, that meant a new set of brake shoes every three months. "I made sure it stayed running," he says, "But it didn't run perfectly all the time, though."

But he was able to save enough to put himself through a 10-month maintenance technician course at Control Data Institute, a computer and electronics training school in Ottawa.

His schedule often kept him busy from morning to night. "It was getting, doing the mail hings to school or

But his mother, Marg Black, a nurse at Bayfield Manor and veteran of countless mail deliveries, says there was no other way. "You never get a holiday," delivering on a rural mail route, she says.

But the long hours paid off when Tim graduated in June, 1984. Through the institute, he found full-time work in production control with Computing Devices Co. in Bell's Corners.

It was too good an offer to turn down, so he looked for another family member to take the route, but the only candidates were his two nephews, aged five and six.

There was another thing to consider. His father, Bert, was taken ill in January, and by April the doctors diagnosed cancer.

The family, already close, pulled together. Gordon Black bought out the family dairy operation and moved onto the farm with his family. Tim lended a hand when he could.

His mother says the crisis showed the family they had, "too many irons in the fire," and they had to learn to take things one day at a time.

Tim says everything told him giving up the route was the right move. "There were so many days when thought you'd be so glad to see it all go," he says, but, "on the last day, I felt so guilty, like I'd let the family down."

*Kemptville Advance Oct 16/85*

"Some people don't understand how many miles of road there are in this township," says Timmins. "I have three men working steady under me, but there's only so much money and so much time available. We can do all kinds of road work in a year, but there will be the people who will say why wasn't their road fixed or why didn't it get more sand in the winter."

Timmins, 53, a former farmer and machine dealer who lives in Inkerman might not like the criticism, but he can sympathize. In the eight years he's held the job, the township has become a mobile society. And voters are defining local governments by the roads they keep.

"People are demanding more now," says Timmins. "Roads play a pretty big part of local government now because a lot of people are working now outside the home, and going to work early, and they're looking for good roads to get to work on."

Although he can understand the frustration some people feel when their road is an icy sheet or when broken pavement is left unfixed, Timmins argues that the reality of economics places him in a no-win situation at times.

*Winchester Press Jan 16/85*



## Ron Timmins roads superintendent

MOUNTAIN — Ron Timmins is out on the road almost every day. He's not a salesman. He's the roads superintendent for Mountain Township.

Of all issues that face a rural municipality, the most important in the mind of the public — is roads — even if it's one usually forgotten until jarred back to memory by a pothole.

It's also one of the most expensive. Last year Mountain Township spent \$382,000 on its 182 kilometres of road. Even that wasn't enough to do all the work that was needed.

"We live in a country that has frost," Timmins says simply. That means roads that buckle and break. It also means living in a country that requires months of snow removal and salting and sanding.

## Tribute to an old friend

### The Editor:

Many senior residents of the North Mountain community will remember Wilfred Allen who died in Sarnia, Ont. on Jan. 25, 1985.

A retired director of education in Western Ontario, Wilf resided in Kerr's Ridge in the 1920s and '30s. His elementary and secondary school education was obtained at North Mountain Consolidated School.

A graduate of the Ottawa Teachers' College and Queen's University, his teaching experience was in Northern and Western Ontario. After many years as a high school principal he became director of education in Wallaceburg.

His early retirement in 1970 enabled him to travel, garden and give leadership in church and community activities in Sarnia.

His wife, Gladys, and two daughters, Linda and Patti, survive. A sister, Greta Clark, lives at Mountain, a brother Walter in Brockville, another

brother, Lyall, died two years ago in Kemptville.

The undersigned was one of Wilf's friends for more than 60 years. We were in the same school classes. We kept in touch after he left his home community in 1933.

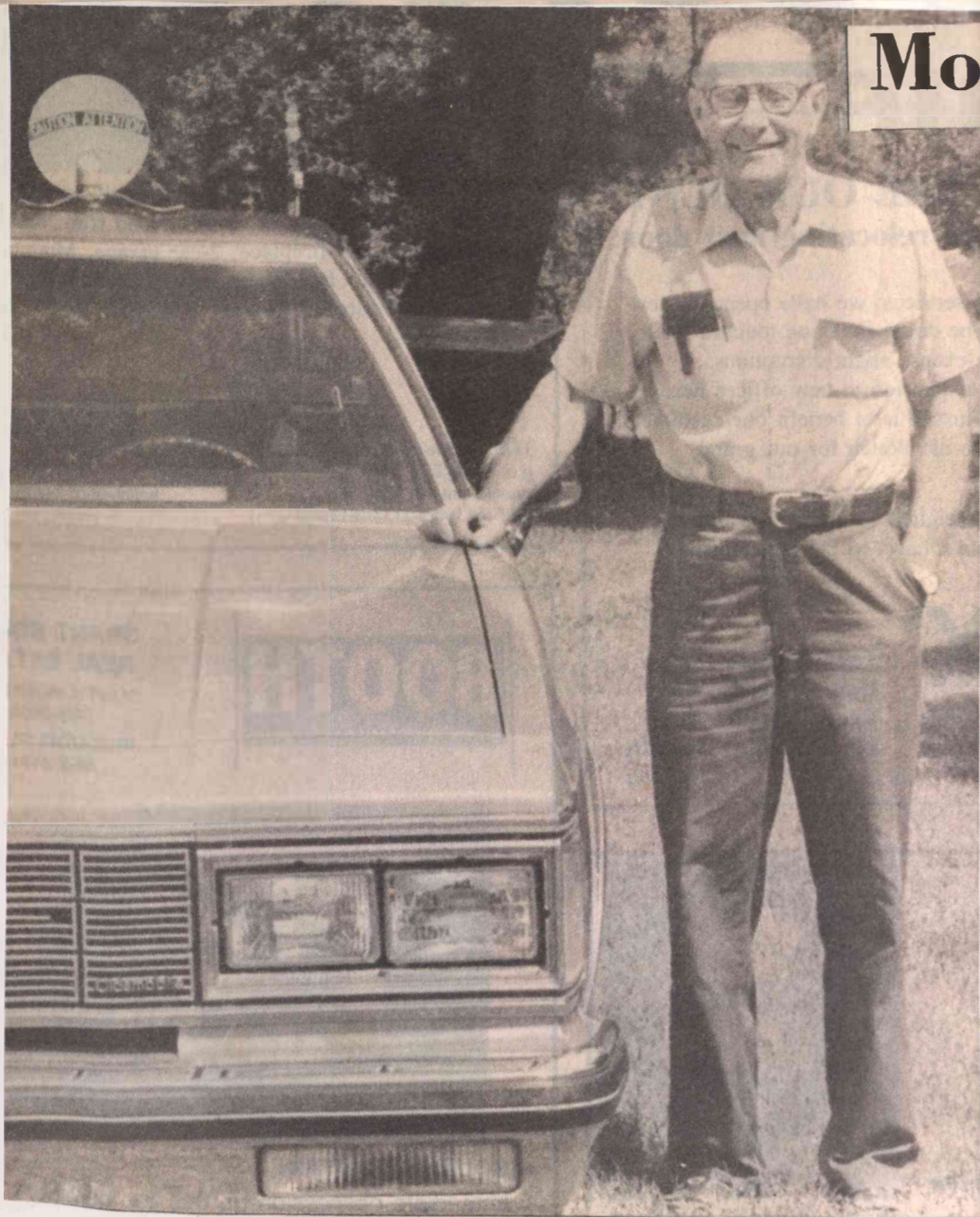
Our athletic careers began on the Hallville softball team, a majority of whose members are now dead. Sport fans of Mountain Township will likely remember such players as pitcher Roy Hastings, catcher Deb Wylie, infielders Bill Ellis, Mel Christie, Casey Hyndman, Charlie Christie, outfielders Fin Evans, Les Brown, Wilf Allen, Ty Hyndman.

Coaches and umpires were Bing Martin, Rob Scarlett, Frank Boucher. Team bus driver was Andrew Sipes.

A fine friend, an excellent educator, a patient parent and a competent community worker has passed on. Charlie Christie



# Walter Wylie retires after delivering mail since 1958



## Mountain mailman

**MOUNTAIN**— After 31 years as a rural postal carrier, the first thing Walter Wylie did after retiring was clean his car — for a week.

“As a mail carrier it is hard to keep your car clean. You would not believe the dirt and dust that gets in the car from driving on the shoulder with the window down,” said the 63 year old, who joked that he was not sure if he retired or was just tired.

As a postman Wylie had been driving more than 60 miles a day on the RR2 Mountain route, which covers a wide area of the township from the boundary between Grenville and Dundas up to Reids Mills boundary between Mountain and Osgoode.

“Many people think it’s an easy job, just putting mail in the box, but that’s not the case,” said Wylie, who retired from his job at the end of June.

Wylie explained that his job would start at 8:00 a.m. or later depending on when the mail truck arrived in Mountain from Brockville. He would then sort the mail with the postmaster before heading out on deliveries to the 450 householders and boxholders on his route.

When he started out delivering mail in 1958, Wylie said it took him about four hours to do the route which has now more than doubled and takes about seven and a half hours to finish.

During his three decades on the job, Wylie says he has seen many changes, some

good and some bad.

He says he misses the personal involvement which used to occur when he just had a small route and he could stop and talk to the people, rather than rush on to get all the mail delivered on time as was the case in later years.

As well, the retiring courier does not have many good words for Canada Post. Unlike his fellow inside postal sorters or outside letter carriers, Wylie and the rural mail couriers do not belong to a union and thus get taken advantage of to no end.

The rural carrier has no benefits, no unemployment insurance, no pension, receives small pay increases, has to pay for his own car, gas and insurance and doesn’t get any holidays. “If you want holidays you have to train someone else to take over for you,” said Wylie, who hasn’t had any real holidays in over 30 years.

Doris said she was surprised when she phoned Canada Post to tell them her husband was retiring due to ill health and a woman at the headquarters said that rural mail carriers were not allowed to get sick or even die.

Wylie was also disappointed by the fact that although he took pride in his job, hurried to get the mail delivered on time, and delivered the mail in all sorts of adverse weather conditions, no one at Canada Post seemed to care.

While not particularly happy with Canada Post, Wylie said he did enjoy his job and he is sorry to give it up. “Sure I’m going to miss it. You can’t do something for 30 years without missing it,” he said.

Wylie says now that he finally is retired he will have no problem occupying his time.

He says he will work keeping his Hallville area property looking sharp, take it easy, and putter around with some of his electrical and welding tools.

As well, Wylie plays a variety of instruments, from accordion to violin and guitar, and he used to have a band with members of his family, called the Bar W Rangers.

“If I need to amuse myself I’ll do some picking and a grinning.”

The Winchester Press Wed., July 19, 1989

The Wylie residence is probably the only home in Mountain without a mailbox.

“I guess I’m going to have to buy one,” says 63 year old Walter Wylie.

Wylie began to deliver the mail to Mountain residents in 1958. His last day was June 30.

“He never missed a day in his 31 years of service,” said Marjorie McDermont, Mountain Post Mistress.

Wylie has been a fixture of Mountain over the years, he has brought the mail to the people of Mountain, travelling along the rural roads in whatever car he had at the time. A rural mailman goes through a few vehicles over the years. “You wouldn’t believe all the tires and brakes I replaced,” he says.

The hazards of a mailman are many, but those of a rural mailman in Canada include a few more; the weather, the weather, and the weather. “Back in the sixties, that’s when we had winter. I can remember snow drifts as high as a house,” he boasts.

When Wylie took over the route, it took about four hours to complete, but when he left it, it took about eight. “This was a job that started off to be a part time job that turned out to be a full time one.”

As people moved into Mountain, and along his route, his job became bigger. There was Sandy Moun-

tain, the St. Johns subdivision, and many others like them.

His day began at about 8 o’clock each morning. He went down to the Mountain Post Office, and waited for the mailtruck to come in from Brockville. After the mail was sorted, he would set out to get the mail to the people. But the hardest trick was to get everything delivered in time to get the outgoing mail on the truck that left the Mountain Post Office at 3:45. “Sometimes I just didn’t make it.”

Through rain and sleet and hail... is a cliché’ oath meant for the American mailmen who didn’t have to put with a Canadian winter. “The Post office says you never have to have to beak your own track (in the snow), but I broke plenty in my day,” says Wylie. “I would look down a road and try to figure out whether or not I could make it. Sometimes I didn’t,” he explains. “If I got stuck, I would get a farmer to pull me out.”

But it is not just the natural elements that get in a rural postman’s way, the human element can be just as obtrusive.

“I got to the point where I refused to play flag games,” he says. “I would put the mail in the mailbox, and try to put the flag up. But when I couldn’t, I couldn’t. Some people with broken mailboxes would hold up the flag with a little stick or a block of ice. Some people just don’t look after their mailboxes. After a while, you learn who knows how to use their mailboxes and who doesn’t.”

The winter can play havoc with

those who work outside. “When a snowplow would come and plow a road, where do they put the snow?” he queries. “So I would come along, and someone has put a cardboard box on top of the snow drift where their mailbox was.”

And there are some people however, who are not satisfied with sending a conventional letter or package.

“I once delivered a crate of 100, day old chicks. I drove them twenty miles until I delivered them,” he says. “He didn’t want to pick them up at the post office, he wanted them delivered.”

And, as expected, humans are not the only problem. Wylie says he often had a problem with birds. He says they like to make nests in mailboxes. He says he would put the mail in the box, and bird would come along, and fly away with it. “They can’t read, so they’ll take cheques,” he says.

But one of the more peculiar occurrences was when two german shepards kept nipping at the front tires of his truck. “Every time I came, they were there both biting the two front tires. They were pretty strong because I could feel them on the steering wheel. After a while, the tires were covered with teeth marks. But one day, they came out, did the same thing, and I could hear a ‘ssssssss’. They put a hole right through the tire. I wouldn’t of believed it if I didn’t see it.”

Wylie began working as a schoolbus driver. And at sixteen that made for some interesting circumstances. “I drove my own

classmates to school. After that, I drove their kids.”

And that is probably the biggest asset of being a bus driver and a mailman; the contact with people.

“I know everybody on the route,” Wylie says. Not all of them personally, but by name. He says after a while, you get to know “how” to deliver the mail.

If Wylie has to deliver a letter to a Smith, and there are four Smiths on the route, he can usually tell who it’s for.

“You get to know who people deal with. If a Smith gets a letter from Ford, and he has a Chevy, well, you can tell who gets what.”

But after years of delivering the mail, Wylie’s health slowed him down a bit. A bout with skin cancer and being diagnosed with diabetes made him finally decide to call it quits.

“It was an interesting job, that’s for sure.”

But just because a man retires, that doesn’t mean he slows down. He and his wife have six children, and he says he has plenty of catching up to do. “I’ve been letting things slide around the property, so I’ve got some work to do.”

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, July 19, 1989



# Mountain Post Office celebrates 100 years of serving the community

Mrs. Lillian Van Allen remembers the days when the price of sending a first class letter was just 4 cents, the Christmas mail was delivered by horse and cutter, and a postal strike was unheard of.

The Mountain Post office is celebrating its Centennial, and Mrs. Van Allen along with husband Clair were responsible for making sure the mail got through for 35 of those 100 years.

Mountain's first version of Canada Post opened its doors in 1883, almost 40 years after the one in neighboring South Mountain began operations.

Mountain's first postmaster was a man by the name of Reuban Shaver, Clair Van Allen's grandfather. Mr. Shaver began his ambitious project in the cramped quarters of a general store belonging to son-in-law, Samuel Van Allen.

The store, located on Main St., was tucked away in one end of the Van Allen residence. It was a small, narrow room of the house, with shelves on the east wall. In the middle of the shop stood a candy showcase fully stocked, with counter down the centre.

In the closed quarters, there was little more than enough room to walk between the counter and the west wall. The post office was tucked away in the rear.

In 1898, Reuban Shaver retired, and son-in-law Samuel Van Allen took over the operation of the post office.

There was no home delivery at the time. Mail was sorted into various pigeon holes and residents would come in to pick it up themselves. Rural route delivery wasn't started until 1910, when three mailmen were hired to serve RR1, RR2, and RR3.

The Van Allen's kept up the

focus

business in the awkward conditions until 1936, when the building was expanded. A new residence was added to the east side of the house, and the Van Allen family rooms converted to add more room to the store.

A new entrance on the west side of the building gave people easier access to the post office on days when the store closed early. An apartment was also built for Clair and Lillian Van Allen on the second floor.

Mr Van Allen passed away in 1939. His son Allen and daughter-in-law Elsie took over the general store, while son Clair took over as third generation postmaster.

Clair Van Allen and Lillian operated the post office on the same daily routine.

Mail would come into the store by the Toronto-Smith Falls-Montreal train four times a day. As well, a bag from South Mountain, and two from Hallville would also have to be sorted.

The first load would come in at around 8 a.m. There were no automatic sorting machines, everything was divided by hand into either local mail, registered, RR1, RR 2, or RR 3. Three mailmen would come into help the Van Allen's at this task. An average of 7 bags, each weighing about 50 lbs would come into the office every day for sorting.

The mail would be ready for delivery around 9:30 a.m. The mailmen would then take to,



Clair and Lillian Van Allen in early 1970's.

either cars in summer, or if there was snow on the ground a horse and cutter would get the mail through.

As today, the three would not only deliver, but would also take rural mail back into town. All you had to do was leave it in your box.

Back in the forties, Eatons and Sears catalogue orders were also popular. Cash would be left right inside the order and the Van Allen's would take care of the request back at the post office.

There were no salaries back then. The Postmaster was paid on the number of stamps he sold to customers, and the number of letters he handled through the course of the day. It was what was known as a direct revenue operation.

In 1948, Clair Van Allen bought a house two doors down from the post office on the corner with the adjacent street. A house and tin shed were converted into a residence, a new general store, and a post office. He wanted to start the business because Allen and Elsie were moving to Kemptville. The old post office location became McNeill's general store in 1949.

It was pretty much the same old routine at the post office over the years. There were however, a few changes along the way.

The three routes were later converted into two, with RR2 and RR3 being combined.

Train service to the area stopped on April 24, 1960. By then, the Smith Falls route was no longer serving Mountain. Instead, mail came directly by bus from Brockville.

Things were not always quiet at the office either. In December of 1960, the Post Office was the scene of an attempted robbery by a man toting a

sawed-off shot gun. The robber entered the store, hoisted the gun over the counter and demanded cash.

At first, the Van Allens thought it was a joke. But when Clair Van Allen realized the robber was serious, he grabbed a childrens saucer toboggan lying around for home delivery, and rushed the thief.

The robber became panicked and ran out the door, firing a shot into the roof, and one out the door before jumping into a get-away car.

Mr. Van Allen received a commendation from the Postmaster General for his bravery.

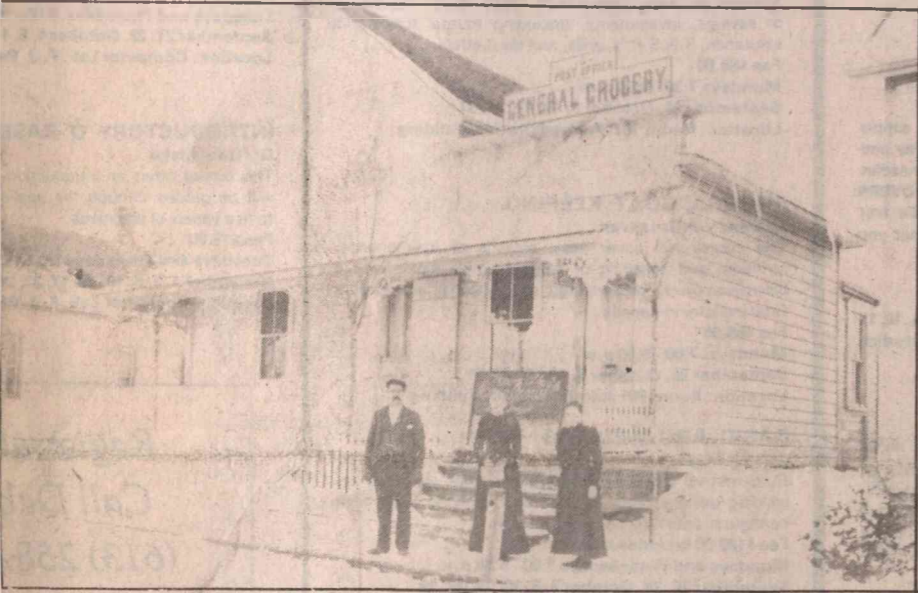
Clair Van Allen retired in 1969, and passed over the post office operations to Lillian. Mrs. Van Allen carried on the postmaster tradition until her retirement about 5 years later.

In 1973, Ken McDiarmid became the first postmaster not of the Van Allen line. He had purchased the McNeill store from original owner Harry McNeill in 1970, and moved the post office back to its original location. It was at this time that the union came into the Mountain office.

In 1975, a fire gutted the building. The McDiarmid's bought the old school on the Mountain turn-off near the railroad tracks and began converting it into another store. They then leased the old Van Allen store to operate the post-office until their new store was ready later on that year.

Ken McDiarmid carried on as postmaster until his death in 1977, when his wife and present postmaster took on the job.

Today, the Mountain post office services approximately 540 people, and still maintains its two rural routes.



Post office in the days of Samuel Van Allen.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, September 14, 1988

Trains played a large part in the early days of mail delivery. The

first train to serve Mountain began in 1887 with a second following in 1910. Both trains were eventually discontinued, the first in 1951. The last train stopped at the Mountain post office on April 24, 1960.

Today the Mountain post office services approximately 540 people and has two rural routes.

Throughout the years it has remained as a centre of the community, as Marjorie will attest.

"Two gentlemen come in here every morning," she said. "They live on rural routes but they come in to find out what has been happening. It's their morning out."

Mountain  
post office

The Winchester Press Wed., June 8, 1988

POST CARD  
CARTE POSTALE





# Inkerman Canada Post

Inkerman's post office is changing from a corporate office to a private retail outlet, but it's a move which will prove service according to Canada Post's Laszlo Szabo.

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A retail outlet in Inkerman will increase the hours of service because postal services will be available when the business is open, he adds. The Inkerman office, currently located in the Inkerman General Store, is contracted for 24 hours a week as a corporate office.

But Cauvier says services located in the Inkerman General Store are already available during all store business hours despite the 24-hour a week contract. Retail businesses are paid on commission, says Retail Network Officer Mike Page. The dealer will receive 16.5-per-cent on the sale of items such as stamps. For services that require pick up at the post office such as registered mail, the dealer will receive a flat rate of 25 cents per piece in addition to the commission.

## Mountain musings

by Shirley Mills

As part of the Canada Day celebrations in South Mountain, the draw sponsored by the Mountain Lions Club was held. The winner of the satellite dish was Dan Xatruch from Rockland. The second prize of \$250 went to Jeffrey Lee of Perth and the third prize winner of \$100 was Ian Woods of Orleans.

Coming up on Sat., July 20 is the annual beef barbecue which is held in Hallville. This event is sponsored by the Lions Club and members will begin serving at 4pm, with a dance to follow. Tickets are now available from any member of the Mountain Lions or by calling Dick Blaine at 989-2963.

The Mountain Township fairgrounds will be the scene of wild action on July 21. And when you think about it, there has been a wide variety of activities held there, either in the Ag Hall or on the fairgrounds. Inside there might be dances, dinners, talent shows, art displays or bingos, while on the grounds we have been entertained by tractor pulls, horse racing, demolition derbies, the fall fairs. But now the Agricultural Society is co-sponsoring a fairly new sport. On July 21, beginning at noon, there will be snowmobile grass drags. This event is also sponsored by the Mountain Trail Blazers and promises to be an exciting spectacle. If you are interested in participating, contact Dwight or Debbie Harper at 989-2472 for entry forms.

The Winchester Press Wed., July 17, 1991

For a change of pace, how about an old fashioned hymn sing? Such an event will be held at St. Peter's Anglican Church in South Mountain on Sunday evening, July 21 at 7:30pm. Garth Hampson, an ex-RCMP officer, will lead the singing which will include good, old-time hymns and a few gospel numbers. Light refreshments will be served and although there is no admission charge, a freewill offering will be taken.

## Mountain musings

by Shirley Mills

The Mountain Lions Club recently wound up the year's activities at a special Ladies' Night. This does not mean, however, that the Lions or other active groups in Mountain — the IOOF and the Agricultural Society — have stopped working. There were all the events of Canada Day, there will be a barbecue and dance in Hallville plus snowmobile grass drags both later in July and, naturally, the South Mountain Fair.

Another activity which is very quietly ongoing is the collection of pop cans for recycling which the Mountain Lions have dealt with for a couple of years. The proceeds go to CHEO and, without fanfare, over \$1,000 was donated from this source over the last few months. This is a worthy cause and one which many people would support.

However, now a note to the Lions Club. With new regulations coming into effect at the township dump, would it be possible to have other drop-off points for these cans? We could let people know through this column.

## Mountain musings

by Shirley Mills

Greg and Heather Erwin and Dennis and Marie Puddy organized a private New Year's Eve party at which \$250 was collected. This money was donated to the Mountain Township Fire Department. This was most appreciated and thanks go to

Have you noticed the new crop some farmers seem to have? Giant marshmallows! We've seen these in the corners of a few fields. Oh we know they are simply bales of hay neatly wrapped in plastic but take a look at them. The white plastic is shiny, there is a slight indentation at the top and not a wisp of hay is showing — just like giant marshmallows.

The Winchester Press Wed., July 3, 1991

## Mountain musings

by Shirley Mills

Most of us read the new rules and regulations concerning garbage pickup in Mountain Township which appeared in last week's Press. However, let's simplify this for the average homeowner.

Garbage pickup will take place on Wednesdays for the whole township. This begins on Wed., Aug. 7. Each household can put out up to eight bags per week, but please have them at the edge of the driveway/road by 7:30am. The truck will go along concession roads, even "dead-end" ones, but as we understand it, if the house is back in a long laneway or on an accession road, the garbage should be brought to the concession road. It is hoped to handle recycled materials at some time in the future, but this will take place when the "new" system has settled.

The Winchester Press Wed., July 31, 1991

It is with regret that the Mountain and District Lions Club has announced that, as of Aug. 1, it will no longer be collecting pop cans for recycling. This project has been in operation for over two years and CHEO, the recipient of the proceeds, has greatly benefitted. Now, however, it is involving a great many man-hours to handle and in addition, some of the pop manufacturers have switched to steel cans (from aluminum) with a very low purchase rate. The Lions Club has therefore decided to discontinue this project.

Inkerman's Shirley Mills, a 1981 graduate of Algonquin College with 10 years experience as a library technician in Ottawa, Morewood and Winchester is excited about the new challenge of heading up the Metcalfe Library. With a great passion for books she reads at least a million, her favorite being "fiction", she admits to 23 of his novels, her own. With a keen memory for what she reads, Mills regrets that they will no longer be available. Parazit will never go past a book store without going in. "I could not see me in a library where I can borrow books because he couldn't afford to keep me much longer."

Mills was a freelance writer and editor of a newspaper in Ottawa. Moving to this area, she became involved with The Winchester Press as a part-time typewriter and proofreader and for the past 5 years she has written the column "Mountain Musings". Recently she compiled the historical facts surrounding the book for their 100th anniversary and is doing the same for South Mountain. One may detect a trace of Scottish accent from this new librarian in spite of her effort to



Shirley Mills.

The Winchester Press Wed., July 17, 1991



# South Mountain Church celebrates centennial

The South Mountain United Church has been celebrating its centennial all year in 1992, but things came to a climax last Sunday when the congregation held a showcase of its musical talent.

The events included a duet by Marlene Fawcette and Dale Williams, and there was also an appearance by the South Mountain Choir. Dick Christie and Charon Richardson sang a duet, and the South Mountain Men sang three numbers.

Also included in the celebrations was the Grenville County Country Singers who put out a much appreciated, and tremendous performance.

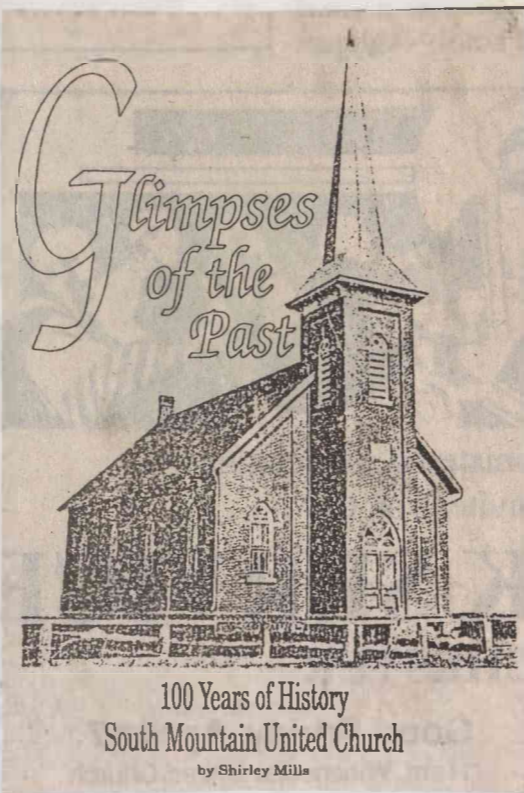
The church has hosted a number of events this year, including a guest appearance by the moderator of the United Church from Saskatchewan, Walter Fargeson.

"November first was the official anniversary of our building," says Aarie Hoogenboom, who helped organise the events. "We celebrated by having two services. We had our regular service at 11:00-am which was filled to capacity, and that included the Harmony Six providing special music, and we had Sterling Irving as the guest speaker."

In the evening the church had another overflow crowd for its list of musical talent. According to Hoogenboom the numbers were around 160-175 people in

the morning, and over 150 people in the evening. Some of the people who were there were forced to stand in the hallways.

The Mountain United Church has now published a book documenting its history. The book was written by Shirley Mills and is available through the church or any of its members.



The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, November 4, 1992

## glimpses into South Mountain's past

In the mid-70s, when she lived in Ottawa, she entered a church history contest earning honorable mention for her efforts. In the early 1980s she was asked to write church history for the Inkerman United Church on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

That work made her the perfect choice for the Mountain-South Mountain United Church congregation who wanted a 100-year history of their church. Members first approached Mills three years ago with the idea, however it was only during the last six months that she has been getting down to the nuts and bolts work.

"There were times when I wondered how could I get all the information in and still make a story out of it," she admits. "It's not a religious book, it's really the story of the people associated with the church and the township they lived in."

She spent many months searching through old records and conversing with elder member of the congregation about the church history. Records, pictures, orders of service, other books and documents from both Mountain and South Mountain churches had to be sifted through.

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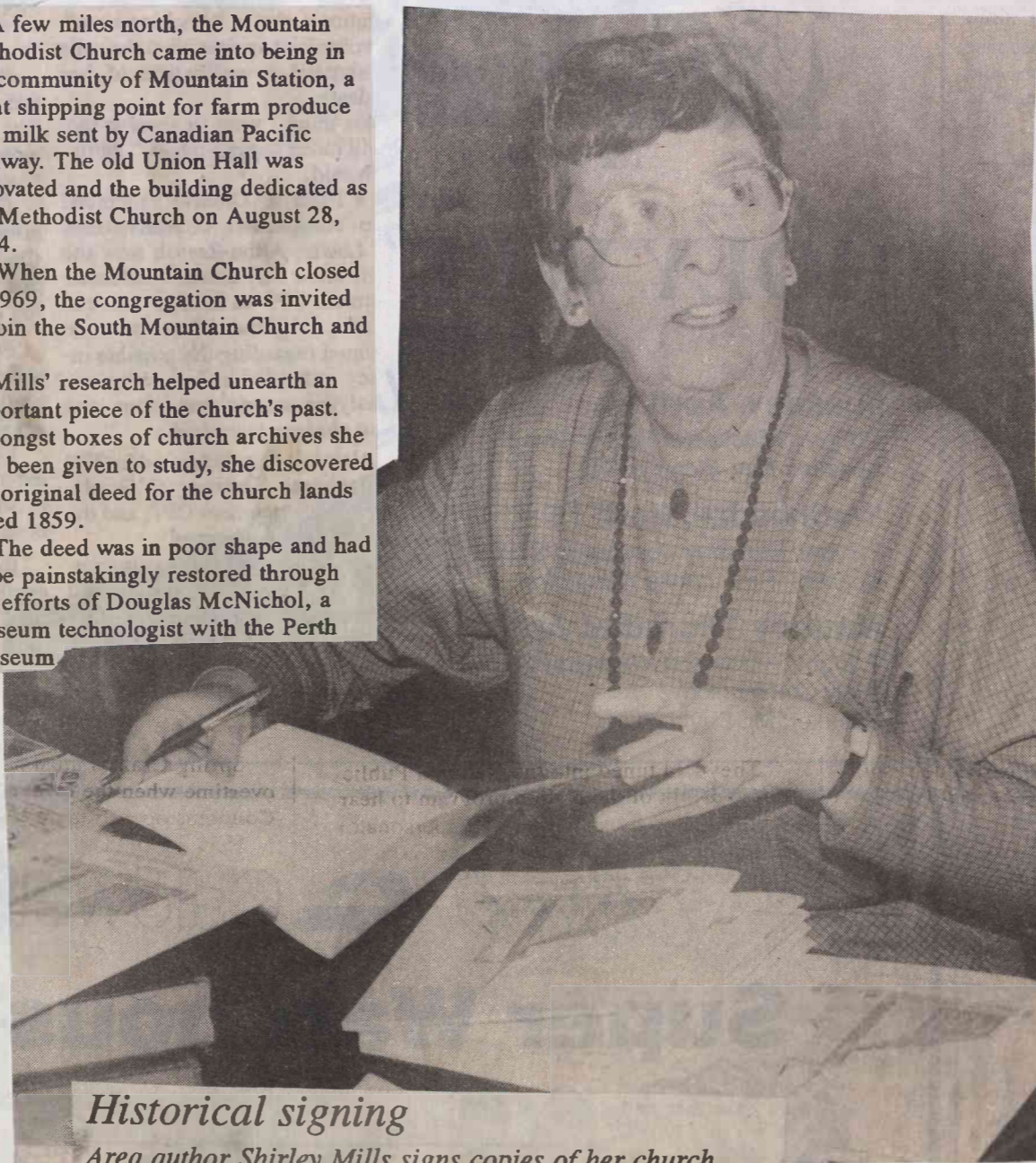
November 16, 1859 was the date the trustees of the Wesleyan Methodist Church bought land in South Mountain. The Methodists, who were one of the partners in the formation of the United Church, held their first meetings in a schoolhouse northeast of the village until a wooden structure was erected in 1860. It was replaced by a more permanent structure, a red brick church which continues to stand today, in 1892 at a cost of \$4,000.

A few miles north, the Mountain Methodist Church came into being in the community of Mountain Station, a great shipping point for farm produce and milk sent by Canadian Pacific Railway. The old Union Hall was renovated and the building dedicated as the Methodist Church on August 28, 1904.

When the Mountain Church closed in 1969, the congregation was invited to join the South Mountain Church and did.

Mills' research helped unearth an important piece of the church's past. Amongst boxes of church archives she had been given to study, she discovered the original deed for the church lands dated 1859.

The deed was in poor shape and had to be painstakingly restored through the efforts of Douglas McNichol, a museum technologist with the Perth Museum.



### Historical signing

Area author Shirley Mills signs copies of her church history "Glimpses of the Past" (inset) at South Mountain United Church recently.

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### Mountain musings

by Shirley Mills

Famine. We know it exists but few of us have ever had to experience this total lack of food. A group of people in Hallville, however, has decided to do something to help the starving of the world. Shirley Nichol-Scott, Shane Nichol, Marlene Fawcett, Louise Shaw and Dick Christie will be fasting for 30 hours on Feb. 22 and 23, with any money raised by their efforts going to World Vision.

Any one of the five members can be sponsored but there is no competition and the money raised will be sent collectively to World Vision. This organization supports children in Third World countries and indirectly the whole family of such children. Any member of the group will be glad to take your pledge.

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# Mountain Township

## celebrates bicentennial



Saturday morning when the first truckload of logs arrived, Mountain residents started the reconstruction of an which was originally a smoke-house 100 years ago is almost finished. This weekend, if the weather stays nice, the final touches of shingles and mortar will be added.

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This clown doesn't look that happy for being in a parade which started two days of community festivities. But then, maybe

she's not happy about the sudden weight gain she's had.



### Pine planting at Mountain

Members of the Mountain Township Senior Citizens Club held a tree planting of Ontario's official tree, the White Pine, in front of the Mountain Community Hall last

Wednesday. Planting the tree are from left, Walter Lawrence, Matt Hastings, Wilfred McLaren and Hilda Kirkby.



Shannon Boyd hops to it at the sack races for children held at the community park Saturday. About 30 children, aged three to

15, took part in the racing competitions that afternoon.

MOUNTAIN — "You could really brag if someone asks you what you did Saturday morning," laughed a Mountain Township resident. "You organized a parade, then you built a log cabin."

"But what did I do in the afternoon?" asked John D. Maxwell, heritage weekend committee chairman.

More than 300 members of the Mountain community showed up at the community park for two days of fun and celebration during Heritage Weekend, July 14 and 15.

The events got under way Saturday morning with a colorful parade of horses, clowns and antique cars following the carnival-style organ music to the community park where the rest of the festivities took place.

The highlight of the weekend was the reconstruction of an authentic log cabin which was more than 100 years old. The 10' by 12' building was divided into 20 or 30 pieces and transported from a prosperous farm near Merrickville where it was being used as a storage shed. The cabin had earlier been used as a smoke-house.

Maxwell said that the walls went up in an hour, rafters in an hour, and the roof boards in an hour, but the cabin still needs shingles and chinking. The cabin is still not finished "but it looks like a cabin now," said Maxwell.

The log cabin rebuilding was brought in to "recreate the feeling that would've been would be at a pioneer bee," said Maxwell. He looked three months for a cabin in Mountain Township but there were no offers so one had to be bought from outside. If the cabin had been bigger it would have been used either as a concession stand or a day care centre. As it is, it will just be used as a monument.

While the construction took place in one part of the park, children played games in another part. Two-legged, three-legged, four-legged, sack and wheelbarrow contests were run with bi-centennial posters and buttons being given out.

Sunday a lunch was again provided with an ecumenical outdoor church service to follow. Four members of the clergy and a choir made up of 40 members from different churches in the township took part in the service along with about 250 residents.

MP Ed Lumley, MPP Noble Villeneuve, Mountain Township Reeve Keith Fawcett and Dundas Dairy Princess Suzanne Rose were to give speeches, but rain stopped the talks after Fawcett had spoken.



# Firemen thanked for job well done

**SOUTH MOUNTAIN** — Residents of Mountain Township said "thanks" Saturday night for more than 30 years of fire service in a special "Appreciation Night" at the South Mountain Community Hall Saturday night.

With many of the township's past fire chiefs and firemen in attendance, including relatives of deceased firemen, the township paid tribute to the history of a department many of the night's speakers called "one of the best in SD&G".

"Any fire department, any organization, needs to have a good foundation," said Ed Hiscoll, Eastern Ontario advisor with the Fire Marshal's office. "You people must have built one hell of a foundation because you've got one hell of a department here."

"This is an occasion that's overdue," said Mountain Township Reeve Keith Fawcett. "It's a pleasure to live in a community with this type of firemen."

With the latest members of the township's department looking on, the department's past firemen, including six of the original members of the first 1947 station, were presented with special plaques commemorating their service.

It was also announced that the Mountain Township Lions had donated \$150 for a commemorative plaque in the station. The plaque will carry the names of all those who have served with the station.

"The fact that you people have turned out to show your appreciation says it all," Lou Carrier, past co-ordinator of SD&G's Mutual Aid, said to the audience. "They have done their job."

The audience was told how the township department started in 1947 with a \$1,000 fire hall and \$2,000 worth of hose and steadily built it up over the next three decades.

"We didn't have any money, we just had to make do with what we had," said Ted Van Bridger, a

former chief, recalling the early days of the department. "When we started out South Mountain was just a police village."

As for the Appreciation Night, Van Bridger said he felt "quite honored". "I appreciate this quite a bit."

Plaques of recognition were presented posthumously to Gordon Boyd, John Brown, Fred

Barrigar, Albert Hoeksema, William Robinson, Robert Robinson, Thomas Shaver, John Thompson, Ogle Workman and Henry Wilson.

Past township firemen still living include Lucien Benoit, Victor Barton, David Black, Robert Boyd, Tan Cameron, Car-

men Crowder, Cecil Downham, William Gates, Arnold Graham, Yves Guitard, Garnet Halpenny, Arthur Kenney, Clarence Marriner and Glen Marriner.

Also presented with plaques were Keith Robinson, Earl Roach, Donald Scott, Leen Seiling, John Sheldon, Lyle Sullivan, Rev. Douglas Tatton, Edward

Van Bridger, Fred Weagant, Garth Workman and Robert Wright.

"In any community," said Ed Hiscoll, "the most important thing that can be given to the community is that sense of security that if there is a fire in the middle of the night they can call for help."

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## Mountain Township volunteers

Sporting their newly acquired dress uniforms the Mountain Township Volunteer Fire Department posed for a photo prior to Monday night's Mutual Aid meeting hosted at their South Mountain facility. Front, left to right, Dwayne Berry, Barton Simpson, Claude Brisebois, Paul

Simms, Gerald Boyce, Dwayne Wyatt, Clair Bartholomew. Back, left to right, Donat Tremblay, Brian Halpenny, Doug Boyd, deputy chief Terry Foley, fire chief Jim Scott, Bob Weagant, Wally Ace

*Winchester Press June 19/85*

# Volunteers help Mountain Township to grow

Community involvement is the key to life in active Mountain Township, a municipality proud of its many busy volunteers.

The township traces its history back to the 1970s, when the nine-square-mile tract of land was first surveyed. The township owes its name to Rev. Dr. Jacob Mountain, who was consecrated the first Lord Bishop of Quebec in 1793. It is not known if Mountain ever visited the area that bears his name today.

By 1815 the township boasted 28 permanent settlers, mostly United Empire Loyalists. The first settlers concentrated mainly around Boyd's Bridge, now known as South Mountain. The village of Mountain began to flourish in the late 1800s with the coming of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Mountain Township today remains a primarily agricultural community, with four hamlet areas: Hallville, Mountain, South Mountain and Inkerman.

The population of the township is 3,004 and its land and buildings are assessed at a total value of \$5,220,000, says township councillor Ewart Simms.

There are currently three approved subdivisions in the township. The St. John's subdivision at Hallville now has about 10 or 12 homes, while a 29-lot subdivision in South Mountain is just beginning to grow. The subdivision at Harmony offers 1.5 to two-acre estate lots.

The township takes pride in 115 miles of roads, and has a well-equipped volunteer fire department which serves part of Matilda and South Gower Townships as well as Mountain.

A number of volunteer organizations have been a big help to the township over the years, says councillor Simms.

The Mountain Township Agricultural Society operates an annual fair in South Mountain, and the hamlet also offers a free Canada Day celebration for families

every July 1, also a volunteer effort.

The township has a recreation association which oversees the activities of subcommittees of local volunteers in each of the four hamlet areas.

Recreation facilities in the township include two lighted ball diamonds, one at Mountain and another at South Mountain; a lighted double tennis court in South Mountain, and an outdoor rink in each hamlet. The Mountain community centre holds up to 100 people, while the Mountain Township Agricultural Society Hall in South Mountain will hold 275.

There are nine churches of various denominations within the township.

There is a public library in South



Mountain, which is part of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry county library system.

Three United Counties wardens have been drawn from Mountain Township over the years. The first, William G. Timmins of Inkerman, served as warden in 1915. Robert Bryan had the job in 1939, and Ewart Simms served in 1978.

An active Lions Club and Independent Order of Oddfellows sponsor a yearly Santa Claus parade and a variety of other activities.

To regulate future growth in the township, council has an official plan and zoning bylaw, which it hopes to update this year. Another council project will involve signs for township roads and possibly property numbering.

According to Simms, the township can offer a little bit of everything to the newcomer. "We welcome people who are interested in rural living and are willing to accept what goes with rural living," he said. "It's a good place to live, and work, and play."

Regular council meetings are held on the first Monday of each month and are open to the public. Members of township council include Reeve Keith Fawcett, Deputy Reeve Jim Alexander, councillors Donald Levere, Keith Smith and Ewart Simms, and clerk Joan Maxwell. Township road superintendent is Ron Timmins, and John Palmer serves as drainage superintendent. The township municipal office may be contacted by calling 989-2915.



# Mountain preparing for opening of revitalized community hall

Fear not! The Mountain United Church is not being dismantled or uprooted by any means. Rather, the community is now undergoing final preparations in the restoration and expansion of the structure.

Originally constructed as a Methodist Church, a proposal to convert the building into a Community Centre for the benefit of the entire community generated a response so favourable that the

project is being supported 100 percent by the residents of the township.

The project was initially proposed one year ago in an effort to determine whether the plan would be worthwhile. With the response as favourable as it was, a Board of Directors compiled of 5 township residents was established to coordinate the program which includes amongst other members township resident, Mrs.

John Clark, Secretary-Treasurer, along with a Project Supervisor, responsible for the hiring of local youths whose "bull-work" has proved invaluable in the restoration process.

The reconstruction of the building has been made possible largely by the generous donations by neighbouring service organizations along with financial assistance provided by a Wintario grant.

To date, new washrooms have been installed along with a completely renovated septic system and heating facilities. At present, the walls of the church are in the process of being panelled.

The bell itself is now in the township garage and will be reinstalled for historical purposes, not in the steeple, but will probably be inserted within an outside brick wall.

The official opening of the 'Mountain Township Community

Centre' is anticipated to be in late March or early April and it is hoped that the centre will be used for the purpose of voting in the upcoming Federal election. As well it will provide a hall for many of the community's service groups including the Senior Citizens, Women's Institute and the Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club. It is hoped that the hall will also be used for dances along with various other forms of activity for the townships younger residents.

Reeve Keith Fawcett, chairman for the meeting, started off by welcoming the public and introducing the board of directors. He praised the group for its tireless efforts in completing the facility.

Maurice Hyndman, chairman of the centre for the past three years, thanked John Palmer, project supervisor during the construction of the building. He also thanked the board for its interest and direction in planning the project.

Florence Clark, secretary-treasurer, read the minutes from the organizational meeting on Jan. 23, 1978. She reviewed the financial statements, including a proposed budget for 1981.

John Palmer then explained the various stages of the construction of the hall. He pointed out changes in the design to facilitate handicapped persons, project over-runs involving lighting, insulation and the installation of energy-efficient heat pumps. However, the low debt can be erased with the support of the community.

Ewart Simms then read the constitution, explaining it clause by clause. It was accepted with one amendment and one deletion.

Nominations were held to replace two members at large from the community. Ewart Simms and John Palmer were both re-elected to the board. The new members are Mrs. Gladys Imrie, Mrs. Donna Simms and Donald Baldwin.

Harold Boyce, Simms and Palmer are all serving their second term. Township representatives on the board are Fawcett and Councillor Earl Garlough.

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNTAIN

OFFICIAL OPENING

OF

MOUNTAIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTRE

Nov. 1, 1980

Chairman's Remarks - Reeve Ewart Simms

Greetings - Mr. Osie Villeneuve M.P.P.

Greetings - Mr. Ed Lumley M.P.

- Mr. David Powell  
Community Centres Branch

- Mr. Maurice Berthiaume  
New Horizons

Invocation - Rev. William Hare

Official Opening Ceremonies

O CANADA

Refreshments





## Mountain Community Centre renovation

Improvements to the Mountain Township Community Centre are now completed after three years of work and a number of donations from local community groups. The building in Mountain, formerly a United Church, is now fully equipped including air conditioning, full kitchen facilities and shuffleboard game. The community centre will hold 120 people and already is being used by more than 10

community groups. Gerry Boyce, first vice-president of the Winchester Lions Club, presented Ewart Simms, chairman of the board of the Mountain Township Community Centre, with a cheque for \$1,000 to help cover the costs of the work. After receiving the donation from the Winchester Lions the board will owe only \$1,000 on their well equipped community centre. Press Photo—McRoberts

The Mountain and District Lions Club is renovating the Mountain Community Centre in Mountain, Ontario and is expecting to have a new addition on the building by spring. The club is putting an eight foot by 16 foot addition onto the east side of the existing building to act as a cloakroom and storage facility. Chairman of the Lion's Com-

mittee, heading the project, Earl Roach, said the plans have not been finalized, but the foundation for the addition has been laid.

The construction of the addition and some renovations to the interior of the Community Centre are estimated to cost about \$8,000 and all work is expected to be completed by the early spring.

Mar. 1981

The Weekly Advance, Monday, December 22, 19...

by Teresa Lopinski  
Advance Staff Reporter

The Community Hall in the hamlet of Mountain will remain dry as Council unanimously turned down a bid by the Hall's Board of Directors to apply for a special occasions permit from the Ontario Liquor Control Board.

Amidst letters of objection to the special occasions permit application from Mountain community and service groups who make use of the Hall and in direct protest from a local United Church minister, Council felt it necessary to turn down this request at its July 5 meeting.

Mountain Township senior citizens made up one group who voted overwhelmingly against the special occasions permit. Members present at the June 30 meeting. The application and two at

community groups have in the outcome of the special occasions permit because of their financial support of the Mountain Community Hall, indicated a divided opinion on the matter.

The Mountain Women's Institute voted 8-6 in favour of the liquor application at its June 28 meeting. A majority of United Church Women in Mountain voted likewise, on the conditions they wouldn't have to apply for the special occasions permit for their own activities in the Hall or serve liquor for other groups they might be jointly sponsoring an event with.

Councillors noted the Mountain Snowmobile Club was the only other constitutional group remaining silent on this issue.

When the present Community Hall, a former church building, was turned over to the township, nothing was stated in writing as to how the building would be used, began Rev. Hare. "I believe it's morally wrong to use it (the building) for the sale of alcoholic beverages," he added.

"Personally, I have nothing against drinking," continued the United Church minister. "It's drinking and driving I'm against. If the Community Hall gets a

permit for the sale of liquor within its walls, this may just contribute to an increase in alcohol-related traffic accidents in this township."

"The Methodist and Presbyterian churches are strongly in favour of the temperance movement," said Rev. Hare, "and I, too, believe abstinence is the best policy. But if people want to have a wet party, there's plenty of places for them to go in the township already without the Community Hall also being used for that purpose, too," he added.

**Council opinion**  
Commenting on the special occasions permit, Don Herman Jensen said he would Hare in Mountain Township places for liquor at parties already."

Jensen said he would approve of the special occasions permit for the Community Hall if it would only be used for the consumption of wine at wedding parties or other private parties. This being an unrealistic and unlikely situation, the Deputy Reeve said he was against liquor licence application.

Councillor Earl G... is a member of the Community Hall Board... said he felt bad... paying for a special occasions permit when so... and groups are

...reel I've been misled," said Mr. Garlough. "One month ago I was for the liquor licence application and was under the impression that Mountain people and groups were for it too. Now with all this protest I see the situation differently and have to change my mind too on this application," he added.

Councillors Don Levere and Jim Alexander likewise expressed a desire to reject the liquor licence application.

Mr. Levere said he lives next to the licenced Odd Fellows building in South Mountain and doesn't like it one bit, adding that he's part of the group campaigning to eliminate the liquor licence there.

"Mountain already has one licenced establishment in the form of the Stage West Restaurant," said Councillor Levere. "For a small community like Mountain that's enough."

Both Councillors Levere and Alexander said the Community Hall isn't experiencing any financial difficulty right now, so

there really isn't any need for it to be licenced as a means of raising revenue.

"Since the Community Hall debt has been reduced from around \$5,000 to \$1,000, there isn't any need to have liquor sold there for... g," said Mr. Alexander.

...ve Keith Fawcett... decision to not approve special occasions permit unanimous.

"If the church members who sold the \$35,000-valued property to the township for \$1 knew liquor would be sold there, we probably wouldn't have a Community Hall there today," the Reeve said.

"The Community Hall is a beautiful one for its size and it should stay that way," continued the Reeve. "I heard someone say that Council has no business

...ing anything in this special occasions permit matter. To that I... e Council has every right to... eak as the township pays for heating and insurance costs for the Community Hall which amount to \$1,800 per year. The township also looks after Community Hall loans which vary between \$6,000 to \$8,000. With this record of participation Council has to turn a request down," he added.

### Earlier community protest

Council's decision not to approve the special occasions permit for the Community Hall also had its basis in comments made by concerned Township residents at Mountain's June 7 meeting.

At that time, a half dozen senior citizens voiced their protest and objection to the special occasions permit application. The senior citizens association in Mountain helped the Community Hall through funding assistance. There was a fear expressed that they might withdraw their financial support of the building if the special occasions permit received approval from Council before going to the Ontario Liquor Control Board.

The Mountain Lions Club first requested a special occasions permit to accompany events they hold in the hall.

"The sale of liquor at an event is seen as being the crowd drawing factor the Lions need to break even in their fund-raising socials," explained seniors representative Don Baldwin.

Mountain Community Hall to remain dry

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Mountain Lions' Roy Sherrer (right) and Brian Telford organized a fund raising dance to pay for a security system for Mountain General Store owner Bob

Derraugh. Mr. Sherrer said the whole community was behind the project, and helped to make it a success.

Press Photo—Riley

## Neighbors dance for Mountain grocer

MOUNTAIN — Bob Derraugh has had his faith in his fellow man wholeheartedly reaffirmed.

Mr. Derraugh, owner of Mountain General Store, was beginning to have doubts after being robbed five times since last August with thieves averaging takes of between \$2,000 and \$2,500. In five years, he was robbed 13 times.

Last Friday night, in an unprecedented move, the Mountain Township Lions Club sponsored a community dance to raise money for an alarm system for the store.

The response surprised everyone. A total of \$3,000 was raised to cover the cost of the alarm system and heat and smoke detectors.

"I was overwhelmed," said Mr. Derraugh. "They said they need a store in the community and they wanted to keep me here. I feel pretty proud to live here."

Mr. Derraugh, who admitted he had thought about giving up because of the robberies, said his mother, who lives in Ottawa, couldn't believe the community spirit.

"In Ottawa people don't even know their own neighbours," he said. "Here, it's like one big happy family. It sure picks you up to know people care."

The fund-raising project was started about five weeks ago by Lions Roy Sherrer and Brian Telford, who made a "spur of the moment" decision, following the latest break-in at the store.

The Lions made an unprecedented decision to donate money to a private individual because Mr. Derraugh is "a great asset to the community," Mr. Sherrer said.

"We had great support from the community," he said. "We sold 300 tickets and we could have sold more. There were people who couldn't get in and had to be turned away at the door."

In addition to the dance, Mr. Telford said the community came out to help before the dance with a 14-man lookout team to keep an eye on the store following the last break-in.

The new alarm system is being installed in the store this week.

"I think it proves that this community still believes in what the Bible says," Mr. Sherrer said. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Music for the dance was provided by Barry Redmond and Rob Fawcett, who played for a capacity crowd at the Mountain Township Agricultural Society Hall in South Mountain.

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May 2/84



## Nationview honoured for community spirit

The Lions Club of Mountain Township made a special presentation to the Nationview Public School last Friday in recognition of neighbourhood participation. Accepting the accolades from Lion Gerry Lecuyer, right, were the student body and staff members, from left; Garth Workman, Helen Bartholomew, Larry Berry and Gerry Morrell.

The Weekly Advance  
May 30/84

## Nationview pupils learn bike safety



Young bike riders had an opportunity to have their vehicles protected against theft at the Bike Rodeo Saturday at Nationview Public School. At this station, members of the Mountain Township Lions Club engraved the drivers licence number or social insurance number of youngsters' parents onto the bike frame.

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June 6/84



Mountain Orchards, says co-owner Bob Hobson, draws 3,000 people on a good day. Of that crowd, 90 per cent will be from Ottawa.

One of the largest pick-your-own apple orchards in the area, it has become a fall tradition with many city residents whose outings on the field account for 40 per cent of the orchard's business.

"It's a day, you know," says Mr. Hobson. "It's an outing for people with their kids. It's pleasant out here and there are no hassles."

Those coming out to the orchard are supplied with ladders and charged \$10 a bushel.

With portions of the orchard open to sometimes inexperienced pickers every day there is a problem with wastage, Mr. Hobson says. But the wastage is considered one of the prices that have to be paid in maintaining a seven day a week pick-your-own operation.

Les Bale of Ottawa came out to the orchard for the first time last week, lured by an ad in the Ottawa Citizen.

"It's just the idea of a family outing," he said of his reason for coming. "I don't think you look at the price of gas or anything. It's the idea of getting out into the country."



Reg Harper prepares to take another load of apple pickers to the trees at Mountain Orchards. For the last 14 years, portions of the orchard have been open to people who want to pick their own apples. Orchard co-owner Bob

Hobson says pick-your-own sales now account for 40 per cent of the business. And of the people who come to the orchard, sometimes as many as 3,000 in a day, 90 per cent are from Ottawa.

Winchester Press Sept 21/83

## Mr. Gibson, take a bough



Most years, he aims at selling a thousand trees during the traditional two-week selling period before Christmas. This year snow brought the people out earlier. "Snow always puts people in the Christmas spirit," he says.

For Gibson, selling Christmas trees is more than a business. Bigger growers have told him he's crazy sticking to a small scale operation. Gibson says there's more to it than money.

"It's kind of gratifying to grow a tree and grow it nicely," he says. "I also enjoy the people. I spent 28 years in the orchards and I got away from it. It's good meeting people again."

"Kids get a big kick coming out here. I've seen people stay out here a whole afternoon while they get their tree."

Bill Gibson points out some of the Scotch pines on his 10-acre Christmas tree plantation just east of Mountain. Gibson, a retired apple orchard operator, got into

Christmas trees almost by accident. Nine years later, despite the small income of selling trees, Gibson says he's hooked by the challenge.

Press Photo—Riley

Dec 19/84

MOUNTAIN — Bill Gibson is ready for Christmas now.

The 73-year-old Hyndman Road resident's 8,000 to 9,000 trees ("there might be more") have been clipped into shape for the 1989 Yuletide season.

For the past 12 years, Bill has been growing mostly Scotch pine with some spruce to sell at Christmas time. According to the Christmas Tree Growers' Association of Ontario, the most popular Christmas trees in eastern Canada are white spruce, balsam fir and Scotch pine.

When he entered this field more as a hobby than anything else, Bill says he did not anticipate the amount of work that was involved.

He admits he was like many people who think a Christmas tree just naturally acquires its pleasant conical shape, perfectly formed for layers of decoration, with a resting spot on top for an angel or star.

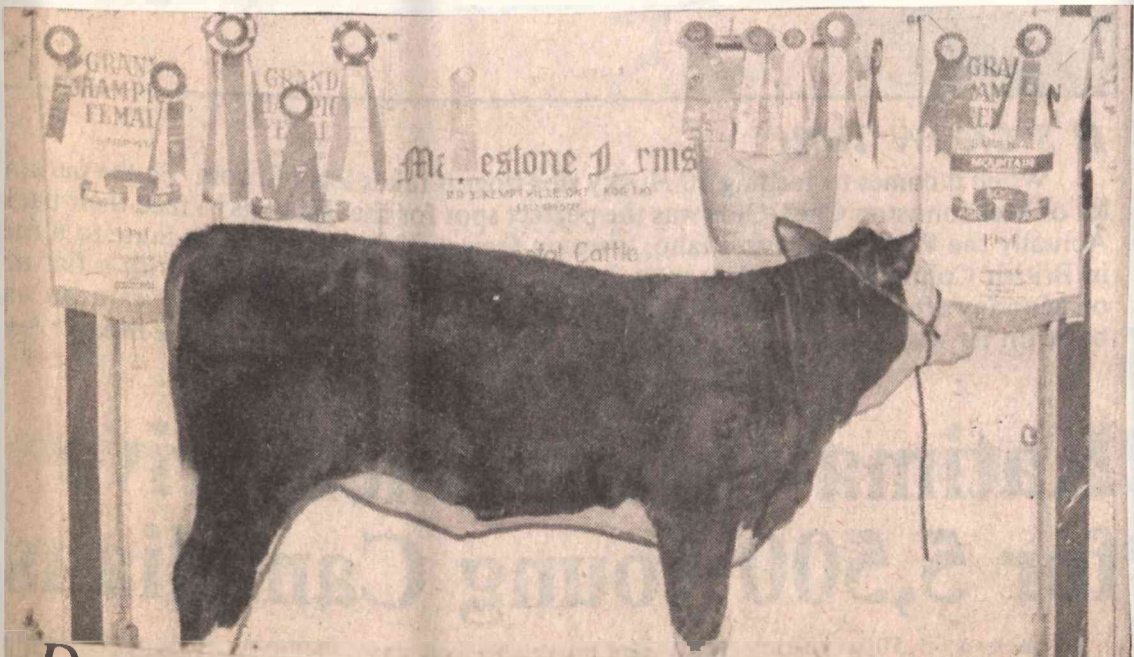
"I didn't know anything about it," said Bill.

His advice to someone considering starting his own Christmas tree business, as a sideline or as a major income source, is straightforward.

"Get to know someone who knows how, that's the best way. It saves a lot of headaches."

Bill says it takes about two weeks for one person to properly shear all of his trees, which are planted when they are about two years old. A tree will bring in the top dollar if it is ready to be sold when it is six feet tall, a height it reaches between six and eight years, explains Bill.

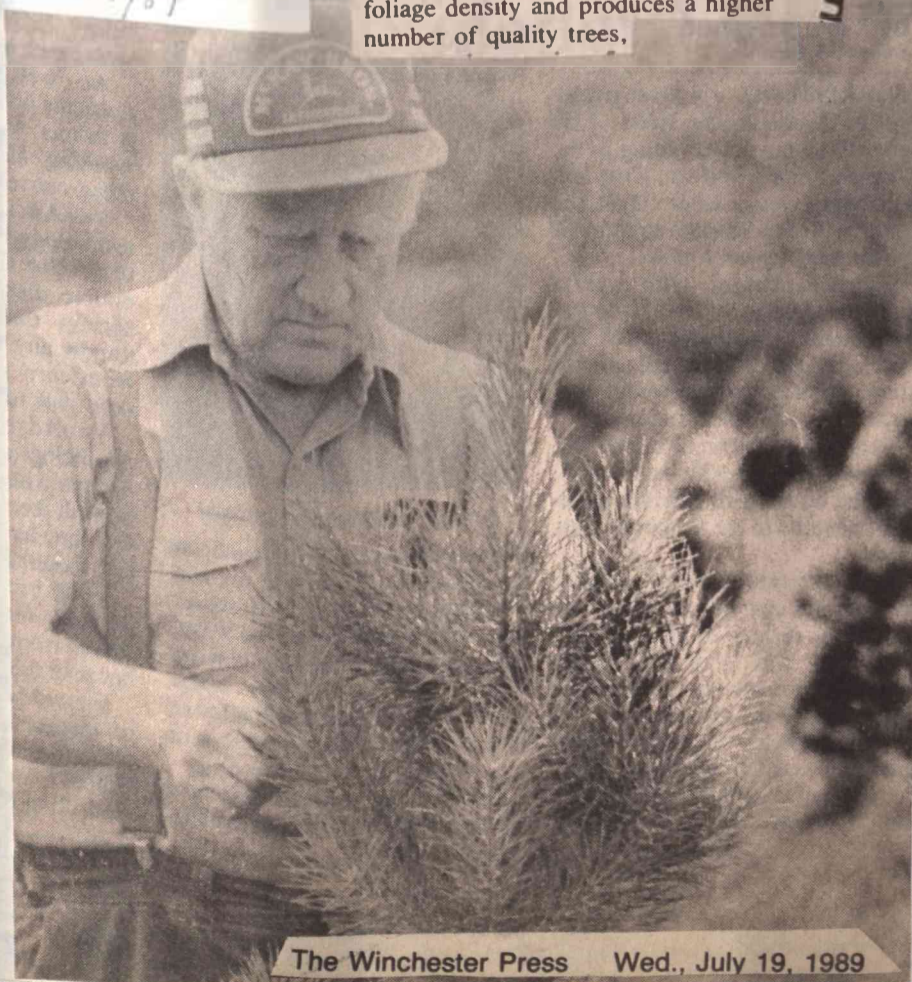
Shearing controls tree shape, promotes foliage density and produces a higher number of quality trees.



## Dream come true for local breeders

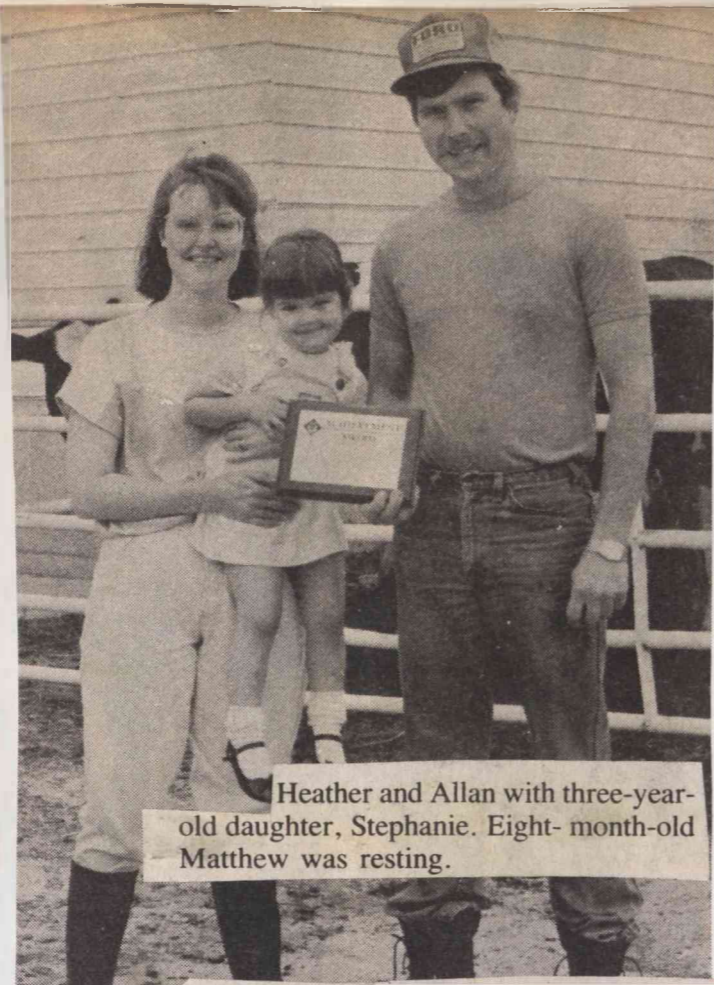
Two years of time and money paid off earlier this month for Jim and Dorothy McGill of South Gower when their heifer "Maplestone Fantasy" took fourth in her Simmental class at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado. There were about 2,800 animals at the show, which is one of the top competitions in North America. Behind Fantasy are some of the ribbons and banners she took last year in shows.

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Heather and Allan with three-year-old daughter, Stephanie. Eight-month-old Matthew was resting.

A South Mountain couple who claim they "just got lucky" have been honored by the Casco plant for delivering the best quality local corn in Eastern Ontario last year.

Allan and Heather Racine, of Racine Farms of South Mountain, received a trophy and a plaque for their accomplishments Monday morning at the company's Cardinal plant.

The young couple shipped 730 wet tonnes during the period from October 23 to 31, another 768 tonnes from November 6 to 27 and 77.43 tonnes during December, 1 to 11, for a total of 1577 tonnes of corn.

Last year the Racines' combination dairy and cash crop operation shipped 1,577 tonnes of wet corn to the Cardinal plant, grain which Brown described as "excellent quality corn."

He noted the dockage was less than one per cent, while the moisture was also good. During the farm's first shipment of corn, from Oct. 23 to Oct. 31, the moisture was less than 24 per cent, which dropped to under 21 per cent during shipments in November, ending up with early December shipments which had moisture contents of less than 20 per cent.

The Winchester Press Wed., June 20, 1990

Casco plant has been actively purchasing locally produced corn to supply its operation. The annual award presented to the Racines recognizes not only the quantity of corn a producer ships to the plant, but its consistently high quality as well.

The couple have operated Racine Farms for 10 years, since they took over the business from Racine's father, Clare.

At the time it was a beef operation, but in the past decade it has changed to a combination dairy-cash crop. The Racines currently milk approximately 50 head of Holsteins and have 1,000 acres of cash crops, which includes between 650 and 700 acres in corn.

Other crops include canola and barley.

"We've been shipping corn here for about six or seven years now," Racine said Monday. "We just got lucky this year."



### Pancake maker retiring

Ron Spong, (left) is hanging up his spatula. The 65-year-old Eagle Farm Equipment employee is retiring this August after 25 years of service. Also pictured with Spong is co-worker, Charlie Kerr.

The AgriNews April 1990

## Haying just made easier with new round bale mover



The Flexi-bale F-40 loads large round bales from the side;

The maker of a new round bale handler claims his machine turns haymaking into a one-man operation.

At a demonstration of the Flexi-Bale mover near Inkerman on July 27, Bernard Adams from Quebec-based Flexi-Metal Inc. showed how he could drive alongside a round bale with his trailer-style mover; scoop it up; push it to the back to make room for other bales and move on to another, all in a matter of seconds.

He said not only does the method require just one tractor and one operator, but it is also quicker than the front-end loader method often used to handle round bales.

Once the trailer is full, (it holds up to five bales) the mover dumps the bales in piles of three or four or pushes them off in rows.

Adams also claims piling the bales end-to-end in a silo formation is more compact for shed storage and will result in much less spoilage.

"When large round bales are stored outdoors unprotected, hay losses can be high," Adams said, quoting an article in the Ontario Farm Management Quarterly Report, written by agricultural engineer Tim Harrington. "For instance, four inches of spoiled hay in the outer shell of a five-foot diameter round bale represents a 25 per cent loss."

With the bales piled in a silo formation, Adams said only about one inch of the bottom bale spoils.

While the Flexi-bale mover

retails for \$6,250, Ault Van Bokhorst of Weagant Farm Supplies said the machine would soon pay for itself in labor and time saved.

He stressed its value to the one-man operation, saying a farmer could pick up 60 bales per hour (within one-quarter mile) without leaving the tractor seat, but added longer distances could create a problem.

Van Bokhorst also claims a zero per cent hay loss with the mover since the hay is only being handled once — gently.

Weagant's just started marketing the Flexi-Bale mover and tried it out for the first time last Friday. But Van Bokhorst says although the weather was almost too nice last Friday, there is interest in the machine.



where a large plunger pushes it to the back of the trailer.

The Winchester Press Wed., August 8, 1990



The bale handler can either unload the bales in a row, or pile them in 'silo' formation, three or four bales high.



# Fawcetts retire from family business



After recently retiring Allison and Jean Fawcett

— Allison Fawcett has no regrets in bringing a storied 22 years in the cattle selling business to a close.

Fawcett is quick to give wife Jean credit for her part as book-keeper, for the business which began in August 1968.

"Jean was a key person in our sales," he said. "The books and advertising are one of the important parts in the business."

Jean said she kept an index when the business first began, to keep track of the sales. She now has a record of every one of the 500 sales the Fawcetts have conducted in the business' history.

The highest overall sale was the 'Top 40' sale at Sunnylodge Farm owned by Carl and Muriel Smith of Chesterville, on Nov. 11, 1985. The 40-head of selected cattle averaged \$6,840.

Fawcett also recalls the biggest dispersal sale in the business' history was the MaeFord Holstein herd belonging to Allan and Jean Baker of Inkerman on April 4, 1986. The 60-head herd averaged \$3,800.

The Fawcetts not only worked at the sales, where they were in partnership with brother Ralph, but also raised seven children and took care of the farm — Fawcettdale Holsteins, which they bought in 1955.

Although Fawcett still goes to the barn every morning and evening,

Fawcett says he's been showing cattle for 50 years, and following in his father's footsteps, was named Master Holstein Breeder, (the highest honor that can be achieved by a Holstein breeder in Canada), in 1975. His father William was given the distinction in 1946, in becoming the first person to receive the Master Breeder Award in Dundas County.

Fawcett has also judged at the Royal Winter Fair, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary in 1978, and has judged every major Holstein show across Canada.

He is also past-president of the Holstein Association of Canada and the Dundas Holstein Club and was a 4-H leader for 25 years.

Fawcett stressed that although he is retiring from the cattle sales he will not be completely removed from the farm scene. He now hopes to have more time for another interest — showing horses.

He recently purchased a team of commercial horses which he has shown at a number of local fairs.

The Winchester Press Wed., March 21, 1990

## Weagant Farm Supplies Appreciation Day



A big attraction at this year's open house was a remote control lawn tractor. In above photo, one of Weagant's employees demonstrates the tractor to curious on-lookers.

According to Bob Weagant, although the tractor is "an expensive toy" it does have practical uses, such as being able to cut grass on a 45 degree slope. The tractor will be part of a Kubota lawn tractor demonstration scheduled for the end of May at the Metcalfe Fair grounds.



Brian Enright, Winchester (front left) and Lorne Henderson received some appreciation in the form of specially cooked sausages from Bob Weagant (front right) and Dave Black of Weagant Farm Supplies last week.

Enright and Henderson were two of about 500 area farmers and businessmen who came out to Appreciation Day at the farm dealership west of Winchester.

The AgriNews April 1990



Elise (left) and Sandy Weagant serve up Oktoberfest sausage to one of more than 600 visitors at Weagant's open house held last Wednesday at the Hwy 43 dealership.

The Winchester Press Wed., April 17, 1991

The AgriNews April 1991



# Emphasis on type reaps Rose rewards



MOUNTAIN — Taking top honors at the Central Canada Exhibition Ayrshire Show in Ottawa last week does not make Donald Rose's recollection of early failure in agriculture any less vivid.

Rose, a 60-year-old Mountain farmer, had no trouble recounting Friday how he was first introduced to the Ayrshire.

At 16, Rose took an Ayrshire calf into a 4-H competition. He remembers his mother giving him a bigger push than his father to enter a 4-H club contest.

"I was interested enough but I didn't have the experience," he said of his intention to raise Ayrshire cattle. And in his first ever 4-H competition, Rose's inexperience was clearly evident.

"I placed last in showmanship and last in type," he recalled of the 4-H event, one in which he had to put his Ayrshire calf in the back seat of his car to get the animal to the show.

"I made up my mind that I would try to improve," said Rose.

Since then, he has built up his father Samuel's farm, which was solely made up of dual-purpose shorthorn cattle, to 120 Ayrshire, milking 45. Rose says his experience as a teenager in different 4-H clubs was a "big benefit" towards running his farm operation.

"One thing (4-H clubs) did, it got you so you could get up on your feet and speak," he explained. "It definitely helps."

It was a mutual decision between Rose and his father to move away from raising shorthorn cattle and into farming Ayrshire cattle.

Rose says his only son, Ken, is well on his way towards taking over the reins of the Rosayre farm. Ken, 26, is the sixth generation of the Rose family to farm the Crown land located north of Hwy. 43 about three km west of Winchester.

He credits Ken's knowledge in the Ayrshire field as contributing considerably to his success at last week's show. Rose won this year's premier exhibitor title by a point, over Bruce and Leigh Mode, winners in this category the previous five years.

Rose says his son's ability to select a good quality Ayrshire has helped keep their cattle competitive in area shows.

"He (Ken) has made some excellent choices," said Rose.

Rose claims you can't train someone how to pick a potential top quality Ayrshire or any other breed. Instead, making a good selection is a talent some farmers, like Ken, are "gifted with."

Rose's four-year-old cow, Rosayre Desdemona, is the result of a good buyer's eye. She was named the exhibition's senior and grand champion Ayrshire for a second year.

"It was very fulfilling," he said of the top showing in the Ayrshire competition. "We haven't been doing all that well for the past four or five years."

Rose acknowledges the importance of competitions like the Central Canada Exhibition Ayrshire

Show, which he considers to be one of the top five Ayrshire competitions in Canada.

He says the good showing last week helps bring more interest in his cattle.

Rose, while he plans to continue living on the farm, admits he is starting to move away from the physical duties, while working on the transition of passing the farm on to his son.

"I'm starting to slow down, there's no doubt about it," he confided.

He is pleased to see the farm continue as a family operation, however, as it enters a sixth generation of ownership by a Rose, something he is impressed by.

"It's just fortunate that someone (in the family) has always wanted to carry it on."

The Winchester Press

Wed., August 30, 1989

## Family farmers

Donald Rose, right, is in the transition of passing his Ayrshire farm on to his son, Ken. Ken is the sixth generation of the Rose family to farm on the same plot of land.



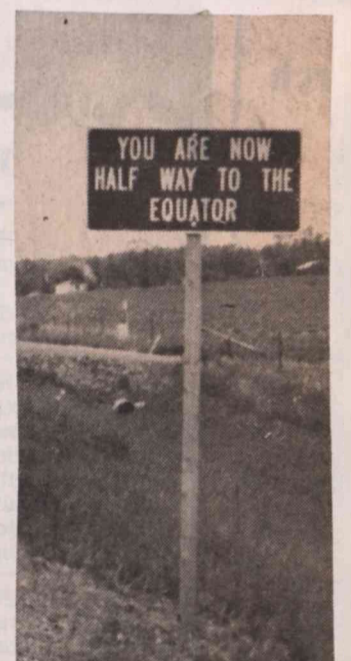
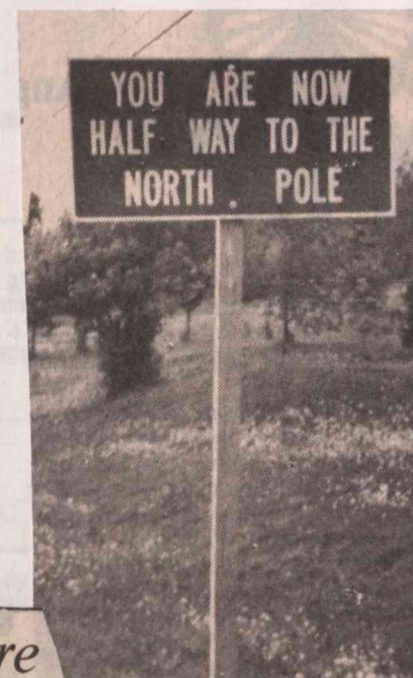
Lanson Hyndman, 67, of Mountain Township gives his Belgian horses a break during their daily run. Hyndman says the horses are exercised about one hour each day to keep their muscles

tight, keeping them in shape for sleigh rides and horse pull competitions.

The Winchester Press Wed., July 26, 1989

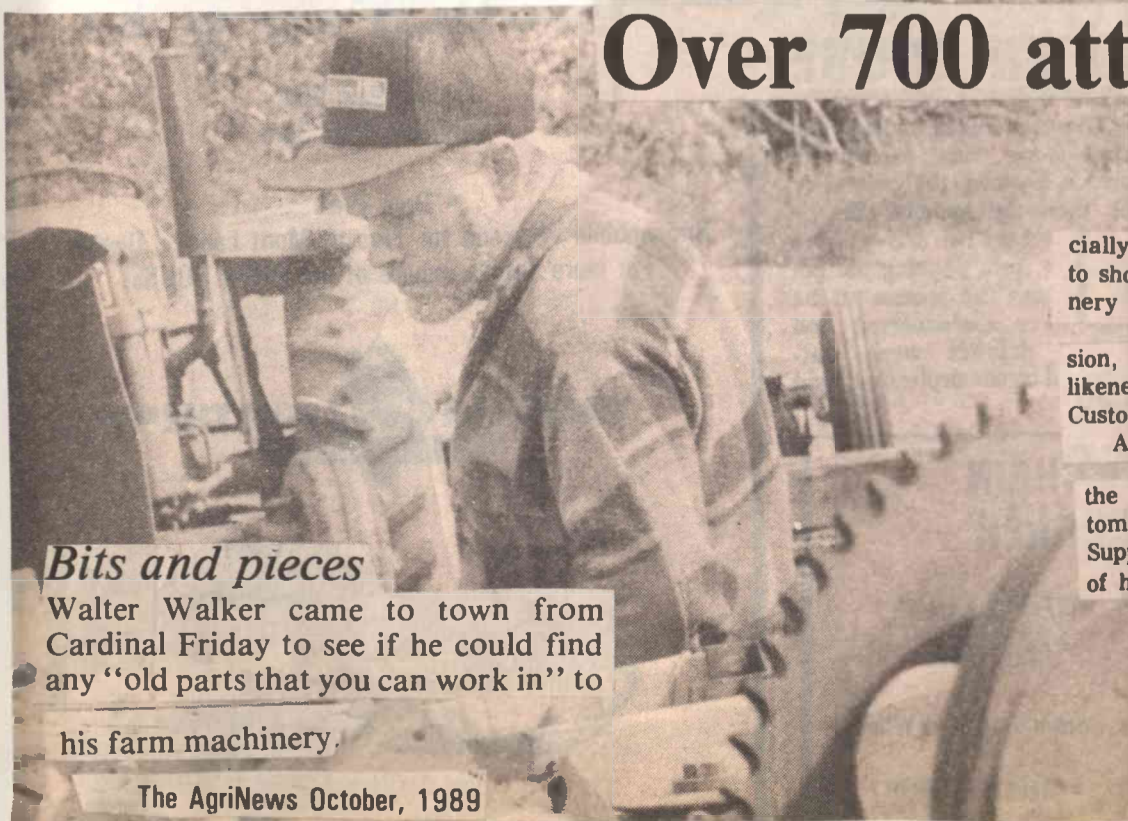
## Half way there

Either way you look at it, you're half way to either the North Pole or the Equator when driving between Mountain and South Mountain. These informative signs were recently placed at the roadside to provide lost motorists with directions.



The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, May 27, 1987

# Over 700 attend Weagant's open house



## Bits and pieces

Walter Walker came to town from Cardinal Friday to see if he could find any "old parts that you can work in" to

his farm machinery.

The AgriNews October, 1989

It was officially tagged as a Grand Opening to show off a local farm machinery dealer's completed expansion, but owner Bob Weagant likened the event more to a Customer Appreciation Day.

And according to Weagant, the more than 700 potential customers filing into Weagant Farm Supplies made this year's edition of his annual open house stand

out from the others.

"I thought it was the most spectacular open house we ever held," said Weagant.

Traditionally, Weagant Farm Supplies has held an open house each spring, but this year it was postponed until October to coincide with the completion of the new building. In one form or another, some type of open house has been provided each year since 1978 by this farm dealership located on Hwy. 43 just west of Winchester.

Weagant said a "total commitment of staff" for two weeks

helps make the day a success — complete with free Bavarian "Oktoberfest" sausages, an auction sale of wagon loads of surplus parts and attachments, numerous door prizes, advice from salesmen and even a Dundas Farm Safety display.

A larger turnout combined with a larger display, made the 1989 open house a cut above the rest which Weagant hopes, obviously, will translate into more regular customers.

"New faces mean new customers which means new business," he said.



# Farming — good life but poor livelihood'

## Land owner now trimming luxury homes

Reporter  
 N — Bob Hobson has found an additional opportunity for his farm — for 15 years he has been growing apples and other crops. Poor weather causing a loss of not too healthy years' crops, Hobson looked for an opportunity to "pick up the slack." An opportunity jumped out at him and his partners Bruce and Phillip Lyall while they were installing trims for luxurious homes in Manotick. Hobson felt the quality was not to be compared and those paying the big bucks seemed to agree. "When someone is paying you \$300,000 to build a house, they can be damn picky," Hobson said. Hobson said the threesome felt they could do a better job making trims that will help a house stand out from the pack. And just six months into their new business venture, Hobson said the trio have "proven we can." "We don't put out cheap stuff. We put out quality trim." Hobson said the trims he is making leaves a house "looking one hell of a lot more attractive." He said it also increases the value of the house. The trims run along the windows and interior and exterior borders of

a house. Much of the work so far for Hobson has been making trims for heritage buildings.

People are also going back to old style houses, Hobson said.

Most of the past half year for Hobson has been spent setting up shop in his barn. A molding machine was bought second-hand for considerably less than the \$150,000 tag a new one would fetch.

He said business is off to a promising start. "It is a lot larger now than we envisioned six months ago. Initially we did not set big goals but demands have greatly exceeded expectations.

"I don't want it to get too big, but I don't want to restrict its growth either."

Hobson refrains from giving out numbers when talking about just how well things are going. "Business is amazingly good. I don't want to give figures because they're misleading."

Supply problems slowed the early production but with equipment now purchased from Toronto and a lumber yard in Pembroke supplying the wood, the trims are rolling through the molding machine more steadily.

But it will not be all smooth sailing from here on, Hobson admitted. There are predictable clashes between the crop and trim businesses at Mountain Orchards.

Already Hobson is putting in nine hour days, seven days a week.

"And we haven't even got busy yet. That's the scary part."

Strawberry season is only about two weeks away, Hobson predicted. However, Hobson said he has been "coping long enough to know what critical things to take care of."

There is another type of conflict also confronting Hobson — his love of farming and of working outdoors.

He said such common farm duties as pruning are "missed only when you are not doing it. Farming is a fairly good life but not a great livelihood."

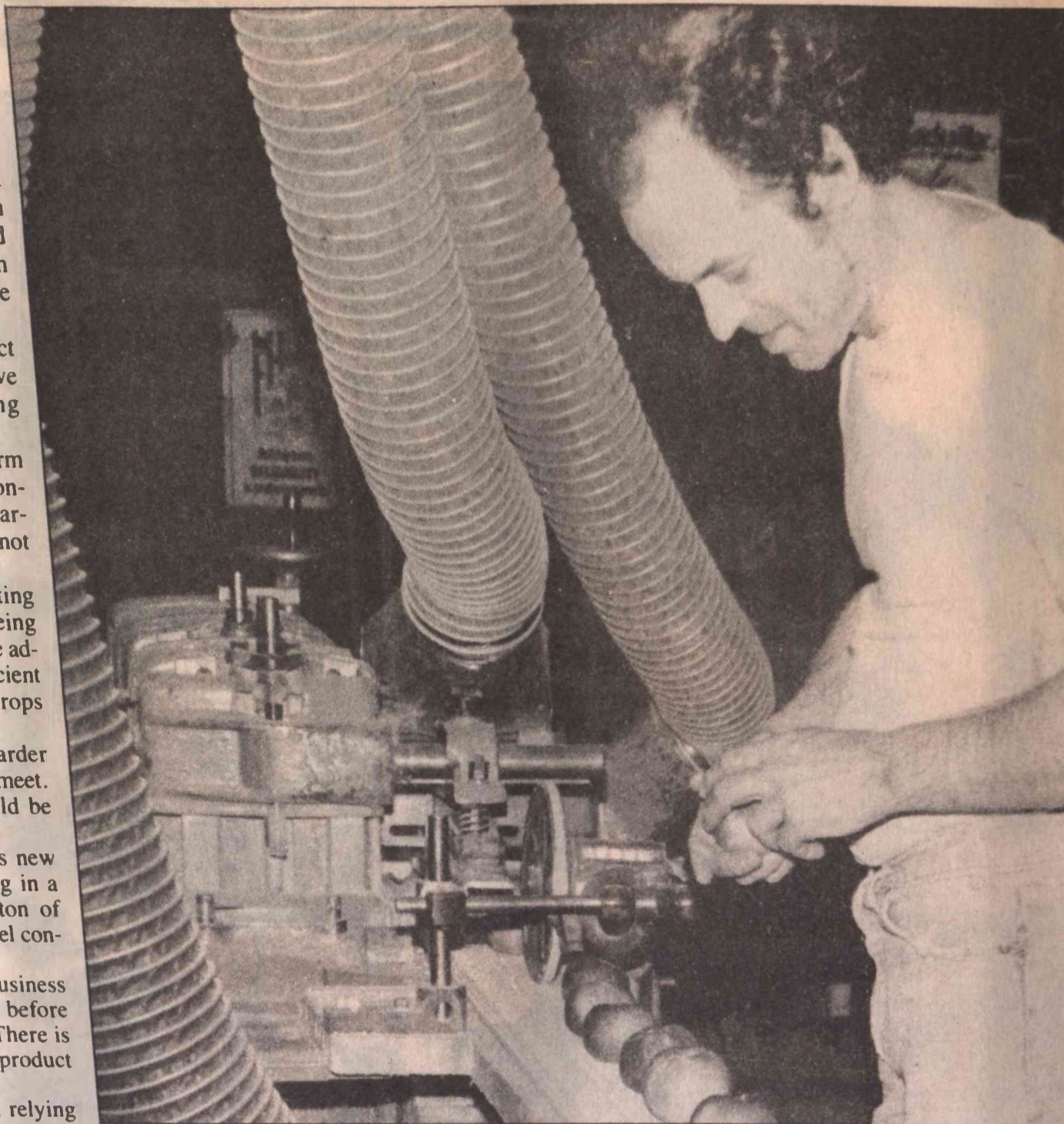
Hobson said he is "not getting tired" of farming even after being in the field for 15 years. But, he admitted there simply is not sufficient money to be made from his crops these days.

"Agriculture is getting harder and harder just to make ends meet. A nice reliable income would be nice."

And Hobson is hoping his new trimming business will bring in a stable income. "I have a ton of money invested so I better feel confident."

He said he realizes the business still has a "fair way to go" before he can sit back and relax. There is the job still of getting the product into the public eye.

Hobson so far has been relying on word of mouth to bring his trimming business to the attention of potential customers.

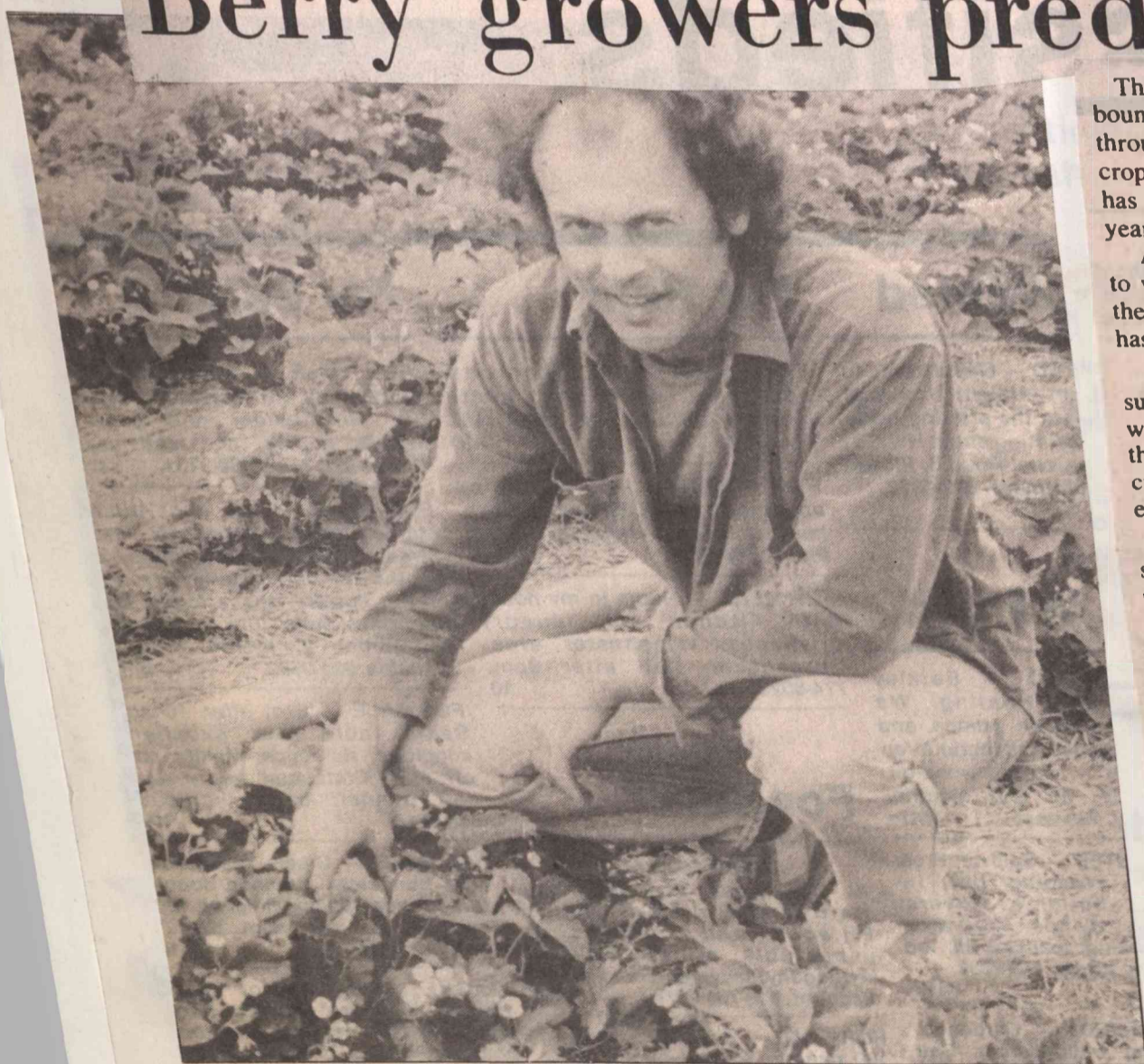


Bob Hobson has run into a problem finding storage space for his crops now that his

Mountain Orchards' barn houses a new business.

The Winchester Press Wed., June 1, 1988

# Berry growers predict bountiful season



Bob Hobson of Mountain Orchards expects to have a good crop of strawberries this year, thanks to irrigation last summer and no frost this spring.

MOUNTAIN — As the days get warmer and the taste buds get a yearning for delicious fresh picked strawberries, area residents can head up to the Mountain Orchards' farm to pick their own supply.

Mountain Orchards has been owned and operated by Bob Hobson and Phil Lyall for the past 15 years, although according to Hobson "with the eight-day weeks it seems longer than that."

Hobson, Lyall and their families each share the large house on the farm and Lyall and Hobson have their sons help out on the farm. Hobson says that Lyall is hoping his 13-year-old daughter Jessica will also be helping out this year.

Mountain Orchards is an 80-acre farm with six-and-a-half acres of strawberries, seven acres of raspberries and more than 45 acres of apples.

Hobson said more strawberries could be grown but it would not be possible to sell them all, and he doesn't want to be like some strawberry producers who let their berries rot in the fields.

As Hobson inspected his strawberry patch, he predicted an excellent crop this year with the berries ready near June 20.

"Last year it was embarrassing. It was the most depressing year for strawberries we had ever seen," said Hobson, as he recalled winter kill virtually destroying last year's strawberry crop.

This year the two farmers are expecting a bountiful crop because they irrigated all through the dry summer, and protected the crops with hay during the winter, as there has not been enough snow the past few years to protect the crops properly.

As well, strawberry growers usually have to worry about frost in the spring killing their plants or berries, but this spring there has been no frost.

Although the strawberries were not successful last year, Hobson and Lyall were able to offset some of their losses with their raspberry crop. "We had a bumper crop of raspberries last year which made for easy picking," explained Hobson.

Hobson estimates that half their sales in strawberries and raspberries are through pick-your-own customers while the rest of the berries are sold at the house or to local stores.

"We don't really advertise too much," said Hobson, who explained signs are put up and regular clientele from around Mountain and Winchester is counted on to pick the fields clean during the three weeks of strawberry season.

Hobson said there are many berry farmers closer to the city so he does not rely on pulling in customers from the Ottawa area. "When we started with strawberries, there were only about 40 strawberry farmers in Eastern Ontario, now there are close to 700," said the fruit farmer.

"After all," said Hobson, "Eastern

Ontario residents eat more strawberries per capita than other Ontario residents." Hobson feels this is because they have a good crop and an excellent Strawberry Grower's Association to promote their product.

Although only a small number of customers from Ottawa come to Mountain Orchards for their strawberries, the opposite is the case with their pick-your-own apples, as numerous families converge from the city on the farm in September.

"On busy Saturday and Sunday afternoons we have more than 5,000 customers a day and turn over 250 cars an hour," said Hobson.

Picking apples is a family thing as parents and children come out and make a day of it, said Hobson. He added that a second generation of pickers who came to Mountain Orchard for apples as youngsters, now bring their own children.

As one of the top five orchards in Eastern Ontario, Hobson said Mountain Orchards sells about 20 per cent of its apples as pick-your-own and the rest of the apples, and their apple cider goes to major stores in Ottawa. "Why, we even supply the Boy Scouts in Ottawa," said Hobson.

Although apple sales have been good, Hobson said his business suffered last year with the alar scare. Hobson felt the media blew the effect of alar on humans way out of proportion and he said he believes that peanut butter is more carcinogenic than alar, and that beer is 100 times more carcinogenic than alar.

Although the federal government has not declared alar to be harmful, until further studies are done to show it is safe, Mountain Orchards has stopped using the chemical.

"I have a family of my own and I understand the customers' concerns," said Hobson, who said he hopes to gain back the confidence of the market now that Mountain Orchards, along with the majority of apple orchards, stopped spraying alar last year.

As well, last Friday the Canadian producer of alar, Uniroyal Chemicals Limited announced that it was withdrawing alar from sales in the Canadian market, and that it had already done so in the U.S. on June 2. The company said it would review its decision in 1990 when the American Environmental Protection Association had finished its tests on alar.

Hobson did not think the fact that they no longer use alar would hurt his crops that much, but would rather condense the harvest and picking into two weeks rather than three.

Hobson said the ban on alar may cause some farmers to grow a fewer number of McIntosh apples, which would be unfortunate since Eastern Ontario is known world wide as the best producers of McIntosh.

"Macs need hot days and cool nights and we have the perfect climate for that," said Hobson, who added that other apple varieties, such as red delicious, do not fare so well at such a northerly location.

The Winchester Press Wed., June 14, 1989



# Spencerville show

## comes up 'Roses'

Rosayre Lenore II, belonging to Don and Ken Rose, brought home the title of Grand Champion in the Ayrshire division of this year's Spencerville Fair.

The Rose's Woodlea Superior Peggy captured the title of Reserve Champion.



Ken and Shirley Rose

The Winchester Press Wed., Sept. 25, 1991

# Rose cow tops World Expo

MADISON, WI — An eight-year-old Canadian Ayrshire owned by Don and Ken Rose of Mountain and exhibited by Shirley Rose was selected as Grand Champion of the Central National Ayrshire Show at the 25th World Dairy Expo.

Dabru Jessica is an Excellent (with 95 points) and was also named grand champion at the Royal Winter Fair and was All Canadian Aged Cow in 1989. Her production record at eight years, one month, for 305 days is 21,150 pounds of milk, 741 pounds of fat and 740 pounds of protein.

The Roses were also selected Premier Exhibitor, placing in the top three spots with all seven head shown.



Ken and Shirley Rose of Mountain are pictured with grand champion Dabru Jessica at the World Dairy Expo held recently in Madison, Wisconsin.

The Winchester Press Wed., Oct. 9, 1991

Local sheep producers are working to promote their product and improve efficiency, says a provincial director for the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency.

Fred Baker, a Mountain Township sheep farmer and representative for the agency's District 10, says the Dundas County Sheep Club and the Kemptville District Sheep Club (he's a member of both) have come up with a few ways to help in the sometimes difficult direct marketing system currently used to sell lamb.

The clubs set up booths at places like the Ottawa Winter Fair and a few urban malls where they are able to sell consumers on their product. They distribute literature and recipes on different ways to prepare the meat, says Baker.

The Dundas Sheep Club has about 15 to 20 members and sees about eight to 10 regularly.

Although, at present, there are about 320 registered sheep producers in District 10 (which includes Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott, Russell and Grenville counties and the Ottawa-Carleton Region), Baker says he doesn't feel there is much room for the industry to expand in this area.

As well, meat lamb market prices haven't improved much over the past few years, while the wool market has currently collapsed. A producer can't even get enough money for the wool to pay for the shearing, added Baker.



Baker, who also works part-time for Statistics Canada, says he currently has about 85 families in Ottawa that he supplies with lamb.

Fred Baker keeps approximately 150 head of commercial and purebred sheep and 20 head of Angus-cross beef cattle on his Mountain-area farm.

The Winchester Press Wed., Nov. 21, 1990



### Champion exhibitor

South Mountain farmer Theresa VanGrunsven dominated the Angora goat competition at this year's Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. Besides placing first for breeders herd and get-of-sire, VanGrunsven was also named premier breeder and premier exhibitor. In accompanying photo VanGrunsven is pictured with her first place winning and reserve champion yearling doe.

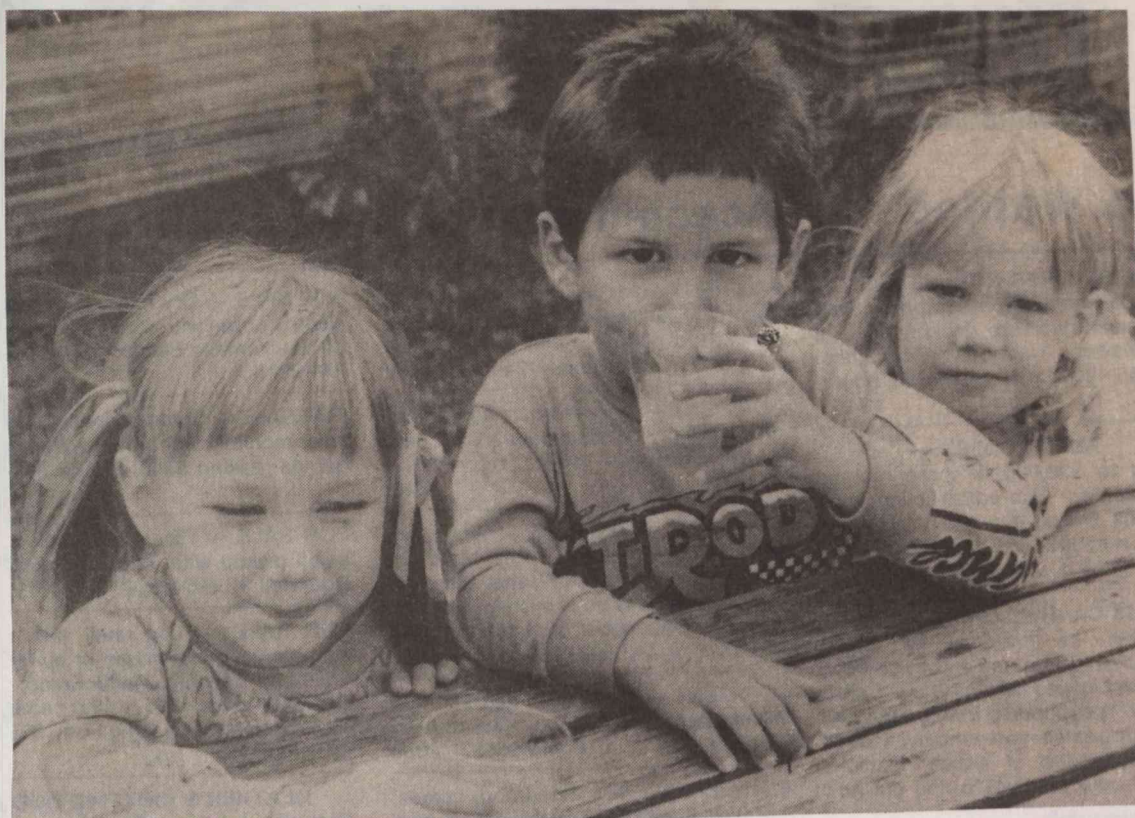
The Winchester Press Wed., Dec. 5, 1990





*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 Woyal, J.J. and Orchard owner Philip Woyal.



# Fire razes dairy barn

**MOUNTAIN** - An early evening blaze here Saturday destroyed a dairy barn belonging to Terry and Mary Spratt.

According to Mary Spratt, the family was alerted to the fire during dinner, after neighbors, who had been filling the silo, spotted what appeared to be a light mist coming from the barn.

Upon rushing to the barn, the Spratts discovered flames already shooting from the calf barn, she said.

With the help of neighbors, they were able to get the heifers out of the free-stalls. Pigs, housed nearby, were also taken out. Spratt added that the firefighters also managed to save the chickens.

The milk cows had already been milked and turned out.

Mountain Township Fire Chief Jim Scott said the department was summoned to the fire about 5:30pm. "A lot of the barn was already consumed by flames," by the time the department arrived, he said.

a pile of rubble was all that remained of the Spratt's barn.



Scott said the cause of the fire is unknown, but believes it may have started by spontaneous combustion. The fire appeared to start in the end of the barn housing the hay, he said.

"If it weren't for the Pattersons (who spotted the fire) we wouldn't have saved our cows," she said.

The Spratts plan to start rebuilding their barn in the spring. But until then, Spratt says they will be using Gordon Black's barn, located not too far away.

Over the past few days Spratt said the cows have been milked either at Fawcett's Sale Barn, (in which they are co-partners) and Don Johnson's on Highway 43. Johnson is selling his cattle later this week.

The extent of the loss has not yet been determined.

The Winchester Press Wed., Oct. 3, 1990



## Teeing up

Doug Durant, owner of Sandy Mountain Campsite in Mountain, stands beside a pond that will be part of a golf course within the camp grounds. The course, which will be a nine-hole, par three course, will be finished by next summer.

The Winchester Press Wed., July 22, 1992



## Tasty treat

Warm, sunny weather made for a large turnout at Weagant Farm Supplies' annual open house. According to Dave Black, 600 people showed up for the event which featured Oktoberfest Sausage on a bun and a display of the latest equipment available. Pictured: (above) Sandy Weagant and Trevor De-Freitas serve up sausage to farmers Reg Gilmer of South Mountain and Robert McMenemy of Inkerman;

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# VILLAGE MARKET

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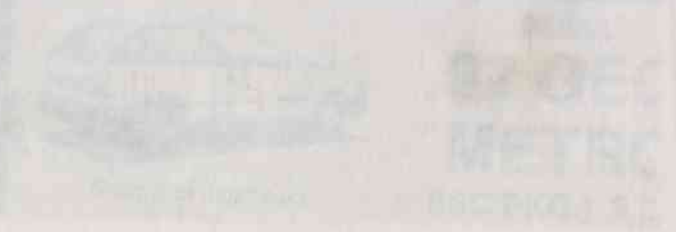
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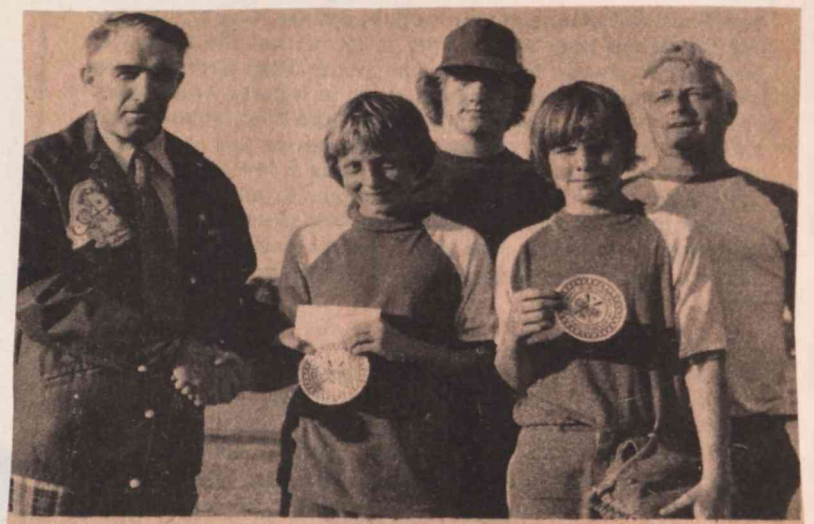
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**1976 Winchester Lions Club Pee Wee Tournament Champs - Mountain Pee Wees.**  
 Front row (left to right) Tommy McLean, Glen MacDon-ald, Steve Parnell, Dave Watson, Anne McLean.  
 Second row (left to right) James Milne, Gary Simzer, Victor Puddy, Blake Fawcett, Chris Kerr, Bill Byrd.  
 Third row (left to right) Coaches Lyle Simzer and Al McLean.  
 Press Photos—Van Bridger  
 Sept. 14, 1976



**Most Valuable Player**

Winchester Lions Member Percy Armstrong (left) presents Gary Simzer with his Most Valuable Player Award. Gary allowed just nine runs in his team's three tournament games. In the final he held highly-rated Winchester Firemen to two runs on just six hits while fanning 10. Catcher Victor Puddy appears in the front row, right. Coaches Al McLean (left) and Lyle Simzer look on.

Of four play-off positions offering prize money, two in "A" Division and two in "B", only one Winchester squad was able to collect. Mountain Pee Wees took top prize of \$10.00 and championship crests on the strength of three convincing wins. Consolation final was all Mountain Township with Inkerman gaining a measure of revenge, for loss of their league title, by blasting South Mountain 17-9. Consolation winners Inkerman received \$5.00 and crests. "A" division runners-up, Winchester Firemen, and "B" runners-up, South Mountain, each pocketed \$5.00 cash.

Mountain proved too strong in the title match moving out to a 10-2 victory after being up by just one, 2-1, going into the fourth inning. Darcy Last drew first blood for Winchester making it 1-0 in the first. Anne McLean tied it in the second and James Milne gave Mountain the lead for good in the third. Mountain pitcher, Gary Simzer clubbed a fourth inning three run homer to widen the gap to 5-1. Blake Fawcett and Tommy McLean were on base at the time. Mountain just kept rolling along, raking-up runs as Victor Puddy, Chris Kerr and Tommy McLean all scored in the fifth. Mellon and Puddy scored again in the sixth to round out Mountain's scoring. Dean Hanna's single drove in Darcy Last, after he had tripled, for Firemen's second and last run.

**By Steve Hummell**  
 Press Staff Reporter

Elizabeth Christie stole the show.

She played the piano melody and the rest of the people in the crowded room followed her lead singing "How Great Thou Art".

Mrs. Christie, at 93 the oldest resident of the new Senior Citizen residence here on Mill Street, was also chosen to cut the ribbon at the official opening ceremonies last Wednesday.

The representatives from the Ministry of Housing were there and so was the local parliamentary contingent including the town fathers. But it was the senior citizens' day.

The next day Mrs. Christie, who admits to having a "little" cataract on one eye and a bit of a hearing problem but good "walking power," spoke of the significance of the event to her.

"This is the last limelight (for me) for awhile since this place opened up," she said.

She said she enjoys living in her comfortable apartment at the residence and the company of the other seniors there.

"When I first came here I was a little lonesome for Mountain," said Mrs. Christie. "But I like it fine, I really do..."

The 36 one-bedroom unit apartment dwelling which cost \$709,187 was completed last fall. Similar units were built in Chesterville and Morrisburg and officially were opened the same day. Residents pay an average of \$55 a month for the accommodations.

Stormont-Dundas M.P. Ed Lumley, who said the new residence isn't "just a shelter but is a home away from home," presented the seniors with a Canadian flag from the federal government on behalf of Housing Minister John Rhodes who could not attend.

"I find Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry's whole consideration for the quality of life of its "teenagers" has resulted in an excellent job," he told the Seniors.

He said the creation of senior citizens' housing throughout the province is creating a positive environment for the elderly.

Chairman of the ceremonies, Ministry of Housing representative A.H. Le Masurier, who constantly referred to the seniors as teenagers, handed Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry MLA Osie Villeneuve a six-inch high Canadian flag to be presented on behalf of the Ontario government.

Its contrast with the regular-sized flag presented by Lumley drew gales of laughter from the crowd.

"We must continue to encourage municipalities to get projects such as this one off the ground, because there remain many people both in this area and province-wide who need senior citizen housing," said Mr. Villeneuve.

"Simply put, this project is a way for the people of Ontario to thank you for your past hard work, for the contributions you have made to our present way of life," he added. "And, of course, our community will continue to look to you for guidance and advice."

The veteran Conservative politician presented the residents with a framed print of Queen Elizabeth and a coffee percolator.

All three levels of government share in the operating losses of the new complex; the federal government takes care of 50 percent while the Province covers 42.5 percent and Winchester and Mountain township pick up the remaining share.

Residents are asked to pay a reasonable portion of their income for rent which often comes to 20 or 25 percent.

Winchester Reeve Larry Gray welcomed the residents to their new home. Although many felt apprehension when the project was announced, the local citizens "have made a real community place to live," he said.

SDG Warden Edwin Waldroff also welcomed the residents and spoke briefly.

Following the ribbon-cutting ceremonies, which included Mr. Lumley and Mr. Villeneuve, there was a tour of the complex and refreshments were served by the seniors.



**Residence Opening**

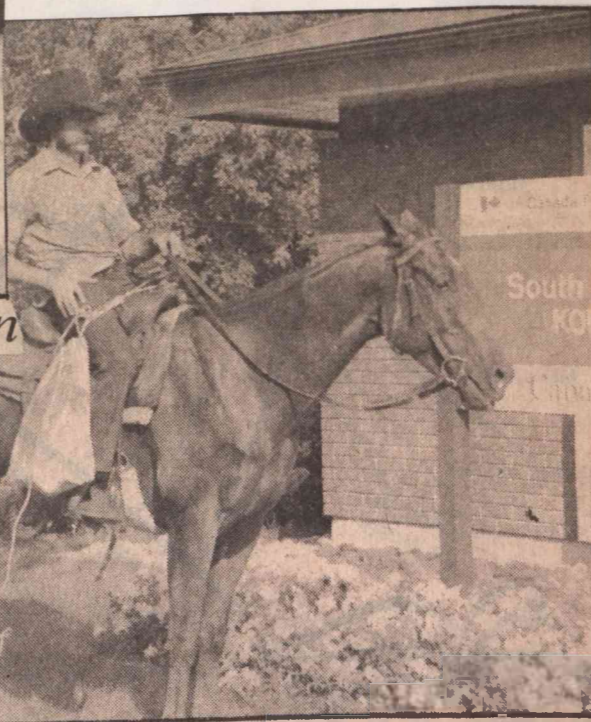
**Officials Snippers**

These four, Stormont, Dundas MP Ed Lumley, Mrs. Elizabeth Christie, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry MLA Osie Villeneuve and S. D. & G. Warden Edwin Waldroff, take deadly aim at the ribbon with their trusty scissors at the official opening ceremonies. The ribbon was cut into small pieces and distributed to the residents after the ceremonies.

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## Postal strike



### Pony express revived from Kemptville

Come rain, snow, sleet or hail, The Advance will continue to deliver its mail. That's The Weekly Advance's philosophy when it comes to delivering its newspapers to the towns and villages in the Ottawa Valley. The onslaught of the postal strike didn't stop the delivery of those papers. In fact, The Advance's new system of delivering the papers by bypassing the Post Office, started a week before the strike call Monday, June 29th, has improved newspaper delivery to towns within 20 miles of Kemptville. As a way of publicizing our new delivery system, The Weekly Advance commissioned Sundance Kid, of Sundance Riding Stables in Manotick, to deliver several mail bags of papers to Mountain and South Mountain in a "pony express" last Wednesday afternoon. Seen here is Garnet Crawford, Publisher and President of The Weekly Advance/The Ottawa-

### ...to Mountain

### ...and South Mountain

All rural routes out of Mountain have been suspended until further notice. Postal officials there will know later this week if routes are to be continued.

the strike by the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) enters its third week. The strike started June 29.

Carleton Review, loading the mail bags on Sundance's horse, while in the second photo, Sundance has reached the Mountain Post Office, 10 miles from Kemptville in 65 minutes, and in the third photo, he is delivering the newspaper mail bags to South Mountain, a distance of 15 miles from Kemptville in 1 hour and 50 minutes. Publisher Crawford says Mountain and South Mountain were chosen for the "pony express" newspaper delivery because "these two small towns suffered the most from the new longer postal route. That system saw The Advance/Review mail bags travel from the Kemptville Post Office, to Smiths Falls, then to Ottawa, and back to Brockville before going on to Mountain and South Mountain, sometimes arriving there up to five days later," he added.

Advance Photos

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## Hallville United Church

By Marion G. Rogers

On Highway 43, part way between Kemptville and Winchester, stands the Hallville United Church. During next year — 1980 — they will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the present church building. The highway does not now run through the village but the church is only about a half mile or less north of the highway.

It was in 1834 that Irish Presbyterian ministers travelled through the country and held services in homes and a barn, still standing, that belonged to a Samuel Hyndman.

By 1845 a small church, built of fieldstone was erected back of the place where the present edifice stands.

That first building costs \$100 which had been given by a William Hyndman. The greatest part of the work was done by men of the congregation. A picture of it on an old history looks much like pictures of farm homes in Ireland long ago.

It became known as the Hyndman Church and was opened and dedicated, free of debt, on Sunday August, 13, 1846.

Eventually the church building became too small and by 1880 the present building of quarried cut stone, and called St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hallville, was opened "the second Sunday of July, 1880." The name was changed again when they joined the Church Union in 1925 and became part of the United Church of Canada.

At one point they wanted to install a bell, but

found their tall, slight steeple could not hold one.

In 1934 the congregation celebrated 100 years of services. Now they are beginning to plan for the 100th birthday of their fine church building.

The church faces north and it has been found that the front entrance is almost impossible to keep safely cleared during winter storms; so a side entrance into their basement hall is used.

From there, two sets of stairs (one near the pulpit platform, one at the back) join basement and nave. Using the back ones that are covered with green indoor-outdoor carpet, you arrive just inside the vestibule.

Across the back and on the aisles, the carpet is a rich red. Pews of oak are not believed to be the original ones. The decor, above tongue and groove panelling around the room, is a cream shade.

At the front, the pulpit platform extends about three-quarter across the front, with the choir and Hammond electric organ occupying the left section.

On the wall back of the pulpit is a large gold-tone cross.

Downstairs, their basement hall was built there when the church was erected and is a large room with furnace and kitchen at one end under the pulpit area.

The kitchen is well equipped, even to having an electric table with four wells for keeping vegetables warm and beside them two trays, with swinging, semi-circular lids, for meat. All is of stainless steel.

There are quantities of cupboards, dishes, sinks, an island table and service window, because special dinners are often held.

At the present time there is no minister in charge, but supply clergy are looking after the services and any other needs of congregation.

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### 150th for St. Andrews

Guest speaker at St. Andrew's United Church in Hallville Sunday was Freida Mellon. Mrs. Mellon marked the occasion of the church's 150th anniversary with an overview of the history of the Loyalist movement in 1784.

Winchester Press June 20/84

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### Happy goth

Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry MPP Noble Villeneuve brought greetings from the province to Matt Hastings, who celebrated his 90th birthday Sunday at Hallville United Church. A native of England who immigrated to Canada when he was 16, Hastings is still active as a self-taught veterinarian. He is currently spending a 10-day vacation in California.

Winchester Press, April 17/85

## Special guests help observe seniors' 10th

MOUNTAIN — Special guests were on hand as the Mountain Township Senior Citizens' Club celebrated its 10th anniversary last Wednesday at Mountain Community Hall.

Guests included Township Reeve Keith Fawcett and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ewart Simms, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hamner of Ottawa, Myrna Johnston, representative of Zone 35 USCO, and Mr. and Mrs. B. Charbeneau of Sault Ste. Marie.

Mr. Fawcett spoke on Township expenditures and explained the role of inflation in increasing taxes.

Mr. Simms, hall board chairman, also spoke and Mrs. Johnston brought greetings from Zone 35. Guest speaker Bert Hamner discussed health problems and nursing homes.

The Mountain Seniors' rhythm band and choir performed several numbers and Mrs. Ernie Boyd played a piano solo.

Mrs. Lanson Hyndman, who introduced the head table, announced that the bicentennial posters on display in the hall would also be displayed at Mountain Park on July 14-15. The posters were produced by students at various schools. Mrs. Hyndman also played a tape made by Grade 3 pupils at Nationview Public School.

Mr. Charbeneau, the club's first president, read the names of members who belonged to the club in 1974 who were present at this 10th anniversary. Several of those present have reached their 90th birthdays.

Gordon Clelland reported on the club's money-raising activities, and Doris Hyndman described social activities and tours.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Gilroy dedicated the club's Remembrance Shield, with 31 name plates for members who have died since 1974.

President Wilda Kirkby closed the meeting by thanking all the committees, and everyone who helped to make the day a memorable one. The meeting closed with the singing of God Save the Queen.

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HALLVILLE — Two years ago, when Matt Hastings was introduced at his 90th birthday party as "a self-made veterinarian," he was as pleased as punch. But he is inclined to refer to himself as "a homemade man."

In 1911, more than a hundred orphaned and abandoned children were on their way from England to Halifax on the White Star of the White Star Line. Four of the boys in the group, Charlie Bagbell, Mattie Brown, Joe Woods and Matt Hastings, were on their way to farms near Mountain, Ont., where they would work for farmers for the next two years.

The four boys were from the Bainerda homes, a series of orphanages that gave children an education until the age of 14, some training in a practical field, like farming, blacksmithing or dressmaking, then, at 16, sent them to the colonies to make their own way in the world.

For Hastings, who didn't see land for two weeks, it was a disquieting experience. "I didn't know anyone, and I had to start work right away," he remembers. "Everyone was a stranger." The four boys would be working for an annual salary of \$56 the first year. In the second year, their wages would go up to \$86.

The Bainerda children disembarked in Halifax, and dispersed to all corners of Canada. Hastings and his three companions continued to Montreal, and then to Mountain, by rail.

In Mountain, the four boys were met at the station by the local livery man. He took the boys to their respective places of work, and they rarely saw one another afterwards.

Hastings, who has some agricultural training from the Bainerda home in Washington, England, had been placed with Ken Guy and his wife Anna, a farm couple with several small children. It became Hastings' task not only to work on the farm, but also to care for the children. The Guy farm was the beginning of his career in agriculture.

At 92, Hastings' face is still unlined after decades in the sun and wind. The only symptom of

old age is a cataract in one eye, which he says makes it difficult for him to see small details. But his hearing is still acute, his step is firm, and his memory is keen. For Hastings, the memories of coming to Canada as a "Bainerda boy" will never be forgotten.

It was from Anna Guy's father, Tommy Armstrong, that Hastings would learn the trade that would make his skills in high demand in the area. Armstrong taught Hastings how to birth a calf and remove the cow's afterbirth.

After his two years as a farmhand on the Guy farm, Hastings' stint was up, and he was free to take another job. His next boss, Henry Stoodley was "a good farmer" says Hastings, "but he didn't have the stomach for these things."

Hastings continued to learn about the finer points of bovine midwifery. He developed a fastidiousness about cleanliness, and was always meticulous about disinfecting his arms. Naturally right-handed, Hastings used his left hand for working with the cows, and his right hand for other work around the cow.

At the time, distances to veterinarians were great, and roads were poor. Most roads were simply mud tracks. "We got awfully handy because we had to do these things ourselves," says Hastings.

Stoodley told his neighbors about Hastings' skill, and his fame in the neighborhood spread. All through the years of the first World War, and through the influenza epidemic of 1918, Matt sharpened his abilities and was, more and more in demand by local farmers.

In 1918, when Hastings was 24 he married Katie Bellinger, whom he met at Sunday school as a youngster. "She was a strong, hearty lassie," he says.

Katie's father helped Hastings to invest in a farm near Hallville, and Hastings went about building up the property. At the same time, he worked at William Coleman's cheese factory for \$50 per month. At that time, a new pair of boots was \$5, and his tailor-made wedding suit cost \$35.

For six years, Hastings made cheese in the summer, and harvested lumber from his property during the winter. He

hired boys to help around the farm, always remembering his own part as a "Bainerda boy", and careful to treat each boy as though he were his own son.

"You have to do the thing the best way you know how," he says, "or not at all. That's what I did when I made cheese or anything."

During the Depression, Hastings refined his veterinary skills, and often offered his skills to neighbors who had no money. With the development of antibiotics, Hastings who had used carbolic acid as a disinfectant, learned the use of penicillin. His technique, however, remained the same.

"As I went around the country, I told others how to do things," he says. "The more I did, the better I got."

The Hastings' method for birthing a calf, learned from his years of experience and advice from farmers he met on his travels, involved "floating" the calf around until it was turned the way it should be, always carefully moving the umbilical cord to prevent choking the calf. He then "developed" the muscular rings around the cow's birth canal stretching them slowly to accommodate the calf.

Many farmers, he says, believe in pulling the calf out as quickly as possible from the uterus, but Hastings says that his method is more gentle and prevents a great deal of bleeding. "It's a big help to the cow," he says.

Hastings also developed a technique to prevent the calf from drowning in its own fluid. He lifted the newborn calf by its hind legs, pumping its lungs so the fluid comes flooding out. "As soon as the oxygen gets to it, it will live," he says.

The last part of the job is to remove the afterbirth, which Hastings says rests on "buttons" in the uterus. He very delicately disengaged each of the dozen tiny "buttons" to release the afterbirth.

Usually, the task could be completed in half an hour. "A really bad case" might last an hour and a half.

The Depression was a difficult period for farmers. Hastings recalls one farmer who called for his services, but reminded Hastings that "All I have to my name is 50c."

"I'll beg before I'll take that 50c," said Hastings, who never asked for payment for his services. Most farmers, he says, were usually very generous with voluntary payment.

In other cases, farmers took Hastings good nature for granted. One farmer, after repeated calls, offered Hastings only his thanks. "I don't know what pocket I can put 'thanks' in," mused Hastings.

Hastings also treated horses, but mares, he says, are another story completely from cows. "A horse kicks like anything," he says, while a cow is only able to kick with one foot at a time. In the case of a skittish horse, Hastings would back the horse with its hindquarters to the manger. Working in the manger, he would straighten the foal, then let the mare turn around, and have the mare naturally.

"If everything's coming naturally, then good," he says. "If it isn't, then you have to help nature a little." He believes in taking his time to do the job as well as possible. "You have to take your time and know what's going on," he says.

Hastings' skills made him a valuable commodity to the area. He never had to drive to see a cow because farmers always came to pick him up, first in buggies or cutters pulled by horses, and later by tractors when road conditions made them impassable for cars. At one time, his territory extended in a triangle as far as Morrisburg, Metcalfe and Kempville.

Hastings, who never drank or smoked, attributes some of his long life and success to a lot of elbow grease, and some to providence. "I had good health, and I was a good worker," he says.







### To mark golden anniversary

The family of Vera and Arthur Moorhouse (nee Baker) would like to congratulate them on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Relatives, friends and neighbors are cordially invited to attend an open house reception in their honor to be held Sun., July 8, 1984 in Winchester Lions Hall from 2pm-4pm and 7pm-9pm. Best wishes only.

Winchester Press Wed., July 4, 1984



### Mr. and Mrs. Ken Richardson 50th anniversary

Mountain, Ontario

Happy 50th Anniversary, Mom and Dad,  
Wed., April 10, 1985

—Love and best wishes, Noel and Willa, Derek, Kara and Stacey, Donnie and Elaine, Shannon and Greg.

Winchester Press Wed., April 3, 1985



The family of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice St. John of Hallville, Ont., take pride on congratulating them on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Relatives, friends and neighbors are cordially invited to attend an open house in their honor to be held Sunday and Monday, Dec. 30 and 31 at the couple's home. Best wishes only.



### 50th Wedding Anniversary

Love and Best Wishes to Warren and Mary Craig who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. To honour them on this special occasion, we are holding a tea on Sunday, March 22, 1987. From 2-4 p.m. at St. John's United Church, Kemptville. Your friendship is their most cherished gift, we request no other.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, March 11, 1987



### 50th wedding anniversary

This week Jim and Betty Baker celebrate 50 years marriage. Their family invites you to join them in honoring their parents on this occasion at an open house to be held on June 27, 1987 at the Mountain Community Centre, Mountain, Ont., from 1 to 5 p.m. Best wishes please.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, June 24, 1987



Lifetime Hallville area residents Ralph and Helen Shaw celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Tues., July 29. The couple has two children, Jim and Mary (Mrs. Nick Zrymiak) and four grandchildren, Billy and Laura Zrymiak, and Robbie and Kathrine Shaw, children of Jim and Louise Shaw.

Winchester Press Wed., July 30, 1986



### 60th Wedding Anniversary

The family of Mr. and Mrs. James Hall invite their friends and neighbours to join in celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary at the Lions Hall, Mountain, Ontario from 2 - 5 p.m. on July 4th, 1987. Your company will be their cherished gift.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, June 24, 1987



### 50th Wedding Anniversary

The family of Harold and Jenny Durant of R.R. Mountain invite their friends and neighbours to join in celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary at the Community Hall, Mountain, from 2 - 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 18, 1987. Best wishes only.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, October 7, 1987



### Golden Wedding Anniversary

Harold and Bessie Boyce

June 13

1942 - 1992 — 50 years together

The Winchester Press Wed., June 3, 1992





### 50th Wedding Anniversary

The family of Lloyd and Hilda Hyndman of R.R.2 Mountain invite their relatives, friends and neighbours to join in celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at the Hallville United Church on Sunday, November 15, 1987 from 2 - 4 p.m. Best wishes only.

Winchester Press Wed., Nov. 4, 1987 5



### 50th Wedding Anniversary

The family of George and Gladys Imrie of Mountain, cordially invite you to attend an "Open House" on Sunday, December 13, 1987 from 1-4 p.m. at the Mountain Community Hall in honour of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Best Wishes only.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, December 2, 1987

 **Happy 45th**   
 Mom and Dad  
**Hazel and Wilfred McLaren**  
 Sunday, May 8, 1988

The family invites friends and family to attend  
 an open house in their honor  
 at Mountain Community Centre  
 Mountain, Ont.  
 1-4pm  
 on Sunday, May 8  
*Best wishes only please*  
 Leonard and Andrea  
 Ken and Elaine and families



### 50th Wedding Anniversary

Helen and Tom Butler of Mountain, Ont. will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 28, 1992

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, November 25, 1992



### Golden Wedding Anniversary

Gordon and Dorothy Simzer will celebrate their Golden Anniversary on June 28th.

The Winchester Press Wed., June 17, 1992

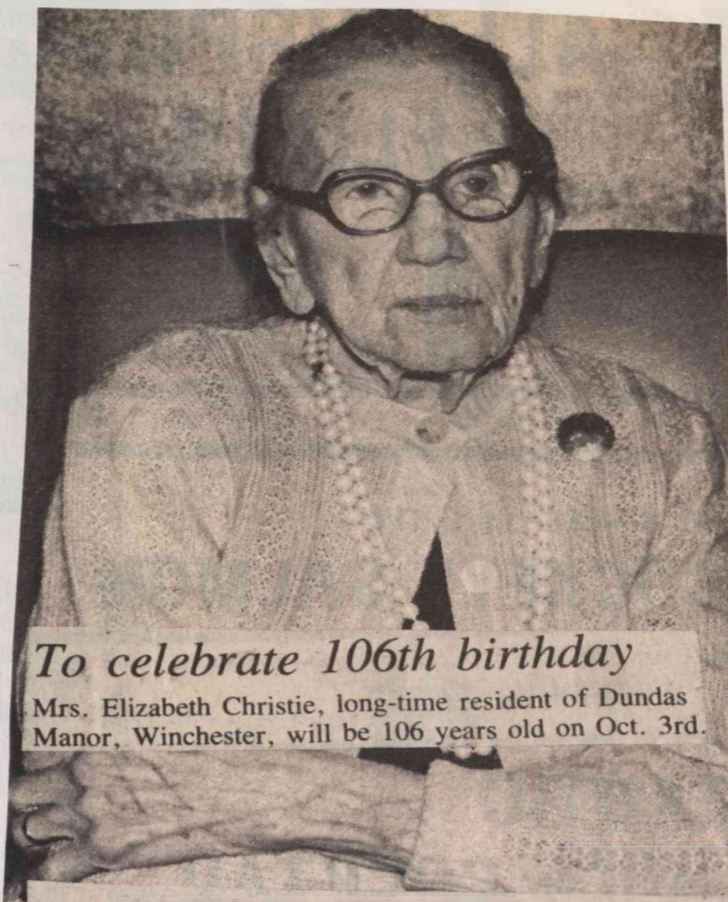




**It's official!**

Winchester's Beachcroft Apartments has been home to more than 50 seniors for the past nine months, but the non-profit housing project was not officially opened until last Saturday. The official plaque was unveiled by housing corporation president Larry Cotton with help from Eva Workman, a tenant. Looking on were Stormont-Dundas MP Norm Warner and SD&G MPP Noble Villeneuve. Press Photo—Must

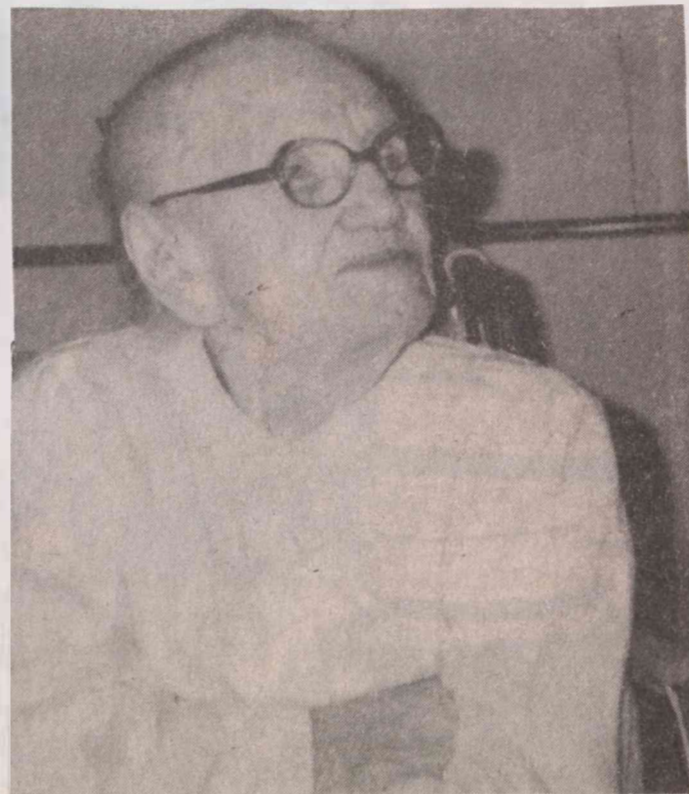
The Winchester Press Wed. June 17, 1989



**To celebrate 106th birthday**

Mrs. Elizabeth Christie, long-time resident of Dundas Manor, Winchester, will be 106 years old on Oct. 3rd.

The Winchester Press Wed., Sept. 26, 1990



**Mrs. Elizabeth Christie to celebrate her 107th birthday**

The Winchester Press Wed., June 12, 1991

— The district lost its oldest resident last Tues., June 30, 1992 when Elizabeth Belle Christie of Dundas Manor Nursing Home, Winchester died. She was 107.

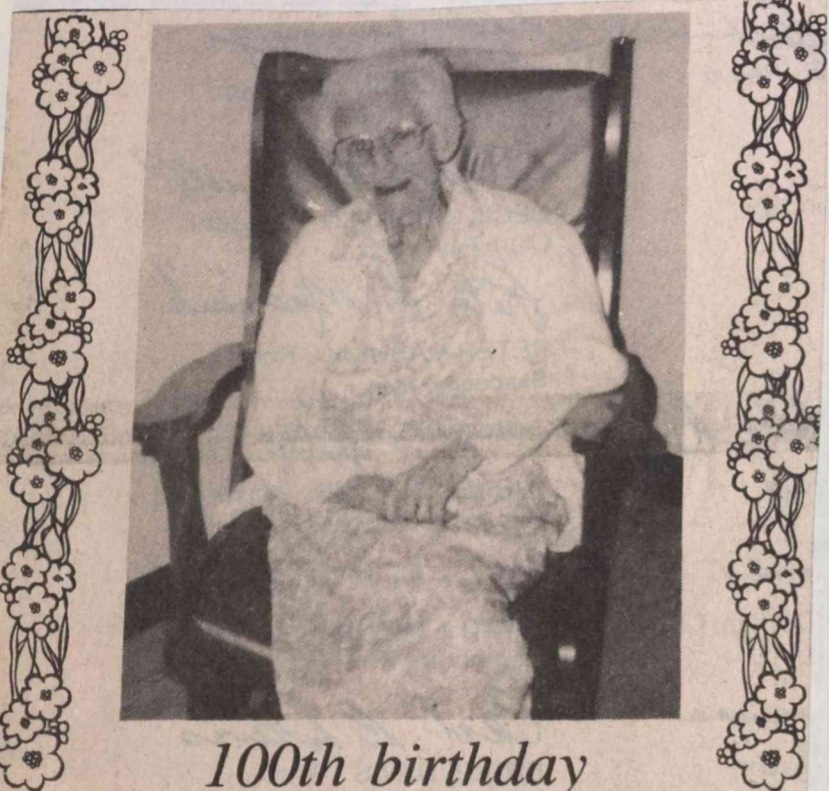
When she was born in Mountain, Ontario on October 3, 1884, the daughter of the late Charles Robinson and Viola Blow, John A. Macdonald was serving as Prime Minister of Canada and Winchester was still four years away from being incorporated as a village.

During her years as a farmer's wife, she found time from the long hours on the farm to sing in the local Mountain Presbyterian Church and teach Sunday school.

In 1981, she became a resident at Dundas Manor. In 1984, more than 100 gathered at Mountain Recreation Hall to help her celebrate her 100th birthday in a special reception. She received congratulations from both Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Queen Elizabeth.

The Winchester Press Wed., July 8, 1992

ROBINSON — Mabel (Member of Rosemount Rebekah Lodge No. 164 IOOF and Associate Member of Matilda Rebekah Lodge No. 342 IOOF and former member of the United Church in Mountain. At St. Jacques' Nursing Home, Embrun, on Mon., May 21, 1990. Mabel Utman, formerly of Mountain in her 101st year. Wife of the late Fred Beckstead and Gordon Robinson. Loving mother of Leola (Mrs. James Cox) of Ottawa and Gladys (Mrs. Donald McLaren) of Russell. Fondly remembered by her four grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 6 great great grandchildren. Dear sister of Amy (Mrs. L. Lemay) of Toronto. Predeceased by brothers Wilfred and Silas Utman. Resting at the J.R. Vice Funeral Home and Chapel, Winchester, on Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9pm, where services will be held on Thurs., May 24 at 1:30pm. Interment at South Gower Cemetery.



**100th birthday**

The family of Mabel Robinson wish to invite relatives and friends to come and help celebrate Mabel's 100th birthday — Sunday, June 25th, 1989. time - 2:30-5:00pm at the St. Jacques Nursing Home in Embrun.



# Happy 100th!



When Elizabeth Christie, a resident at Dundas Manor in Winchester, wakes up tomorrow she'll be starting her second century of life. More than 100 people celebrated the former Mountain resident's 100th birthday in Mountain Sunday and she said thanks by playing and singing hymns at the piano.

Winchester Press Oct. 3/84

**MOUNTAIN** — When Elizabeth Christie was born, John A. Macdonald was serving his second term as Prime Minister of Canada, Chester Arthur was President of the United States and Winchester was still four years away from being incorporated as a village.

Mrs. Christie, who turns 100 today, was honored by a packed hall of friends, relatives and well wishers at the Mountain Recreation Hall Sunday for a centennial celebration usually reserved for countries and towns. The magnitude of the occasion was underlined by the arrival of congratulatory telegrams from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Queen Elizabeth.

She reciprocated the feeling, delighting the crowd by playing four hymns at the piano and reading from some of her own poetry.

But the former farmer's wife who still remembers seeing the county's first automobile couldn't figure out what all the fuss was about.

"I though I might have a couple of dozens friends come by, but I never thought I would have a hall full," she said as she looked around at the more than 100 people who had come by to say happy birthday. "I think it's wonderful to have so many friends."

Born on a farm between Mountain and South Mountain on Oct. 3, 1884, Elizabeth Bell Robinson was raised "on the scriptures". If

there has been a secret to her long life, she said, it was the devotion of her parents.

"I was blessed by wonderful parents," she said. "I was brought up by a fine old Methodist couple who taught us to go to church and how to be a Christian. It's always been a comfort."

"I think we just live as long as the Lord gives us breath, but we can help ourselves to live longer by being more thankful. To be sane at my age is a gift from the Lord."

Married to Ivan Christie in 1912, they had four children: Charles, Melvin, Margaret and Shirley. Her husband and Shirley were killed in a train-car collision in 1948. Melvin died in 1981.

During her year's as a farmer's wife, she found time from the long hours of farm work to sing in the local church choir and teach Sunday school. In 1981, she became a resident at Dundas Manor in Winchester where she continues to be an example of strong faith and conviction.

"My son gave me a tape recorder and I have a lot of good things like sermonettes that I play. One day someone came in and told me to turn it down because everyone could hear it. Well," she said with a smile, "I told him I wanted everyone in the room to hear it."

In a life that has seen two world wars, the explosion of technology and the trends and fads of society, Mrs. Christie said pick-

ing out the most memorable moments were difficult.

"What was the most exciting? I'm not sure," she said. "The lowest point was when my husband and daughter were killed. It took a long time to get over that. I guess the most exciting part of my life was my childhood. It was wonderful."

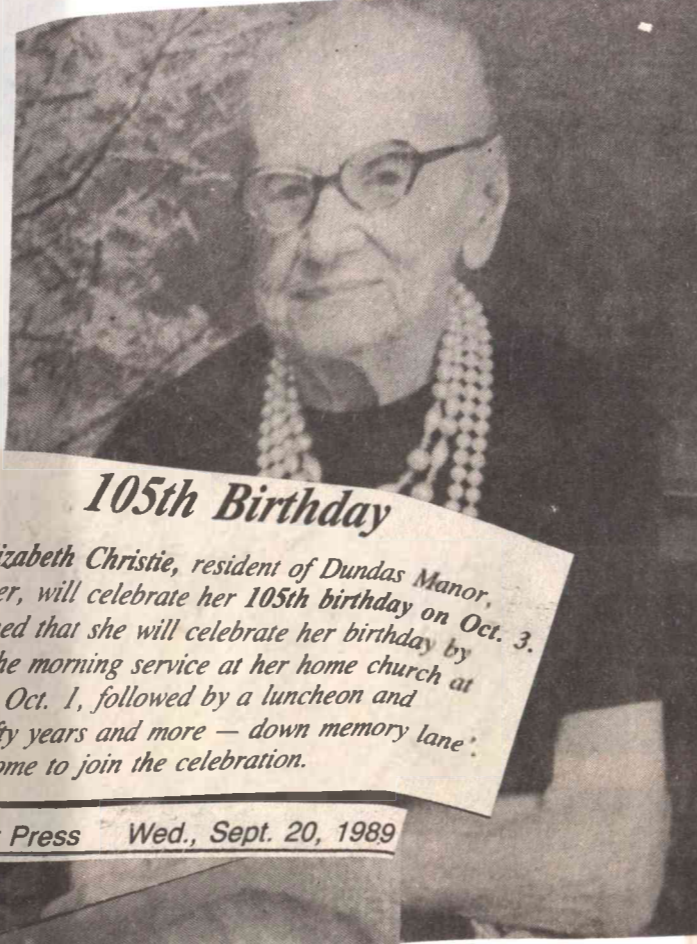
In congratulating her on landmark birthday, well wishers spoke not only of the quantity of years, but also the quality.

"You have 11 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren and you have been a constant factor in all our lives," said granddaughter Elaine Hoog. "You are the common thread that binds us all. Your love of family, your love of life and your love of God are your legacy."

"She is a splendid example of youth despite her 100 years," said Mrs. Mitchell, representing the staff at Dundas Manor. "Mrs. Christie is one of the finest examples of the generation we are caring for."

Winchester Reeve Larry Grey asked her to celebrate Winchester's centennial in 1988 and Mountain Township Reeve Keith Fawcett said her birthday added another special note to a year that has seen visits by the Queen and Pope.

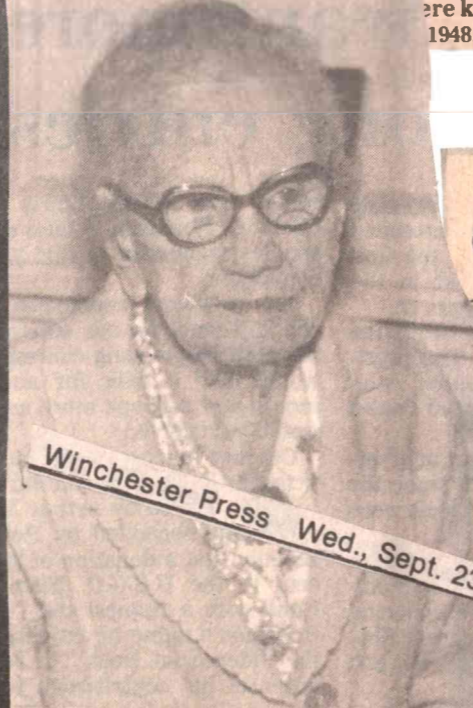
"You've been a very special example to us all," Rev. Frances Hare of Inkerman told Mrs. Christie. "Somebody so special has made so much of that life."



## 105th Birthday

Mrs. Elizabeth Christie, resident of Dundas Manor, Winchester, will celebrate her 105th birthday on Oct. 3. It is planned that she will celebrate her birthday by attending the morning service at her home church at Hallville on Oct. 1, followed by a luncheon and program 'Fifty years and more - down memory lane'. You are welcome to join the celebration.

The Winchester Press Wed., Sept. 20, 1989



Winchester Press Wed., Sept. 23, 1987

## 103rd birthday

Mrs. Elizabeth Christie, resident of Dundas Manor, Winchester, will be 103 years old on Saturday, Oct. 3. Her family invite you to attend an open party in her honor on that day at 2pm in St. Andrew's United Church Hall, Hallville. It will begin with a luncheon catered to by the UCW and followed by entertainment. All are welcome - no gifts, please.



## Elizabeth Christie turns 104

Reported by her 75-year-old son Charles Christie

**HALLVILLE** — On Oct. 2, Hallville United Church, led by Margaret Hyndman, held a birthday party for Elizabeth Christie who turned 104 on Oct. 3.

In an age which praises to the sky such athletes as Ben Johnson and political leaders, it was refreshing and surprising to hear people pay tribute to a woman whose chief claim to fame is that she has lived so long.

If you met her alone you might think that she was a bit dull because she cannot see and she cannot hear, but she can walk and talk. Although

her hearing aid is defective, she doesn't complain. And if you get her started on any one of a dozen psalms, she can recite them all.

Her phenomenal memory is also revealed in her ability to sing many hymns if you just give her the first line and she needs no stimulation to say a long blessing before meals.

Last year she could play four hymns on the piano and sing them, too. It is true that she has slowed down during her 103rd year but she still can do many things which people in their 80s and 90s can't do.

She will not remember, nor did she even hear, when a local reeve gave her a written message from Canada's prime minister. She ap-

If there's anything nicer than turning 100, it must be celebrating your 101st birthday. Elizabeth Christie did just that with dozens of friends at Dundas Manor last week. The group gathered for birthday cake and Elizabeth capped the week by entertaining with her piano skills at the Mountain Hall on Sunday.

peared unaware, too, when the provincial member from our riding gave her a message of congratulations from the premier of Ontario.

It is not difficult to understand why any old grandmother is special to her younger relatives but Elizabeth Christie has a wider following. When she sang and recited, the 75 or more guests at the party clapped with enthusiasm. She is "one of a kind". She says, "I know not what the future holds, but I know who holds the future."



The Weekly Advance,

September 28, 1988

Winchester Press Oct 7/89





## Fire destroys home on Highway 43

Fire destroyed a house on Highway 43 near the Mountain turnoff yesterday.

The house, owned by Leroy Empey, was burned to the ground, leaving only the chimney and an addition standing.

Mountain Fire Chief Jim Scott says he got a call from Empey's neighbour around 9:30 a.m., but when the volunteer fire department arrived the house was engulfed in flames. Firemen managed to save the addition, but had to let the fire burn itself out, finally leaving the scene at 6 p.m.

Scott says the cause of the fire is unknown, and because the house was burned to the ground, "We will probably never know."

Winchester Press Sept 17/85

## Fire levels farm house

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — A local farmer was left homeless Monday when an early morning blaze gutted his two-storey house.

John Havekes was sleeping when the blaze started and was awakened by his dog's barking and a smoke detector. Havekes, who was alone in the house, escaped without injuries.

The house was engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived at the scene. Mountain Township fire chief, Jim Scott, said his crew "came close" to bringing the blaze under control, but once it reached the roof, it became too much to handle.

Firefighters managed to keep the blaze from spreading to the adjacent barn.

Scott said the cause is still under investigation.

The Winchester Press Aug 23/87

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### 90 years young

Over 150 family members and friends gathered at the Mountain Township Community Hall on Saturday to honor Mrs. Eva Mae Workman, Mountain, on her 90th birthday. Mrs. Workman was born in Brinston Sept. 27, 1892. She has two daughters, Leita (Mrs. Eldon Stobo), Sudbury, and Lorraine (Mrs. Dwight Hutt), Inkerman, one son, Malcolm "Mac" Workman, Orlando, Fla., 11 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. She received congratulatory messages from Ontario Premier William Davis and SD&G MLA Osie Villeneuve and floral arrangements and gifts from family and friends.

Press Photo—Morris  
Sept. 27, 1982



### Dutch treat

Mrs. John Havekes woke up to find a stranger sitting on her porch last week. Sara, who appeared a bit stuffed, was put there by friends and relatives as part of a Dutch tradition to help Mrs. Havekes celebrate her 50th birthday.

In the case of a man, Abraham would be sitting in the chair. To round off the tradition, later in the day everyone gathered to celebrate the event.

Press Photo—Raistrick

June 18, 1981



Mabel Robinson, formerly of Mountain and now of Winchester, celebrated her 93rd birthday last Wednesday. She has two daughters, Mrs. James Cox (Leola) of Ottawa and Mrs. Gladys McLaren of Russell. She is also the proud grandmother of five and great grandmother of 11. She was pleasantly surprised when many of her former neighbors, United Church Women and Women's Institute members brought a corsage and birthday cake to her home.

Press Photo—Cox  
July 7, 1982

WINCHESTER — Mabel Robinson may decide to take things a little easier after her birthday this Saturday, but she's making no promises.

After all, she says, it hasn't been sitting around that has allowed her to celebrate her 95th birthday.

"I guess if there has been any secret to long life for me it has been keeping busy," she says. "I'm slowing down a little now, but I still try to do things like helping in the kitchen by peeling potatoes."

Raised in Mountain, she was the oldest of four children. Since then she has had two children of her own and has 11 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

For 25 years she was a correspondent to the Winchester Press, a time she is proud of. "Sometimes I might only have four paragraphs of news, but I always had something in every week."

Still energetic enough for daily walks, Mabel says she is grateful "more than I can say to God for gracing me with good health."

Her daughters and her doctors have told her to expect to be celebrating her 100th birthday and Mrs. Robinson says she probably will. "As long as I have my health, I don't mind," she says.

### 95th birthday



Mabel Robinson, a resident at Hillcrest Haven just outside of Winchester, celebrated her 95th birthday June 30 and her friends say she will make 100. Mrs. Robinson says the key to a long life is keeping busy. A native of Mountain, she was a press correspondent for the Winchester Press for 25 years.

Press Photo—Riley

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**Mountain Council Inaugural meeting Dec 1982**

Mountain Township council began the new three-year term Monday morning, vowing to "hold the line" on finances during what they expect will be a very important term. Council and staff are pictured above. Back: (left to right) Coun. Earl Garlough, Ron Timmins (Roads Supt.), Larry Dietrich (Drain Supt.), Coun. Don Levere, Coun. Ewart Simms. Front: new Deputy-Reeve James Alexander, Reeve Keith Fawcett, Clerk-Treasurer Joan Maxwell.



**Riding the crest**

John Maxwell's design was considered tops of the near 60 received by Mountain Township council in its contest to find an official municipal crest. The winner was announced during the Canada Day celebrations held in South Mountain July 1. Placing second was Muriel Allen, also in

the photo. Jeffrey Holmes' caricature of a dairy cow received enough attention from councillors to get him an honorable mention while an honorable mention also went out to Ian Vincent.

Press Photo—Cox

July 7, 1982



## High technology mappers in the dark over Mountain

**MOUNTAIN** — In the darkest hours of the night, surveyors will be using one of the most advanced systems in the world to map Mountain Township.

The high tech method being used, Global Positioning Systems, or GPS, will utilize satellites, computers and an atomic clock accurate to within a billionth of a second to help produce a map precise to within a few centimeters.

The map work, part of a provincial push to standardize all municipal maps, is scheduled to take two years and cost \$50,000 with all but \$1,700 subsidized by Queen's Park.

The maps will show the township at a scale of 1:2,000, and could be used by planners, geologists, foresters and police, ambulance and fire department dispatchers.

The GPS system will replace a lot of the work done by conventional surveyors, says Jamie Ferguson, director of operations at Ottawa's Geosurv. He estimates that using GPS will shave off almost four months of work by conventional surveyors.

GPS has been used to produce co-ordinates for maps, as well as decide on locations for dams and coal mines, says Ferguson.

The GPS surveyors will be using four new and six existing "control monuments" set into the ground and topped with an antenna mounted on a tripod.

The satellites, part of Navstar, an American navigation system designed by the military, beam down a high-frequency signal to be received by the antenna as the satellites orbit twice daily at 20,000 km above the ground.

Three GPS surveyors in cars form a triangle. The signals from the satellite are transferred on-

to a disk on a lap-top computer to determine the distance between the surveyors. All of the data received by the computer in the mobile units will later be transferred to a disk in a larger processing computer.

The surveying differs from the navigating purpose used by the U.S. army in that it sends out stationary co-ordinates rather than moving ones.

At this time of year, the constellation of four or five satellites used by the surveyors will only be within tracking range from midnight to 4am, says Ferguson. In mid-summer, the satellites would be at the right range in the afternoon.

The satellites don't have to be in view for the surveyors to receive the signals, says Ferguson, but the signals can't be obstructed by trees or buildings.

It will take the GPS surveyors about five days to finish their part of the mapping. The information on the lap-top computers will be transferred to the computer set up at the GPS base camp in Winchester, producing three-dimensional co-ordinates of the township.

The satellites are uploaded every day from the control centre in Colorado, says Ferguson, including the time on the super-accurate atomic clocks on board the satellites.

The surveyors will be plotting 10 points in total, doing two sessions every night. The mobile team will be moving as far north as Ottawa-Carleton, and as far south as the Highway 401.

The GPS system will determine control points for conventional surveyors to use. The satellite survey will be followed up by ground surveying and aerial photographs before the final map can be completed.

## Mountain taxes to increase 9.6 per cent

by Lynda Steele  
Advance Staff Reporter

Homeowners in Mountain Township will be paying an average 9.6 per cent more in taxes this year. Those figures were released last week when council approved its budget for 1986.

This year's increase is only slightly higher than last year's 9 per cent hike and falls within the usual tax increase bracket for the township.

For most homeowners who are paying public school taxes, the tax bill will come to \$213, up from last year's \$200. Commercial property owners will pay \$251, an increase of \$16. Taxes for those homeowners under the Roman Catholic separate school board are \$206 and \$242 for residential and commercial, respectively.

And what happens to every dollar? Education taxes claim the biggest chunk taking 60.3 per cent of every dollar. That's down from last year's 64.8 per cent. The county takes 11.2 per cent of every dollar for roads and welfare expenses and municipal taxes claim the remaining 28.5 per cent for

road maintenance and municipal expenses. The municipality receives a larger piece of this year's pie, getting an additional 5 per cent over last year's dollar allocations.

Expenditures of the township went up a modest \$158,039 for 1986, totalling just under \$1,900,000. Of that increase, education and county taxes accounted for almost \$66,000.

The only substantial change in revenues come from a Wintario grant totalling \$16,620. That money is to be used for new lights and other improvements to the Mountain Township ball park. Other grants include a \$20,000 increased provincial grant for roads while a per capita general grant came in with \$12,000 less than in 1985.

The costs of running the municipal government came to \$135,000 this year as compared to last year's total of \$127,000.

A breakdown of education taxes show \$353,664 going to elementary schools, \$305,094 to secondary and \$24,106 to separate schools.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, June 4, 1986

## Mountain Council rejects Matilda Township resolution Mountain Council joins the opposition against Bill 8

by P.H. Nicol  
Advance Staff Reporter

Mountain Township Council's monthly meeting this month dealt primarily with a single issue.

The Association for the Preservation of English in Canada (APEC) presented a resolution that the Township endorse a proposal to request the Province of Ontario to hold a referendum on Bill 8, the recent legislation that provides for French language services in the Province. A similar resolution was approved some weeks ago by Matilda Township.

Mr. Edwin Drake addressed Council with a presentation in favour of APEC's resolution. He said that the legislation showed "no evidence of any concern for the 95% of Ontarians who do not speak French." Further, he stated, "an effort has been made to keep the contents of Bill 8 from the people of Ontario".

Mr. Drake rounded out his presentation by expressing his concerns that the legislation would hurt the English speaking population in terms of costs of translation services and in the loss of jobs.

Mr. Gerald Webb then made his presentation on behalf of APEC. He assured Council that APEC is neither a racist nor biggoted organization. The association is not particularly against bilingualism either, he said, but is concerned that the majority of people in the Province will have to pay a high price to provide services for a small minority. He states that the Franco-Ontarian population

represents no more than 5%. He then, on behalf of APEC, asked Council to endorse his resolution.

Mr. Robert Lamb then presented his views. Mr. Lamb told Council "You are elected to deal with matters within your authority. You should not let your personal views interfere with your elected responsibilities. They must be kept separate. You can pursue your personal views and honour your elected responsibilities without conflict. However, if you endorse a resolution that is beyond the Township's authority, all the citizens of the Township are seen to accept your position. That is unfair."

"I would like to again point out that this legislation does not apply to the Township of Mountain. Moreover, the Council of this Township does not have the authority to endorse this private resolution."

Mountain Township Council, in their regular monthly meeting last Monday evening, passed a resolution to request that the Government of Ontario repeal Bill 8 and to refrain from any legislation that would designate Ontario as being officially bilingual. Mountain

Township has joined a growing number of Ontario municipalities that have voiced their opposition to the controversial legislation.

Before the resolution was introduced, Council was made aware of a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Mr. Bernard Grandmatre. In his letter the Minister reiterated that the Govern-

ment of Ontario was "firmly committed to the French Language Services Act." He stated that the act (Bill 8) consolidates existing policy in the Provincial Statutes, but that the decision of whether or not a particular municipality would become bilingual rests solely with the Municipal Councils. He further pointed out that 23 Municipalities have designated themselves bilingual.

Councillor Ewart Simms then presented his resolution, the text of which follows in full. The resolution was seconded by Deputy Reeve Jim Alexander.

Whereas we, the Council of the Township of Mountain, as

representatives of the Township's electorate, are of the opinion that: firstly, language in Ontario should not be legislated; secondly the millions of tax dollars to be spent implementing Bill 8 would be better spent improving the school system; and thirdly, the passing of Bill 8, with only 55 members of the Legislature voting and 70 members abstaining represents neither the majority of the members of the Government of Ontario nor the majority of the people of Ontario;

And whereas the Township of Mountain supports the provisions of the French Language Services in areas warranted by French-Speaking population;

And whereas the Township of Mountain believes that the Province of Ontario enjoys its present prosperity because of its many cultures and believes that the Province should continue to be a multi-cultural mosaic;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Mountain requests the Government of Ontario to repeal Bill 8 and to not legislate official bilingualism.

In the discussion that followed, Councillor Don Levere voiced his dissent with the resolution. He stated that he felt that the dream of a fully bilingual nation was well under way, much like the dream of a national railroad that sparked so much controversy a century ago. He suggested that people put their faith in the Politicians of Ontario to implement Bill 8 fairly.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, August 12, 1987



### Construction underway

Construction on County Road 1 through Mountain has been underway for a few weeks now. The road was being gravelled and will be paved in about two weeks.

The Weekly Advance, Thursday, July 2, 1987

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, July 30, 1986





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## Maxwell enjoys challenge

**MOUNTAIN** — What Joan Maxwell likes the most about her job as clerk for Mountain Township is the challenge it presents.

Joan believes she has stayed in the position for 13 years because of her determination, which surfaced soon after she began as clerk.

"One time a clerk phoned me and asked to speak to the former clerk, Mr. Bailey, because he said I wouldn't know the answer he needed. I thought okay, you just wait and see. My women's lib came through."

When Joan applied for the job back in 1976, she was a single parent of three young children and had no experience with municipal government.

"I was good and scared at first. It was such a tremendously different job. But Mr. Bailey, the council members themselves and other clerks were helpful."

Joan says the clerks had a sort of fraternity at the time and would consult with each other over problems. In fact, there were meetings for clerk-treasurers once a month in Cornwall that were a real help.

Joan was the only female clerk in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Counties back then and she was often the only woman at council meetings.

"It bothered me sometimes. I'd be sitting at those local meetings feeling like a little petunia," Joan chuckled.

She felt pressured to prove herself and she met that pressure head on.

"I feel good that I've been able to do the job. It's not a nine to five job. You take a lot home with you. I wake up in the middle of the night sometimes thinking about a problem from work."

Until last year Joan wrote by hand the tax roll and bills for the 1,700 or so Mountain Township residents. Now they are sent out and done by computer.

"They call it progress and maybe it is. But now when a person comes in and asks why their bill is so high. I can't go to my book, look at all the columns and show them how it's broken down. People might think I'm crazy, but if I had my choice, I'd go back to the old system."

Answering to complaints from people upset with one of council's decisions is what Joan likes least about her job — but she and her assistant Doris Coons do the best they can.

"We're supposed to be jolly 24 hours a day, but when someone lowers the boom on you, it's hard to be," said Joan.

Mountain Township Reeve Keith Fawcett understands the plight of the clerk and her assistant.

"They're the ones that get most of the complaints from decisions made in council. People often blow off steam at the clerk and by the time they talk to me they may have cooled off," said Fawcett.

Estella Rose is a new councillor elected last year and has gained more appreciation for Joan and the duties of a clerk during the time she has served.

"Joan is sort of a silent partner who works behind the scenes. Being new on the job you really appreciate her extra perspective," says Estella. "To be a clerk you have to be pleasant yet firm. You also have to be very knowledgeable in the history and background of all the present situations."

Joan says she might run for council herself someday because she knows the pitfalls.

Meanwhile, Joan is content with her job because of the challenge. Balancing the books, maintaining calm and finishing a cup of coffee before it's cold are a small part of the challenges facing a township clerk.

## Warden's banquet held in Winchester

**WINCHESTER** — "There is no other place that I would rather live than the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry," counties' warden Keith Fawcett told the crowd at the community centre here Friday night.

The Winchester arena was packed for the annual warden's banquet, hosted this year by Mountain Township reeve Fawcett, who was elected as warden a year ago.

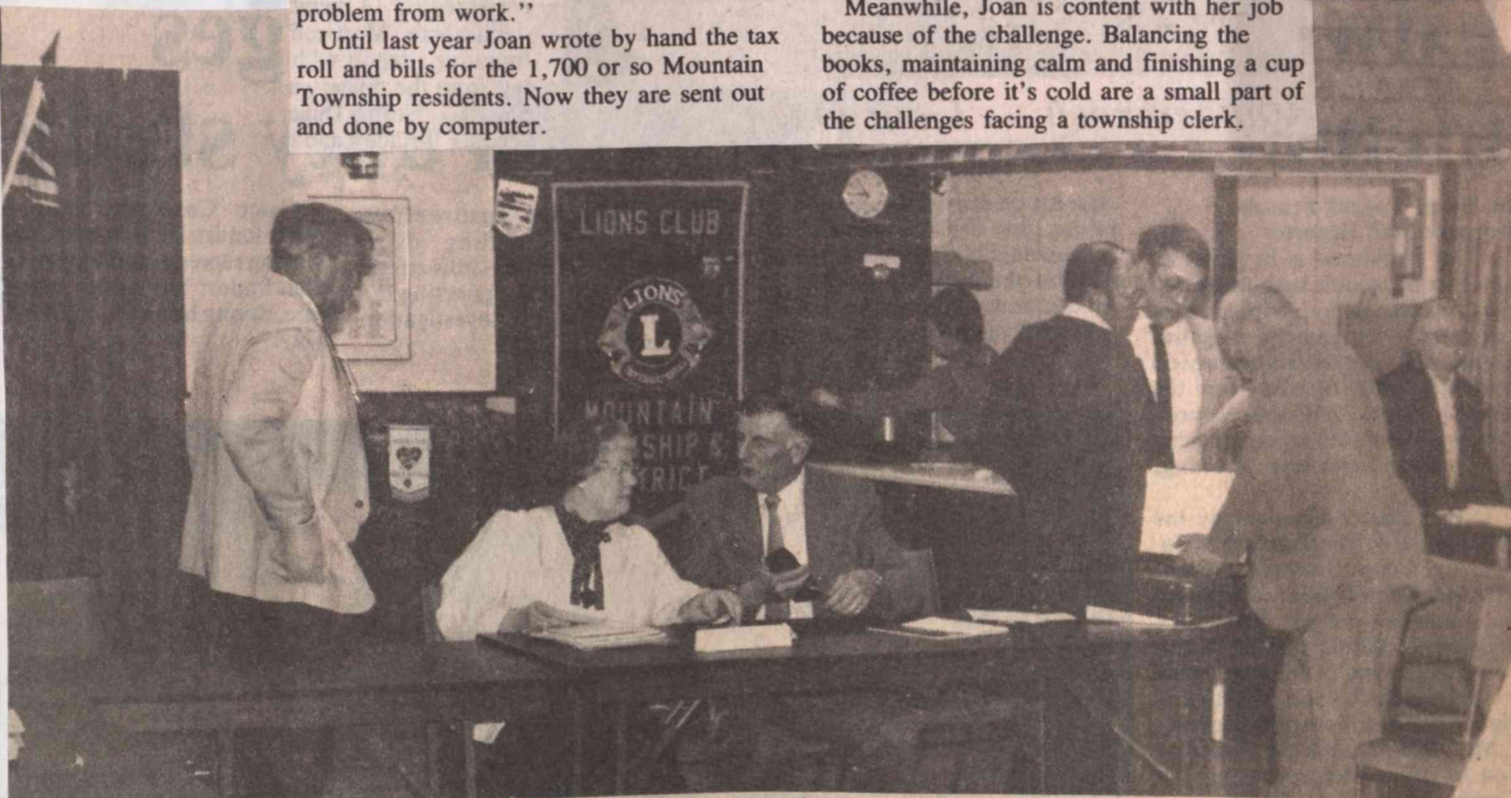
Fawcett, who became a Mountain Township councillor in 1973, was elected as deputy reeve in 1975 and has been reeve since 1981. Now celebrating the 39th anniversary of his marriage to wife Marguerite, he has seven children and seven grandchildren.

Guests at the banquet included Stormont-Dundas MP Norm Warner, SD&G MPP Noble Villeneuve, a number of former SD&G wardens, Cornwall mayor Brian Lynch and members of area municipal councils.



Keith Fawcett

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## Mountain Council holds special meeting

Mountain Township Reeve Keith Fawcett discusses the special council meeting, held last week, with Township Clerk Joan Maxwell. Council held the special meeting as part of Local Government Week, and showed many interested residents about council procedures.

Advance Photo - N. Legault-Francis

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## New Boundary outline for local area.

By Rod Cormier  
Review Staff Reporter

When you go to vote in the next provincial election, if you don't already know, you will discover your riding has a new name and new boundaries due to a bill known as the Representation Act which was passed on July 10.

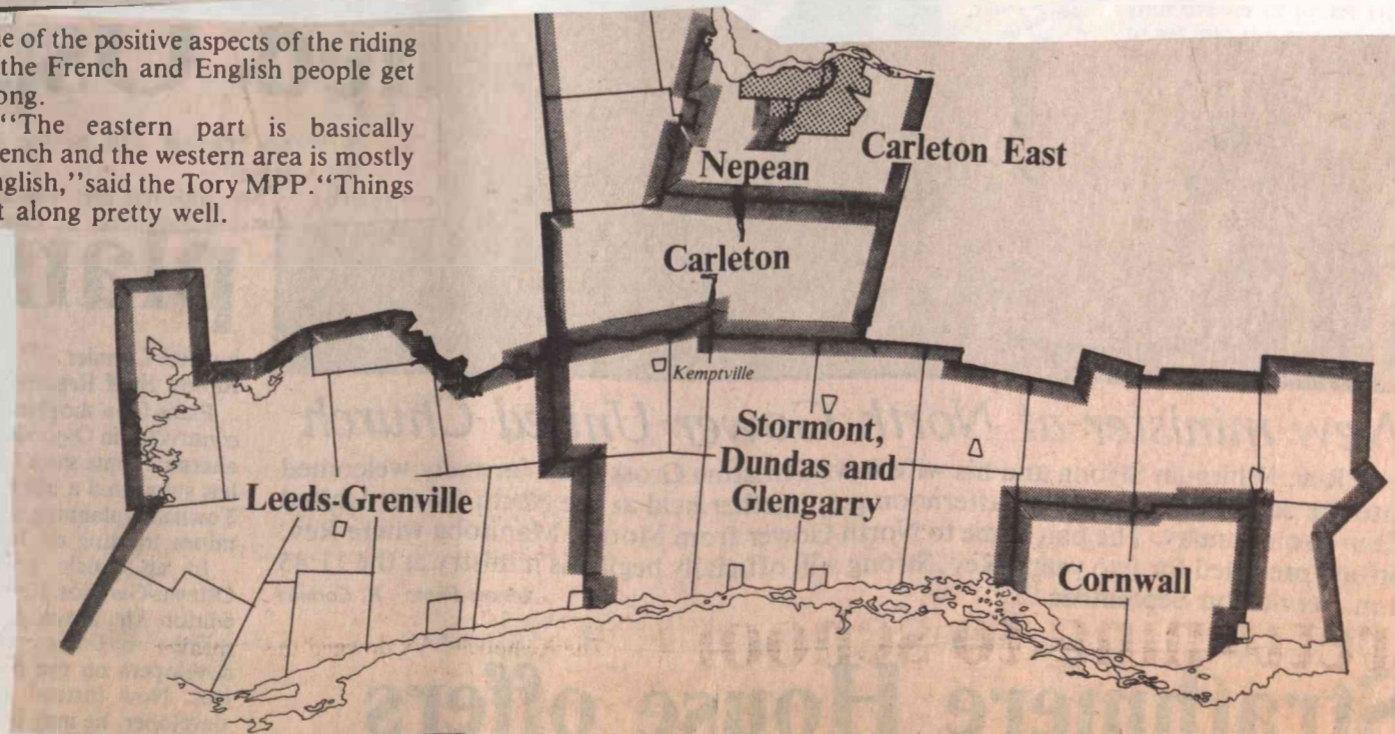
The new boundaries will split Grenville County municipalities in two ways. Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry gains the eastern part of Grenville County, including the town of Kemprville, the village of Cardinal and the townships of Edwardsburgh, Oxford-on-Rideau and South Gower. Leeds-Grenville will encompass Leeds County and the western part of Grenville County, including the town of Prescott, the village of Merrickville and the townships of Augusta and Wolford.

MPP for Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Noble Villeneuve, says the changes still leaves the riding a homogeneous group although it is a huge area to cover.

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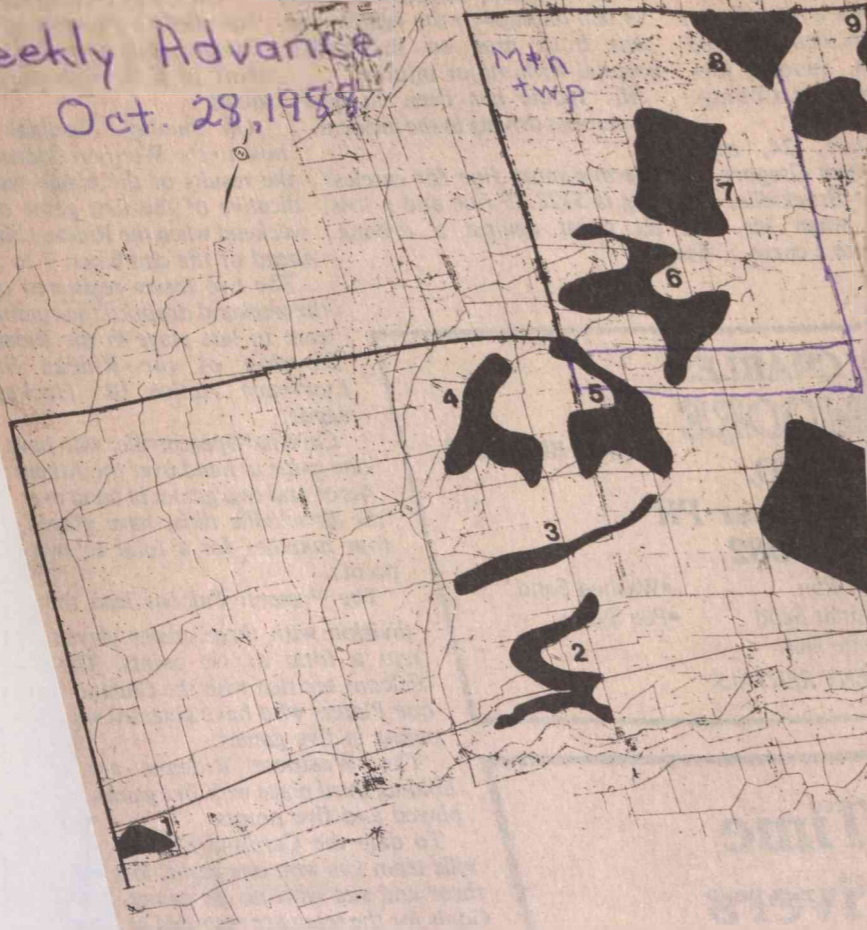
one of the positive aspects of the riding is the French and English people get along.

"The eastern part is basically French and the western area is mostly English," said the Tory MPP. "Things get along pretty well."





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# Fawcett declares Mountain Twp. won't be Brockville's dumpsite

**SOUTH MOUNTAIN** — A subdued crowd of about 175 Mountain Township residents broke into applause Monday night as reeve Keith Fawcett declared the township would not accept Brockville's garbage.

Opening the floor for comments at Mountain's waste management public meeting, Fawcett told the crowd that he was opposed to accepting garbage from Brockville and using agricultural land for a dumpsite.

Fawcett reminded residents that although Mountain could still opt out of the waste management master plan, the dumpsite could still be located in the township.

Several residents complained that even though the waste management master plan is being promoted as a solution for Grenville and Dundas' waste problems, Brockville, which is included in the study, is located in Leeds County.

"If we can look after our own, they can look after their own," Winchester resident Brian Stobo told the meeting. "I couldn't care less how much garbage Brockville produces. I don't live in Brockville."

Other residents said the preliminary study, which was based on previously published

material, ignored population increases, new housing developments and the importance of farming to the area.

Mountain farmer Estella Rose said a block of 5,000 acres of farmland improved with tile drainage had been ignored by planners, despite promises to remove these areas from the list of potential sites.

Planners had not considered using a site with a plastic liner, she said, a more expensive alternative to choosing a site on natural clay soil. Rose said she was alarmed at the amount of agricultural land being taken out of production.

"Waste management is just another way to take food-producing soil out of the hands of future generations," said Rose, adding that the thin soil of the Brockville area protected with a plastic liner could be a better location for the waste site. "Sometimes the most expensive way is the cheapest in the long run," said Rose to cheers from the audience.

But consulting engineer Andy Robinson said the consultants are still accepting briefs from residents to make changes to the proposals. He admitted that some of the information used in the preliminary study was outdated, but doing

the survey by canvassing would be more expensive for the region, he said.

The master plan, initiated almost two years ago at the instigation of Edwardsburgh Township, is being developed in response to the 1975 Environmental Assessment Act. According to the act, all municipalities must develop a waste management strategy to conform to the more stringent guidelines of the act. The choices made in the Grenville and Dundas master plan must be approved by the Ministry of the Environment.

Many of Ontario's municipalities are using their present landfill facilities until they have developed new waste management programs. The MOE has declared that many dumps in the region are already at capacity.

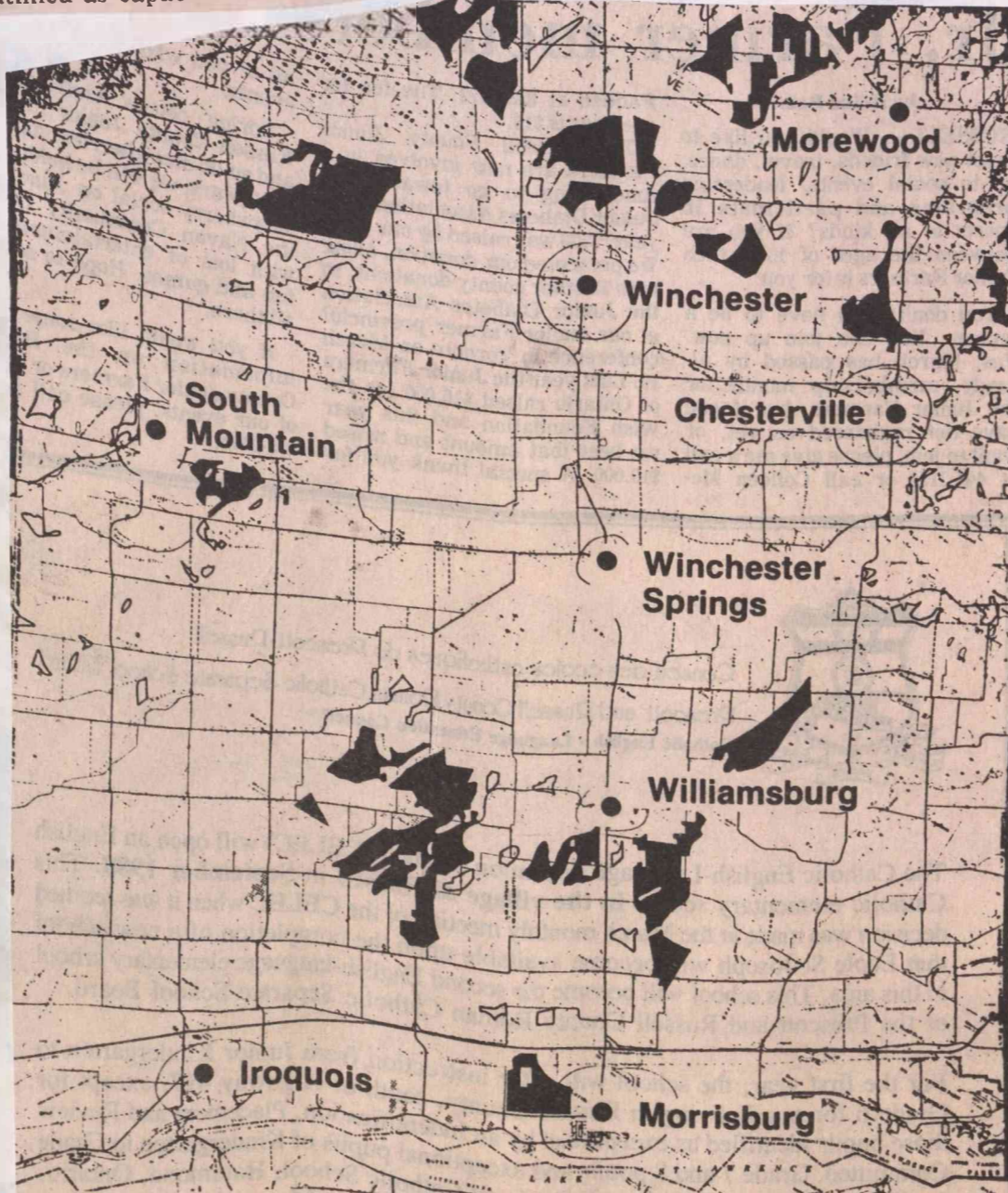
The final solution may include one or more landfill sites, a stepped-up recycling program, composting, and an incinerator. It will take almost two years before the region makes its final decision based on the consultants' recommendation, said Robinson.

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## Phase 2a of Waste Management Master Plan

The master plan study for Grenville-Dundas is into the constraint mapping stage. Pictured here are the areas A.J. Robinson Consulting Firm has outlined as possible areas of investigation for a waste management site. The darkened areas are not definite sites, but just areas outlined as capable of housing a waste site.

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Dark areas indicate potential dump-sites in Dundas County.

## Waste management into second stage

**WINCHESTER** — Grenville-Dundas' waste management master plan is marching forward.

Next on the agenda for planners will be identifying areas for waste disposal facilities and looking at alternatives to burying the almost 57,000 tonnes of garbage produced by residents in the study area.

Stage 1 of the plan collected information to find out how much waste was produced by the area, and eliminated areas as potential sites for waste disposal. Planners discovered that some municipal dump sites were overflowing, while others still had an 11-year lifespan.

According to the study, Grenville and Dundas and the city of Brockville, will require 75 hectares of land for a waste management strategy lasting for the next 20 years, and 150 hectares if the lifespan of the site is to stretch into the next 40 years.

Landfill is one option that the committee cannot avoid, says liaison committee member Irene Woolford. Planners are considering other alternatives, including incineration, recycling and products that can be manufactured using energy produced from incineration.

Also under consideration is a proposal from Moose Creek entrepreneur Andre Lafleche who wants to build a plant similar to a pelletizing operation run by a Dutch municipality. The plant produces condensed pellets from garbage, which are later sold. Other

energy-from-waste options include greenhouses warmed by energy produced from incineration.

The final formula will probably include a stepped-up version of the recycling program, but the size of the recycling program depends on finding a market for recycled paper, glass and metal. Last year, the village of Winchester produced about 429 tonnes of residential waste, and recovered almost 17 per cent through recycling.

Even if planners choose incineration, at least 10 per cent of the volume of garbage, as ashes, will still need to be buried.

Woolford says area residents still have some misconceptions about the plan. Areas outlined in the constraint map are "not proposed 'dump sites'" she says.

The new strategy will be the most up-to-date system possible, she says. Under recent legislation, garbage must be covered with earth, the dump site must be locked at night, and a high earth berm has to be built to screen it from view.

She adds that the site will only include household waste, and not potentially hazardous solid industrial waste.

Constraint maps and a list of criteria for determining candidate areas are available at municipal offices.

The plan will move on to the next stage within the next few weeks. The plan will include five stages in total.

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# Council allows sludge in Mountain Township

MOUNTAIN — Despite resident strong opposition, Mountain Township will once again allow Ault Foods to spread its sludge here.

The approval came at a special public meeting Tuesday with the ministry of environment (MOE), Ault's and the township council.

Sludge is created during biological treatment of dairy plant waste water and according to Ault's and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food studies, can serve as a valuable organic soil conditioner or fertilizer.

Residents at yesterday's meeting said the sludge was improperly spread on the Jennings Road site last year. They raised concerns about similar problems occurring on the proposed site at the corner of Hwy. 43 and Jennings Road.

Residents are worried the sludge could contaminate their wells. They are also tired of the smell and concerned about the effects of the heavy trucks on the roads.

Jerry McKenna of the MOE told the group, spreading sludge is allowed if the companies follow the strict guidelines laid out by the ministry and OMAF.

When the initial sludge dumping guidelines were being established, municipal sludge was

a major concern as this type of sludge contains toxic heavy metals, said McKenna, who went on to explain that dairy waste water is usually fairly safe since it doesn't contain these contaminants.

Ault's sludge was analyzed in February of 1988 and in April and May this year and although it was naturally high in phosphates because of milk product production, the sludge passed MOE guidelines.

MOE spokesman Warren Lusk, who conducted the original ground water studies on the area, said it is safe to dump sludge outside of 95 metres of neighboring wells and more than 65 metres from surface water or ditches.

The ministry states the volume of sludge can't be spread on fields more than half an inch thick.

Residents and council were concerned with who would be monitoring dumping.

McKenna said that it was not up to the MOE, but rather with Ault's to monitor the application of the sludge to assure wells are not contaminated. However, McKenna said if there was a complaint and contamination was discovered, the ministry would step in.

"I don't think it's the responsibility of the residents to monitor the situation," said councillor Don Johnson, who added that Ault's had to commit to proper monitoring of the site before he would feel comfortable with it.

Ault's general manager Yves Leroux said his plant would follow ministry and council guidelines. "We have waste, and we have to get rid of it. If we get township permission we will follow the guidelines and work with the MOE," said Leroux.

Resident Jeanette Holmes was not content with Ault's monitoring their own spreading. "I think Ault's is promising things it is not going to do," said a visibly angry Holmes.

Holmes complained about the smell of the sludge. She has a small son whose health was affected by the odor last summer. The stench, which was described by some residents as much

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MOUNTAIN — In a session closed to the public last Monday, township council passed an agreement to allow Ault Food's Ltd. to spread sludge on property off Hwy. 43 on Jennings Road.

The agreement must still be signed by Aults, Arden and Harold Holmes, owners of the property, then approved by the Ministry of the Environment. But Keith Fawcett, Mountain Township reeve, said the document will not be altered and will be a precedent for future applications for sludge dumping.

Ratepayers Jeanette Holmes and Valerie Flowers, have been lobbying council on behalf of residents since the application was first presented this spring. They say the sludge may affect up to 19 wells, and though they are pleased with most points in the agreement, both say the document is not strict enough.

Among major points in the agreement:

- Sludge will not be spread within 60 metres of a municipal drain and 95 metres of an individual well site.
- The township's drainage inspector has the power to monitor and stop the spreading of sludge, and to monitor the roads leading to and from the site. The cost of any road repairs will be the responsibility of Ault's and the landowner.
- Spreading must take place between 7am and 7pm on Mondays to Fridays and the entire process must be completed within 20 days, no later than Nov. 15.
- Sludge must be plowed under within an hour of spreading.
- Sludge cannot be spread during precipitation, and the drainage superintendent can stop spreading if the weather looks threatening.
- Well site owners must be notified at least 24 hours before spreading begins.
- Aults must have the sludge analyzed every four days after spreading begins.
- Well sites will be tested two months, six months and a year after the completion of the

spreading of sludge. If the well water shows an increase in any of the contaminants tested for in the sludge, the well owner can demand a new well with Ault's and the property owner covering the cost.

Yves Leroux, Ault's Winchester general manager, said he has yet to receive word from Ault's legal and waste management consultants.

Though Ault's has to sign the document, he commented, "so far I feel it's a very promising agreement."

Holmes does not agree.

"We're basically pleased that council has looked into more than they did originally. But the most obvious and the most important concern was not included: water quality."

She said the tests Aults had performed on individual wells did not include all ingredients in the sludge. She mentioned low level chemicals such as mercury and arsenic.

She admitted, the chance of contamination by these chemicals is very low, however she said most of the well owners affected are having expensive, private tests conducted, on top of the tests by Ault's.

And though Ault's would be responsible for replacing contaminated wells, there are no stipulations that water quality in a new well must be equal to the original.

Said Holmes, "If we have good water now, (Ault's) should guarantee us that we have good water later."

But Fawcett said it would be impossible to ensure that any two wells could come up with equal water quality. He said guaranteeing water safety is the best deal the township could hope for.

Holmes also voiced objections to the timetable for testing. She said ratepayers could be drinking contaminated water for two months before realizing it.

But Holmes and Flowers also expressed disappointment that council passed the final agreement in closed session.

"If (council) is going to sign something on behalf of residents, then I think residents should be there on some of the discussion," said Holmes.

Holmes and Flowers have made a number of presentations, written and verbal, to council since May, including two petitions with about 30 names on each.

After the first draft of the agreement was completed on Sept. 25, Holmes and Flowers delivered a list of objections to the township's lawyer Stephen Workman.

Holmes said discussion on the agreement was originally placed on the public agenda of council's meeting on Oct. 4.

She said, at first Fawcett told her only three residents could attend the meeting, but later told her residents weren't welcome.

Yet according to Fawcett, "that was the advice from our lawyer. He felt we have given sufficient time to the ratepayers."

Holmes and Flowers said they are not opposed to the spreading of sludge, "just put it in a place where you're not going to be causing problems for residents," said Holmes.

But according to Harold Holmes, whose land is being used for the spreading, most fears are unfounded.

"I can't see that (the sludge) is such a killer. It's the very same thing that we use in fertilizer all the time."

And Fawcett expects few problems if the deal goes through.

"I don't agree that it is the most popular place (to spread sludge), but we feel we have a good deal to protect the ratepayers," said Fawcett.

## to raise lot levies

— Mountain Township council has tentatively agreed to charge a levy of \$500 for individuals building on new lots, and up to \$1,000 for a subdivision.

The proposal has been sent to township lawyers for legal interpretation before a bylaw is drawn up, stated clerk Gerard Miner.

The fee for individuals will be broken into separate charges, \$250 for the levy fee, which must be used by the township for recreation costs, and a \$250 capital development charge, which council can use towards the cost of services.

Council also agreed on an extra \$500 charge for applicants wishing to build on "multiple" lots, or subdivisions. Unlike the original \$500 fee, the extra charge will be paid up front, before the subdivision agreement is signed.

The charge will be included on each lot. The extra fee will cover the costs incurred by

The Winchester Press Wed., Dec. 13, 1989

## sets rates

Township council set mill rates Monday that reflect a 7.8 per cent increase for separate school ratepayers and 8.95 per cent for public school supporters.

The average homeowner who supports the public system will pay \$1,222 on a \$4,000 assessment, compared to \$1,123 in 1989. Separate school supporters with the same average assessment will pay \$1,106, up \$84 from last year.

Commercial property owners will pay \$980 on a \$4,000 assessment if they support the public system, compared to \$893 last year. Separate board supporters will pay \$914 on a \$4,000 commercial assessment, marking a \$69 increase over 1989.

The Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Public School Board's bill to the township comes to \$1,070,727, reflecting an 11.86 per cent hike over the previous year. The SD&G Separate Board is billing the township for \$68,998, a 15.44 per cent increase.

Township clerk Gerard Miner noted Tuesday that the impact of the higher bills for education was tempered by a larger general assessment for the township.

The Winchester Press Wed., June 6, 1990

## puts brakes on tire dumping

— Fearing that its municipal landfill is being turned into a final parking lot for worn tires, Mountain Township council is taking steps to curb the practice.

Council resolved Monday to set fees to regulate use of the dump near Inkerman, in response to a series of recent incidents in which tires, and other unwanted refuse, have been dumped at the landfill near Inkerman. An outright ban on dumping tires was also issued as an interim measure to curb a practice which has accelerated in recent weeks.

Also being pondered is the introduction of door-to-door garbage pickup, which councillors believe could help control use of the landfill.

The township will study landfill regulations and bylaws from other municipalities before drafting its own dumping rules.

The Winchester Press Wed., July 18, 1990

Mountain Township dump last week as the new metal compactor was making molehills out of the mountains of wrecked cars, refrigerators, and other worn-out metal scrap.

The compacting machine, leased from Glenview Iron & Metal Ltd. of Smiths Falls, bales metal into 1,000-2,000 lb. cubes which are then sent to plants to be recycled.

The task is an important part in controlling the landfill site on Concession 3 just off Development Road. According to Deputy Reeve Ewert Simms, the township is concerned with garbage and landfill and is making an effort to follow the Minister of the Environment's guidelines concerning disposal.

According to Reeve Keith Fawcett, the cleanup operation was successfully accomplished in two days and removed all the metal that had been accumulating at the site for the past 15 years. At a cost of \$1,000 a day.

The Winchester Press Wed., Sept. 5, 1990



## Metal monster chews mountains of scrap

15 years' worth gobbled in two days



# Mountain Twp. elects first female councillor

MOUNTAIN — The Nov. 14 municipal election has brought considerable change to this township's council.

Estella Rose will officially become Mountain Township's first female councillor following the Dec. 6 inaugural meeting.

And the 51-year-old hair styling proprietor had an impressive victory in her fight for one of the three councillor positions contested by eight people.

Rose tallied 835 votes, well ahead of the two other councillors-elects — Dwaine Berry (607) and Don Johnston (519).

"I'm pleased for all the women," said Rose, commenting on her strong showing. Rose was quick to add that she intends to treat all residents with equal respect.

To help garner her first-place finish, Rose said she rapped on every door. "A lot of the response was good," she said.

Looking at the road ahead, Rose admitted she faces the challenge of proving herself worthy.

"I feel a certain weight of responsibility," she said.

Rose said she does not foresee any problems with the new council, which will consist of three councillors heading into their first term.

"We are going to have good guidance with the reeve and deputy reeve's experience," she said.



Estella Rose

The Winchester Press Wed., Nov. 23, 1988



## Mountain Township Council

Reeve Keith Fawcett, acclaimed to another term in office, held the inaugural meeting of Mountain Township Council on Tuesday, December 6th. Shown (left to right), front row: Deputy-Reeve Ewart Simms, Reeve Keith Fawcett, Clerk-Treasurer Joan Maxwell; back row: Richard Sharkey, Councillor Don Johnston, Doris Coons, Administrative Assistant, Councillor Dwaine Berry, Councillor Estella Rose and Ron Timmons.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, December 14, 1988

## New Mountain clerk takes office

by Andrew Matte  
Advance Staff Reporter

One thing for sure, Gerard Miner knows his business.

Last Mountain Council meeting, Miner was officially made Mountain Townships new Clerk-Treasurer.

After the retirement of former Clerk-Treasurer Joan Maxwell, Mountain Township began to look for a replacement. It took them a while, but they did it.

And so far it seems, Mountain has found itself a qualified numbers man.

He was with the accounting firm Blakely and Craig, and often found himself looking over the books at over 30 Municipal offices across the region. What better experience for a Municipal Clerk-Treasurer.

So why did he leave a prestigious accounting firm to serve the people of Mountain?

"I want to help them," says Miner, 54.

Miner sees himself as an organizer; a link between the tax payers and the system they pay for.

"Everyone seems very friendly, and so far I've been answering a lot of their questions," he says.

Watching Miner at work during his first council meeting was interesting.

As Mountain Reeve Keith Fawcett would begin to read tenders for the Township's new back-hoe, Fawcett would turn to Miner and ask him what the proper procedure is. Miner would point him in the right direction and Fawcett would proceed.

"You've got to realize there are councillors who are new to council, they have full time jobs, you can't expect them to know

everything."

A Town-Clerk Treasurer is often the hub around which the whole municipality turns. He gets to know everything and everybody. But as many have accused the clerk-treasurer in other municipalities, he may become politically motivated and make decisions and authorization without the council's consent.

"People sometimes try and put their own personal bias into their work, I want to stay away from that. Council sets the policies, and I'm here to administer them."

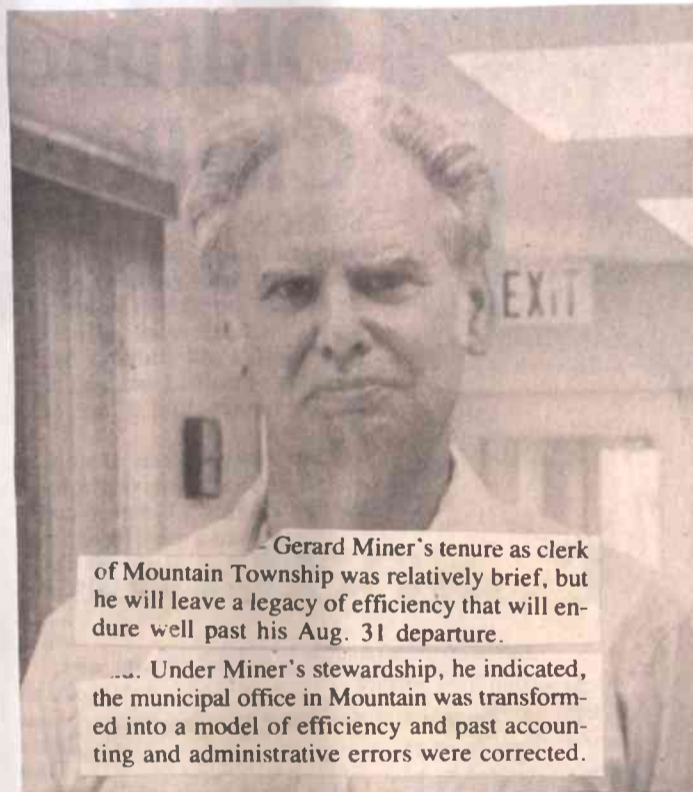
He also says he wants to make sure each councillor knows all the facts before they make their decisions. He even has set up a system where each councillor gets a copy of each piece of correspondence.

"If council wants to make a decision or wants to undertake a project, I will make council aware of all their options."

Miner is already knee-deep in the Town's books. He says he is developing a new system that will lessen much of the paperwork. He says that the old system used to by residents to pay their taxes among other things was too time consuming. So he brought the "one-right" system to Mountain. He discovered the system as he was auditing the books of other municipalities with Blakely and Craig.

"This will eliminate a lot of the re-writing so I can get to the other things that need to get done."

Gerard Miner can be seen in action daily at the new municipal offices in Mountain and at the next council meeting, Monday, September 11.



Gerard Miner's tenure as clerk of Mountain Township was relatively brief, but he will leave a legacy of efficiency that will endure well past his Aug. 31 departure.

Under Miner's stewardship, he indicated, the municipal office in Mountain was transformed into a model of efficiency and past accounting and administrative errors were corrected.

The Winchester Press Wed., June 13, 1990

## Mountain hires new clerk

Mountain Township Reeve Keith Fawcett announced the hiring of a new municipal clerk on June 29.

Manon Wallace, of Heckston, 30, has worked in the Osgoode Township clerk's office

for about three years. Her other qualifications include a AMTC course designed for clerks. She will begin on July 23 and work side by side with Miner until he leaves on Aug. 1.

Manon Wallace started work for the Township on July 23, replacing Gerard Miner who resigned as clerk on June 10. She was on a six month probationary period which was terminated by a motion of council.

The conflict between the Council and Wallace came to a head during the last regular council meeting when Wallace presented what Councillor Dwaine Berry described as a "wish list".

Along with other things, Wallace requested the township purchase a computer to assist her in her duties as clerk. The debate over the clerk's report with the request reportedly carried on for over an hour.

Her request was turned down by council.

At a special meeting of council on Monday night, the township already hired a new clerk.

Gienna Macintosh comes to Mountain Township with 13 years of municipal experience as a consultant, deputy clerk-treasurer, and acting clerk-treasurer for the village of Lancaster and Chesterville.

She also has the required AMTC course designed for clerks. Macintosh will begin work on Thursday, August 16.

Macintosh was one of the five people council originally interviewed for the position of clerk out of 16 applicants.

The Weekly Advance, July 4, 1990



MOUNTAIN — By winning a tight race for the reeveship of Mountain Township in yesterday's municipal election, Deputy Reeve Ewart Simms engineered a return to the council's top spot after an 11 year absence.

Simms, who held the position of reeve from 1973-1980.

Simms has spent approximately 23 years on council since he first entered politics in 1961. During his last term as reeve, he served one year as warden for the United Counties of SD&G.

He retired briefly from council in 1980 but returned three years later, saying he missed local politics.

"I said in my campaign speech I want to involve the public and I intend to ... because we have some tough decision in the 90s," he said.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, August 23, 1989

Mountain Township council was sworn into office at an official ceremony Monday night. Pictured are Councillor Earl Gariough, Deputy Reeve Estella Rose, Reeve Ewart Simms, Councillor Don Johnston and Councillor Robert Guy.

The Winchester Press Wed., Dec. 4, 1991

The Winchester Press Wed., Nov. 13, 1991



# Mountain Council passes new dog control by-law

The by-law, a combination of the old, which was passed in 1971, and the new issues raised, promises to crack down on dogs found running at large, and dogs, with a known propensity or tendency to attack without provocation.

Any dog that is found running at large, in any area of the Township by a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, may be killed on sight by shooting or any other humane means.

Depending on the individual situations, the dog may be impounded, or brought back to the owner.

If the dog does not have a valid licence, the owner will be required to pay in addition to the release fee, the licence fee set out for his or her pet.

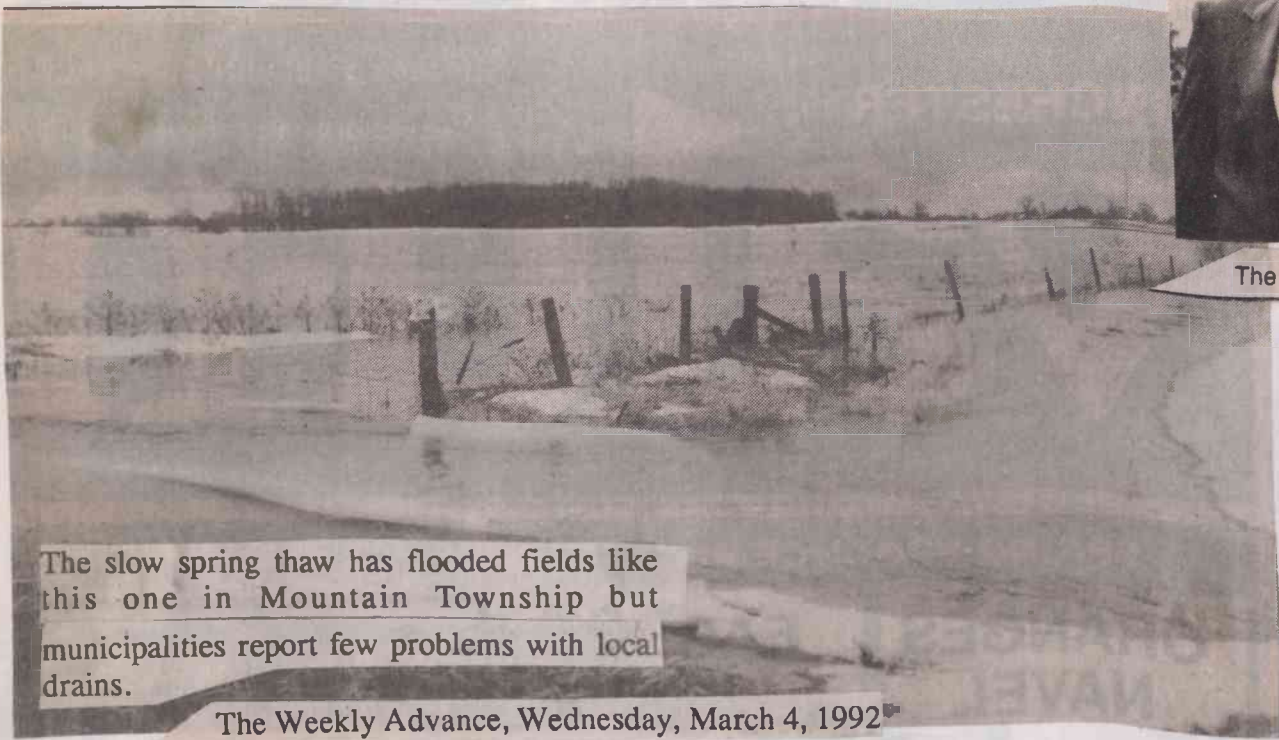
Concerns over vicious dogs were brought to the forefront of the by-law under section 20.

The owner of a vicious dog will have to fence the dog in on his or her property and keep the fence locked at all times while the dog is inside. The owner also has the option of building an enclosed run for the animal in such a fashion and with such material which will prevent the dog from digging its way out, or otherwise escaping from the enclosed area.

When walking a vicious dog, the owner will have to keep the pet muzzled at all times, to prevent it from biting a person or animal, and keep the dog securely leashed with a chain or leash no longer than 2.4 metres, or 8 feet in length.

Under section 15, it was decided that no more than 2 dogs would be permitted in any one dwelling unit in the Township. Council also added that no owner shall allow a dog to bark so as to disturb the peace and quiet of any person in the area.

The Winchester Press Wed., April 8, 1992



The slow spring thaw has flooded fields like this one in Mountain Township but municipalities report few problems with local drains.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, March 4, 1992

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Mountain Township who supported me on Nov. 12. I will endeavor to carry out my duties as reeve to the best of my ability.

*Best regards,  
Ewart Simms*

The Winchester Press Wed., Nov. 27, 1991

## To the people of Mountain Township



A sincere, heartfelt  
**"Thank you"**  
for the confidence you have shown in me

—Don Johnston

The Winchester Press Wed., Nov. 27, 1991



# New municipal hall unveiled to public

The Reeve and Council  
of the  
Township of Mountain  
cordially invites you to attend the  
Official Opening  
of the  
Mountain Township Hall  
Saturday, October 7, 1989  
at 2:00 p.m.  
Mountain, Ontario  
Refreshments will be served

The Weekly Advance, September 20, 1989

MOUNTAIN — Residents here saw firsthand Saturday what their taxes paid for. Township council was joined by county, provincial and federal government representatives to officially open the new municipal building. "We just sent out the tax bills Thursday. This is a very timely opening," Reeve Keith Fawcett joked. "If your taxes are up you'll know why." With the finishing touches remaining, Fawcett estimated the total construction cost at 'just under' \$200,000. "This includes the building costs, septic system, architect fees

and furnishings," Fawcett explained to the more than 30 who attended the opening ceremony. "We don't have any secrets here." Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry County Warden Stewart Hart told council, the new building "will be something you'll cherish for many years to come." "It's always easier to work in nice surroundings," he said. "This building is a real credit to the municipality and I wish you continued progress for many years to come." Noble Villeneuve, MPP for SD&G and East Grenville, echoed Stewart's statement telling the councillors "they would cherish for

a long time" their new council chambers. "A lot of dollars were spent, but from what I've seen, they were spent productively," Villeneuve said. "I'm sure some wise decisions will dominate the next few months," he added. "More and more these days municipalities are being asked to shoulder the responsibilities once the domain of the province." Villeneuve pointed to waste disposal and Sunday shopping legislation as perfect examples. "When taxpayers have a complaint the local government is always blamed for everything," he

said. "I sympathize with you." During the ceremony, Estella Rose, the township's first woman councillor, accepted a portrait of Queen Elizabeth from Mountain Township and District Lions Club president Terry Foley. "The township is a greater place to live because of the contributions of the Lions Club," Rose said in accepting the portrait. Councillor Don Johnston also accepted a painting from local artist Susan Hamilton. "It will remain in a position of honor for many years to come," Johnston assured the beaming artist. "It brings a lot of peace and tranquility to the room."



## A new beginning

Mountain Township council unveiled its new municipal hall Saturday prior to a ribbon cutting ceremony. From left to right are: councillor's Don Johnston and Estella Rose, SD&G County Warden Stewart Hart, reeve Keith Fawcett, SD&G and East

Grenville MPP Noble Villeneuve, deputy reeve Ewart Simms and councillor Dwaine Berry. The new building houses the municipal offices that had operated in the adjacent township garage.

The Winchester Press Wed., Oct. 11, 1989

## Mountain council held first meeting in new building

Council members and others that were in attendance assembled got a glimpse of the Township's latest acquisitions; a new building to hold public meetings, a new table to work at and new chairs to sit on. Construction on the new Township offices was completed earlier this summer, and Council held its first meeting inside last Tuesday. Council members even have their own name plates.

But amidst all the excitement, there was official Township business to take care of.

The agenda was a little lean this month, but Council passed a few note worthy motions; one of which will see development increase greatly.

Hy-Fortune Custom Homes Ltd. is scheduled to build 114 single family homes along Highway 31, just south of Harmony Corners.

Hy-Fortune will build the subdivision in three stages, at the re-

quest of the Council.

However, the plans must be approved by the Ministry of the Environment, the Ministry of Housing and the Planning Engineer. There must also be an amendment to the Official Plan and a zoning change.

But Council has gone on the record by recording that it does 'support the application.'

In other business, Council announced that it would be applying to the Ministry of Transportation to use money it issued several months ago, for a new one-way snow plow.

Council approved the \$42,211 tender from Maynard Coos to take on the Miller Farell drain Maintenance.

And lastly, Council announced that Mrs. Beaudoin would be the first Caretaker for the new Township Hall.

The Weekly Advance, October 4, 1989



Mountain Township Reeve Ewart Simms congratulated Councillor Robert Guy at the last regular council meeting for recently completing the municipal councillor course through St. Lawrence College.

The Winchester Press Wed., Aug. 19, 1992

The Blue Box pick-up for recyclables starts in Mountain Township today. Standing with one of the municipality's blue boxes are township council including Councillor Earl Garlough,

Councillor Don Johnston, Councillor Robert Guy, Deputy Reeve Estella Rose and Reeve Ewart Simms.

The Winchester Press Wed., Aug. 19, 1992



## Mountain adopts development bylaw

MOUNTAIN — Builders will now have to pay a \$500 development fee on new residences constructed in Mountain Township—one

According to Mountain Township Reeve Ewart Simms, the township may not have as many services, that would be affected by development, as other areas and as a result, can't charge as much.

Fees for non-residential construction will cost about \$2 per square metre of floor space compared to Winchester's \$10.

Councillors passed the bylaw governing the charge Monday. The current fee, which will rise to \$1,500 per unit by 1995, is

The Winchester Press Wed., Oct. 7, 1992







## Township builds \$71,100 shed

The municipality recently received a \$71,100 grant from the provincial government to build an environmentally-friendly salt and sand storage shed.

The shed, which will be located outside of the township offices, will prevent calcium chloride salt from seeping into the ground and potentially contaminating soil and well water, says Reeve Keith Fawcett.

The township must spend a minimum of \$80,000 on the project to receive the grant.

The Winchester Press Wed., April 10, 1991

## Reeve | cleared

-Mountain Township Reeve Keith Fawcett was cleared of charges of violating Ontario's Environmental Protection Act in Morrisburg provincial court recently.

Fawcett was charged along with the township by the Ministry of the Environment last January with five counts of unlawfully permitting the discharge of materials, namely smoke, one charge of operating a waste disposal site not in accordance with the certificate of approval and three charges of not submitting proper reports to the ministry.

The township pleaded guilty to five of the charges last week.

The township now owes \$10,500 for three convictions of smoke discharge, one failure to submit proper reports and one for improper operation of a waste disposal site.

township residents are paying \$180,000 this year for waste management, nearly four times the cost last year.

As part of these extra costs, the township paid \$10,500 to the provincial government in dumpsite-related fines for five convictions of violating Ontario's Environmental Protection Act. The township is also under a court order to design an on-site operation plan for the site.

The Winchester Press Wed., May 29, 1991

## Used tires no longer a problem

MOUNTAIN—Mountain Township councillors may soon consider shredding used tires as a method of waste disposal.

Shredding is effective and environmentally-friendly, independent consultant Wayne Warr told councillors at a regular council meeting Monday night.

Warr represents Movetech Ltd., a Kitchener firm that wants to shred tires and sell the matter for recycling. The company is approaching a number of municipalities in Ontario.

Movetech would charge approximately \$1.50 per automobile tire and possibly as high as \$30 for larger truck tires, he said. The tires would be shredded on site by a portable machine and then sent to Niagara Falls for grinding.

Unlike burning, the process doesn't release chemicals into the air, explained Warr. The grinded matter can be used in various products including industrial mats, highway traffic cones and bumpers for loading dock.

WINCHESTER, ONT. WED., AUG. 14, 1991

The township is currently storing tires at the dumpsite, however, the Ministry of the Environment will only allow most disposal sites to store up to 5,000 tires. With more tires, the storage guidelines become more stringent as they can be a fire hazard, said Warr.

Although the dumpsite has not yet reached its limit, the council has to be concerned with possible disposal problems, he said.

Deputy Reeve Ewart Simms said the provincial government is doing little about the problem despite charging a \$5 disposal tax on every new tire sold.

Warr said the company will require a stock-pile of 4,000 to 5,000 tires before accepting a job. The equipment can shred approximately 1,500 tires an hour.

Simms said the township might consider pooling their tires with other municipalities to come up with the required amount.

## Mountain Twp. garbage pick-up begins August 7

The service offered by the Ottawa firm was both the cheapest and the best, costing approximately \$1-a-week per household, says Councillor Estrella Rose.

Residents will be allowed eight bags a week.

The Winchester Press Wed., July 17, 1991



### Substation donation

The Dundas Junior Farmers recently gave a \$1,000 donation to the Mountain Township Fire Department for the Hallville Substation. In accompanying photo Junior Farmer Patricia Van Koppen presents the cheque to Mountain Township Fire Chief Jim Scott (left) and firefighter Terry Foley.

The Winchester Press Wed., Jan. 16, 1991

## Mountain commends fire dept.

MOUNTAIN—A new fire chief and deputy fire chief were approved by council Monday night. Terry Foley replaces ex-fire chief Jim Scott, who resigned two months ago. And Gerald Boyce became the new deputy fire chief.

Foley and Boyce were elected by the volunteer firefighters but, as is the custom, council approved their new posts by acclamation. Council also took the opportunity to commend the volunteer department for their fine job.

Foley, who was previously deputy fire chief, said he would continue to carry out his responsibilities as Scott had done before him. But he hinted there would be some changes as well.

"We asking Richard Sharkey (township building inspector) to take some of the burden off us by doing extra fire inspections," Foley said. Sharkey, who already does wood stove inspections, is now going to be asked to do fire inspections in senior citizens' housing and day care facilities.

"There's quite a bit of work to be done by a volunteer fire department," he said. "Not really more fire calls but inspections that make a lot of extra work." In addition, the fire department carries out a fire prevention program in the schools every fall.

The Winchester Press Wed., Nov. 21, 1990



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### Opening party in Nashville

Members of the Nashville chapter of the American Red Cross will host a party at the Grand Hotel on Monday night.

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## Hallville finally gets sub-station

The new facility, when completed, will put residents of Hallville within five miles of a station, qualifying them for lower insurance rates.

It costs about \$1,000 to equip each fireman. Then there are costs of building and equipping the hall.

The land for the station became available suddenly, at what he described a very generous price. He said the landowner, Jim Hetherington, is offering the land solely for use as a fire station.

A committee will be formed of two residents, two members of the fire department and two councillors to oversee the project.

He said the residents will do much of the research and "leg-work", while council will work on the financial end.

The Winchester Press Wed., Sept. 12, 1990



### Opening party in Hallville

Garage doors were open Saturday night to show off the brand new fire substation in Hallville. Proud organizers and townspeople gathered to congratulate each other on the community spirit that made the substation a reality. The chilly evening got warmed up with inaugural toasts followed by a dance.

The Winchester Press Wed., Dec. 6, 1989



The Mountain Township Fire Department, Hallville substation received a commemorative plaque courtesy of Eastern Ontario Cemetery Memorials recently. Brian Telford (left), a member of the original substation organizing committee holds the plaque with Kevin Allen, representing Eastern Ontario Cemetery Memorials.



The Mountain Township Fire Department celebrated the opening of a new sub-station in Hallville on Saturday, September 8, 1990.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Donald Johnston who introduced the evening's Guests of Honour; MP Bob Kilger, MPP Nobel Villeneuve, Reeve Keith Fawcett, Fire Chief Jim Scott and Deputy-Chief Terry Foley.

As part of the opening ceremonies, Mountain Lion Club President Larry Bazinet and member Roy Sherrer presented a cheque for \$2,000 to the Hallville Fire Station Committee, Brian Telford, Brian Walker and Willis Kerr.

After this presentation, there was toast and the official ribbon cut-

ting followed by a dance.

Interest in a Hallville sub-station had been indicated as far back as 1986, but in 1989, a committee approached Mountain Township Council with a proposal that the station be built.

The committee, made up of Brian Telford, Brian Walker, Willis Kerr and Council members Don Johnston and Estella Rose, then purchased the needed land from Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hetherington for \$14,500.

Due to generous donations in terms of time, equipment and material from people and businesses in the area, the station was built for about \$50,000, \$10,000 of which was paid by the

sub-station committee through fund raising.

The major cash donations came from the Mountain Township Lions Club, the South Mountain Odd Fellows, the Winchester Lions Club and the Winchester Legion.

Material and equipment donations came from Barry Forbes, Redmond Sand and Gravel, Willis Kerr Contracting Ltd., Loughlin Trucking (Gerald), Maple Grove Ltd., Boyd Bros., McEwen Fuels and Mountain General Store.

Many others donated their own personal time to the enterprise. It is easy to see that the success enjoyed by the project was the result of strong community involvement.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, September 12, 1990



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## Attendance high at K.D.A. auxiliary meeting Sept. 1st

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## Mountain board members meet

Mountain's community centre got lots of use last year, and the groups which booked it left it in good shape, said Ewart Simms, the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Mountain Township Community Centre.

The hall was used 220 times last year, Simms said, but monthly reports by the counties' board of health show the hall's kitchen was always spotless.

Simms was reelected, along with Vice Chairman John Palmer, at the board's annual meeting last Wednesday evening in Mountain.

The board is made up of the chairman and vice chairman, two township councillors, and one representative from the six groups who help fund and most often use the hall: Mountain's United Church Women, the Mountain Trail Blazers snowmobile club, the

Mountain Women's Institute, the Mountain Park Board and the Mountain Lions Club.

The meeting also looked at a couple of improvement projects for the coming year. The hall, which is heated by electricity and a heat pump, needs a thermostat to control the heat. Simms said some groups like the hall cool, while others prefer it to be warm, and now there is no way to control the temperature.

The board also discussed plans to landscape the building's grounds, and to enlarge its parking lot.

The meeting also passed a resolution to allow each group to send an alternate to the board's monthly meetings if its regular representative can't attend. The resolution hasn't been adopted into the board's constitution, Simms said.

*Kemptville Advance Jan 30/85*

## South Mountain joins Kemptville phone exchange

South Mountain residents who generally make phone calls to Kemptville on a regular basis may breathe a little easier when they learn the calls they make will, very shortly, no longer have long distance levies attached to them.

As of September 13, the district will be included in the Kemptville exchange, labelling calls between the two areas as local.

Barbara Forsythe, of Bell Canada in Brockville, says that South Mountain residents met the criteria that Bell and the Canadian Radio-Television Telecommunications Commission poses before the long distance label is lifted.

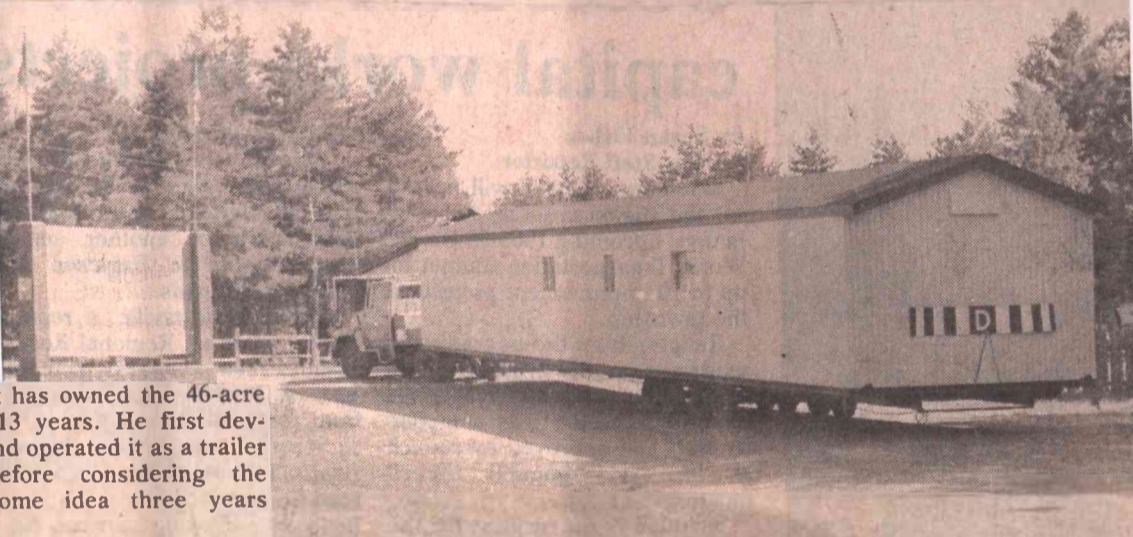
They are, that the majority of phone calls made be to the centre in question, that 51 per cent of phone subscribers in the smaller district support the new phone exchange status, that the distance between the major centre and the outlying community not surpass 30 miles and, that the two be contiguous.

A study of phoning patterns revealed that more than half of South Mountain residents call a Kemptville number at least once a month. As well, South Mountain is contiguous with Kemptville, and a survey of the residents in the village revealed the majority wouldn't mind paying a little extra to become part of the exchange.

With the lifting of the long distance charges comes a minor increase in Bell Canada phone rates levied to the customers.

*Kemptville Advance Aug 13*

## Mobile home park approved for township of Mountain



Durant has owned the 46-acre site for 13 years. He first developed and operated it as a trailer camp before considering the mobile-home idea three years ago.

The first mobile home was rolled into the Sandy Mountain Mobile Home Park last week, after owner Doug Durant spent two and a half years wading through provincial government red tape. The new park will be located next to the Sandy Mountain Trailer Park just east of Kemptville on Highway 43.

The Ministry of Natural Resources asked him for two tests of the park's well water, Durant says, and the Ontario Municipal Board asked that the lots be made 80 feet by 116 feet. Lots in other mobile-home parks are usually only half that size, he says.

## Mountain splits tax

MOUNTAIN — Some Mountain Township residents feel one visit by the municipal tax man is enough.

Mountain Township council admitted Monday night that the introduction of double billing in the township has created some controversy. But Reeve Keith Fawcett said council had the ratepayer in mind when it introduced two tax collection dates in the year.

In a motion passed last February, Mountain Township joined other area municipalities in using an interim tax collection date to pay school board and Counties Council assessments.

Both Counties Council and the school boards work on interim payments. Municipalities collecting taxes only once a year frequently have to borrow short term money to make the payments until their own taxes are collected.

Mountain Township council decided a smaller interest load would be reflected in lower increases in the mill rate.

The township's first interim tax collection date was March 30. The second half of the taxes will be collected Oct. 31.

The interim tax prompted one township resident, Herman Jansen, to meet with council Monday night to ask for the reasoning behind the change.

Mr. Jansen, an RR4 Osgoode farmer, said the interim collection has taken money away that could be better used by farmers than by the township.

Reeve Fawcett said he had heard "pros and cons" on the system from farmers but said council's main aim was to reduce interest payments to keep taxes down.

*Weekly Advance April 1984*

## Mountain Township approves equalized tax assessment plan

Mountain Township is going to equalized assessment. Council unanimously approved a bylaw, asking Ontario's revenue minister to introduce the system, in special session after a public meeting on the subject at Nationview Public School last Thursday.

"1986 taxes will be based on equalized assessment," Reeve Keith Fawcett said Tuesday, "which is the first step toward market value assessment."

He says equalization is a big issue, but "it was coming." More than 600 Ontario municipalities are assessed under the system, he says, and those not switched over "by 1988 will be put on it automatically" by the province.

"There's always people not satisfied," he says. "Some people's taxes will go up, some will go down, but if it's equalized . . . it's

fair. That's good enough for me."

Regional Assessment Commissioner Denis Gagnon, who explained equalization to about 70 ratepayers at the public meeting, the purpose is "to ensure properties of equal value are paying equal taxes."

"Some of the early questions were of a negative nature," he says, but as people grasped the fairness of the new system, "they were more positive."

Property in Mountain will be assigned to one of six categories: residential and non-farm vacant lots; multi-residential with seven or more units; commercial; industrial; farm and vacant farm lots; and pipeline.

*Kemptville Advance Dec 18/85*

Assessments will be equalized within each category. The total value of all property in a category, according to existing assessment rolls, will be compared to the total 1980 market value of the same property.

And the portion of total taxes paid by each category will not change, Gagnon stresses. If residential properties paid 30 per cent of the total before equalization, they would pay 30 per cent after. Individual assessments may vary, but each category's share of the total will stay the same.

Similarly, a change in the relative value of properties will not increase or decrease revenues to the township. Equalized assessments will distribute the tax burden more fairly across the township, Gagnon says.

Field inspection of all properties in the township was carried out in July, August and September, Gagnon says, taking into account any renovations and improvements in calculating new assessments. Assessment notices will be sent to ratepayers Jan 8, and new assessment rolls will be sent to the township by Feb. 11.

Ratepayers will have several opportunities to appeal the new assessments. A three-day open house will be held in January to hear ratepayers' concerns, and the Cornwall assessment office will hear complaints up to the day before the new rolls are released.

*Kemptville Advance Sept 17/84*

*Dec 4/85*



The new Mountain Township Council met for its inaugural meeting December second. One new and four returning members were sworn in in a simple ceremony at the township offices in Mountain. Pictured from left to right, standing are Keith Smith, Don Levere and Ewart Simms. Seated in front from left to right are Deputy Reeve Jim Alexander and Reeve Keith Fawcett.





**Receive County Honors**

Winchester Press  
Apr 24/85

**Leadership awards**

Mrs. Karin Ceelen, left, of the Hallville-Mountain No. 1 honored for five years of service as 4-H leader.

**4-H project awards**

Winchester Press  
May 2/84

**4-H club members honored at county awards banquet**

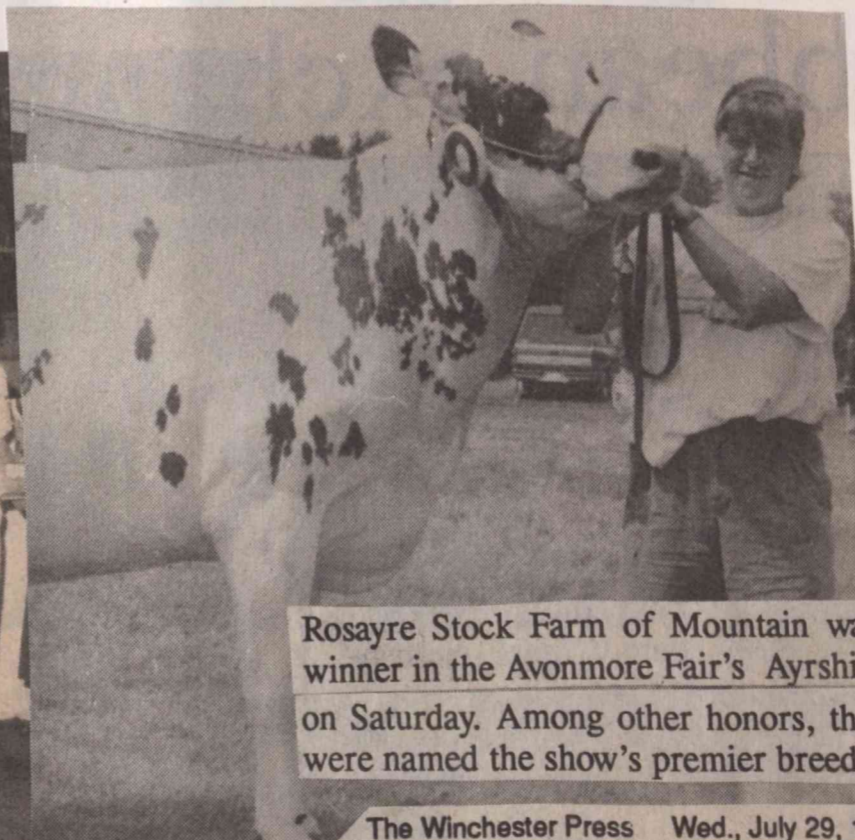


They are: Kelly Durant, Beef Club (Mutual Products Ltd. Award); Darlene Derick, Horse Club (Ritchie Feed and Seed Award); Tracy Henderson, Field Crops Club (Weagant Farm Equipment Ltd. Award); Lindsay Rodger, Veterinary Club (Dr. K.B. Kennedy Award); Patricia vanWylick, East Dundas Dairy Club (Ormond RA Award); Mike Farlinger, South Dundas Dairy Club (Bank of Montreal Award); Marjorie Rose, West Dundas Dairy Club (Bank of Montreal Award).

These Dundas 4-H members received awards as the top scoring members of their individual clubs. Back row from left are Marjorie Rose, Patricia vanWylick, Mike

Farlinger and Kelly Durant. Front row: Tracy Henderson, Lindsay Rodger and Darlene Derick.

Winchester Press Nov. 20/85



Rosayre Stock Farm of Mountain was a big winner in the Avonmore Fair's Ayrshire Show on Saturday. Among other honors, the Rose's were named the show's premier breeders.

The Winchester Press Wed., July 29, 1992

**On a winning note**

The Rose family of RR2 Mountain added to their silverware collection as they wound up the show season at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto. From left are judge Wallace Wood, Ayrshire Princess Marjorie

Rose, Cameron MacGregor, Janice Rose, Daniel Fredette, Eileen Rose and Ken Rose, accepting the Ness Memorial Trophy for Breeder's Herd from Karen and Rollie Ness. Winchester Press Dec 18/85



Lindsay Rodger of Mountain was winner of \$250 for achieving second place in the interview and application process. The 18-year-old Grade 13 student at North Dundas District High School was also the only county member to successfully complete 24 4-H projects.



## Rodger wins leadership award

MOUNTAIN — Lindsay Rodger became involved in 4-H when she was 11.

At 19, she is still a member, having taken part in almost all levels of the club, which is celebrating its 75th year in Canada.

Rodger's dedicated work as a 4-Her, her active involvement in community betterment and citizenship projects has not gone unnoticed.

The RR3 Mountain resident was recently awarded the 1988 Petro-Canada 4-H Youth Leadership Award, one of the 25 educational assistance awards given annually to 4-H members across Canada.

Rodger was awarded \$1,000 to help offset her university expenses. She is enrolled in her first year at Queen's University in Kingston, taking the four-year Life-Sciences course comprising biology, chemistry and physics.

The monetary prize is certainly helpful, Rodger pointed out. "It's quite an expense to go to university," she said, but suggested the recognition the award brings is more valuable.

"I was very surprised and I was very happy (about winning the award). It's a very honored position to be chosen," she said.

Rodger, who joined a 4-H club about eight years ago, has become attached to the rural farm life.

"I really enjoy the country life," she said. Rodger added that she plans to live in the country when she graduates and run her own hobby farm, like her parents have been doing for years.

Rodger said she is considering pursuing the biology field as a career, possibly leading her into a job in agriculture and a home in the country.

She plans to stay on as a 4-H member for one or two more years. She would then like to help lead a club.

"I've really enjoyed the 4-H," she said, summing up her numerous experiences with the clubs over the years. "I've learned a lot, not just skills. I would encourage anyone to get into it. You meet a lot of people."

Petro-Canada agents sponsor local 4-H programs through their fuel sales, donating a few cents for every litre of fuel oil sold.

Ron Armstrong, the local agent of the Winchester Petro-Canada has already donated \$210 to 4-H programs.

Since its Canadian start in 1913, 4-H has been a "major force in the nurturing of strong values in the lives of young Canadians," states a Petro-Canada brochure on the leadership awards.

The brochure points out that one of every four young people in rural Canada becomes an active 4-H member in one of the 5,700 4-H clubs across the country.

Leadership is provided by 17,000 volunteers from all walks of life.



### Dundas' finest

Dundas County 4-H members were recognized for their achievements at the annual awards night Thursday at Dixons Corners. Among the honorees was Lindsay Rodger, who has completed a total of 24 projects.

The Winchester Press Wed., Oct. 26, 1988

### Ontario scholars

\* Students Council Award (\$300 to an outstanding Gr. 13 grad): Pam Giles.

\* Eileen Runions English Trophy (and \$100 to Gr. 13 grad for highest aggregate in any 3 Gr. 11, 12 or 13 English): Pam Giles.

\* McMaster Foundation Trust Award (\$200 to Gr. 13 grad, for being most articulate and creative writer in English program): Pam Giles.

The Winchester Press

July 4, 1990

### Quiz whizzes

The North Dundas District High School team won the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Senior Canada Quiz championship at the Cornwall Civic Complex April 27.

Pamela Giles, Grade 13.



The Winchester Press Wed., May 16, 1990

Rodger is in her eighth year of 4-H and has completed 31 projects. She has won several scholarships, and is in her second year at Queen's University in Kingston.

Winchester Press Wed., Nov. 4, 1987

### Best in Dundas

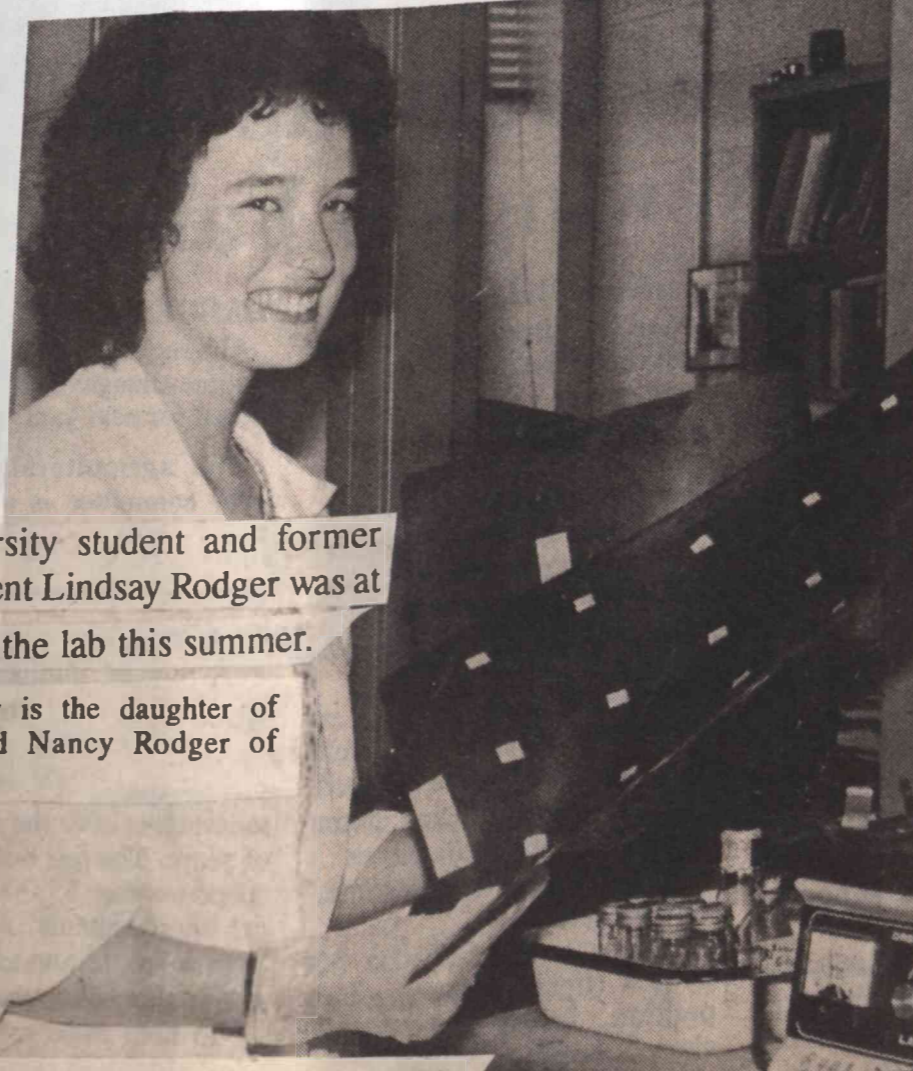


The Ottawa Citizen Award, presented to the three 4-H Club members in Dundas County selected highest in club work and citizenship was saved until the end of the evening.

Lindsay Rodger, 20, of Mountain took the top spot along with \$350. Darlene vanWylick, 17, of Chesterville received \$250 and \$200 was given to Pamela Giles, 18, of Hallville for being chosen third.

The three members were awarded for outstanding club participation and citizenship.

The AgriNews November, 1989



Queen's University student and former Mountain resident Lindsay Rodger was at home in the lab this summer.

Lindsay is the daughter of Ralph and Nancy Rodger of Mountain.

—A Mountain native spent her summer researching the building blocks of life by studying the tiny cells used to make the "staff of life".

Lindsay Rodger, a 20-year-old Queen's University student, said yeast may be the key to a better understanding of human genetics and how the human building material, DNA, is able to reproduce.

"If I isolate this yeast gene it will allow me to mass produce a protein. I will inject this protein into a rabbit and try and produce antibodies," said Rodger.

"I wanted some practical experience to see what being a researcher is really like," said the North Dundas District High grad. "Even though I haven't decided if this is what I want to do, it has given me a great opportunity to look at current research in detail. I think that every biology student should have the opportunity to work in a lab before their final year, it will give them an idea as to what they can expect from the profession."

### Congratulations Heather Rose



Named Employee of the Year, 1991. Heather is the Human Resources Co-ordinator at the Holiday Inn, King St., downtown Toronto.

The Winchester Press Wed., March 25, 1992

The Winchester Press Wed., Sept. 4, 1991



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## Dundas 4-H judging team repeats winning performance



The Dundas County team took top spot in the 4-H judging competition held at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show, March 20, duplicating their performance at Kemptville College's Royal earlier in the month.

The team of Korrine Hutt, 15, Tammy Henderson, 14, Ian Porteous, 22 and Jonathan Wilson, 13 has been together for less than a year, and according to county ROS Keith McGriskin it did very well considering some members were fairly inexperienced previously to the two competitions.

As well as the team placing first overall, Korrine Hutt placed second overall in individual competition at OVFS, while Tammy Henderson tied for third place.

Dundas' was a well-balanced team with close individual scores.

Dundas competed against five teams from other counties.

4-H members judged classes of hay, haylage, small grains, corn silage, beef and sheep. Members also completed a general agricultural quiz.

At the Kemptville College Royal judging competitions, Dundas placed first overall in the 4-H judging category.

The teams judged about 16 different classes of crops and livestock, as well as completing two quizzes — one on general agricultural and the other on weed identification.

The Winchester Press Wed., April 3, 1991

## Dundas Jr. Farmers take 'Club of the Year' honors



Wilma Nyenkamp, Rosemary

Beuman, Heather McDiarmid and Bea Mueller. Back: Janet Zandbelt, Monica Bongers, Robert Carkner, Ian Porteous, Andreas Jampen and Loureen McDiarmid.

Dundas County Junior Farmers were well represented at the March Conference held March 15-17, with 12 members in attendance.

This year's theme was "Rainbow of Opportunities" and Dundas won Club of the Year out of 71 clubs in the province. As well, we won the scrapbook competition, thanks to Wilma. The conference which dealt mainly with self-worth



The Dundas Federation of Agriculture recently elected its new executive for 1991 at its annual banquet and meeting held in South Mountain. The new executive is: (seated) John Havekes, Mountain Township co-ordinator and Max Sabey, director to the OFA. Back row: Jeff Van Moorsel, Williamsburg Township co-ordinator; Corry Martens, Matilda Township co-ordinator; Alvin Runnalls, President and Gordon Garlough, director to the OFA.

The Winchester Press Wed., March 13, 1991

### 1991 executive

The Dundas Holstein Club elected its new executive for the upcoming year at its annual meeting held Dec. 5 at the Winchester Community Centre. The new executive is, back [left to right]: Anna

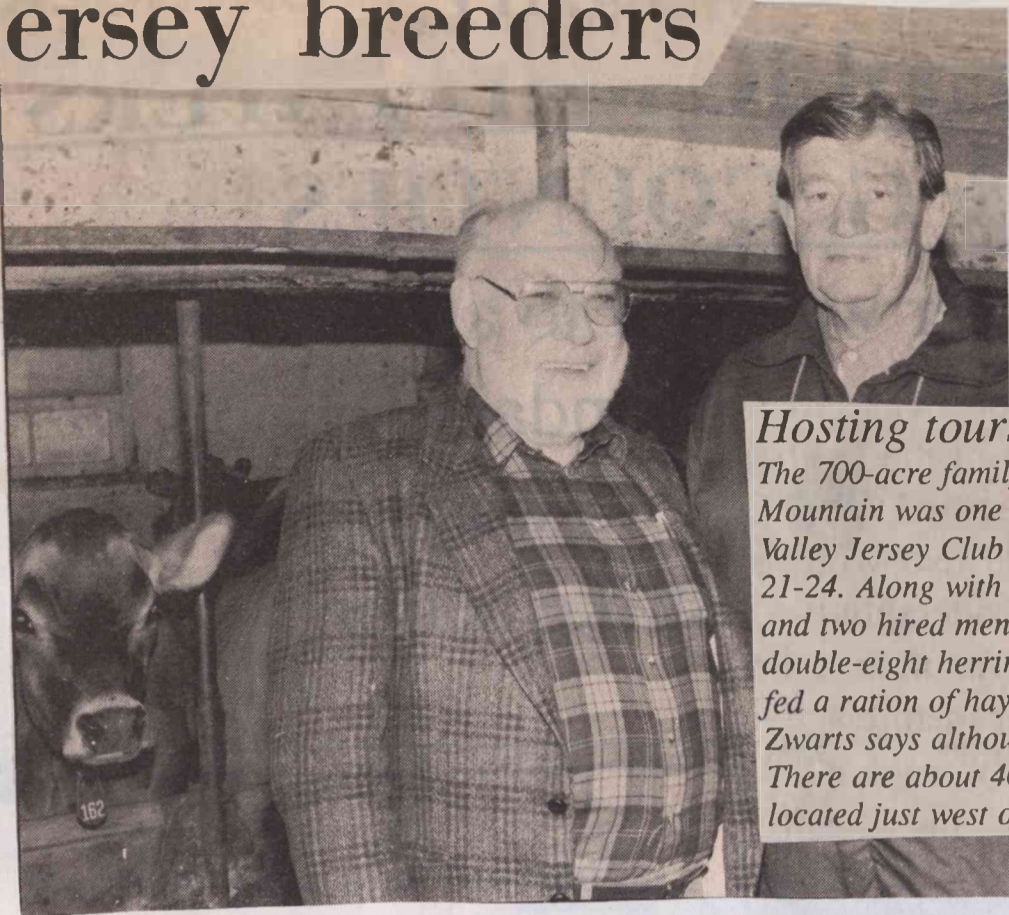
Smail, secretary/treasurer; Gord Milne, first vice-president and Mark Smith, second vice-president. Front row is Peter Guy, past president and Reg Gilmer, president.



The AgriNews December 1990



# Jersey breeders



## Hosting tours

The 700-acre family-operated dairy farm of Maria and Hendrik Zwarts at Mountain was one of seven stops on the farm tours hosted by the St. Lawrence Valley Jersey Club as part of the Jersey Association's annual meeting, March 21-24. Along with their three children: Marlene (Fawcett), Bob and Marienes, and two hired men the Zwarts' milk about 150-160 Jerseys, twice daily in a double-eight herringbone milking parlor. The barn is free-stall with the cows fed a ration of haylage, corn silage, and dairy ration mixed at a feed mill. Zwarts says although the farm does have two bulls, A.I. is used on some cows. There are about 400 head of cattle in total on the Zwarts' farm which is located just west of Mountain Village.

The Winchester Press Wed., April 3, 1991



## Federation directors

Max Sabey (left) of Mountain and Gordon Garlough, Williamsburg were elected for a one-year term as Ontario Federation of Agriculture Directors.



## 1992 DFA executive

The Dundas Federation of Agriculture chose its executive for the 1992 year as follows: (front) Marilyn Johnson, secretary/treasurer; Alvin Runnalls, President; (Back) Arden Schneckenburger, Williamsburg Township co-ordinator; John Mellon, vice-president; and John Havekes, Mountain Township co-ordinator. Matilda Township co-ordinator Corry Martens and Winchester Township co-ordinator Stewart Brown were absent.

The Winchester Press Wed., Sept. 2, 1992

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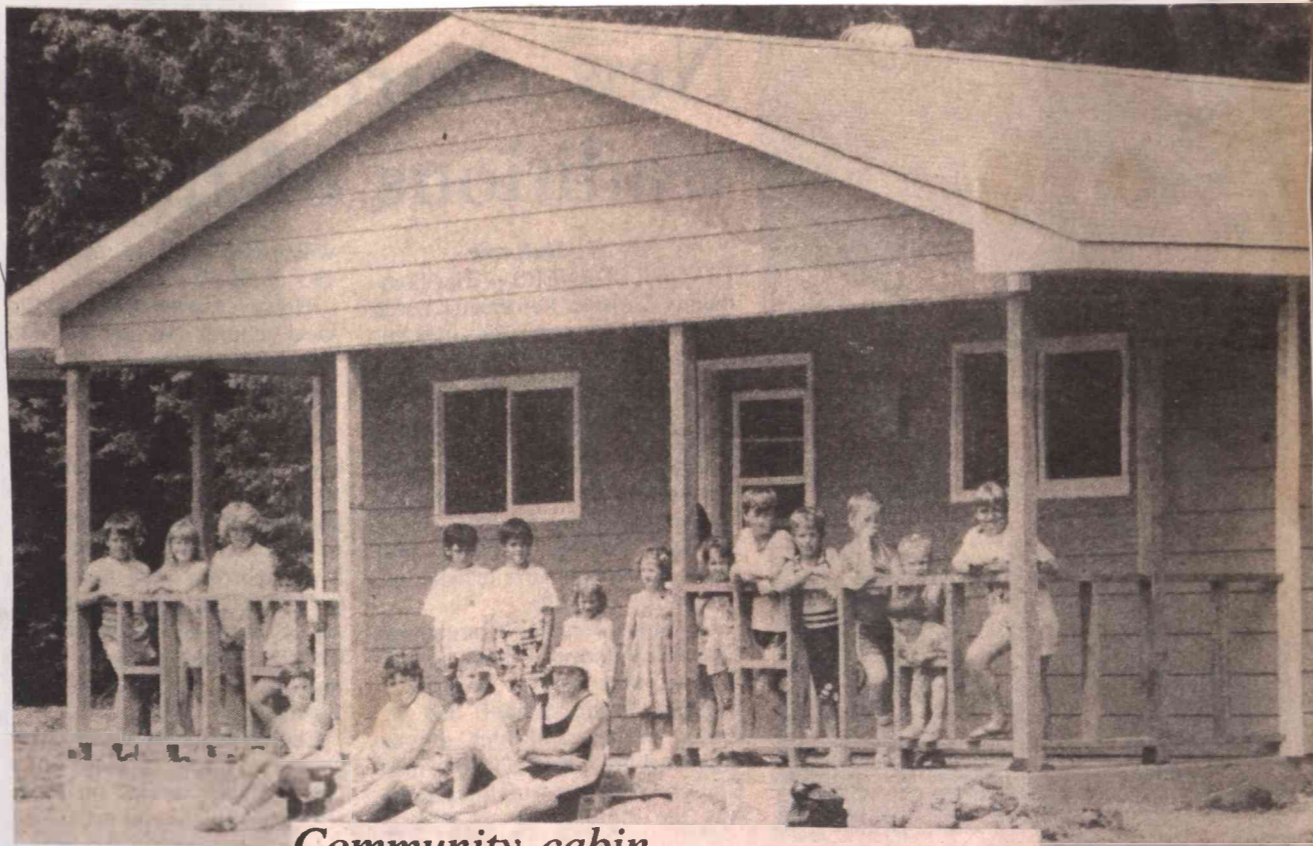




### Books on wheels

The Bookmobile rolled into the Mountain area, last week, stopping now and then to provide folks with some great reading material. Bookmobile supervisor Carol-Ann Plamondon said adult business usually picks up during the summer months. The Bookmobile has a complete selection of reading in French and English, and ranges from fiction to romance to children's books. Miss Plamondon's assistant and Bookmobile driver is Lorraine Lacroix.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, June 17, 1987



### Community cabin

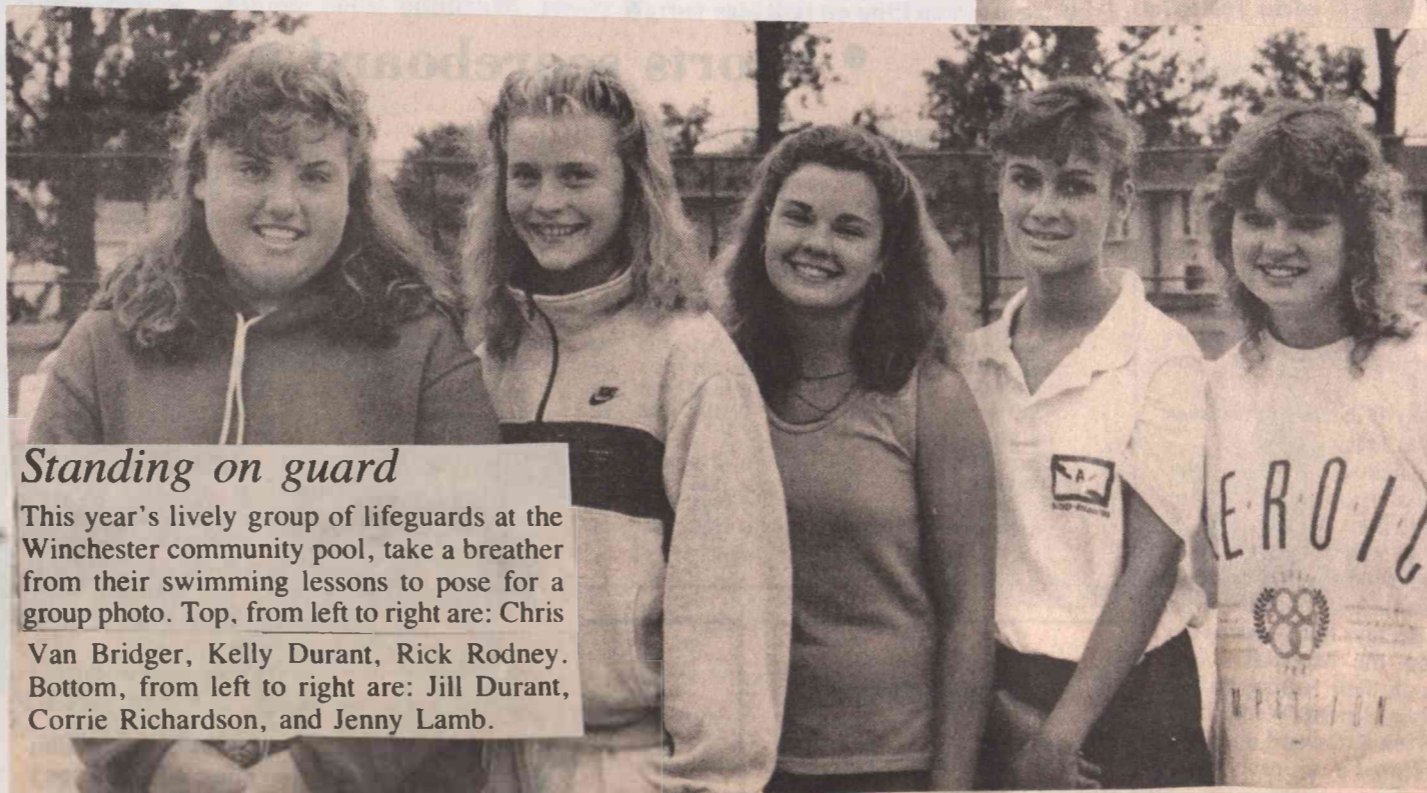
These children are the immediate recipients of this cabin which was recently built for the Rideau Hill Camp. The cabin was built in just over three days, from June 7 to June 10, with funds raised by, and volunteers provided by the South Mountain-Hallville Pastoral Charge of the United Church. Churches from South Mountain, Hallville, Heckston and Inkerman combined their efforts to build the cabin, which is one of many needed to replace the smaller cabins, which have been ruled to be inadequate by the health unit.

The Winchester Press Wed., June 28, 1989



Winchester Pool is open for business and five lifeguards are on hand to supervise the fun. Pictured above from left are Jill Holmes, Katherine Shaw, Kelly Durant, Jenny Lamb and Jill Durant.

The Winchester Press Wed., July 20, 1988



### Standing on guard

This year's lively group of lifeguards at the Winchester community pool, take a breather from their swimming lessons to pose for a group photo. Top, from left to right are: Chris Van Bridger, Kelly Durant, Rick Rodney. Bottom, from left to right are: Jill Durant, Corrie Richardson, and Jenny Lamb.

The Winchester Press Wed., July 19, 1989



# Olympic torch sparks spirit

Suzanne Rose



The Winchester Press Tues., Dec. 22, 1987

When torch-bearer Suzanne Rose laces up her jogging shoes and dons her red and white Olympic track suit on Dec. 17, she plans to relish every second of the day.

Rose says being a torch-bearer has given her a greater awareness of being Canadian. "Everytime I see it on TV, I get a lump in my throat," says Rose of her role in the winter Olympics. Rose is one of 6,000 people selected in a draw to carry the Olympic flame one km closer to Calgary, the site of the 1988 Winter Olympics.

Being an Olympic torch-bearer has nothing to do with athletic ambitions says the NDDHS graduate who now teaches kindergarten at the St. Regis Mohawk reserve near Cornwall. It was the spirit and involvement that appealed to her when she first heard about the competition.

Rose had a strategy for getting picked to be a torch-bearer. Taking stacks of entry forms, she filled out 50 forms at a time, and deposited them at various points, some as far away as Toronto.

She also filled out some for her sisters, but their entries were unsuccessful. "It's the luck of the draw," she says.

When a letter informing Rose that she was selected, arrived on May 28, it was a surprise to her. Rose gave up hope earlier on in the contest when she heard about the popularity of the competition.

Rose's news, first relayed to the parents as soon as she heard, was her contribution to show and tell at school the next day. Since then, the relay has contributed to the students' knowledge of geography as Rose has traced the outline of the relay's progress on a map of Canada.

The students have helped her prepare for running her part of the relay. Every lunch hour, Rose and a group of volunteers have been in training. One student made a torch out of a paper towel roll and presented it as training equipment. Others insist that they see her on television. One student, watching the relay route on the classroom map, was concerned that Rose would be running all across the world.

#### Family enthusiastic

Rose's family has been enthusiastic. Her mother chartered a bus when she first heard the news, thinking that her daughter's portion of the run would be in Cornwall. When Rose was informed that

## Hallville youth to carry Olympic torch

A Hallville youth will be participating in the 1988 Olympics by bearing the flaming torch on one leg of its journey across Canada.

Jyme O'Rielly, 15, received word last May that he had been chosen to carry the torch for a distance of 1 km, but just received confirmation from the logistical manager of the Olympic Torch Relay last week. Jyme is an avid athlete who enjoys track and field, down hill skiing and has his green belt in Tia Kwan Do.

His mom, Sue, commented that Jyme completed an application for the run, "everytime we got a fill-up at Petro Can," and was informed of his participation last May.

"We received a letter in May that said he'd been chosen, but it said

another letter confirming his participation would follow," she said.

Prior to the December 18 run, Jyme will be contacted at regular intervals to ensure he will be able to participate in the run.

He will receive a briefing and will be told where and when to be prepared to pick up the torch prior to December 18. He is expected to run the 1 km stretch in the Brockville area.

For his part in the kick-off of the 1988 Olympics, Jyme will be able to keep the running suit supplied to participants by the Olympic committee.

The suit includes a track jacket and pants emblazoned with the Olympic Crest.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, August 26, 1987

her km would be just west of Morrisburg, the bus was cancelled. But the entire family, right down to elementary school-aged cousins will be waiting, and the event will be caught on video tape for posterity.

Rose, who has been training "unfaithfully" since early June, has been stepping up her training efforts as the relay approaches. She has substituted a 1.3 kg dumbbells for the 1.6 kg torch in her training efforts. She has practised in all kinds of weather, according to the instructions sent by the relay committee, and has broken in her jogging shoes. But Rose, who admits she has never been a competitive athlete, says "I'm not looking at it as a big athletic challenge."

Her philosophy for the day is based on an article she read about a torch-bearer who ran in the 1976 Olympic relay. The runner said that if he could do it again, he would run more slowly, enjoy it more, and allow people to touch the torch. Rose says she wants to feel relaxed on the day, and not be so nervous that she can't enjoy the experience. She estimates that it will take her about 10 minutes to run her part, which has been slated for about 2:30pm. The Dec. 17 run will take the Olympic flame as far as Brockville, a distance of 108 km for one day.

Rose's kindergarten class will be along the torch route to see their teacher holding the Olympic symbol aloft. She says fellow teachers have joked that she will trip along the route, the Olympics will be cancelled, and she will go down in the pages of infamy. Younger cousins have offered to blow out the flame as she jogs past. But Rose says she won't be nervous on the day of the run.

For torch runners, the day begins with a briefing and the distribution of the Olympic track suit, which participants can keep. They have to provide their own footwear and mittens.

#### Lasting memories

Rose plans to keep a scrapbook of the event, right down to articles describing the origin of the torch in Greece. The track suit will be a memento that she plans to keep for a long time. The Centennial committee has already asked to borrow it for the Winchester centennial's sports hall of fame, she says. And, she will have the video, filmed by her father as he runs in front of her.

But for Rose, the best memories will be the ones she will be able to play over and over in her mind.

The flame's journey, which began in St. John's, Newfoundland, has taken it through the Maritime provinces, Quebec and Eastern Ontario. It will continue by tracing the Great Lakes, across Manitoba and Saskatchewan. It will continue, by plane, as far north as Yellowknife and Whitehorse, then it will travel to Vancouver for another cross-country trek to Calgary.

The 18,000 km trek will take 88 days, with about one-third of the relay done by contest winners. Some of the route will be covered with snowmobiles, dogsleds and cross-country skis. According to Petro Canada sponsors, most spots along the route are within a two-hour drive for most Canadians.

The torch will reach McMahon Stadium in Calgary at 1:45pm on Feb. 13 in a televised ceremony.

The Winchester Press

Wed., Dec. 16, 1987

## Share the spirit, share the flame



Elementary school students waited for torch bearers so they could share the flame. The souvenir torches, consisting of a candle and a plastic cup, allowed spectators to keep a piece of the flame burning, if only for a few minutes.

Right, encouraged by an escort runner, a torch bearer maintains her pace on a stretch of Highway 2, just outside Morrisburg. According to the calculations of organizers, it takes about six or seven minutes for the average runner to carry the Olympic torch one kilometre, with extra time budgeted for stops in towns to allow spectators to touch the torch. Above, torch runner Suzanne Rose was greeted by

the entire Chenail School Awkesane, where she is a kindergarten teacher. The students, whose spirits weren't dampened by the cold, carried a banner declaring, "Go, Miss Rose". The students later had an opportunity to pose with their teacher and the Olympic torch.

The Winchester Press Tues., Dec. 22, 1987



# Pipe Dream Come True



Roy Fawcett demonstrates his 100-year-old player organ which is the only remaining instrument of its kind in the world. Offers of \$50,000 for the organ won't persuade Fawcett to sell.

VANCAMP—A stranger to this small village might swear that his ears were playing tricks on him.

Rich rolling notes of what suspiciously sounds like organ music — pipe organ music — can be heard from a deserted church.

There are no ghosts of former congregation members rising from the graveyard. The five-inch thick brass bell in the church's steeple is silent and calls no one for service.

But still the music — in all its unearthly beauty continues — until the last note breathes out and tranquility falls upon the village once more.

Four years ago, this very church was slated for destruction. A dwindling congregation and high repair bills had forced the United Church to close it.

But thanks to Winchester businessman Roy Fawcett, the 98-year-old church was spared from the wrecking crew. Now there's a good chance that before long it may become one of the most unique public museums in Canada.

The 60-seat church, which is owned by Fawcett, houses his extensive collection of antique organs — from an 1880 player organ, the only one left of 54 manufactured, to what is believed to be one of the first Hammond organs ever made.

But the jewel of Fawcett's collection is a magnificent 1928 Casavants pipe organ estimated to be worth \$140,000. He says it is the largest pipe organ in Canada to be installed in a church of that size.

Before being installed this summer, the organ provided hymn music for an 800-seat Baptist church in St. John, New Brunswick. Fawcett, who owns the national dealership franchise for Conn Organs, obtained the pipe organ through a trade-in. It was replaced with the largest electronic organ in the country.

Fawcett, who is a master at installing and voicing organs, shakes his head as he recalls the complexities of transporting such a mammoth instrument.

Taken apart in New Brunswick, no less than four trucks had to be used to haul the organ's 70,000 individual pieces to Vancamp. Once there, Fawcett says it had to be quickly assembled before it was forgotten what pieces went where. To help out, he brought in the services of Toronto organ installer Michael Donovan, an expert in pipe organs.

Completed, the organ occupies the entire north wall of the church. Its blower alone weighs more than a ton and is larger than those used for drying corn.

Fawcett is determined that his collection of organs, which he says is twice the size of the Smithsonian Institution, will not be merely showpieces.

He has already had a pipe organ concert in the church and plans to have more in the future. As early as next month he hopes to conduct seminars on the role of the organ in the church and eventually would like to hold private lectures for students on the function of pipe organs.

In 1982, the church will be 100 years old and to celebrate, Fawcett and his family hope to open the museum to the public during the summer.

Despite the expense of operating and renovating the building (he estimates the cost of repairing the roof was more than the cost of originally building the church) Fawcett hasn't asked the government for help.

"I didn't want the government interference that comes when you ask for grants," he says simply. "But perhaps eventually we'll ask for them, if only to subsidize music students who could study here in the summer months."

Some people might wonder why a man, who has never learned to play the organ himself, would take up such an expensive and unusual hobby. But for Fawcett, his love for the instrument is no mystery.

Attending Winchester United Church as a child, organ music became "part of the atmosphere" of his life at an early age. He sang in church choirs and after finishing school, decided to pursue a career by selling organs for Conn.

"I started in the business 27 years ago when Conn was making only about 100 organs a year," he explains. "Now they're probably turning out 300 a day. I

was the first one to bring a Conn organ to Eastern Canada."

Fawcett's own career has grown as fast as the sales of the company he works for. He estimates that he has installed and voiced (fitted the sound of the organ to the shape of the room) more organs in churches than anyone else in North America.

Since expanding his retail business to include wholesale distribution last summer, Fawcett says he finds it almost impossible to keep up with demand. His warehouse at the rear of his home stocks every organ that Conn builds and despite today's tight money, he says sales are increasing by 30 per cent every year.

Man's earliest record of a pipe organ is 287 B.C. and Fawcett says its continuing popularity is due to the ease with which it can be learned how to play.

His own son Rob learned how to play the organ although he's never taken a lesson in his life. Fawcett's daughter Julie is choir director and organist for Winchester United Church and another son John plays the drums.

All his children, including son Tom, work in the family business and are closely involved with the museum. Fawcett's wife Shirley owns a jewellery store in Winchester and holds a Graduate Jewellers degree.

But for Fawcett, the organ business isn't work. Although his dealership and his hobby both take a great amount of time, he says that he loves what he does so much, he feels he's never worked a day in his life. Even on the vacations which he and his family take around the world, he makes a point of visiting churches with famous organs.

Despite his enthusiasm for his museum collection, Fawcett does not actively solicit antique organs from churches.

"I'm not in the market to go and purchase antique organs," he says. "Although I've been collecting them for more than 20 years, all my antiques are trade-ins."

"So very few churches today now have pipe organs, that I will discourage a church from selling theirs if it is repairable. Only if it can't be fixed, will I offer an electronic organ."



The former United Church in Vancamp may be open to the public as a museum in 1982. Fawcett bought the

98-year-old church four years ago.

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Sharon Adams plays the jewel of the collection, a 1928 pipe organ. Jan 31, 1980



Organist Sharon Adams provided a variety of uplifting Christmas music for a large group of people who visited the Van Camp Museum west of Winchester for a mini-concert Sunday night. Besides the massive pipe organ which dominates Roy Fawcett's organ museum, the featured attraction was a Conn organ mounted on a platform which is raised hydraulically through the main floor of the church. The mini-concert was, umm, uplifting.

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The 1,800-pound organ was built to Fawcett's exact specifications by Associated Organ Builders of Auburn, Washington. The company had designed two earlier organs for Fawcett Organ Corp., their only Canadian representative.

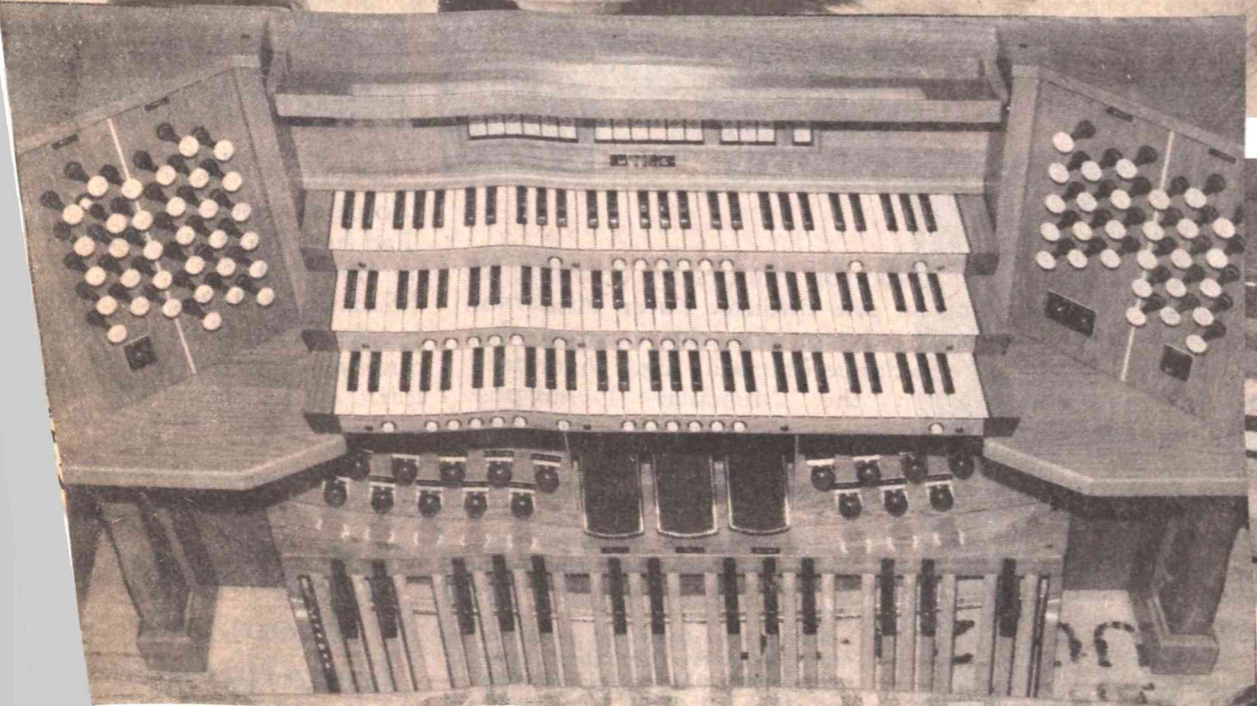
"Every stop was individually chosen and put on the drawing board before they built the cabinet," Fawcett said. "That's what makes it stand by itself." In a pipe organ, a stop is a knob or handle drawn out to permit the sounding of a particular set of pipes.

According to its designer, the organ's superior sound comes from 57 separate amplifiers and speaker systems. The instrument is equipped with a total of 800 oscillators, compared to the 12 oscillators in the average electronic organ. Each oscillator can

be adjusted for pitch, wind burst, volume and air, making the total number of possible "voicing" adjustments exceed 3,200.

The instrument is equipped with three keyboards, and has a possible range of 11 octaves—an ordinary piano, with 88 keys, has a range of just over seven octaves. The organ has 183 keys and 32 pedals

Another special feature of Fawcett's own design is the placement of trumpets parallel to the ceiling rather than pointing straight up. The unusual placement of the trumpets, known as "trompette en chamade," gives "that blast that you don't get from the trumpet shooting up," Fawcett said.



Designer Roy Fawcett of Winchester demonstrates the latest creation of Associated Organ Builders, a 1,800-pound electronic organ designed to duplicate as closely as

possible the characteristic sound of an authentic pipe organ.



The name "Principal Organs" is in the process of becoming the registered trade name for a line of instruments built to Fawcett's own specifications at a plant near Bologna, Italy. The name refers to the fundamental sound produced by a church organ, and Fawcett says any pipe organ enthusiast will recognize the term.

Fawcett and his wife Shirley have been in business in Winchester since 1949, when they opened their jewellery store. The business later expanded to include sales of organs and pianos around 1952.

Over 30 years, the business has seen some dramatic growth. Fawcett says he sold his first organ to a church in about 1954 for \$900. The average organ bought by a church in the 1950s sold for about \$2,000. The average sale today is in the \$50,000 bracket.

Although Fawcett specializes in sales to churches, the business also makes sales to private individuals which are handled from a studio in his home. Demonstrations of instruments to be sold to churches take place in an authentic setting, an actual church at Van Camp. One advantage Fawcett offers over all other dealers in North America is the opportunity for the buyer to compare the sound of the electronic organ to an actual

18-rank Casavant pipe organ installed in the church.

Fawcett says he had no formal background in the subject before he went into the business of selling organs. "I enjoyed organ music, and I studied up on what the industry had," he says. "I took dozens of organ seminars all over the world."

After studying what was available in the organ industry for five or six years, Fawcett decided to market organs made by the Conn Organ Company of Illinois. The company has discontinued production of instruments over the last few years, however.

When Conn phased out production, Fawcett decided to introduce his own line of organs under the "Principal" name. The first organs were manufactured last month in Italy, under specifications designed to approximate as closely as possible the actual sound of a pipe organ. "It's all state-of-the-art high technology," Fawcett says.

Bill Keizer of the Royal Canadian College of Organists recently visited the studio at Van Camp and said he was extremely impressed with the quality of the Principal make. "He was most impressed with what we are developing in church organs," Fawcett says.

The new organs will range in price from \$3,500 to \$25,000 and Fawcett expects they will be sold to about 40 dealers coast to coast.

Fawcett is also the only Canadian dealer for Associated Organ Builders (AOB) of Auburn, Wash. He sold his first AOB organ in Feb., 1985. The custom

made instrument, sold to the People's Church in Toronto, is the largest electronic organ in Canada today.

Fawcett says the key to his success has been a willingness to work "20 hours a day, seven days a week."

"Long, hard hours of work are really what it takes to be successful in business."

He says city churches appreciate the "extra mile" his country firm will go to make the installation of their organ better than anyone else.

The only full-time employee of Fawcett's Organ and Piano Studio is organ demonstrator Sharon Adams. Part-time help is also hired for maintenance and sales.



## Roy Fawcett's love affair with organ music sparks creation of his own model

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# Equipment

When you invest in a piece of equipment, you are investing in a long-term asset. The equipment you choose should be reliable, efficient, and easy to maintain. This is why it is important to do your research before making a purchase. Look for equipment that has a good reputation and a long track record. This will ensure that you get the most out of your investment.

There are many factors to consider when choosing equipment. The first is the quality of the equipment. You want to make sure that the equipment you are buying is made of high-quality materials and is built to last. The second factor is the price. You want to make sure that you are getting a good deal on the equipment you are buying. The third factor is the availability of parts and service. You want to make sure that you can get the parts and service you need when you need them.

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# Nostalgia Museum

MOUNTAIN — Want a light? Just ask Ted Touchette.

The Mountain Township resident and his wife Jean have a collection of 1,400 lighters for you to choose from. Although the Touchettes buy, sell and trade a bewildering variety of antiques and curios, there are several thousand items they refuse to part with.

The collection of lighters is just one of about 50 individual collections of objects both exotic and common-place that fill the upper storey of Ye Olde Curiosity Shoppe, their stone century farmhouse.

"I've been called a wheeler-dealer," says Ted. "I've even been called demented."

"Anything you can mention, we've sold it." The Touchettes have been in business together for 12 years, and have lived near Mountain for the past nine years. Their vast store of collectibles is drawn from the surrounding area — picked up at auctions or offered to them by people who know what they're looking for.

"Once you start collecting something, it gets a hold on you," says Jean. "It becomes something of a disease, this business of collecting."

Ted must have caught the disease in a big way to be able to amass his huge collection of cigarette lighters in just two and a half years. There are lighters in the shape of beer steins, hand grenades, a ski boot, a motorcycle, and a snowmobile. There is an arsenal of lighters shaped like antique duelling pistols. There is a lighter bearing a map of Korea which plays Beethoven's Fur Elise, and two camera-shaped lighters manufactured in Japan shortly after World War II.

Some of the lighters in the collection double as letter openers, while another is a combination lighter and radio. Also featured is an eversharp pencil and lighter in one.

In the collection of tobacco-related items is a cigarette holder that plays "Smoke gets in your eyes." For the attentive driver there is an automotive model that hands you a lit cigarette — Ted says the potential fire hazard precludes using it in his own car.

But the pride and joy of the lighter collection is a statue of King George VI dressed in his coronation robes, which can also be used to fire up a smoke. Also of historic interest are "trench art" lighters made during World War I from brass 18-pounder shells.

Ted says his collection has grown rapidly because "pickers" — people who go to auctions and pick up items for collectors — know he's in the market for them. One man brought in 50 lighters at once, he says.

But the 1,400 lighters make up just one of the many collections the Touchettes have put together in their "museum." They also collect mechanical penny banks, letter openers, buttons, cookie jars, Avon cologne containers, sugar spoons, and Indian beadwork. There is even a large glass jar containing an estimated 7,000 marbles — "That's just to show we haven't lost them," says Jean.



Ted and Jean Touchette - the couple of a thousand lighters.

They also collect photographs of monarchs and politicians, including an autographed picture of the late prime minister John Diefenbaker.

"It's not a museum of ancient relics or anything," says Jean. "It's mainly to show people who haven't started collecting what they could collect." She says her own fascination with collections began at an early age — at 15 she acquired a Victoria cup and saucer.

"We both collected things when we were young," she remembers.

Every item in the museum is recorded and is listed with an approximate value and place of origin. The list of lighters alone fills 33 pages in a ledger book.

Another attraction is a collection of wood carvings by internationally known carver Mauno Veltheim, now a resident of RR1 Maxville. The artist who carves only in butternut, uses detailed anatomical drawings of animals and birds in planning his work, says Jean. "We were so taken with the way he brings the wood alive," she adds.

The century farm on Development Road in Mountain Township has been home for the Touchettes since 1976, when they moved out of their original shop in Finch. However, Ye Olde Curiosity Shoppe may soon find yet another home, since the Touchettes want to find a location closer to the beaten track. In the meantime, the collections continue to grow, and the Touchettes eagerly look forward to the next "find."

Driving down the dirt road it's impossible to miss the stone building. Just look for a pink, hand pump on the front lawn or the license plate on their car which read CURIOS.



The clown and the owl (centre) are actually mechanical banks.



Glassware (above) and letter openers are also among the collectibles to be found at Ye Olde Curiosity Shoppe, a Mountain Township landmark since 1976.



The arsenal of pistols are examples of some of the Touchettes' more exotic cigarette lighters,

An estimated 1,400 lighters head a list of up to 50 separate collections.

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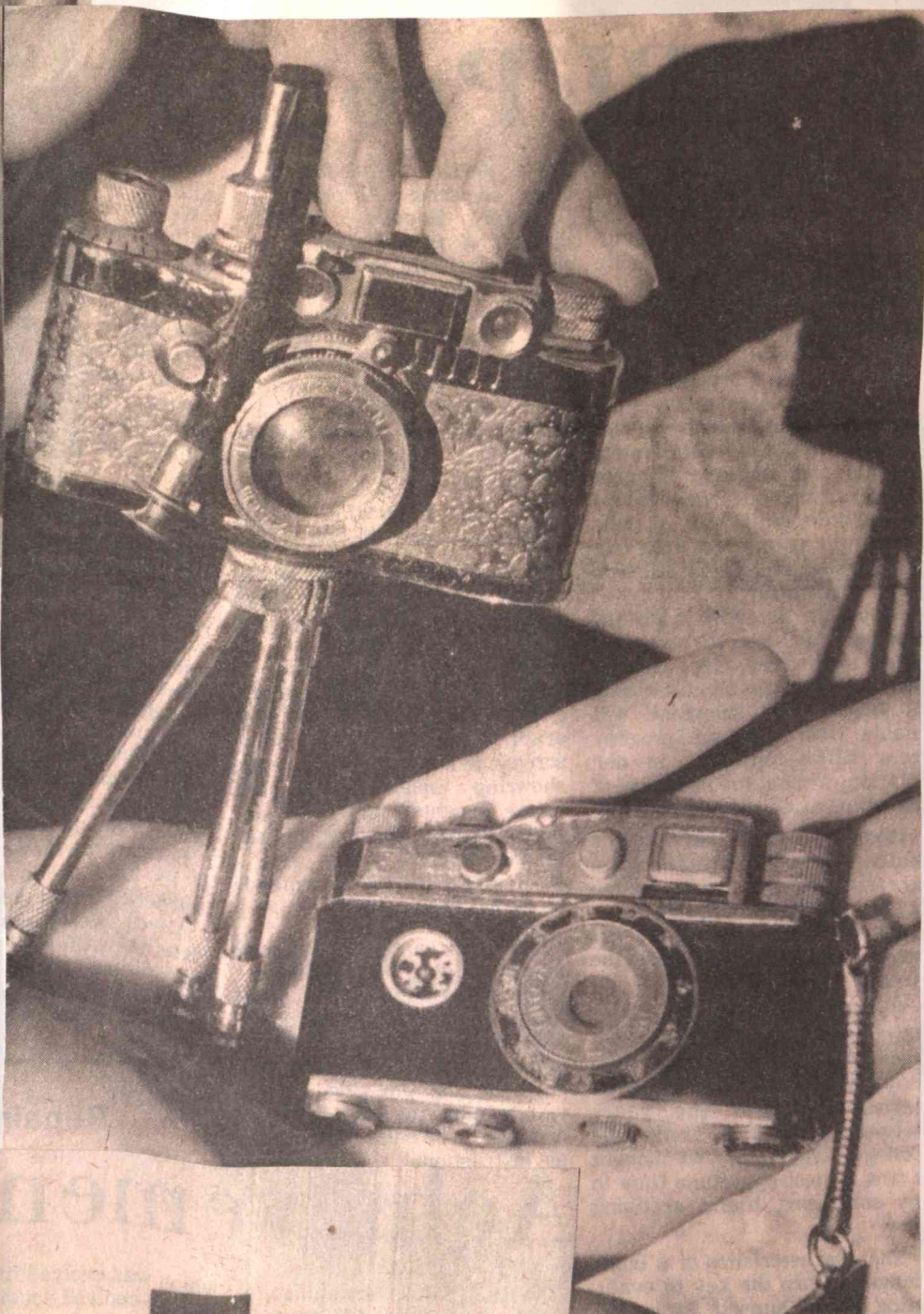
Ted Touchette has concentrated on lighters. In two years he has amassed more than 1,000 cigarette lighters that have only one thing in common. They all work.

He has lighters that are new, old, big, miniature, fancy and simple and he's still looking for more.

He has lighters resembling coke bottles, cameras, organs, daggers, golf balls and pistols. He has one lighter which is a replica of King George VI in his coronation robes. A crown sits on a pedestal at the King's side. A stylus pulled out of the crown is struck against a flint bar to get a light.

He has a battery operated lighter that was made in Europe 50 years ago. The battery creates a spark when the wick is pulled out.

He has a dozen examples of trenchart, some from the first World War, some from the second. These are lighters made out of spent casings of all sizes. One example of trenchart is made up of a 20 mm armour piercing shell with a 25 pounder's casing for an ashtray.



Ted and Jean Touchette (top) display part of their growing collection of wood carvings, many produced by Finnish carver Mauno Velheim of RR1 Maxville.



This "fossil" was created by Edward Touchette of R.R.2 Mountain. Mr. Touchette created the Grenovilletasaurus from frogs' legs and kindly agreed to participate in this prank with the Weekly Advance. The Grenovilletasaurus" can be viewed at "Ye Olde Curiosity Shoppe".



WINCHESTER — For Harry Williams, being involved in the community is a fact of life which began when he was a babe in arms. "Ever since they carried me across the road to the church," he confided recently at his Winchester home.

Williams was born "across the road" from Van Camp Church in Mountain Township. That was 82 years ago and his roots are planted deep in the life of Dundas County.

Always a public person, as a farmer, he was proud to represent the Mountain Plowmen's Association and the Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association.

From an early age too, he played baseball, hockey, and lacross with various local leagues, winning the Dundas Amateur Baseball trophy in 1929 and 1930. Later, he played softball for South Mountain, and it wasn't until teammates teased him about his grey hair — "they called me grandpa!" — that he decided to turn in his catcher's mitt.

But local politics immediately replaced sports for him. "I was always curious about politics and interested in farm organizations," he said. That curiosity led him to devote over 20 years in public office. First as councillor for Mountain Township, then as deputy reeve, and finally as reeve from 1967-73.

A list of accomplishments during his reeveship includes the regional bookmobile, two bridges over Black's Creek, new storm sewers in Mountain village, and the inauguration of Nationview Elementary School.

"Maybe people won't believe it," said Williams overly modest, "but here are the newspaper clippings and photos to prove it."

Harry Williams's biography unfolds like a chronicle of eight decades in eastern Ontario. Raised on the family farm ("sold the first one and moved onto the McTavish place in 1913"), educated in South Mountain and Winchester, by age 16, Harry had decided to become a farmer like his father.

"It was general mixed farming," he said, in a time when threshing and binding were done by hand and plows were still horse-drawn. But he wasn't satisfied to stay down on his farm. At the end of the summer of '26, Harry took leave of his family to join the harvest "excursions" out West.

"They had a special train that took harvesters out West (to Pence, Saskatchewan). They paid \$6 a day for threshing and \$4 for stooking," he said. The train ticket cost him \$15 which took him only as far as Winnipeg, he remarked. For Williams, those annual excursions were an opportunity to travel and meet young people like himself.

Sports offered another social outlet for his generation. The isolation of a long winter could be broken by a hot competition between arch rivals - Inkerman vs. South Mountain. "We'd go by team and sleigh to Inkerman or Williamsburg in -30 degrees," he recalled of those days.

During the baseball season, South Mountain played Chesterville and Morewood. "We didn't run all over hell's half acre," he stated displaying photos showing himself and teammates sporting 'S.M.' jerseys and sunbans - true boys of summer.

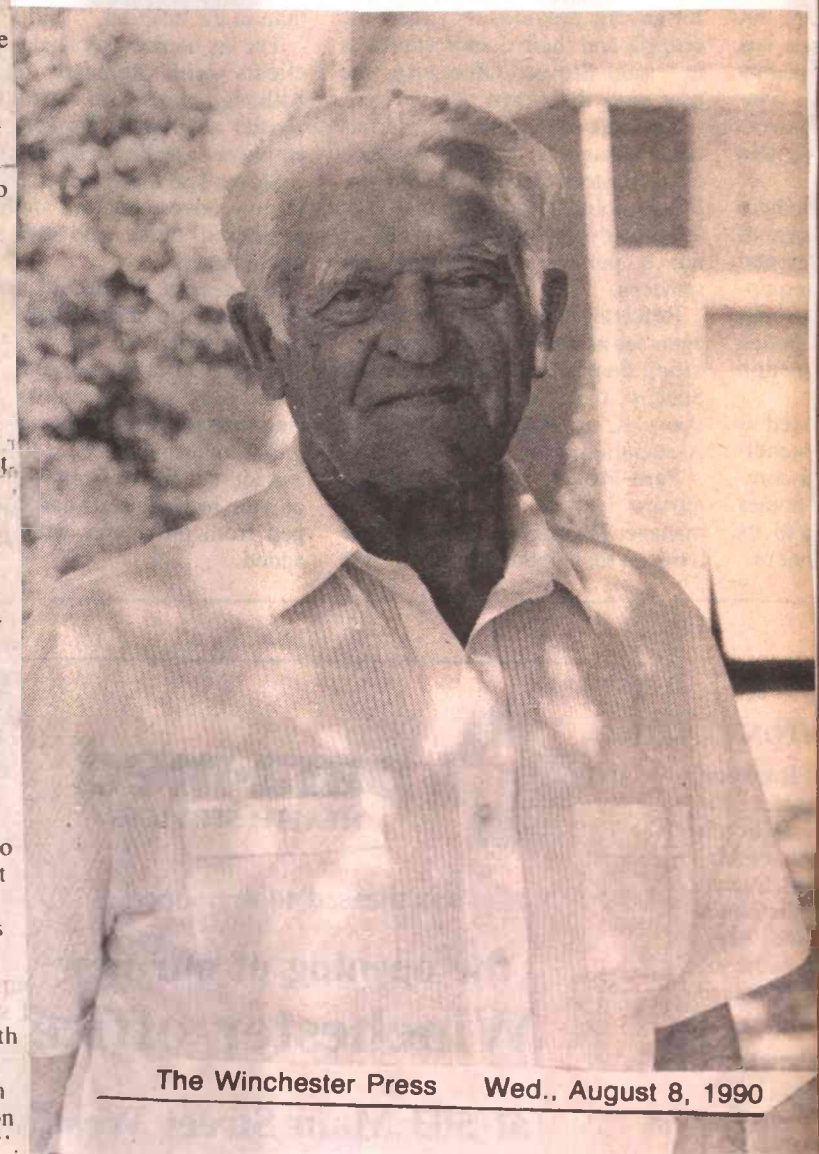
Seasons of planting and harvest came and went, and the Depression hit. "It was real tough goin'," but, at least eastern Ontario was spared the drought and the dust-bowl they had on the Prairies, he said.

In the midst of it all, he met Aletha Barriagar. She was 19 and recently arrived from Kemptville. "She was cooking on the farm where I was threshing and she was a real good cook," he recalled. They married in 1935 and settled in Van Camp where they raised five children — Bill, Carol, Robert, Kenneth, and Brian.

In 1973, Williams sold his farm and moved to Kemptville. "I nearly bit my tongue when I put the farm on the list but it was the only thing I could do at the time," he confessed, adding his sons weren't interested in continuing with farming. He then worked for Fine's Nurseries until his retirement in 1980. Since then he and Aletha have made their home in Winchester with son Kenneth.

About his years in township politics and farm organizations, Williams said his main motivation was "being able to do something for somebody".

"Sometimes you get more kicks in the butt than pats on the back," he laughed, "but once you get into it, you want to hang on."



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Lanson talks about the Hyndman family history. "There have always been Hyndmans living in this place," he says of the family's 350-acre dairy farm.

"My dad passed this farm onto me and I'm going to pass it on to (son) Murray," he says, adding that his grandfather passed it on to his father.

The Hyndman continuum began about 1845 when Lanson's homesteader grandfather Alexander settled the farm, erected a modest log cabin and began shipping milk by train to the same Montreal dairy that still purchases Hyndman milk. The notable difference in the operation today, besides being thoroughly modern, is that a bulk tanker collects the milk.

Before the advent of bulk tanker trucks, delivering the farm's bounty meant hitching horses to a wagon, loading milk cans and hauling them the mile and a half to Mountain, where the journey was completed by train.

"You've got to have some interests other than cows in your life, you know," he explains with a guffaw.

If time wasn't so precious, Lanson would continue to use the powerful workhorses for much of the farm work, he says. Now, he and Murray use the Belgians on the farm only when time permits, but they are familiar sights in parades, fairs and at heavy horse pulls.

At age 68, Lanson doesn't personally handle the team at pulls anymore. This duty has been inherited by Murray, along with the responsibility of running the farm, for the most part. He doesn't miss an opportunity to cheer the team on, though.

Lanson keeps the Sabbath holy. He and Margaret have been life-long members of St. Andrew's United Church in Hallville, where they faithfully sing in the choir every Sunday.

Besides the farm, Lanson seems to have inherited much more from his father, Joseph, who passed away in 1975.

"He (Lanson) used to say his father was worth a \$1,000 a year just sitting on the porch," Margaret tells a visitor.

"He (Joseph) was great for advice," Lanson recalls. "He was a great thinker. He didn't have any education, either."

Lanson remembers his father with unconcealed fondness. "He was a joy to work with," he said of the years he farmed by his father's side.

Like his father, Lanson doesn't lay claim to an abundance of formal education. He left school at age 13 to help on the farm and immediately learned an important lesson in life: the value of a dollar.

At a time when money was tight, Lanson's dad told him he was needed on the farm, but he didn't have the means to pay him. A compromise of sorts was struck, with Joseph giving Lanson permission to raise hogs on the



Lanson poses with Belgians

side to earn pin money. Lanson was confronted by an inherent wrinkle in this scheme that he would have to resolve on his own, though: he

could raise pigs to make money but he needed cash to buy them in the first place and the animals had to eat, naturally.

The solution gave Lanson his first taste of entrepreneurship. He convinced someone to give him the pigs, on credit, and someone else to give him the feed, on the same basis. When the pigs were ultimately sold, he settled his debt to these creditors, pocketing the difference.

Lanson didn't get rich by raising hogs, but it gave him enough money to pursue the simple pleasures of life that the times and locale had to offer. It was pool in Mountain, skating in Hallville and dances at the former North Mountain Consolidated High School for Lanson and his friends.

The dances were something special for Lanson, being the ideal place to take the young lady from the Christie farm just down the road, the same girl he married 46 years ago. Of course, given the Hyndman propensity for permanency, it goes without saying that the couple is still together.

Besides the dancing, pool playing and skating, country lads of Lanson's generation spent a lot of time getting around on foot, or on bicycle, he remembers. In the days before television, many an evening euchre game was played in the Hyndman home.

There was an enviable serenity about farm life as Lanson was growing up, but there were some disadvantages, as well. Services, for example, were few when they existed at all, often with tragic results.

The stately stone house that Alexander Hyndman built around 1860 was destroyed in a 1939 fire that Lanson still feels could have been extinguished if there was fire protection at the time, a service that now is taken for granted.

"That was the awfulest cloudburst I ever lived through," he says of the night that lightning struck a shed, igniting a blaze that spread to the adjoining house when smoke stopped Lanson and his father from entering the structure. Another fire in 1959 razed the stucco house that replaced the stone one. Now, a comfortable, modern bungalow serves as the Hyndman residence.

Perhaps a main reason for the evolution of the Hyndman continuum can be found in the physical structure of the houses they've usually built. They are duplexes, with one side reserved for the father and mother, and the other set aside for the next generation.

Lanson grew up with an older brother, Clare, and sisters Corienne Wilson and Donna Simms. His own family is the same size, but with the girls outnumbering the boys. Daughters Helen, Marilyn Williams and Joanne McCaslin, along with son Murray are maintaining the continuum.

Between two of the girls and Murray, Lanson and Margaret have five grandchildren living.

"We have had a good family, and they love to come home," says Lanson with pride in his voice. "We're a pretty close knit bunch around here, you know."

Coming home for the Hyndman clan isn't all that difficult. The farthest any of them has to travel, be it to visit or participate in summer "haying bees", is but a mile's distance.

"They use us and we use them," Lanson says of the relationship he and Margaret enjoy with their children, his face lighting up with a smile. "It makes us feel that we're wanted."

"They are all just under our nose, and that's just great."

It all hasn't been a bed of roses for the Hyndmans. They have had their ups and downs like the rest of us. But Joseph's tendency for philosophizing seems to have been visited on the son, who says, "All families have their ups and downs, you know. That's just part of life."



# Grahams capture top dairy herd award



Malcolm and Marion Graham of South Mountain took top honors at the DHI awards banquet on the weekend with a composite herd BCA of 201. The Grahams received a ODHIC certificate and the Strader Trophy for their efforts.

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After more than three decades of weather watching, South Mountain dairy farmer, Malcolm Graham still enjoys it.

Graham said observing weather has always been a hobby for him, and when the opportunity arose in April of 1960 to observe for Environment Canada, he took it.

And last Tuesday morning, Environment Canada presented Graham with the Morley K. Thomas Award in appreciation of his 30 years of dedication.

# Weather watcher of three decades

Graham jokes the weather observing job "doesn't pay very well" (it is a voluntary service). Because of this, Environment Canada established the awards program in tribute to these volunteers — a certificate of achievement for five years; an award of merit for 20 and the Morley K. Thomas Award for 30 years.

The South Mountain weather station is one of four weather stations in Dundas County. It consists of a rain gauge erected on a post, and a maximum-minimum thermometer encased in a wooden box called a Stevenson screen. The other three stations are located in Winchester, Morrisburg and Chesterville.

The volunteer weather-watchers, 320 in Ontario alone, record the high and low temperatures twice daily, as well as the amount of precipitation. They compile the data on a station report which is mailed to the regional office at month's end.

Climatological data is also used to provide information to insurance companies for weather-related claims and for police forces wanting to know the weather conditions at the time of a crime.

As well, weather observers call in stats to the county OMAF office.

Graham says although he can't promise another 30 years, he hopes to continue watching the weather as long as he can.

He added he never considered the twice daily trek to the weather station a chore because the station is located between the house and the barn, and he takes his readings while going from one to the other.

"It's just become routine after this long," he concluded.



The Winchester Press Wed., April 11, 1990

Max Sabey used to ride a horse to school as a teenager. Today, his love for the animal is carried on with the two purebred Arabians he raises on his farm. Pictured is eight-year-old Certain Sort.



The Winchester Press Wed., Jan. 10, 1990

Max Sabey has served his 70 years well.

"If I was to use one word for the things I've done in my life it would be service," says the former DFA president, nearing the end of a 90-minute interview which covered his incredibly full life.

Sabey's services have been varied just in the teaching field alone, with guidance counselling, artillery training during World War II and teaching school for a Hutterite colony offering but a partial example of his diverse background.

Sabey has a B.A. in Economics and a Master's in Education specializing in guidance counselling. More impressive is the fact Sabey attained this education at night and during summer holidays while working as an administrative officer for the 25th Field Regiment of the Royal Canadian Artillery.

He also has the top teaching certificate attainable in both Quebec and Alberta.

One wonders what is going to happen. There is a degree of adventurism, excitement. The first thing was the discipline."

And that discipline, in large part, came from Sabey's first love, which above all else, is farming. And for the first 16 years of his life, he was certain this would be the mainstay of his future.

"There is no better place to grow up than on a farm. You are close to nature. You learn to suffer the consequences of your mistakes and benefits of those things you do right. You learn how to work and you learn the value of work. You become a conservationist and an animal care activist at an early age. You learn to live with nature."

At 14, a young Sabey entered a major workout facility he calls his uncle's farm, for

four or five years. It was working on his uncle's threshing crew which saw a teenage Sabey begin to build his now muscular frame, which shows no visual signs of making a flabby departure as he enjoys a robust seventh decade.

Twelve hours a day, six days a week was the farm regimen for the then teenager, hauling bundles of hay, among the strenuous chores which earned him \$4 daily.

"It's there you learn co-operation and to keep up your end," he offered of the character building benefits of farming, which helped him adapt to the strict military lifestyle he would later meet up with.

Of the demanding physical aspect of his teenage farming years, Sabey gave this assessment during a pleasant Friday morning interview at his farm located just east of Winchester: "I didn't think much about it. It was something you had to do. I made enough money to buy my clothes to get through the winter."

Farming came crashing down for his father during the "dirty 30s" when Sabey was 16. The Great Depression resulted in his father losing the family farm.

"So you see, I have some sympathy with these farmers today who are losing their farms," he noted.

Sabey admitted the closure of his father's farm was a major turning point in his life. Up to that point he had anticipated farming would be his life and if his father's farm had prospered Sabey believes that may very well have been the case.

"Of course, there was the disappointment," he recalled of the time when his father lost the farm. "But there's the psychological impact of failure, I guess. And then fear of the future."

"But there is something about farming," he continued, "that is hard to describe. It's something that has such a strong appeal that when you've been in it, you want to get back in it."

Get back in it he did in 1974 by buying the farm he now shares with his wife, along Development Road just off Hwy. 43. Although he was working for the government at the time, Sabey wanted to have a farm to "retire" to in a lifestyle he enjoys.

He has retired from the military, from teaching and from the government but it depends "primarily upon health, not just mine but ours," before he retires from farming.

He has an 80-acre farm with hay, beef and corn. While he's down to just eight "beefalo" cattle, Sabey stresses he doesn't want to call his operation a hobby farm. He does, however, admit he is not in farming now for money.

For three years, Sabey served as president of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture, stepping down at the annual banquet earlier this year.

In a January interview with the Winchester Press, Sabey listed the publication of a brochure on the agriculture industry in Dundas County, introducing the annual agricultural information days and initiating the practice of bringing a guest speaker to DFA monthly meetings, as highlights of his years as president.

Of the DFA experience, Sabey explains it offered the occasion for him to do some settling up.

"It was an opportunity to pay for all the good things I've had in my life, to put something back into my first love — agriculture. It has kept me busy, mentally alert. My life has been enriched by the people I've been in touch with."

Sabey also took time to reiterate his philosophy of the need for diplomacy in dealing with agriculture matters.

"Too many of us have the tendency to harden our position before we hear the other side. At least we should listen to both sides." In a time where politics are more than a minor player in agriculture, Sabey advises it would be prudent for farmers to emphasize their areas of agreement but keep disagreements in the background while they work towards common ground out of the limelight.



# Strader trophy won for second time by Graham



Malcolm and Marion Graham

The Winchester Press Wed., April 17, 1991

— South Mountain farmers Malcolm and Marion Graham captured the top award for the second year in a row by winning the Strader Trophy for the highest composite BCA in Dundas County.

The couple who has been in the dairy business for 40 years, received the prestigious honor at the Dundas County Dairy Herd Improvement's annual awards banquet Saturday evening, with a herd BCA of 202.

The Grahams said they don't feel their herd's any better than many of the others in the county, but they've just figured out the secret to getting high production. — The secret they say is in the feeding.

This improvement, Malcolm Graham contributes to the increased use of AI and proven bulls.

With the help of one full-time hired man, the couple milks about 35 cows year-round and grows most of their own feed on the farm's 200 acres.

## Big winners at DHI banquet

— For the third year in a row, Mac and Marion Graham of South Mountain received the Strader Trophy and ODHC Certificate for having the highest Composite BCA in Dundas county.

The Grahams, who have been in the dairy business for more than 40 years, received the prestigious honor at the Dundas County DHI Association's annual awards banquet and dance held Friday evening in Dixons Corners. The couple obtained the award with an impressive Composite Herd BCA of 211.

The Grahams milk about 35 Holsteins and grow most of their own feed on their farm's 200 acres, just west of South Mountain Village.

They also received the MacDonald Feed Mill award for having the highest composite BCA four-year-old. Spruceside Marlin Natasha had a Composite BCA of 241 at four years, three months.

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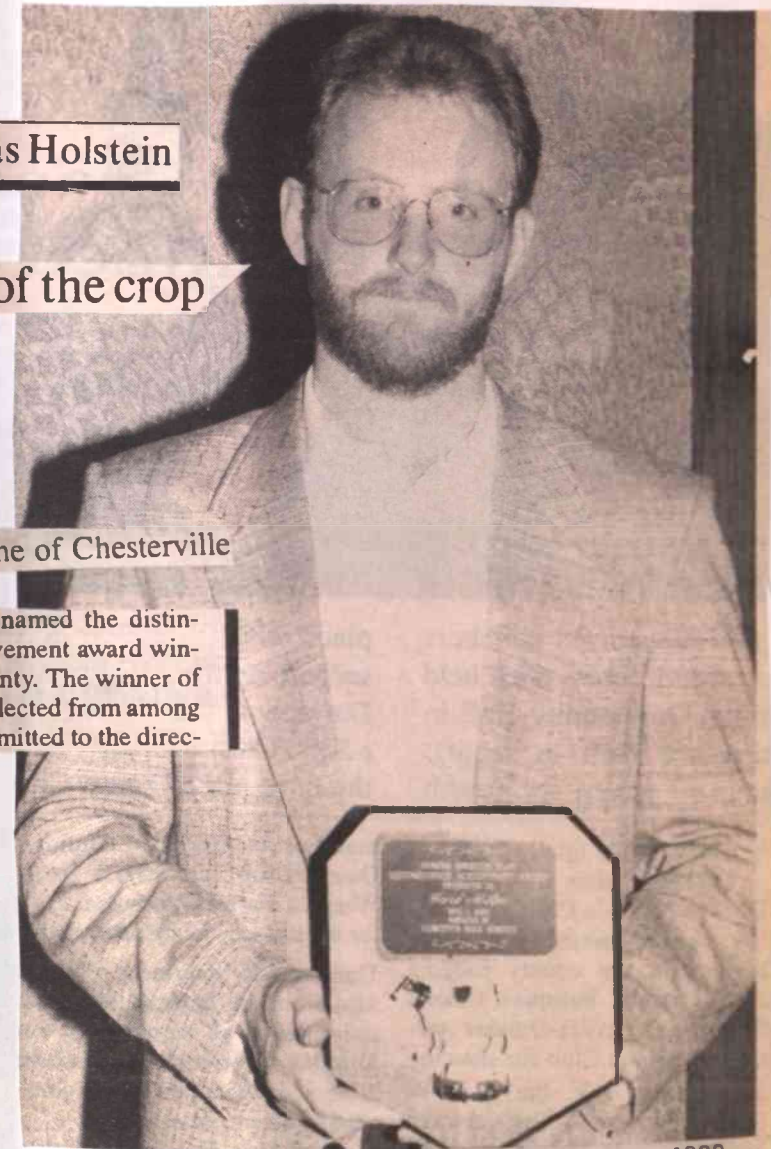


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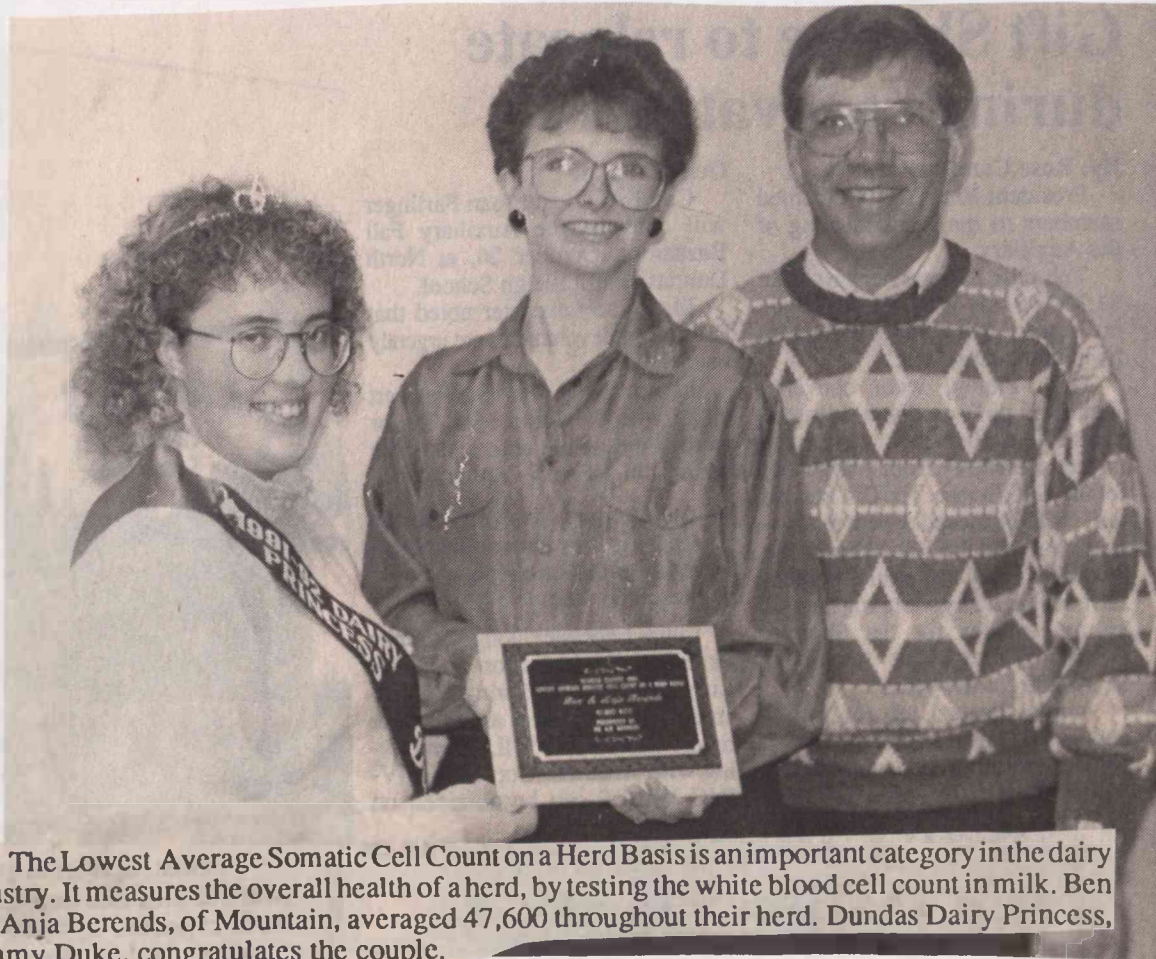
## Cream of the crop

## Gordon Milne of Chesterville

Milne was named the distinguished achievement award winner for the county. The winner of the award is selected from among applicants submitted to the directors.



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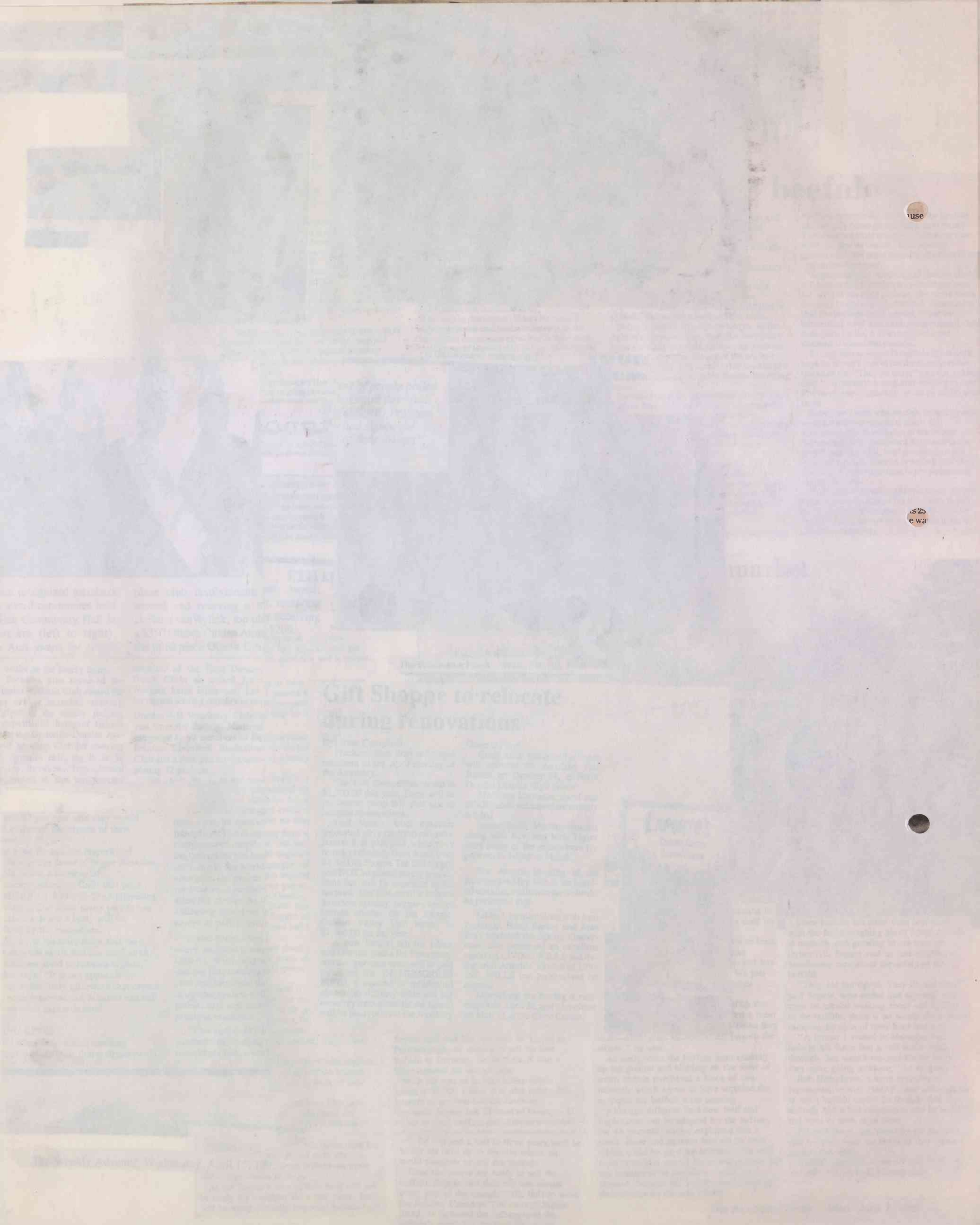
The Lowest Average Somatic Cell Count on a Herd Basis is an important category in the dairy industry. It measures the overall health of a herd, by testing the white blood cell count in milk. Ben and Anja Berends, of Mountain, averaged 47,600 throughout their herd. Dundas Dairy Princess, Immy Duke, congratulates the couple.



Marie and Carl Sears of South Mountain were awarded for having the second most improved herd above provincial average. The Sears' had an increase of 20 points for a composite BCA of 177.7

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, April 15, 1992





### Gift Shoppe to relocate during renovations

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## Sabey discovers steady market for beefalo

**MOUNTAIN** — When retired civil servant Max Sabey decided to try his hand at farming in the late 1970's, he chose his commodity because he felt a sense of social responsibility and didn't give a thought to the promise of making a fast fortune.

Sabey's chosen commodity was beefalo — a cross between beef and buffalo. He chose beefalo because he felt that it wouldn't be right to raise cattle on grain when there was a food shortage.

Beefalo don't require grains to grow, says Sabey. They can survive on the roughest pasture land and still make astounding weight gains. In the winter, all they require is hay and water.

Sabey's philosophy has changed since he first started raising beefalo — he now feels that food shortages are the result of distribution problems and not because of resource mismanagement — but his alliance to beefalo hasn't changed.

Sabey is one of a handful of Canadian agricultural entrepreneurs raising beefalo. He bought his first six animals for \$500 a head from an Ogdensburg breeder in 1977 when farmers were giving away beef calves.

Aside from his initial investment, raising the animals has been astonishingly cheap, he says. They don't require top quality food and they are hardy and resistant to cold, thanks to three times as many hairs per square inch

as a beef animal. And contrary to popular belief, the cross isn't infertile. In fact, according to a study done by American researcher Dr. Donald Safratowich, the conception rate for beefalo was 93 per cent, good statistics for any breed.

At first Sabey artificially inseminated his beefalo cows with semen from Eastern Breeders. The first attempt wasn't entirely successful, but statistics have climbed since then, and in retrospect, Sabey blames estrogen doses and miscalculations on the low initial conception rate. The father of his first group of beefalo calves was Joe's Pride, a purebred beefalo bull sold to a Calgary couple for \$2.5 million.

Sabey's purebred animals are listed in the American beefalo registries. He isn't sure if there is a Canadian registry.

This isn't the first round of experimentation with the breed. The department of agriculture experimented with a cross they called cattalo in Western Canada's Wainwright Park during the World War II era. The program was plagued with infertility and weak newborns, and researchers abandoned it as a dismal failure.

Many years later, Californian Bud Baslo tried the buffalo-beef cross again, and this time, 10 years and \$10 million later, the attempt was a success.

According to Baslo, Canadian researchers bred cattalo the wrong way, using beef bulls

and buffalo cows. Baslo used beef cows and buffalo bulls, and claimed a 79 per cent conception rate. The idea behind the research was to produce an animal with the capacity for growth and the disease resistance of a buffalo and the docile nature of a bovine.

Sabey says his beefalo cows calve with ease. He recalls assisting on only two occasions. Calves grow quickly, weighing in at about 800 pounds one year after birth.

Sabey's beefalo are shy, he warns. At the sight of a stranger, they flee. But they don't mind standing at a safe distance and having their pictures taken. On one of the coldest days of the year, they stand in the middle of a field, perfectly comfortable despite the biting winds.

Beefalo resemble cattle more closely than buffalo. The only hints of their bison blood is their size, wide foreheads and broad carriage. Their coats take on the colors of the beef breed of their ancestry. Some look like large Charolais, others like over-sized Herefords.

Beefalo meat is not available in supermarkets. Sabey sells his meat to a clientele he has established over the years by word-of-mouth. "There are no middlemen yet," he says of the industry. He sells the meat by whole animals and by halves, quarters and 25-pound boxes.

The meat is particularly popular with those

who like organic foods because the beefalo are fed only farm-grown food, says Sabey. The meat is a little more sweet tasting than beef, but just as tender. Most beefalo growers sell the meat at a cost of about 10 per cent more than beef.

According to a University of Guelph study, a T-bone steak contains only three per cent fat, with 21 per cent protein. The same steak has only 13 per cent cholesterol. Sabey adds that the beefalo dress almost 10 per cent better than beef, and have proportionally less bone than cattle. A 17-month-old steer dressed at about 600 pounds.

Sabey, who now has 15 beefalo in his herd, says he doesn't regret his decision to raise the animals. "They're easy," he says, taking only 15 minutes morning and evening to feed. The hay, mostly timothy, is cut on the 80-acre farm.

Sabey isn't sure why beefalo hasn't caught on like wildfire among farmers. He speculates that the stigma of the failed Wainwright Park program has stuck to the breed. And, he adds, beef producers have invested so much time in breeding beef that they may simply not want to try something completely new.

With an eye to retiring in two years, Sabey doesn't want to expand his herd very much more. He has had as many as 25 beefalo on his farm. But, for a while, he wants to keep beefalo as a hobby.

## Hallville man riding herd on buffalo market

**HALLVILLE** — On March 11, at 4:30am, Jacques Seguin became one of only 30 buffalo farmers in Canada.

Seguin, a professional engineer who did not like the travelling involved in his business, decided to stay at home and put his 200 acre farm to good use and a unique one at that.

"I was not going to raise cows the same as everyone else. I wanted to be different, and not have much competition," said Seguin, explaining why he chose to raise buffalo.

Once Seguin had purchased his buffalo from a rancher in the United States, it took nearly six months to actually obtain the animals.

After buying the buffalo in October, the animals were quarantined there for 45 days and again in Manitoba for another few months, so that vets could check the animals to ensure there were no diseases.

"I understand they have to check the animals for disease, but we were so anxious to get them," said Seguin's wife Jill.

Seguin said the couple did not blindly rush into the buffalo business. "We researched it for two years, we visited buffalo ranchers in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and the States and we studied the market," he said. Seguin added the quality of buffalo meat helped sell him on raising the animals.

"Buffalo meat has about 40 milligrams of cholesterol per 100 gram serving, while beef may have 90 or 110 grams of cholesterol," Seguin explained.

As well, buffalo meat is much leaner than beef with only three per cent fat, whereas beef usually has 25 to 35 per cent fat, he said. "When you have a five ounce buffalo burger you get five ounces of meat, not three ounces once it's cooked, like in beef," Jill noted.

Jill intends to promote the wholesomeness of buffalo meat by selling buffalo burgers out of a French fry truck in front of their Consession 9 home.

"I am starting to sell French fries next week, and then the following week our buffalo meat will arrive and I'll sell the buffalo burgers," said Jill.

Buffalo doesn't have a wild game taste but rather it's what beef should taste like, explained Jill, who noted buffalo eat grass rather than shrubs or bugs.

As the Seguin's own buffalo herd will not be ready for slaughter for a few years, Jill will be using federally-inspected buffalo



meat imported from Manitoba in her burgers.

When asked if beef farmers may feel threatened by him, Seguin laughed as he explained that there are more than 100,000 head of cattle slaughtered in the United States and Canada every day whereas there are only 60,000 buffalo in North America.

It was not that long ago that Plains buffalo, the type he raises, were taken off the endangered list, said Seguin.

Seguin also said the price of buffalo meat would be a prohibiting factor in overtaking the beef's share of the market as the price for a carcass of buffalo on the hook is worth \$4.85 a pound.

Although buffalo is expensive, there is a market for it, as game stores in Ottawa and Toronto cannot fill the demand. As well, Seguin said that like a farmer he knows in Peterborough, he intends to sell his live buffalo to Germany where there is also a large demand for the animals.

With the cost of buffalo heifer calves going at \$2,000 a head it is also pricey for farmers to get into buffalo ranching. Currently Seguin has 24 head of bison — 21 of his original buffalo and three new calves which were born in May. Seguin estimates it will be two and a half to three years until he builds his herd up to the size where he could slaughter or sell the animals.

Once the couple are ready to sell the buffalo, Seguin said they can use almost every part of the animal. "The buffalo were the Indians' Canadian Tire store," Seguin joked, as he noted the Indians used the buffalo's meat, fur, leather, sinew and

Seguin says he is interested in learning to tan, and will practice on his rabbits until his buffalo are ready.

The Seguins admit they have a lot to learn about buffalo farming. "It is not like Holsteins where there has been lots and lots of research done," said Seguin. "We just have to learn from ourselves and other farmers."

The Seguins learned quickly enough that buffalo prefer grass to alfalfa. "I gave them a bale of grass and a bale of alfalfa and they attacked the grass and didn't even touch the alfalfa," he said.

As well, when the buffalo were clawing up the ground and nibbling on the roots of trees, Seguin purchased a block of cow minerals which seems to have supplied the nutrients the buffalo were missing.

Although different beef cow feed and implements can be adapted for the buffalo, the 46-year-old rancher explained that a cows' chute and squeeze was not an item which could be used for buffalo. "We will have to build a special chute and squeeze for my animals to be corralled, tested, or shipped, because the buffalo would damage their humps on the cow chutes."

Since buffalo are taller than beef cows, with the bulls weighing about 3,000 pounds at maturity and growing to six feet, six inches tall, Seguin said he had neighbors questioning him about the safety of the buffalo.

"They are not tigers. They do not bite," said Seguin, who added that although you must be careful walking about and tending to the buffalo, there is no worry about them escaping because of their herd instinct.

"A farmer I visited in Manitoba had a hole in his fence that a calf could walk through, but wasn't worried for he knew they were going nowhere," he recalled.

Bob Humphries, a local agricultural representative with OMAF, said although he is not a buffalo expert he thought that the animals had a bad disposition and he would not want to mess with them.

Jill said she is fascinated by the buffalo and watches them for hours as they roam around the fields.

Buffalo can jump about six feet high and run 40 miles an hour, Seguin said.





### Down to business

Members of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture executive, elected last month, met Friday to discuss plans for 1987. Front row from left are vice-president Gordon Garlough, president Max Sabey, and secretary Rhonda Schneckenburger. Back row: Marion Graham, Mountain Township co-ordinator; Arden Schneckenburger, Dundas South director; Herman Jansen, past president and Alvin Runnalls, Dundas North director. Absent for the photo were township co-ordinators Peter Leyenaar, Steven Barkley and Andy Driscoll.

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### A job well done

Members of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture took the opportunity to say thank you to past president Herman Jansen and his wife Wilhelmina at an information day at the Winchester Community Centre Monday. Jansen, president from 1984 to 1987, received a plaque while his wife was presented with flowers.

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## Situation in Ecuador

### inspires local student

HALLVILLE — Implanted in Irene Jansen's mind is the troubling image of her Ecuadorian "mother" waking at four every morning, working from 6am to 9pm seven days a week.

For Jansen, a Hallville area resident, a recent trip to Ecuador left her with the view of women in this Third World South American country as "second class citizens."

And the 21-year-old anthropology and political science student is hoping to someday do something to help right the problem.

A student at Montreal's McGill University, Jansen recently returned from a trip to Ecuador designed to educate students on international development.

Jansen was living in Guachapal — a town of 500 she described as "very small, very simple." Most of the houses were "concrete slabs and walls."

For Jansen, her temporary dwelling offered a "family atmosphere." Clara Lopez, short and "very beautiful to me but you probably wouldn't think so," became somewhat of a surrogate mother to Jansen.

"I was torn apart when I had to leave. I had become very attached to her (Clara Lopez)."

This attachment to Lopez — a women Jansen for three months watched "supporting the household" with continual

and repetitious work of embroidering and working in a rice field — has intensified her interest in helping women in under-developed countries.

Jansen said she plans to return to Southern America next summer when she will have the "freedom to travel all around Latin America." She expects to be spending a large amount of time doing field work there when she graduates from university.

Jansen brought back to Hallville disturbing memories in addition to the accepted mistreatment of women in Ecuador. Jansen said while walking around the city slums, she would see people lying in the street either drunk or starving to death.

For herself, there was an initial culture shock of the inferior lifestyle. "I got sick every two weeks from the food and water." Jansen said the water had to be boiled and the food was very limited — "mostly rice, a little meat and a lot of fruit."

Overall, the experience seems to have had a strong and positive impact on Jansen. "I am happy I ended up in Ecuador," said Jansen, who pointed out the students had their destinations chosen for them. "I originally wanted to go to Thailand."

The experience has left Jansen fluent in Spanish — a language she didn't speak before travelling to Ecuador. Pleasant images also centred around the group of Canadians she travelled with.

"I witnessed the changes of people coming out of high school. They were maturing during their time in Ecuador. They became educated to a different lifestyle."



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- It was somewhere around the turn of the 19th Century that the Reverend John Gunther Weagant, a Lutheran preacher, arrived on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River from Germany, via a number of cities in the eastern United States.

What events transpired immediately after his arrival are too complicated to explain in detail but, simply put, he soon switched allegiance to the Church of England. These facts, and the names of the American cities he preached in, are known largely through the efforts of Fred and Anita Weagant.

Amateur genealogical sleuths in retirement, the couple who have made the Weagant name synonymous with farm equipment in Eastern Ontario, have managed to satisfy both their lust for travel and their love of family history, in one fell swoop.

Since retiring from fulltime participation in the family business back in the early 1970s (it would be erroneous to say they have completely retired), the Weagants have visited all the churches that the Reverend Weagant preached in while he was in the States.

They've also been successful in finding out quite a bit about the reverend's father-in-law, another German-American cum Canadian preacher by the name of Samuel Schwerdfeger. But the trail ends in the States, and the European chapter of the lives of the two preachers remains clouded in mystery.

"We've just had fun doing it," Fred says of their historical research.

In an interview Sunday afternoon in their home here, across Lakeshore Drive from the St. Lawrence, the Weagants spoke of travelling much of the world (often courtesy of equipment manufacturers) and tracing the family's roots, but Fred retains an incurable affection for something else: machinery ... farm machinery, to be precise.

"I think I had always been interested in farm equipment," he said. It seems natural for someone born in 1918 on a farm in the Colquhoun district of Williamsburg Township to develop an affinity for the machinery he grew up with.

Anybody else, though, might have developed a loathing for everything to do with agriculture after he and two brothers — Beverly and the late Cameron — helped his widowed mother (his father, Robert Samuel, died in 1923) operate the farm through much of the Depression.

"I'm telling you, it was pretty slim living," he remembered. "My mother must have been a master at handling money."

Times were tough and the pickings may have been slim, but from these fragile roots would blossom a mini-empire of sorts in the farm implement business.

In 1946, Fred married Anita Elliott of Dunbar, whose experience working in the general store would, it could be argued, one day provide the key to the couple's success.

"That was a good move," he said of the marriage, glancing across the living room to catch Anita's nod of approval.

**SOUTH MOUNTAIN**—Founded at the site of Samuel Guernsey's grist mill in 1835 and later named for the first Protestant Bishop of Quebec, Jacob Mountain, the sleepy village of South Mountain actually grew up a bustling railway town.

Early in this century South Mountain boasted two hotels and four general stores. There was at least one harness maker, a blacksmith, cheese makers, a tailor, a hat maker, a newspaper, several churches, an elementary and a high school. In addition, villagers were well-served by three-times-daily mail delivery—every time the train puffed into the CP station.

South Mountain's prosperity and self-reliance was due to the agricultural community it served. It was definitely the hub of its own small universe.

"Villages were set up by how far you could drive in a horse and buggy," explained Mac Graham, dairy farmer and fourth generation on the family farm on the perimeter of the village.

Like many families, the Grahams settled there and stayed put. Generations of Scottish descendents married each other, Germans married Germans, etc. in a pace that was dictated more by the seasons and less by machines.



Fred Weagant may have officially retired at age 65, but seven years later he and his wife, Anita, still enjoy lending a hand at the dealership that bears the family name, especially if it means delivering a piece of farm machinery. Above, Weagant poses for a picture with the former South Mountain dealership serving as the backdrop.

The same year, the Weagants decided to leave farming and by 1947 they had taken over a general store in South Mountain. With Anita capable of handling the day-to-day business of the store, Fred was able to pursue other matters, such as selling hay wagons and, in 1953, landing a Cockshutt farm equipment franchise.

The manufacturers have come and gone over the years, but the Weagant business survived and prospered.

From its humble beginnings in South Mountain, when machinery was sold along with groceries, the dealership — and the entire industry — has undergone profound changes.

"We had one guy (employed in 1953) and we were lucky to have him," Fred recalled of the early days in the business. "Whatever could happen sure did."

Soon, a mechanic was added to the staff, "then we got bold and hired a parts man," he said. Sales, though, were handled exclusively by the boss himself.

The South Mountain business of the early 1950s was a far cry from today, in terms of staff size ... and other factors, as well.

For example, while Fred completed the third form of high school (equivalent to today's Grade 11), son Robert majored in economics and Laird in business administration, both at Western University, in London. David Black is an Algonquin College graduate who started working part-time for the dealership when he was still in high school.

The equipment also bears little resemblance to the machinery Fred knew as a boy. It was after World War II that improvements in farm implements came in rapid succession, he recalled. Factories retooling after supplying

equipment to the military began turning out hay balers — loose-piled mows were the order of pre-war days — and self-propelled combines.

Today, agreed Fred, there is an implement for every job, just as farms themselves have become more specialized.

"I loved it, I really loved the farm equipment business," he exclaimed. And, he still does.

They may be officially retired, but "I go back (to the dealership) and criticize," Fred grins. Actually, there is nothing the couple likes better than to be asked to deliver a piece of machinery, anywhere, or handle any other type of, as they put it, "gopher" jobs that need doing.

Of course, there is more to life than working, something that holds true for the Weagants. There are 10 grandchildren (all but one are girls) to keep them occupied, for one thing — "They're our pride and joy," volunteers Anita.

And Fred has stayed faithful to one tradition begun by his forbearer: membership in the Anglican Church. Today, the Weagants jointly handle the treasurer's duties for the Morrisburg congregation.

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## Villages undergo change

People couldn't use their cars in the winter or early spring, Graham says, and snow plows often took days to cut a swath to Boundary Rd. in the winter.

But Graham's generation came in for some changes; people had to go away to

study when consolidated schools were established in the 1920s, they left for the wars, and others survived depressions.

Graham says some farm people left for good, went to cities to work. New ones moved in, "some assimilated but most didn't", and gradually (or rapidly, depending on your particular point of view) village life wasn't the same.

"I used to know everybody in town but now I don't think I know one-quarter of them," he says. "South Mountain's become a bedroom community."

He remarks that many new people come for a while but don't stay: "They think it's easy to be a farmer but most of them can't assimilate."

Of the more visible changes in the village, he says stores and businesses have disappeared. "I used to buy feed in town but now Berry's is selling pet food and there's no place to buy animal feed here anymore," he commented. His wife Marion admits she goes to Kemptville or Ottawa to shop.

"About all we go to South Mountain for anymore is the post office," she said. "I guess we're not really doing our part to help the local merchants but what can you do? Prices are too expensive here."

South Mountain's autonomy is long gone and the Grahams say it's been declining for years along with farming. According to Graham, Canadian farmers have been "too efficient".

"In 1905 one farmer fed six people, now one farmer feeds 96," he tells a reporter.

Farming today means more than big business, Graham remarks: "My father never had to worry about GATT negotiations in Geneva like I do."

With increasing food importations and reliance on petroleum, he says, "South Mountain's economy is now part of the global economy."

The Grahams don't get nostalgic talking about the past but it does makes them anxious about the future. Surpluses, price manipulations, fewer farmers on the land.

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# South Mountain's cookie lady

—“Have you ever seen a real old-fashioned baker's oven? One with a solid iron door about so big?” asks Ruby Robinson, her arms describing a huge rectangular form about three-feet deep, four wide and ten long.

“We burned wood and later on coke in that oven and we used a peel (a long-handled paddle) to take the bread out.”

Those were nearly the first comments from Robinson's lips last week as she granted the *Press* a “Reflections” interview. Of course, she was talking about her 30-year partnership with late husband and Winchester native, Bill, in what grew into a thriving local business— the South Mountain Bakery.

Robinson's bakeshop produced a fine array of breads, pies, even fancy flower-decorated wedding cakes. Bill bought the bakery business from his brother-in-law, Chester Robinson, around 1925 and they ran the business together until Ruby joined in when she married Bill in 1934.

If the Robinsons had a motto, it should have been “quality and diversity”. Besides the bakery, they started up a grocery —“the first in town to sell fresh vegetables” — and a restaurant/boarding house featuring home-cooked meals.

She remembers: “Travellers came through, hydro and telephone men. And Lucien Benoit (the harness-maker) was a bachelor and had his breakfast and supper with us every day.”

Meanwhile, their industrial-sized oven was never cold and came in handy preparing large quantities of food for country fairs and church suppers.

“We once cooked a cow for the Metcalfe Fair and made gravy by the milk-canful. Another time, we roasted 87 turkeys with dressing,” recalls the dignified, soft-spoken octogenarian.

But by the time the prosperous '50s rolled around, the couple decided the road to further success was *specialization*. They put their eggs in one basket (so to speak), and began mass-producing and marketing their then-famous date-filled oatmeal cookies.

“Oatmeal cookies are a good standby and my husband thought to put dates in them,” she says of that touch of ingenuity that went a long way. Before long, a wholesaler in Smiths Falls was distributing them far and wide.

“They went out to Halifax and Winnipeg by truck. And people were coming up from the States to buy our cookies,” she explains.

In its heyday, the South Mountain Bakery was “quite a factory”, she says in describing the assembly-line system of production. “We had 16 people working for us.” And Robinson earned herself the title, “the Cookie Lady”.

But some people may remember Ruby Robinson in a different role, that of teacher at Hallville's Consolidated School and later at Nationview Public School.

As a young woman, Ruby Wilson graduated from Ottawa's Normal School and began teaching at P.S. 13 near her hometown of



*South Mountain Bakery staff, 1953*

*Robinson's industrial-style production turned a small-town bakery into a famous cookie factory. Above, left to right: T.W. “Bill” Robinson, Mrs. Gord Monteith, Mrs. Tom Shaver, Mrs. Earle Murdock, Mrs. Arthur Kennedy, Mrs. Ted Van Bridger, Jean Robinson, Mrs. Margaret Bothwell, and Mrs. T.W. (Ruby) Robinson.*

Kenmore. Four years later, she took a replacement job at South Mountain's Continuation School.

“I taught Forms I, II, and III, which was equivalent to post-Grade 8 in those days,” she

explains. A year later, she married Robinson, a widower with a small child, and as was the custom, gave up her teaching career.

She says, “In those days you got married and stayed married. And with the household, the bakery, grocery, boarding house, and soon, three children of her own —Joan, Ted, and Theo— there was little time for anything else.

But after 25 years, and a bout of illness that landed her in the hospital —“I couldn't do any heavy lifting anymore” —, she went back to teaching.

“I taught mostly Grades 5 and 6 at Hallville Consolidated School in 1959 and then I transferred to Nationview School when it opened in 1970.”

Schools had changed and she admits she felt a bit rusty at first: “Every book seemed to be a new one, and the little children were bused from South Mountain to Hallville.”

Robinson sometimes rode on Stan Coleman's school bus and says she knew him well when he was the school's caretaker (see last week's profile of Coleman).

After 15 years active teaching, and making a strong impression on another generation of Mountain youth, Robinson took her retirement in '74.

She joined her husband who had retired a few years earlier, selling the machinery and closing the bakery for good.

She says they considered selling the business as it was but necessity bore out. “There comes a time when you're too old and help is hard to find,” she states.

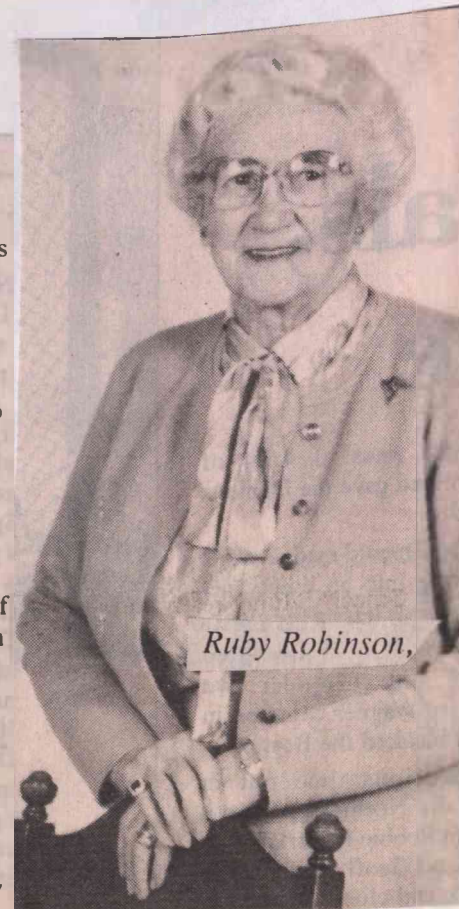
When the Robinsons sold the bakery they dismantled everything. The cake mixer went to a Merrickville ceramics company, the cookie machines and oven door were sold off to other bakers. It was definitely the end of an era for South Mountain.

Since 1980, Robinson's been a widow but she remains an active and respected member of her community as secretary of the Presbyterian Church and a volunteer at Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

“I just recently cut back from once a week to once a month at the hospital,” she explains, “I can't quite keep it up like I did before.”

A lively and curious lady, who travelled through Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia and southeast Asia with her son Ted and his family a few years ago, she acknowledges “everything's changing.”

“I just hope to be around to see what happens a little while longer.”



*Ruby Robinson,*



## Limo ride birthday treat for 80-year-old volunteer



Ruby Robinson

Not many seniors celebrate their 80th birthday the way Ruby Robinson did — a ride to work in a stretch limousine.

Robinson, who has been a volunteer at Winchester District Memorial Hospital for the past 14 years, decided she would still work her regular Thursday morning shift, on June 29, even if she was turning 80.

"I am very thankful I can work on my birthday," said the spry octogenarian.

Daughter Joan Morrell said that her mother would not miss her day at the hospital for anything. "Her hospital day is sacred, everything else revolves around this day," she said.

Daughter-in-law Marion Robinson and Morrell surprised Ruby Robinson by picking her up in the limo to take her from her South Mountain home to the hospital.

Robinson enjoyed the limo ride to Winchester but said "it was still a little early, none of my friends were out yet on their verandas to wave to."

Although the limo trip was a special treat for Robinson, it wasn't a necessity as she still has her licence and usually drives

herself to work. "Why, I just passed my license with flying colors," she said.

As a volunteer on the hospital's second floor, Ruby does whatever chores the nurses have lined up for her, from delivering water or mail to visiting patients.

The nurses who had a little party for Robinson with cake and coffee, agreed that she was a real help, especially with the visiting aspect of her job because she is local and she knows many of the patients.

Robinson knows many people through the bakery she and her family ran out of their South Mountain home. "We supplied most of Eastern Ontario with oatmeal date cookies. At one time we were making one ton of cookies a week," said Morrell.

Robinson is also familiar to those she taught in Kars, Kenmore, and finally Nationview Public School in South Mountain, where she finished her teaching career at the ripe young age of 65.

"The later years go quickly, you don't even notice the time," said Robinson, who did agree however that 80 was a special birthday. "No matter how long I live there is only one 80th birthday," said Robinson.

"Today they are even opening that museum in Ottawa in my honor," she joked.

The Winchester Press Wed., July 6, 1988



## South Mountain nominated for Rising Star music award

WINCHESTER — When South Mountain took to the stage at Dairyfest's Friday night country and western show, sponsored by the local Lions Club, their audience might have been unaware of the status the band had attained in its mere one year's existence.

The band, named for the Mountain Township village its husband and wife leaders call home, are eyeing national acclaim at next month's Canadian Country Music Awards. South Mountain has been nominated for the Rising Star Award for up and coming talent.

"Oh, it's great," band leader Steve Piticco said during a hurried interview between on-stage sessions, adding tongue-in-cheek "We're looking forward to going out and accepting one of these

things (awards)."

The humor was lost on the reporter until Laurie LaPorte Piticco reminded him that Steve has been on centre stage at national country music awards in the past. In 1985, he was named Instrumentalist of the Year, by awards judges.

Also up for consideration of the judges is the band's Bill Carruthers, nominated for Drummer of the Year.

South Mountain has made impressive inroads on the country music circuit since forming in the summer of 1989, marking the first time that the Piticcos had brought their talents together in a single act.

Last year, they were the house band on CHRO's Canadian Country Express, a 13-week show

featuring the top names in the country music business. They played back-up for guest artists, and performed a song of their own each week.

The Piticcos said they've been signed for another season on Country Express, with taping scheduled to begin at this month's Central Canada Exhibition, in Ottawa.

Between them, the Piticcos have a wealth of experience that belies their 29 years of age. Steve turned pro at the tender of age of 15, and in the intervening years has played in a wide assortment of bands, including the Family Brown, Ronnie Prophet, Terry Carrisse and the Prescott Brothers.

Laurie's been a professional vocalist "since I was a kid", getting her start with the LaPorte Brothers band.

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South Mountain, the traditional country music group which only came into existence two years ago, walked away with four top honors at last Sunday night's 10th Canadian Country Music Awards in Hamilton.

Piticco along with his wife Laurie Laporte-Piticco make up the local contingent of South Mountain. They, along with Sudbury's Don Reed on fiddle, Tilsonburg's Bill Carruthers on drum and Ottawa's Todd Nolan on bass and lead vocals have, in three short albums, found their way to the top of the Canadian country music business.

The Canadian Country Music Association honored South Mountain with the 1991 Rising Star Award, Piticco received the Instrumentalist of the Year Award, and he and Carruthers were given the nod for guitar and drummer awards respectively on the All-Star Band of the Year.

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# Boyd tells South Mountain tales

**SOUTH MOUNTAIN** — There is many a tale to be told about this small hamlet in southern Mountain Township.

There is the heart-rending story of the arrival of the first settlers during the American Revolution, a determined German family whose journey to their new homestead was saddened by the death of their only infant child. There are happier tales of people pulling together to raise barns, of a bustling mercantile community that prospered as the trading centre for area farmers, and of neighbors visiting by the dim light of flickering lanterns in the days before electricity.

As in any community, there is also a darker side, as revealed in the legend of the member of a prominent family who came home after many years' absence...only to fleece friends and relatives before returning to the Chicago underworld.

Ernie Boyd knows all of these tales...and more. At 85 years of age, he claims the distinction of being the oldest living resident of South Mountain's native sons. He is also a sharp-witted raconteur who can dazzle a visitor with colorful anecdotes about the village he grew up in and near.

"I know everyone for miles around," Ernie said last week. "I can tell you who lived in each house 70 years ago, and what went on."

A reporter visited the Boyd residence last Friday afternoon, and joined Ernie on the front veranda of the house that he and his wife of 51 years, Gladys, retired to almost two decades ago, after a lifetime of working the family farm, located just "above town."

From a perch that provides a commanding view of the hamlet's main drag, he motions towards each house in turn and provides a running commentary on its origins. Here was a blacksmith shop, there was his uncle Bob's tin shop, and that house up the street was built as a hotel.

Indeed, when Ernie Boyd was a young strapper, South Mountain boasted three hotels, along with five grocery stores, four blacksmith shops, two butchers, a tannery, bake shop and everything else it needed to be a self-sufficient community, having only limited need for the goods and services of the outside world. It

contained about a quarter of the population it does today, but before the dawn of the age of the automobile, farmers were loath to travel on rough roads to larger towns, such as Winchester and Kemptville, to procure supplies.



Ernie Boyd spins South Mountain yarns.

"A lot of people were never in Winchester or Kemptville at that time," Ernie remembered. This reminds him of the lad who was willing to chauffeur a group of young ladies to a social function in Winchester, if someone would just give him directions!

Locals didn't stray far from home, Ernie indicated. "The people then just took the lantern and went to the neighbors to visit," he said.

There weren't the excuses to venture far from South Mountain that there are today. Farmers grew most of their families' food, trading surplus produce in the village for cash and victuals. And goods were cheap by today's standards. A loaf of bread cost all of six cents, a freshly-baked pie would set you back 15 cents, and a nickel or a dime could buy a shot of whiskey.

Wages, mind you, were low in direct proportion to prices. Ernie pointed out a stately

white clapboard house he says was built before the turn of the century for the princely sum of \$1,160. The head carpenter on the job was paid \$1.25 for a 10-hour day.

The South Mountain of Ernie's youth was a small town of neat, comfortable homes and wooden sidewalks lining gravel streets, dotted with hitching posts for horses. Its low skyline was broken by the steeples of Presbyterian, United, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Hornrite churches. Ernie, a member of the United Church, remembers all denominations co-existing in harmony.

Churches were well-attended in the early part of the century, their worshippers filing into Sunday services as much out of a desire to socialize as out of religious conviction. "To go somewhere, to get dressed up, you went to church," Ernie explained.

There are certain milestones in 20th century history that Ernie describes from South Mountain's perspective. "I remember the night the Titanic went down. I remember the day (World War I) broke out," he said.

Too young to join the older boys who answered their country's call to arms, an adolescent Ernie had to be content with watching local recruits drill on the fairgrounds. He can still visualize the ramrod-straight British officer who turned the sons of shopkeepers and farmers into fighting men.

"They (recruits) trained out at the fairgrounds and they'd march up through the town right past my place," Ernie said.

Ernie was one of seven children born to James H. and Doretta Boyd. They were raised on the farm James inherited from his father, Johnson, the same one Ernie would later derive his livelihood from. It still remains in the family as a hobby farm for his son, Doug. (Ernie and Gladys's other son, Ted, resides in Manotick and has given his parents three grandchildren, one of whom has begun the clan's next generation with one child.)

The farm stands out in local history as the site of the Union Cemetery, started by the German homesteaders when they buried their child who succumbed to frigid waters, when the family's cutter broke through the ice during their trek from the States.

"It (the Boyd farm) was the first place (settled) in this part of the world," Ernie claimed.

The population of South Mountain was predominately genteel, but there were exceptions of the sort that fired the imagination of the young boy, who sat one evening in his uncle Bob's shop listening to tall tales being spun by the adults. Among visitors that night was a young man who years earlier had left for parts unknown.

The young man bragged that since his departure he hadn't worked a day. When asked how he survived, he produced a watch and money he had pickpocketed from Ernie's uncle and father. The man stayed in the area long enough to lose his father's team of horses and buggy in a high-stakes card game in Winchester yet days later winning it all back and cleaning out his opponents.

He had worn out his welcome and returned to Chicago where he had gotten involved in the underworld, never again to be seen alive in South Mountain. "I dug a grave for him years later," Ernie recalled, but has no idea how he met his end.

Ernie has seen good times and hard times in South Mountain down through the decades, but the rough spots were made smoother because the residents were all in the same boat. On the Great Depression: "Oh, God. The only thing that saved your life was that every neighbor was in the same shape."

He could only get 36 cents per hundred weight for milk and 3.5 cents a pound for pork during the Dirty Thirties. When asked what the village's most prosperous period was, Ernie volunteered that "I got out of debt in '47 or '46," after the end of a war that Ernie "was too old" to fight in.

While travel when Ernie was young was a rarity, he saw a fair bit of the world outside South Mountain as an adult. He's visited both Atlantic and Pacific coasts (four times out West), and been down to Florida, but has "never been to New York City" and doubts if he ever will.

"I'm 85 and past the age of travelling," he said, unless you call tooling around town in his car travelling.

Ernie is comfortable in his familiar South Mountain surroundings that hold so many fond memories, but he doesn't necessarily wax nostalgic for the good old days.

"There wasn't much to buy" even if one had hard cash to spend, Ernie said, concluding, "We're better off today."

The Winchester Press Wed., June 6, 1990

## Trust fund established to aid Kayleigh

### Rett's Syndrome



It's a neurological disease that prevents messages that get sent from the brain from reaching other parts of the body. ... Girls with the disorder appear normal for the first six to 18 months and then a rapid deterioration occurs.

Also, Kayleigh's mom, Terri, 30, has been making special effort to learn about the disease and how to treat it. She spends three days a week travelling to Cornwall to learn about new therapeutic treatment like music, speech, occupation, massage and physical rehabilitation.

She's hoping these techniques will help Kayleigh gain abilities she doesn't have now.

"Doctors told me to expect a wheel chair in a year, I guess I'm out to prove them wrong," said Terri.

"She can feed herself now and even drink from a cup, she needs help, but she can do it."

"She is uttering about 20 baby sounds now and that's phenomenal for a Rett's child."

Kayleigh was diagnosed with the disease last fall. Since then, Terri has done all she can to learn about the disease.

"I'd like to prove to parents that they shouldn't give up and show they can make a difference," Terri says of her trips to visit Developmental Services Cornwall and the progress Kayleigh has experienced.

**SOUTH MOUNTAIN**—Like many mothers, Terry Boyd would move mountains for her daughter.

But instead the South Mountain resident is putting her efforts into promoting the climb of the world's highest peaks. In the end, it will help her three-year-old daughter Kayleigh who has Rett's Syndrome, a neurological disorder (affecting only girls) that results in a rapid deterioration of speech, body motor functions and mental activity.

A group of 15 climbers will ascend China's Mount Everest this fall.

It is the first time the mountain has ever been climbed for charity.

The money raised by the climb is needed in order for research to begin, she says. Little is known about the disorder which was identified by Vienna's Professor Andreas Rett in 1966. Researchers believe it is due to a mutation of the X-chromosome—the part of the cell which determines female characteristics.

Some of the money raised will go to the Association to build a data base of names of families with Rett girls, and doctors and therapists who deal with the disorder, providing a much-needed network of information.

"We hope to show with this Association and awareness campaign that there is a lot you can do for your child," she says.

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The awareness campaign may help parents and doctors identify Rett girls, says Boyd. Children suffering from the disorder may be diagnosed as autistic and often parents don't realize what is wrong with their children. Kayleigh started to regress just before her second birthday, losing motor and cognitive skills as well as having screaming and laughing fits.

Boyd says she had never heard of Rett's Syndrome until Kayleigh was diagnosed at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario in Ottawaseveral months later. Through an intensive therapy program, Kayleigh has regained a lot of lost ground in the past two years, says Boyd.

The Association is also holding a contest to name their mascot the Rett-a-saurus, a dinosaur with the bright eyes and wide stance associated with Rett girls, says Boyd.

Dean and Terry Boyd realize the battle ahead in raising their daughter, Kayleigh, who is suffering from a neurological disorder known as Rett Syndrome.

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The Winchester Press Wed., May 2, 1990

The Winchester Press Wed., July 3, 1991



# High technology makes the grade

**SOUTH MOUNTAIN** — A Mountain Township councillor has cracked into computerization to improve his egg farming business.

Dwaine Berry of South Mountain is one of the few poultry farmers in Ontario who have turned to the expensive computers to help in operation of their egg farms.

The computer helps run almost every aspect of the producing/grading operation which has been a family business since the 1920s. Berry produces, grades and markets his own eggs, unlike producers who just produce and sell them to someone else for grading and marketing.

Berry's new computerized "battery system" cost between \$600,000 and \$700,000 and consists of a computerized barn, automated chicken feeder, egg collector and grader.

"A Canada Grade A egg can go through the entire system from being laid to being packed in cartons without being touched by human hands," Berry explained.

The computer uses heat sensors to regulate the barn temperature to 78 degrees Fahrenheit. Previously, it was more difficult to manually control the temperatures, especially with the range in summer and winter.

The computer also dispenses the chicken feed to the birds six times a day through an

automatic feeder. The birds, joked Berry, have become the "ultimate snackers" as the new system feeds them less food, but feeds them more often.

Most importantly, the computer operates a vacuum system which circulates or changes the air twice a minute, ensuring a constant intake of fresh air.

The changed air not only alleviates the chicken farm stench, which is common in poultry operations, it also creates a better physical atmosphere with less chance for disease to spread through the chickens, said Berry. Air circulation and heavy duty construction also prevent the new cages

from rusting and injuring the birds, as sometimes happened with the old cages.

As well, the air circulation system offers the bonus of dry chicken manure. Chicken manure is generally a liquid manure which is difficult to handle and sell. The new air circulation system with its 38 fans, dries the chicken manure on conveyor belts and then moves it by stable cleaner to the manure barn. Farmers then can purchase the manure and carry it out by truck or tractor for fertilizer.

Conveyor belts are prevalent throughout the new system. The eggs are gathered from the front of the cages by conveyor belts and then travel 300 feet along another belt to the grading area.

In the grading area the eggs travel along another set of belts, getting washed, dried and inspected. Weights then cause the eggs to separate into grades or sizes (extra large, medium, etc.) where they are machine-packed into cartons.

Efficiency was one of the keys for Berry in purchasing this new equipment. Previously, it took a full day to gather and grade the eggs. Now the same process takes only half a day.

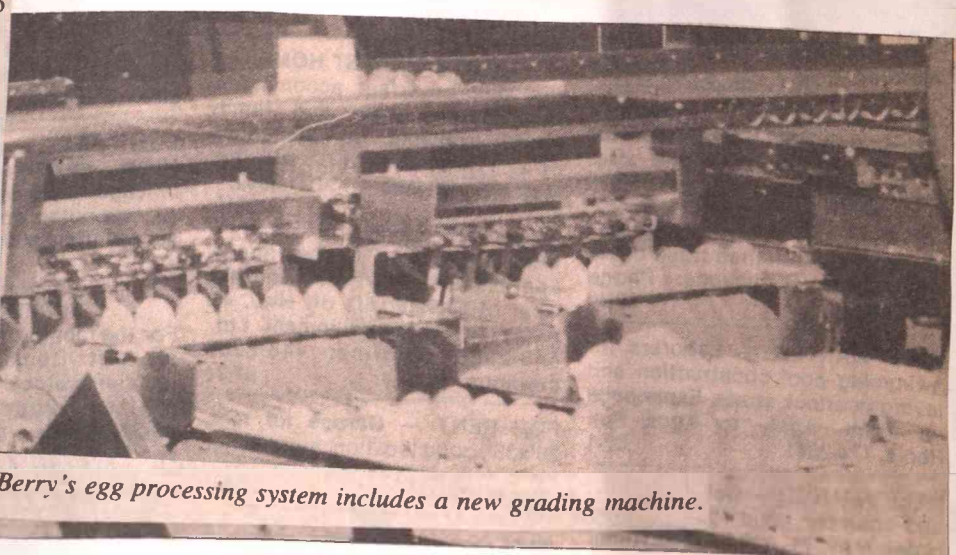
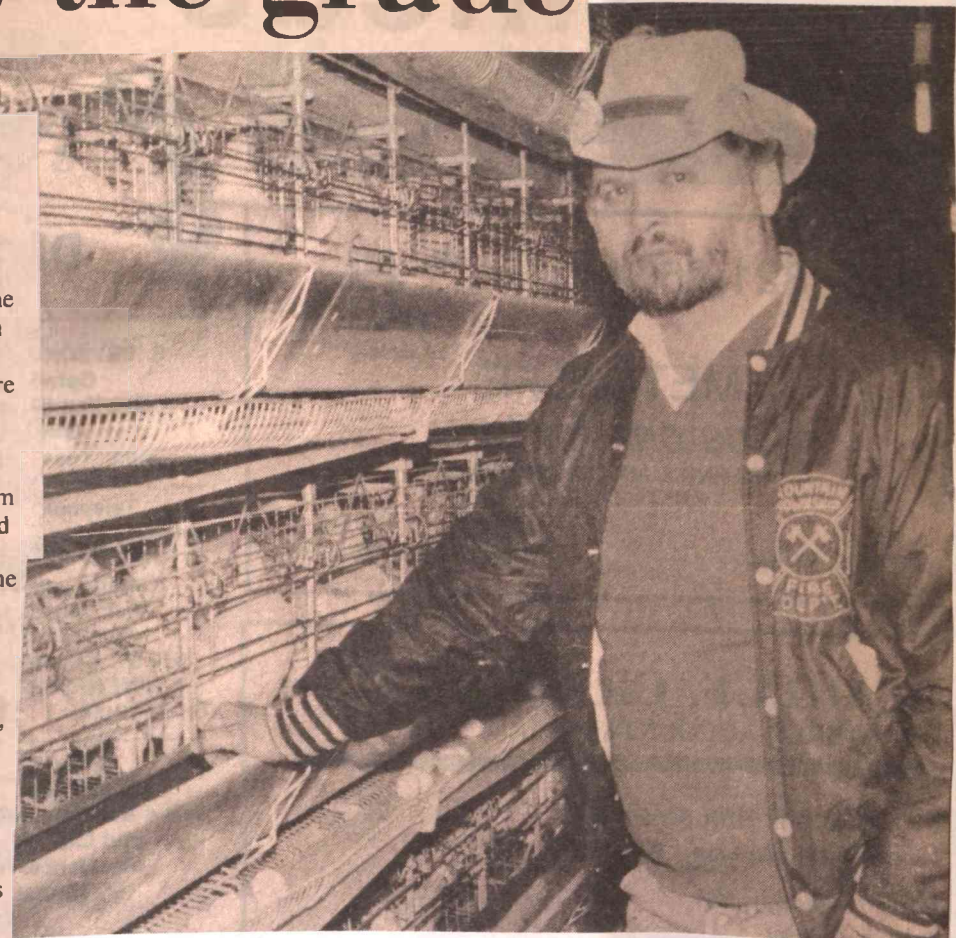
"It took one man the same time to look after 2,000 birds as it takes one man now to look after my full quota of 30,000 birds," said Berry.

Although the new system allows greater efficiency and automation, it is important not to rely solely on the computers, said Berry. "You must still check your chickens and machinery to ensure everything is working," he added.

Berry described his new barn and the roost, which was purchased from a West German manufacturer, as the ultimate in high technology.

"I looked at American systems (there is no company in Canada manufacturing these new systems) and the European system, but I liked the German quality," he said. "It is like the difference between buying a Mercedes and Chevette."

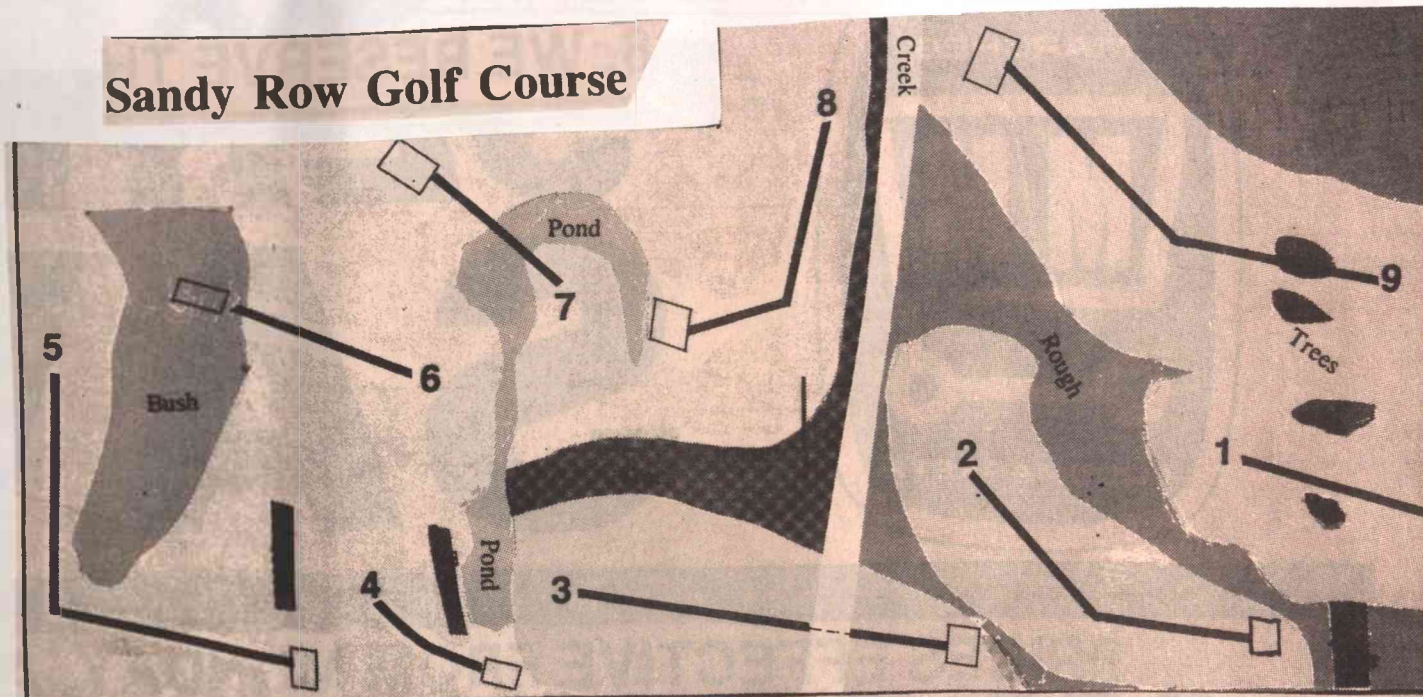
"The equipment may have cost a lot but the quality is so good that I intend to retire with it," said Berry.



Berry's egg processing system includes a new grading machine.

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## Sandy Row Golf Course



**SOUTH MOUNTAIN** — On a cold winter day two years ago, Maynard and Mervin Coons trudged across 50 acres of old farm land in search of a dream.

They found what they were looking for that day. Even with three feet of snow covering the ground, the brothers could see the land had potential — as a golf course.

The course will likely be a par 35 with the total course length around 2,900 ft. (Mervin paced out the distances).

The Coons have a philosophy behind building their course. They don't want to build it too hard or people won't come back to play. They're looking to boost the ego of the raw player.

And they plan to go into partnership with their neighbor Hugh Hamilton.

Hamilton's land will round the course out to 18 holes — someday.

"We may be in the middle of nowhere but 10 years from now it won't be nowhere. "I hope it goes."

And if playing golf in the fields just south of South Mountain doesn't catch on, not all is lost.

"It can always be turned back into a farm," said Mervin of the rolling 50 acres.



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Maynard Coons of South Mountain points to where the next brother Mervin, gets off the ground. The 50 acre nine-hole course should be ready for golfers by next summer.



# Mountain entrepreneur barter

## to get pizza business off the ground



Peter Azmier's Mountain business has pizzaz.

**MOUNTAIN** — Peter Azmier is paying off his bills with pizzas.

The Mountain entrepreneur exchanged pizza pies for his daughter's dancing lessons and he traded pizza for fuel to keep the woodstove burning on crisp winter evenings.

A 47-year-old former bus driver, engineer and Children's Aid worker, Azmier and his wife Maureen had at one time travelled across Canada giving poetry readings at schools. He has travelled a bumpier road in the past year trying to get his pizza delivery service off the ground.

He delivers to both Winchester and Kemptville and to any four-walled building in between. For some late night farmers he delivers to the barn.

Last spring he started his business with an advertising blitz; he's still paying off the bills, and he says he has almost lost his house to creditors a hundred times. Although it's not really a house. It's actually Mountain Station's original CPR Hotel.

"It's no pipe dream," says the bearded Mountain man of his 150 pizza a week operation. "It's more like running a kid's lemonade stand."

Like the owner of a lemonade stand, this pizza man has dealt exclusively with one product but he hopes to soon add submarines to the menu. A friend's \$5,000 investment has added spice to the business but it won't go to Azmier's head.

Making friends in the area has come slow for the pizza man who spent his teenage summers learning how to drive on the dirt roads around Mountain.

When he first drove into laneways to drop off his pies people would meet him at the car. Now, they meet him at the front door. He hears the children shouting, "The pizza man, the pizza man," and he sees their faces pressed up against the window.

For some families he drops two dough balls on top of the Italian pie so the kids don't fight over the single one.

If Azmier becomes a success or at least pays his bills, he can honestly say he did it his way. "That's our secret," he says philosophically. "We're doing something no one else is doing. Or would dare do."

He admits he may charge "a quarter more" for his product than others in the business but "we make them (pizzas) as if we're selling them to our kids."

Anyone taking a bite out of his thick Railroad Special could hardly disagree.

But if Azmier is going to make the grade it's going to be on character. And that's something neither he, nor his parlour are short of.

Azmier hovers over his oven wearing an "Elmer Fudd" hat — its ear flaps up — and a brown suede vest.

The walls of his shop are covered with Mountain Station Pizza advertisements, nine pizza cartoons and three maps. He also has a clown's face, a beaten leather and feather hat, an antique mirror purchased from Frank "Frankly Speaking" Morgan, one book — Tales From The Arabian Nights — 24 potted plants and assorted cacti. The service counter is an old shuffleboard table.

On the television there are copies of Mad Magazine, Farmers Almanac, Gone Fishing Magazine plus a Radio Shack catalogue.

He says he decorated his business in early garage sale style.

Character coupled with almost one year of experience adds up to a sunny future for Azmier.

He will soon open early for the noon hour and he will be hiring more staff as he expands the one-oven business. Within two years he hopes to offer sit-down service.

Suddenly, the Mountain pizza man is caught. He starts talking about turning the aging building — he spent \$4,000 on paint to spruce it up — into a country inn. He tells how he'll convert the half of the building his family doesn't use into six or seven bedrooms.

It'll be just like an old-fashioned country inn, he dreams.

For Peter Azmier it may not be a pipe dream. It may not be a dream at all. For there is light shining at the end of this pipe, a bright light.

The Winchester Press Wed., March 23, 1988



### Timmy set to ride for Easter Seals

Kemptville Rotary's Snowarama 'Timmy' - Chris Puddy, completed the 100 km course with Ray Gidard. Chris, 11, of Mountain, won a prize for raising the most pledges - \$909.00, at the annual event held last Saturday.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, February 24, 1988



## Investment paying off for ballerina



The Winchester Press Wed., Feb. 1, 1989

INKERMAN — Everything is going by so fast for 15-year-old Teresa Sherrer.

Seven performances with Les Grandes Ballets Canadiens in its production of the Nutcracker Suite at the National Arts Centre in December.

Filming a commercial in Toronto two weeks ago.

An upcoming televised spot on CJOH's Talent Show.

A dance recital in Niagara Falls, June 17.

"Everything has just come by," said Sherrer, sitting back soaking one foot in hot water at her parents' home located just east of Inkerman.

"It's just the way I want it," she added.

Dancing almost all her life, the glittering stars in the minds' eye of the teenage ballerina have grown to take in the hopes of making it in the entertainment field — as a dancer, actress or both.

"It's a large investment," said Sherrer. "I've been dancing since I was three and I'm just wondering if it will be worth it. I don't know how far I'll get in dancing."

Sherrer has been with Toronto-based talent agency Kareer Artists since October and landing the commercial for a feminine hygiene product was her first chance to act.

"Tiring and fun," said Sherrer, summing up the two days of filming in Toronto Jan. 16 and 17.

The first day of filming, which ran from 8am to 7pm, was a new experience for Sherrer.

"I was learning all different things," she said. "It was really fun."

Sherrer discovered that a 30-second commercial takes much longer to make than, well, 30 seconds.

More than 2,000 takes were done to get the right angles and best expressions. "I didn't think so much went into a little commercial," she said.

Sherrer, who has a natural effervescent disposition, said the producer was impressed by the way she kept her energy level up throughout the shooting.

The commercial will air Feb. 13 in British Columbia. If it is successful there, it will run nationally.

If the commercial were to be seen by Sherrer's friends and relatives in this area, she said she would react rather excitedly saying "hey, that's me on TV guys."

Sherrer uses one of her lines in the commercial to describe the whole experience of filming and appearing in an ad.

"Amazing."

Sherrer's parents were also caught up in the excitement of their daughter's television debut.

"It's great," said father Roy. "It's a good experience for her."

"We're there to support her in her endeavors," said mother Pam. "If at any time she feels she doesn't want to do this we won't push her. It's her choice."

"Whatever she does is super," Roy chipped in.

## Mom and daughter knit viable business

### into leisure hours

MOUNTAIN — They may not look like typical genies, but Sue and Janet Watson can work magic with a set of knitting needles and grant just about any wish.

The mother and daughter team from Mountain started their own business last year — Puff 'n Stuff Kids Wear — as something to divert Janet's attention from her knee problems.

"We wanted something to get our minds off things and that Janet and I could do, that would give us pleasure and something we could turn into a business," said Sue.

The Watsons attended their first craft show in Kemptville last year and worried throughout the entire drive that no one would be interested in purchasing their sweaters.

"We thought, wouldn't it be terrible if we came back with all these things," recalled Janet. "We had people fighting over these things. It was almost like bargain bins in the store. People were saying I want this one, I want that one. It sounds stupid but that's the way it was."

The Watsons eventually had to stop accepting orders that day and their business has continued to thrive. In 1987-88 they completed and sold 225 sweaters.

Often the two will watch for yarn sales and buy in bulk but Sue said one of the reasons for the business' success is the commitment to quality.

Even if poor quality yarn is on sale, the Watsons prefer to spend a little more for a topnotch product.

Janet said some exhibitors at local craft shows use poor color combinations and poor yarn, which in turn, accounts for poor sales.

"I don't think either one of us wants to sacrifice quality," said Sue. "But you can't be paid on an hourly basis. We base our price on size. Our base price is \$20 and we charge an extra \$2 for each size."

"The time factor doesn't change much but the amount of material does," said Sue. "It's better to look at something you can sell at a price you are reasonably happy with than overprice something and having it sit."

And their attitude towards the business is paying off. The Watsons estimate they have sold five times their investment in yarn.

The original focus of their business was children's wear but they have since branched out into adult sizes. But kids' sweaters remain some of their favorite items.

"Each sweater has a name like catch me a rainbow, tulips or chocolate delight," said Sue. "A sweater is made with the idea that it will become the child's special sweater. We will often sit here and say I can feel a tulip coming on."

Sue learned knitting from her grandmother and passed the skill along to her daughter. Janet says the social aspect of knitting is the best part of the business.

Janet's move to Ottawa is an added boost for the business, said Sue. "It has opened up a whole new market for us," she said.

"In Ottawa I state a price for a sweater and people think I'm crazy," said Janet. "But this is a hobby for myself and something I enjoy."

And knitting is definitely a hobby for the partners. Both hold down full-time jobs, Janet as head of her own graphics design firm in Ottawa and Sue as a lecturer in the food and science department at the Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology.

Janet said she doesn't find it difficult to balance her job and her second career as a knitter. "You can always find time for knitting," she said. "A sleeve is a coffee break."

The Watsons are enthusiastic about their business and encourage anyone else with a hobby who is interested in starting their own business, to try it.

"The hard thing with crafts is people tend to underestimate themselves and their abilities," said Janet. "You'll often find out you really do have a good thing. From a business standpoint, anything we have tried has worked."

Sue advises potential en-

trepreneurs to start small, find the right market and not set huge goals money-wise. "The business can grow just as big as you want it to grow," she said.

"Often friends are the best customers," she said. "But you must watch not to overextend yourself. Until we found the right level we got into some tricky situations."

"At one time I was told mother and daughter should never venture forth into business but it has worked really well," said Sue. "With anything like this you can't always be turning out the same thing. We are always looking for new colors, patterns, design ideas. We just can't sit still."

The Watson team can design

anything the customer requests. They have knitted sweaters featuring tractors and trains for boys and have recently started a sweater for a female customer in Ottawa, featuring Holsteins.

Janet's latest project is a reversible sweater, something she created out of her own imagination.

They offer gift certificates to customers and sell sweaters on consignment at Saffron's in Manotick. Orders for Christmas gifts have already started arriving.

Sue and Janet say their knitting business is a chance for them to ease the tensions of the day.

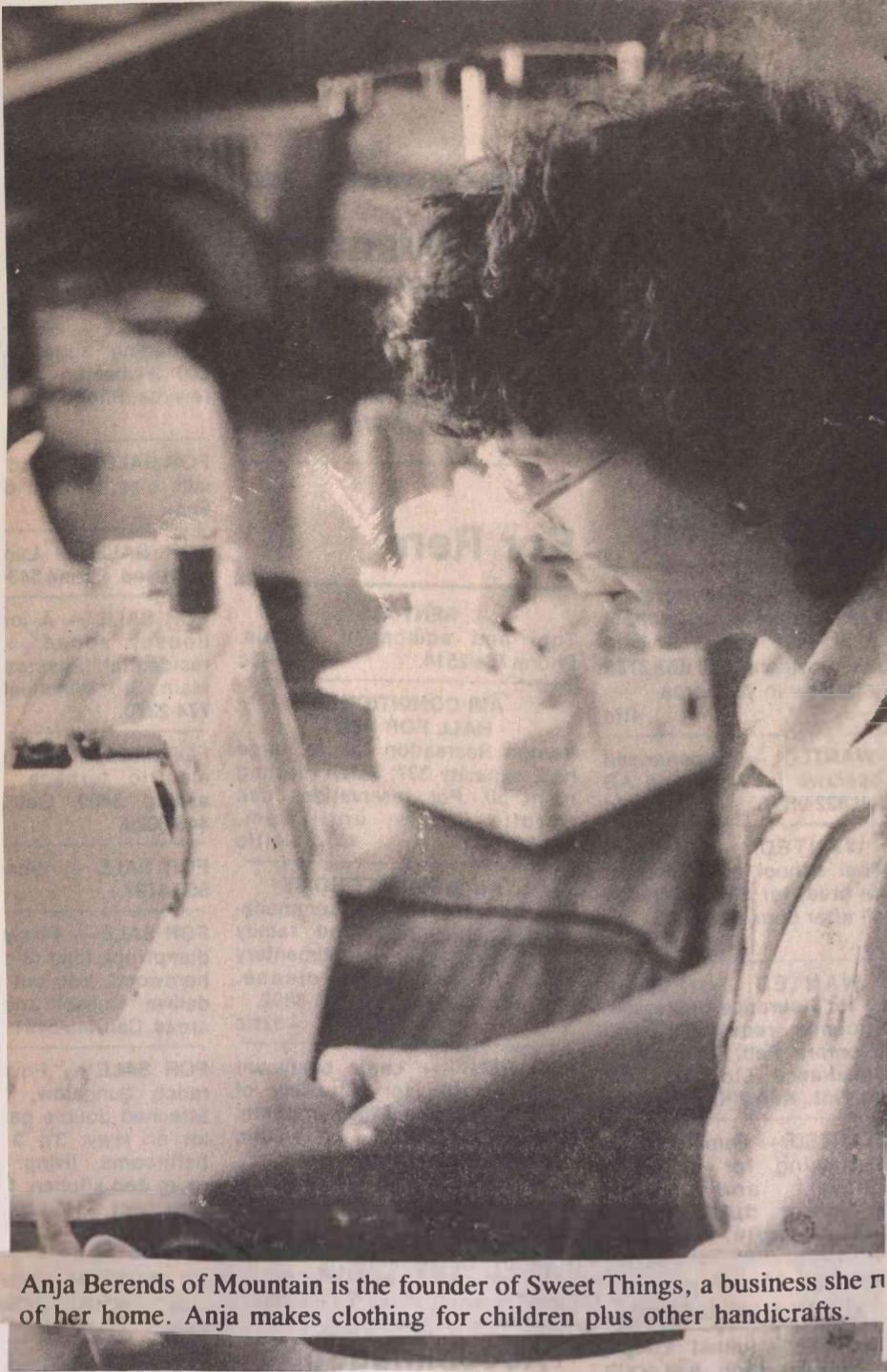
"We've had a whole lot of fun, settled the affairs of the world and made some money," said Sue. "Our little business is an excuse to relax."

Janet, left, and Sue Watson



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Anja Berends of Mountain is the founder of Sweet Things, a business she runs from her home. Anja makes clothing for children plus other handicrafts.

HALLVILLE — Business is sweet for Anja Berends, the driving force behind Sweet Things.

Berends' business developed from her interest in arts and crafts. While she says the natural association with Sweet Things may be sugar or chocolate, people forget that babies and children are also sweet.

"I make clothing and crafts, anything that is sweet for children," said Anja. "Basically with my business whatever I'm in the mood to do I do."

Anja's love for arts and crafts began at an early age, watching her mother create clothes and home-made decorations. She, too, grew up with a creative talent and gave many of her creations away as gifts to family and friends.

"I had too many things I wanted to try and I had lots left over, so about three years ago I set up my first craft booth," said Anja. "I thought it was neat, people were actually buying my things."

Many of her ideas are gleaned from fellow craftspeople and craft magazines which Anja describes as her "bad habit."

But she will not copy someone else's designs. If something strikes her fancy, she will use the basic theme and add her own ideas to create a new look.

Anja and her husband are partners in their RR2, Mountain dairy farm and as a farm wife, she said she doesn't have enough hours in the day to make Sweet Things a full-time business.

She is up at 5:30am doing chores and looking after her four children. In addition, she teaches crafts to a girls' group, has been involved with 4-H for the past eight years and teaches Sunday school.

Starting your own business can be an exciting and difficult time as Anja recalls from her own experience.

But when she decided to turn her hobby into a money-making venture she found there were a number of steps required.

"You need a retail sales number so you can get tax free products," she said. "I also needed a stuffing licence in order to sell anything stuffed with polyester."

Anja suggests prospective entrepreneurs look around before buying supplies and material. Discounts are usually available for

repeat customers at larger stores and she buys many items on sale.

The expenses for a business like Sweet Things, said Anja, are very flexible. Inventory is a major expense and she prefers to stock up on items such as bulk thread, lace, elastic, buttons and some fabric.

"I don't buy fancy or expensive things until needed," she said, noting that money is tied up in supplies until the sale is made.

Pricing is another key factor to consider. One easy method to calculate price is to double the material cost and add the labor. But, Anja warns, it is difficult to add time and labor costs to the final product.

Some of the best advertising for her work comes from fellow craftspeople and friends through word of mouth. Entering local craft shows is a terrific way to build a name for yourself and all budding craftspeople should try it.

"It is a good place to become known," said Anja. "I have a lot of repeat customers which is nice. I like that."

In 1987 she entered five shows and this year is registered for three. Anja said she can limit the amount of sewing and crafts she makes by the number of shows she enters. Many of the shows are held in the fall where most of the orders are received for Christmas. Many local craft associations also hold one show in the spring, a schedule which is very accommodating for the farm wife.

Anja said there is a fantastic market for children's clothes and each year she is forced to turn down orders at Christmas time because she cannot keep up with the demand.

"People are appreciative of hand-made things if the quality is there," she said. "I'd rather put that extra hour into it instead of making something that will break or fall apart after the first wear."

In December, Anja was invited to participate in Innovations 100 at Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology. One hundred local people were invited to share their knowledge and provide diversification ideas to other farmers.

"I had five women come in afterwards and ask me how to get started," said Anja.

"A lot of non-farm wives are staying home as well and with doing only a few craft shows and the odd custom order throughout the year, it's not a full time job."

The Winchester Press Wed., Feb. 8, 1989

## Hallville 'miracle child'

# touched by hand of God



HALLVILLE — Seven-year-old Mike Lyon is a miracle child.

He was born weighing four pounds, eight ounces, the result of a breech birth with a knot in the umbilical cord.

He was born in Ottawa's Riverside Hospital and by the time he was six months old, doctors diagnosed him as having a minimal brain disfunction.

By the age of three he still wasn't walking and he had developed pads on his knees a quarter inch thick, from crawling across the floors.

At that time Ann and William Lyon, who live just south of Hallville, decided to take their son to an Easter service at their church.

"It was really for us," says Ann Lyon, mother of four, "we needed the strength and patience."

Little Mike was prayed over that night and within a week, he was walking.

"Some say he would have walked anyway." But Lyon believes in miracles.

When Mike was two years old, he began having drop seizures — a form of epilepsy. Without warning he would fall down. He would fall off his chair at dinner. He would fall down steps.

For three years he was on medication to control the problem. Then an Anglican minister prayed over him and Mike fell into a deep sleep for 16 hours. The week before, Lyon was told that a boy who was prayed over went into a deep sleep and was healed.

When Mike woke, he was given only half his daily medication and within six months the medication was stopped.

Lyon also believes that God prepared her for Mike. Three months before he was born she graduated from college, as an R.N.A.

When Ann was in the hospital for Mike's birth, the words, "The Lord is my Shepherd", kept coming into her head. Those words are from the 23rd Psalm. Mike remained in hospital 23 days.

She is now a pastoral care worker at Winchester District Memorial Hospital and is co-ordinator of the hospital's volunteer program.

Mother and son work together after school on his speech and motor skills and a parent relief worker spends 10 hours per week caring for the boy. Mike also attends a special class at Dixons Corners Public School.

"Say the months of the year," she tells her son and Mike starts rhyming them off. He got half way through when his head fell into his arms sheepishly. His mother gives him a few hints and he finished the list.

Then he stepped into an adjoining room and came back with a red balloon — his reward for rhyming off the names.

He blew it up and putting the open end to his ear, let the air out. He smiled. But the balloon soon slipped from his fingers and fell to the floor. He bent over to pick it up.

His light-grey rubber boots were on the wrong feet.

"It's difficult to reach that point of acceptance when you realize Michael will never be able to do a lot of the things other children will do.

"You could become bitter," Lyon says. However, it's looking to the future and not knowing what to expect that is tough to face.

"We had to wait each day not knowing if this child was going to walk or going to talk or what he was going to do."

While life as the mother of a handicapped child may be difficult, her faith in God and the belief that Mike Lyon is a miracle child gives her the courage to face another day.

The Winchester Press Wed., Feb. 17, 1988





Roy Hastings and son Paul, in Hallville, 1941, where Roy attended and later taught at North Mountain Consolidated.

— Teaching methods, the teaching atmosphere, even subjects taught may have changed through the years. But teachers, said Roy Hastings, have not.

Hastings grew up in Hallville and was schooled for 14 years under one roof, at the North Mountain Consolidated School, one of two consolidated schools in the province (a conglomeration of six schools into one).

Because the school offered only seven of nine credits needed in the final year, Hastings, like others going on to higher education, had a year's extended stay in high school.

Little did he know he would be returning to the same building, and the classroom, with the concerns of the classroom never far from his mind.

Hastings remembers being 'bused' to school, sitting in a big closed-in box on the back of a truck. In the winter, the box was attached to a sleigh.

In 1939, Hastings went on to Normal School (teachers' college), in Ottawa.

Hastings' first teaching assignment was in Elma, where he stayed for a few years before returning to Hallville. He was married, in 1944, to his wife Jean.

In 1947, he changed locations again, to Kenmore Continuation School. Hastings said he had to move with the job.

"There was not much commuting then, and teachers were expected to live in the community."

After Kenmore, he moved to Brockville, first as a physical education consultant with the school board, later as a principal with Westminster School.

Along the line, he and Jean had five children, one of whom passed away in Brockville.

After 12 years in Brockville, Hastings made a final career move, transferring to Ottawa at another alma mater, the teachers' college, to teach physical education methods and administration. In 1967, he was made director of practice teaching, handling temporary placements of student teachers.

As far as Hastings was concerned, the best training ground for student teachers was at one-classroom schools.

He said teachers would have anywhere from 15 to 45 students in eight grades and they could spend only five or 10 minutes with each student, giving instructions.

"I really think that one-room rural schools were excellent for injecting work and study habits into children," commented Hastings.

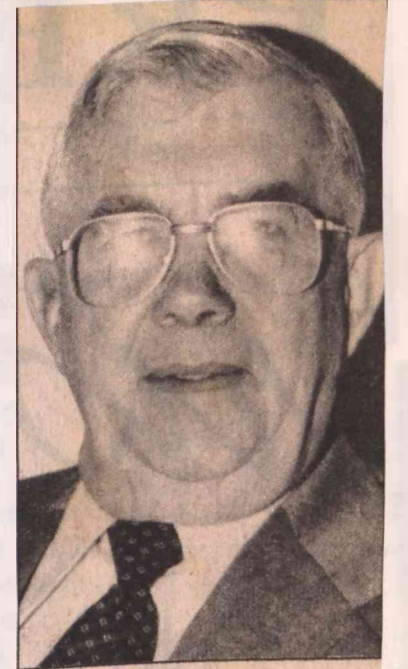
Hastings saw the school system evolve firsthand. In Elma, his one-room school had its own school board with three trustees. But before he left, six schools joined to create the Williamsburg Township School Board. The pattern continued in Kenmore, with 11 school boards joining together.

But Hastings doesn't harp on the good old days. He said the creation of large, county boards in 1969 allowed diversity and the introduction of options. And larger schools with bigger boards brought specialized teachers.

He said science, math, and all subjects have improved over the past 50 years, but one: spelling.

Hastings said today the stress has been taken off phonics and placed on word recognition.

"Today you're taught a word in the context of a sentence, taught to recognize the whole word. It doesn't matter in reading because if you come to a word you don't know, you can figure it out."



ROY HASTINGS

But, he added, students are not taught to sound out words, so they have problems putting the proper letters together.

Hastings stated, teaching has also changed with the advent of computers and more requirements for those entering college.

Shortly after retiring in 1976, Hastings moved back to Hallville, across the street from his old home. At the suggestion of township politician, Ewart Simms, Hastings ran for school board trustee. He won.

From a bird's eye view, Hastings said he sees the basics of teaching endure through the changes of modern lifestyles.

"I've found all through the years, whether teachers had only their Grade 13, or in later years when teachers had degrees, that there were always very caring, dedicated teachers."

Perhaps it is best stated in the lines of a poem Hastings would give to students at teachers' college.

"...For education is making men; So it is now, so it was then..."

Wed., May 10, 1989

## New chairman SD&G school board

### Hastings heats up

It's not difficult to like a man like Roy Hastings.

The grey haired veteran trustee of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry County Board of Education is a very approachable man. Interviewing or just chatting with Roy is normally a pleasant experience. He makes you feel quite comfortable.

Roy displayed his knack for endearing himself to a crowd Monday night. But not all night.

Roy was on hand at the Nationview Public School to discuss why he, as chairman of the board's finance committee, has decided to axe a French half-day senior kindergarten program.

Roy spent the first hour trying to explain why there was no chance for the program to be saved. He pointed out that, well gosh, he wished the situation was different, that he could do more to help these 30 or so parents sitting in front of him.

one irate resident to

encourage the school board to consult with the public on proposed major policy changes.

This led to Roy exploding with harsh statements that one would never expect from a friendly senior who says he sympathizes with the people he is speaking to.

Said Roy: "You're wasting your time if you ask the school board to come out and consult with you over every policy. I don't have time in my life to consult the people on every issue."

The Winchester Press Wed., Nov. 15, 1989

Roy Hastings is optimistic things will improve for the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Public School Board. And, with recent shortfalls in provincial funding, optimism may prove to be the strongest asset said the board's new chairman.

Hastings, a 71-year-old retired school teacher, took over the position of chairman from Joe Gunn at a meeting Dec. 1. He will head the board through one of its toughest times since it was formed 20 years ago.

The board's past year has been one of controversy and turmoil; protests over the elimination of full-day French Kindergarten, a shortfall in provincial funding, and tax pooling changes which will reduce board revenue next year. On top of those issues is the issue of the transfer of public schools to the separate board.

Hastings said the trend in reducing grants started by the province last year is a trend that will likely continue. "We're noticing it more and more," he said last week.

Twenty years ago, the province paid 60 per cent of education costs with school boards picking up the remaining 40 per cent through tax levies. Since then, the amount of funding provided by the province has dropped to 37 per cent.

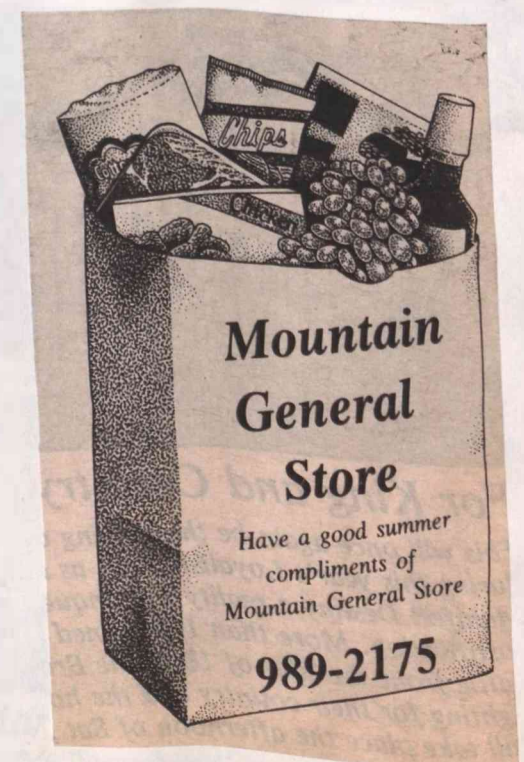
Hastings said part of his work as chairman will be letting supporters know how little financial support the board receives from the province.

The Winchester Press Wed., Dec. 20, 1989



Happy 35th to the mighty Snow-Fisherman  
(George Bryan, December 6)

The Winchester Press Wed., Dec. 4, 1991





MOUNTAIN— Every morning when the weather's fine, Maurice Hyndman hitches up his two mares Princess and Lady to take them for a three-hour or so jaunt around the countryside.

Since he retired from farming in 1985, Hyndman now has time to indulge in several hobbies and his two favorites are his black Canadian horses.

"I got them just to play with," he says. His enthusiasm for his morning drives is shared by his shaggy-haired eight-year-old border collie Jean who eagerly accompanies Hyndman on every trip.

He estimates he covers at least 15 km. per day travelling around the roads near his home just outside of Mountain. In the summer, he says he likes to start out early in the morning before it gets too hot.

"I don't know if the horses like it but I do," he jokes. The drives are pure pleasure for Hyndman and Jean, a relaxing way to retire from work on a small dairy farm.

Farming has been a way of life for Hyndman ever since he was a child. As a boy, he helped his father milk their small herd of cows. It was a job he detested.

"I never was any good at it," he says. "It was sure monotonous."

During the Depression, the job often fell to him as his parents couldn't afford to hire men to help with the farm.

Despite his dislike for milking, he says he liked farming enough to take over the land from his father in 1940. Except for helping out neighbours, he has never worked anywhere else.

"It's the only thing I know," he says. However, he switched from diary to beef cattle in 1968. He still resides in the house his parents moved to when Hyndman was nine months old. However, three years ago he sold most of his farmland to a neighbour keeping only four hectares for himself and his horses.

Although he now lives alone, he still keeps up a fair-sized garden, planting numerous vegetables including corn, tomatoes, potatoes and a variety of others.

"I don't suppose it's worthwhile having a garden just for me, but things seem to taste better when you grow them yourself," he says.

*Maurice Hyndman's two favorite hobbies are both brown-eyed and black-haired. He spends approximately three hours a day driving his horses, accompanied by his dog Jean.*



When he's not busy outdoors, Hyndman says he likes to read historical fiction books which are sent to him from a library in Cornwall. A series of six novels on Australia by author Stewart Long prompted him to take a trip "Down under".

Hyndman and his sister, Beulah, spent three weeks and two days touring Australia and New Zealand. The beauty of Christ Church, Australia was breathtaking, he says.

"There's a stream of water running through the centre of the city. The flowers that ran along that stream were something. Oh, it was beautiful," he exclaims.

However he says was a little disappointed when he toured New Zealand.

"I thought it would be just like a garden but it's very stoney. You can't imagine the land they're working on," he says.

His interest in travelling has taken him to many places such as Alaska, British Columbia, Hudson's Bay and San Francisco.

He and his sister are now planning a Polynesian cruise to Hawaii and Tahiti for 16 days in January for their next trip. He adds he would really love to see the Amazon Rainforest in Brazil one day before the land is destroyed by development.

The Winchester Press Wed., July 24, 1991

They are wild and they are staggeringly beautiful. Huge, shaggy heads, and fathomless, dark eyes reflect a placid nature, but underneath is an immensely powerful creature. They are buffalo, a symbol of a bygone era.

Herd of these majestic animals once roamed the prairies of western North America in the tens of millions. In 200 years they were hunted until the species was close to extinction. At the turn of the century, with only 10,000 left, the mighty Buffalo, once king of the plains, was put on the endangered list.

Today, there are some 60,000 Buffalo in Canada and the United States. Their real, genetic name is Bison. Buffalo is a nickname given to them by the early settlers, who prized the animal, as the Indian did before them, for their beauty and, the quality of their meat and hide.

Seguin had an acquaintance in Quebec who owned a few Buffalo. Their intelligent nature appealed to him. "The look in their eyes just caught me." He was immediately interested in the animal for the natural instinct they have been allowed to retain.

"Buffalo is a wild animal", explains Seguin, "Domestic animals have lost everything, their instinct for survival."

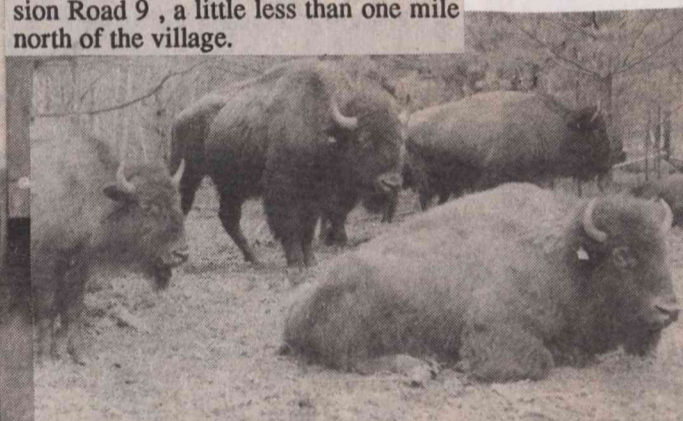
The Bison are incredibly hardy animals and thrive in all types of weather. They love to bask in the summer sun and calves can be born on the coldest of winter days. Females calve until they are 25 years old.

Bison live to be up to 40 years old.

You can try a real Buffalo burger at the Seguin's newly opened restaurant, Jill's: The House of Bison, located on County Road 1, just off of Highway 43. You can also purchase frozen Buffalo steaks or roasts and bring them home for a healthy Sunday dinner. The Seguin's will provide cooking instructions upon request.

*no beef about Jacques Seguin's new Hallville restaurant. Jill's The House of Bison's burgers are 100 percent Buffalo meat.*

Jacques and Jill Seguin have made their Hallville home a place "Where The Buffalo Roam". That is the actual name of their Bison ranch located on Concession Road 9, a little less than one mile north of the village.



*Shaggy residents of Hallville ranch*

After researching the animal, Seguin visited ranches in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and North Dakota. He ordered his animals there in the summer of 1988. After being quarantined and thor-

oughly checked for diseases, it was the spring of 1989 when 21 animals finally arrived on his Hallville ranch. Five calves have been born since that time.



# Hallville Family

## United After 57 Years

Mrs. John Cuppy of Pittsburg (the former Evelyn Hyndman) and her three brothers were reunited at Hallville on Sunday, and it was the first time since 1919 that all four had been together.

Relatives and friends gathered in the church hall to welcome the visitors and relive some of those wonderful days when all had attended the little school 'down the road'.

It was appropriate the reminiscing be enjoyed at the familiar United Church since their grandfather, William Hyndman, was one of the dedicated Christian pioneers whose great faith inspired the erection of the edifice.

The Hyndman farm was immediately East of the church and continued in the family name till 1954 when Bert retired, sold the place and moved to Vancouver.

The adjacent farm is still operated by brother Fenton who admits being semi-retired, although cattle are still grazing in the lush pasture.

Allan, for many years a real estate broker at Penticton, British Columbia, recently retired and now resides in Summerland, B.C.

In Nancy Hyndman, we find an adventuresome soul, perhaps inherited from her South African-born father of Danish-Irish ancestry, a captain in the Royal Garrison Artillery. Or maybe it's her Nova Scotian-born mother she takes after.

However she came by it, hers is the type of spirit that's required of a 19-year-old woman who quits her comfortable English lifestyle in 1922 and, under the auspices of the Anglican Church, journeys with a group of equally-young women to the Saskatchewan Prairies to accept a teaching position. She had already taken training in England in the Montessori method of teaching Kindergarten (a form that stresses a practical, hands-on approach to learning). A brief period of rudimentary training at the Saskatoon Normal School followed before she received her first assignment.

In Saskatchewan, she taught Grades one to eight with a couple of students studying high school courses under her guidance instead of going to the nearest secondary school, which often was far enough away from their home to necessitate finding room and board.

And then, it was a figurative toss of the coin that made her choose her mother, Gwendolyn Francklyn's native land over her father, Ernest Castens'.

And it was pure fate that posted her to a school not far from the one where Fenton Hyndman was teaching.

In Saskatchewan, teachers like the Hyndman's lived an isolated existence. "Our closest town was North Battleford and that was 40 miles away," Hyndman remembers.

The pay for teachers, \$1,000 annually, was alright by 1920's standards. "No, it wasn't bad, but it was very expensive to live on the Prairies," she told a reporter.

She and Fenton married in North Battleford, Sask., in 1928, and soon drove cross-country to Mountain Township where they were intent on farming.

There were a few interruptions along the way — a disastrous barn fire persuaded Fenton to take a job in an apple orchard at Markham for a few years. But, eventually, they settled on the family farm and stayed there (except for the winter of 1946-47 when they sojourned in British Columbia while a new barn was erected on the farmstead) until moving to Winchester in 1983. (Fenton passed away three years ago.)

Nothing special was planned for the occasion, nearly one hundred signed the guest book, and the pleasant afternoon was spent 'remembering'. Remembering the days when Hallville was a thriving rural community, without a 'Consolidated School': days when church sheds were filled with horses as faithful, flocked to their church on Sunday.

"And those church sheds", noted Fenton, "are now a part of Upper Canada Village's array of historic buildings."

Even the weatherman helped make the day ideal for reminiscing. Warm September sunshine with just a trace of a breeze greeted the four as they chatted on the church steps. Left to right are: Allan, Evelyn, Bert and Fenton.

The visitors regretted that one member of the family, Mrs. Ida Hyndman, was unable to be present, but they did find time to pay her a visit.

Mrs. Hyndman, who passed her 102nd birthday last Christmas, instantly recalled that she had last met Allan "over 50 years ago at South Mountain Fair."



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The years on the farm provided Hyndman with some of her fondest memories. In farming, it seems, she found her true calling, and embraced rural life wholeheartedly.

Although raised in the Anglican Church, Hyndman became active in the Hallville United Church. She taught Sunday School off and on, and was the Hallville UCW's first president. She was also a member of the Mountain-Hallville Women's Institute, and was president when the group began focussing on Red Cross work. She later joined the Mountain WI, and remains a member to this day.

She remembers Monday nights before the advent of television as being the most enjoyable for the farming community. That's when the Farm Radio Forum aired, and neighbors would gather to listen to the broadcast. This was audience participation at its finest, with listeners sending in their comments on each show, and the results of these surveys being announced in the next broadcast.

Her farming — doing the books and tending her flower garden — had to take a backseat for a while during the 1950's when she taught at Acton's Corner's, Van Camp and Kirkwood Road schools.

"Teaching interfered with my farming."

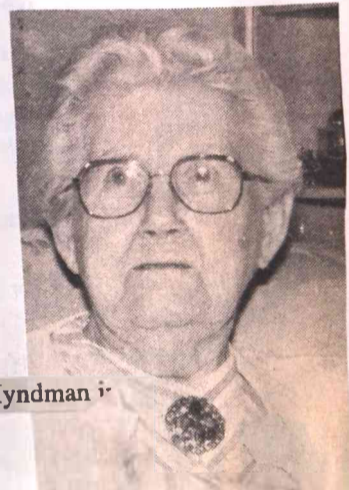
She found the time to farm and garden when she accepted a position as treasurer of the Eastern Ontario Milk Producers Co-operative.

She also found the time to raise a son, William, a systems manager for Marconi Canada who now resides in Kanata with his wife, Margaret (Bell).

Today her grandchildren are her pride and joy. "I have two grandchildren and I'm extremely proud of them because they are just about ready for their doctor's degrees," she beamed. Jennifer is studying for her PhD in mathematics at the University of Colorado, while David is working towards a doctorate in biochemistry at Queen's University, Kingston.

Then to occupy her are her studies of family history — a copy of the Francklyn family tree, produced by the Somerset House of England is among her treasured possessions — and correspondence with friends and relatives in Canada and overseas.

Despite the prohibitive distances involved, Hyndman remained close through the years to her family of two brothers and three sisters, especially her two younger sisters who were closer to her age. Indeed, several siblings emigrated to Canada at different times, settling on the West Coast. She is the last surviving member of the siblings, but maintains correspondence with other family members.



Nancy Hyndman

"It took a long time to write that," she said of the book published in 1983, *The Hyndmans of Mountain Township*. "Why I did it, I don't know."

She chuckled quietly when she said that, incidentally, and explained that in the years after marrying the late Fenton Hyndman in 1928, she picked up bits and pieces about his family's history down through the decades. The book was primarily the result of the enquiries she made of other family members.



Nancy Hyndman photographed prior to emmigrating from England;

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# A bus driver for all seasons....



Hallville's bus driver

**HALLVILLE**—Back when most rural roads were unpaved and motor cars were a rare sight here, Stan Coleman was cutting a swathe through rain, mud, sleet, and snow in his horse-drawn "School Bus" van.

Coleman's job was to transport children to the new Consolidated School that had opened seven years earlier in 1923. On the side, he drove adults to and from community dances at the school and in the summertime, he ferried baseball teams around the area.

Coleman retired from driving in 1962, yet despite that, many people still refer to him as the "bus driver". But Coleman, as sharp as a tack at 83, likes to set the record straight: "I wasn't the first bus driver."

"The fella I got the van from for \$30 was Alfred Billings and there was Willie Kerr before me," he said last week at his farm home. As the story goes, Coleman's immediate predecessor gave up the profession early—when he got his first paycheque. "The job didn't pay enough," Coleman recalls.

However, that didn't faze the bespectacled young man when Ed Bush, then secretary of the local school board, asked him to take over the job. With his two-horse team hitched to the panel-sided wagon, Coleman drove the seven-mile route around Hallville.

He recounted how in the winter, he put skis on the van to get through the snow and local people counted on him to clear a path before the snow plows came along.

"I'd leave about half-past seven and I'd walk the horses to Hallville to get them warmed up," he recalls of the times when it was 40 degrees below zero. "The horses would be white with frost." Then, he would drive his route to get the pupils to school by 9am.

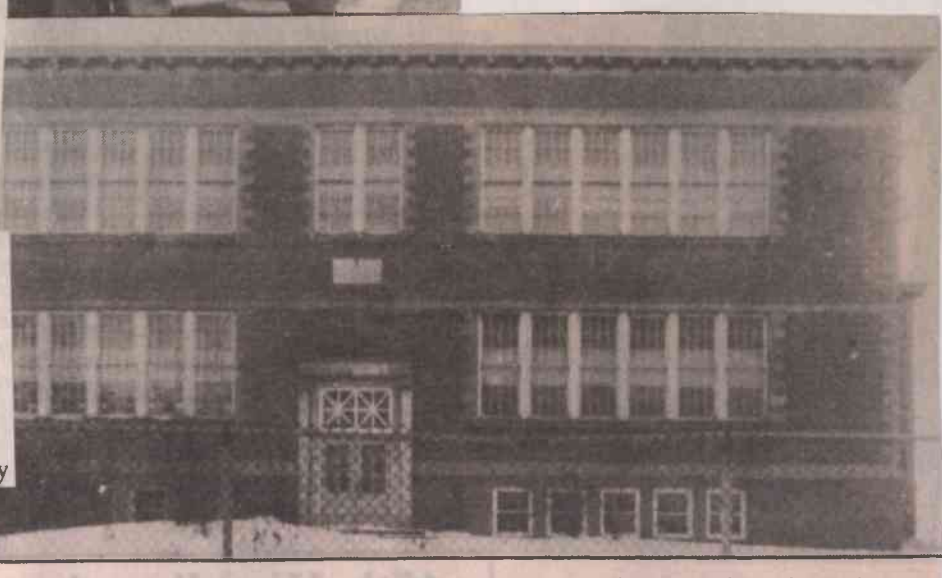
Years later, he traded in his horses for a motor van and his route went to South

Mountain and back. As he recounts it, driving as many as 14 sometimes rowdy kids was often an unpredictable experience:

"I was stopping in Hallville once and Freddie Cassidy jumped out of the van and started running—he was always threatening to burn down a barn or something so he wouldn't have to go to school!"

A fur-coated Coleman set chase after the boy on foot through the snow leaving the bus and the other children behind. And as if the scene wasn't comic enough, he recalls the horses bolted leaving the van stranded in the snow!

Coleman's help mate and companion throughout most of those years was his wife Ivy



Above: Hallville Consolidated School was the first district school to have a school bus. At

(nee Dillon of Kemptville) whom he married in 1936. Not only was she there at home raising their two daughters and one son, she often took over driving the van.

"I drove six children to and from South Mountain, took them to Cornwall for a field day" she says, recalling some of her duties. And she adds that insurance laws applying to school buses changed over the years.

"I couldn't pick up a kid closer than a mile (to school)," she says. "They had a special bus then for Hallville."

The Colemans remained a bus-driving team until his age (certainly not his health) forced him to retire in '62. After that, he became the official caretaker at the school with Ivy helping out, unofficially, until she got "fed up" and went to work for the civil service in Ottawa.

Throughout the years, the Colemans' mainstay was their farm — growing seasonal fruits and vegetables, milk cows, pigs, and chickens.

"I'd be driving the van in the day and plowing at night," he remembers. To this day, Coleman gets up at 5am to tend to his asparagus, sweet corn, and other crops.

He's also busily sorting through photos he took and developed himself, going back over half a century.

One day last week, he was surrounded by cartons of well-preserved photographs of himself and brother Bob on a "farm excursion" to Saskatchewan in 1928, of strawberry pickers on his farm in the '40s, of children and grandchildren, friends, and neighbors—a treasure-house of names, dates, and places all remembered with perfect clarity.

Among them are photos of his horses and wagon, his first motor van school bus, and other souvenirs of a long-ago era.

The Winchester Press Wed., Nov. 21, 1990

## 85th Birthday



Stan Coleman

Friends and neighbours are invited to join the family for a birthday celebration. Open House will be held at his home at Hallville on Sunday, May 3, 1992 from 1 to 5 p.m.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, April 22, 1992



The Good News Singers continue to minister in the area. The six-member group completed a successful day Nov. 18 at the Rideau Regional Hospital, Smiths Falls and report it was a time of tears and rejoicing to see residents singing, clapping and worshipping Bill Lyon of Mountain, Carol Turley of Metcalfe, Nanda Wubs of Winchester, Anne Lyon of Mountain, Linda Barnes of Ottawa (six-string guitarist), and Jan Czarnecki of Greely (12-string guitarist).



Back, left to right, David Turley (lay minister), Margo Pyper, Carol Turley, Louise Shaw, Anne Lyon. Front, left, Garry Baker and right, Jan Czarnecki.

## GOOD NEWS SINGERS

still spreading the gospel in music

The Winchester Press Wed., Dec. 5, 1990

The Winchester Press Wed., Nov. 25, 1987





### Family affair

The weather co-operated May 26 for a 20-family yard sale held on the Hallville United Church grounds. The event included numerous miscellaneous items for sale, as well as a popular bake table, continental breakfast and barbeque lunch. Part of the proceeds were donated to the church.

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### Spring arrival

Three-year-old Danny Lapier and his sister Sarah, 6, have been kept busy this spring chasing after the new-borns on their parents Hwy. 43 farm, just west of Hallville. The children's parents, Anne and Gary, have about 250 ewes including Hampshires, Suffolks, Dorsets and a number of cross-breeds.

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## Mountain Musings

by Shirley Mills

I found a marvellous place recently. It's **Barbara's Baskets**, located on Hwy. 43 just east of the Mountain Road, where **Barbara Empey** and **June Giles** have joined forces to make unique gift baskets.

These baskets come in all shapes, sizes and prices and each one is different. There are small ones shaped like old-fashioned baby carriages; a variety of covered picnic baskets, with perhaps pate and white wine tucked inside; or a bride's basket (reusable for many things) containing not only items which mean something to that particular bride, but a touch of whimsy — maybe a wisp of lingerie.

Barbara and June started this business a short time ago and are as enthusiastic as their customers. They will custom create baskets for any occasion and incorporate favorite colors, interests, hobbies or tastes. A basket can be made up in a few days and they will deliver anywhere within a reasonable driving distance.

Barbara's Baskets is well worth a visit. There is a sign outside the house.

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## Lilac Bower Farm

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# Crafter donates Christmas creches

by Michelle Valiquet  
Press News Editor

MOUNTAIN — Christmas will be a little brighter for 200 unwed mothers thanks to John Blom and his nativity creches.

Blom, who has run a butcher shop in Mountain for 29 years, spends his off hours crafting small creches out of scraps of wood left over from crates and boxes at his business.

Originally from Rotterdam, Holland he moved to Canada in 1951, living first in Vancouver and Saskatchewan before settling in Mountain.

He's presently working on an order of 200 nativity creches for a non-profit organization in Ottawa who will be giving them to unwed mothers. Blom never charges for his work.

"There's no set pattern to them," he says pointing to the boxes in which 183 of the buildings rest in their finished form. "Each one is individual and unique. I just do it by eye, using bits of wood and my hot glue gun," says Blom.

Blom got started on his Christmas projects a few years ago when he decided to make a nativity creche for one of his three daughters. She showed it to someone else and he soon had a waiting list for his wooden creches.



John Blom has been making a name for himself crafting nativity creches for charity. He is presently making 200 of his creations for unwed mothers in Ottawa.

Calling his handiwork "gratifying" and "very satisfying", he says carving wood instead of carving meat provides him with a creative outlet when he is not busy with his family business.

Blom is no stranger to woodwork, he has lent his artistic talents to South Mountain's St. Daniel Church where he helped repair and renovate statues and crucifixes within the church's interior.

When he finishes his current order of nativity creches, Blom says he may take a bit of a rest. But considering the popularity of his small creations it won't be long before someone else is contacting him for another.

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# Mountain trails could be lost to skiers, hikers

MOUNTAIN—Eighty miles of nature trails and the opportunity to enjoy the splendor of the outdoors right here in Mountain Township may be lost forever.

If the Mountain Trailblazers Snowmobile Club doesn't soon receive a transfusion of new blood soon it may be forced to fade out of existence.

"We see hikers, cross-country bikers, cross-country skiers and four-wheelers on our trails. We welcome them to use our facilities but we ask them to realize what goes into providing the trails they use and ask them to help us," explained Trailblazer vice-president Glen Simms.

"Thursday night we had four people show up for our meeting. Maybe there are 10 of us still doing the work and we are getting a little tired," offered past-president John Havekes.

Simms, Havekes and the

club's first-ever president, Harold Boyce know there are many snowmobilers still active in Mountain Township and agree they are the first manpower pool the club would like to tap.

"I think we have only missed having our rally one year in the six years I've been with the club," Simms said.

"Last year we had 75 machines registered and the conditions weren't very good so there is still interest in the sport of snowmobiling," he continued.

But Havekes and his club-mates feel they may have to "pull the plug" this year.

"It's darn close to our 25th anniversary and we don't want to do it but we may have no choice," he said.

The Trailblazers are looking for young community-minded people to step forward and con-

tinue the work the club has done since the late 1960s.

Harold Boyce says he can't remember for sure the exact year, maybe 1967 or possible '69, the club came into being but recalls the almost nightly trips he and his neighbors, friends and relatives took on their machines over a route similar to the trail layout the club maintains today.

"Many evenings the Milnes, Simms, Lawrences, Crowders, Maddens and Erwins would get on the machines and go for a ride. A lot of times we would have 40 machines out. You always took along a couple of belts, extra (spark) plugs and a couple of wrenches. There was always someone's machine breaking down. I guess it was a real social event. But we always seemed to have a lot of snow and there wasn't much else to do."

Back then Boyce said a lot of

couples were involved but now young families have both parents working, winters haven't offer good snow conditions and high costs have certainly changed the picture.

The club purchased a Bombi trail groomer for \$13,000 in 1988 and put \$3,000 of repairs into the machine this summer in preparation for the coming winter. That's the kind of financial commitment these Mountain residents are faced with to keep their trails open.

"It only takes a couple of afternoons in the fall to cut the brush, but during the winter the grooming takes 10 to 12 hours once a week," Havekes explained.

The still-active members say they don't mind the outdoor work but need more help. The paper work and general operation of the

club is of immediate concern and agree five to 10 interested people are needed right away.

They feel the biggest portion of their operation is probably something the people using their trails don't realize. And that is maintaining a good working relationship with the 30 landowners their trails come into contact with.

"In over 20 years there has never been any big problems. We have been able to work out any problems. We have to be very responsible with these people. If we fold the fences go back up, the trails grow over and nobody - snowmobilers, hikers, cross-country skiers or four-wheelers - have any place to go," Simms said.

"Two years and the trails would be brushed right in," offered Havekes.

## MAYBE A LIGHT

But the remaining Trailblazers say there may be light at the end of the tunnel.

Four-wheeled all train vehicles or four-wheelers.

Landowners have been able to accept snowmobilers using their land because of their responsible use of trails and once the snow is gone no trace is left. The machines are gone until the snow falls again.

The four-wheeler operator can use his machine in any weather and go anywhere, in some cases where he is not wanted, such as over newly planted crops.

"Four-wheelers may be the answer but not without being organized and under control. The landowners are our number one priority. The OFSC (Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs) doesn't recognize four-

wheelers as members but it's coming to the point that maybe we can't survive without them," Simms said.

"We must maintain good working relationships with our landowners," added Havekes. "Without them we don't have anything."

Havekes continued, "we may have to face reality, there are a lot of young guys with four-wheelers and maybe if they joined and followed our rules maybe the answer would be combined snowmobiles and four-wheelers."

The Trailblazers emphasize the OFSC provides five million in liability coverage for landowners if the user has a valid trail sticker.

The yearly sticker is sold through the club for \$65, (after December). The club purchases

the permits for \$17 from the OFSC, sells them to the public and turns the mark-up back into maintenance of their trails and equipment.

"In '89 we sold around 100 permits," Havekes said. "Last year it was 52. This year I've ordered 25 so you can see what we are up against."

All three Trailblazers agree terrible snow conditions, the high cost of snowmobiles and numerous other activities have cut into their sports' popularity, but point out the interest is still there and they want to make exploring the country right out the back doors of many Mountain Township residents something everyone can enjoy.

Simms said, "Maybe a real good snowfall will get people interested in getting their machine out of the shed and getting involved. We hope so."

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# Time to sit down and spend a while at Blaine's General Store



Although Blaine's General Store has sat on the main corner of Hallville since 1967, there has been a general store in that spot for more than 140 years.



## 25th Anniversary

Mr. John Blaine of Hallville celebrated his 25th year in business at his general store in Hallville last week-end. The store, which originally opened in 1830, sells everything you can imagine, from clothing to food to knick-knacks and notions. The store is the last remaining retail outlet in Hallville.

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HALLVILLE — Stepping into John Blaine's General Store is like stepping into an old sepia-colored photograph of days gone by.

The interior of his 140-year-old Hallville store is bathed in warmth, and soft light streams in through the large windows that front the store and look out on the hamlet's main street.

Products for sale are neatly lined on the ceiling-high shelves and cupboards. There isn't quite the variety there used to be, but most creature comforts and sweet tooth can be satisfied by this establishment.

There are two hard-backed chairs next to the propane heater that hums contentedly in the store and beside another counter, a bench rests ready to be drawn closer for conversation and the time of day passed or simply sat on while purchases are decided on.

A string of regulars have been known to occupy the chairs to spend time in and talk with a proprietor who, more likely than not, knows your name. And the coffee pot is always hot too.

Blaine knows he's a bit of an oddity in this age of chain convenience stores who offer pre-packaged service along with the microwavable fast food. But he likes the attention.

"They'll be a car with six people pull up and someone comes in for a pack of cigarettes... he'll look around with wide eyes at all the shelves and then go out and get the rest of them in for a look," says Blaine, who proudly joined the general store business on February 26, 1967.

Running a general store was a conscious decision for Blaine. He worked 10 years for Sunoco driving trucks and covering a territory that stretched from Deep River to Cornwall. He farmed as well.

"But there comes a time when, if you're going to do something for yourself... it has to be done pretty soon... or it won't get done," he explains.

"And I was sorry after that I hadn't done it a lot sooner," he chuckles.

"You wouldn't be here 25 years if you didn't like it," he admits, saying he bought the store and changed it little since the day he accepted the keys.

"I have to hustle all the time because I don't want to be the first one to fail," he jokes.

Failure is not in Blaine's vocabulary. He's in his 37th year of what he calls "public life", dealing with people.

Meeting people is what keeps John opening up every day. "I just love the people," he states. "You can't sell five cents to people if you can't meet them and talk to them."

He has had offers to sell, but turned them all down.

He has cut back his hours somewhat. He used to stay open three nights a week until 11pm, but now it's just 6am to 6pm — a full day still by anyone's standards.

"When we first opened you knew pretty well who would be in on Friday morning or Saturday afternoon... but it's not like that any more," he says.

"Now over 80 per cent of my business is passing-by trade. People go in to town now for the big stuff, I'm just a

convenience store."

At one time the general store's countless drawers and shelves were stuffed with hardware, dry goods, boots, flour, sugar and buttons.

The shelves may be a little depleted these days but Blaine's General Store remains the hub of information for the area.

"If anything's going on... if anything comes up, you'll likely hear about it here," he says, adding people have been known to tell him their troubles as though he were a bartender, instead of a businessman.

"Fifteen years ago, when we were open nights, the bench would be full, the chairs would be full... my God if I'd had a tape recorder there would have been a 1,000 hours to listen to," he recalls. "But most of those people have passed away now."

Some of his first customers still come back today though. And after spending awhile at Blaine's General Store and with the man behind the counter, it's easy to understand the attraction.

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Musician Russell Suffel runs through a few of his favorite hymns in the basement of his Hallville home. Suffel has tickled the ivories in Inkerman United Church for the past half-century using both piano and organ to do the job.

Suffel, 76, was a young child standing around the piano singing after the workday was done on his Inkerman family farm, when he first became attracted to the magic of a keyboard.

The companionship he shared with his four sisters and two brothers as his father picked out the various hymns kindled his interest in things musical.

When he was invited to lend his musical talents to Sunday service as a substitute for the regular soloist, he felt very unprepared.

"I was in no way ready for that sort of thing," he admits. "It was quite an experience."

He chuckles, "You have to appreciate the congregation and the minister were quite forgiving of my inexperience. They endured a lot. I learned on the job. It wasn't easy."

### EARLY TRIALS

Fingers fumbled, passages were missed and notes wrongly hit during these early appearances, nevertheless Suffel soldiered on.

Time has softened the actual instances in Suffel's memories, but he says there were some outright disasters. As a form of survival, he says he developed a talent for covering up his mistakes, or at least making them less noticeable.

"Amazing Grace", "In the Garden" and "When the Saints Go Marching In" fire his fingers as they slip over the black and white keys.

After more than five decades of playing the piano and organ, the old tunes are still the ones his fingers tend to tap out when he sits down at the keyboard today.

In between his turns at the organ, Suffel began to sing in the men's choir organized by Dr. Barton

The choir would travel around to various churches in the region during the evenings, allowing the father of two to still perform his organ duties on Sundays.

The dedication, thoroughness and energy which he applied to his playing were carried over to his singing. He stresses, "If your not singing with everything you've got, you're not singing."

Occasionally his musical obligations, the odd wedding and the like, would demand Suffel take time away from his day job, operating the family farm nestled next to the train tracks in Inkerman.

"You'd wash some of the cow off of you, head to church and then back to the fields again," he notes. "If there was a cow freshening... well...that could make it a little difficult."

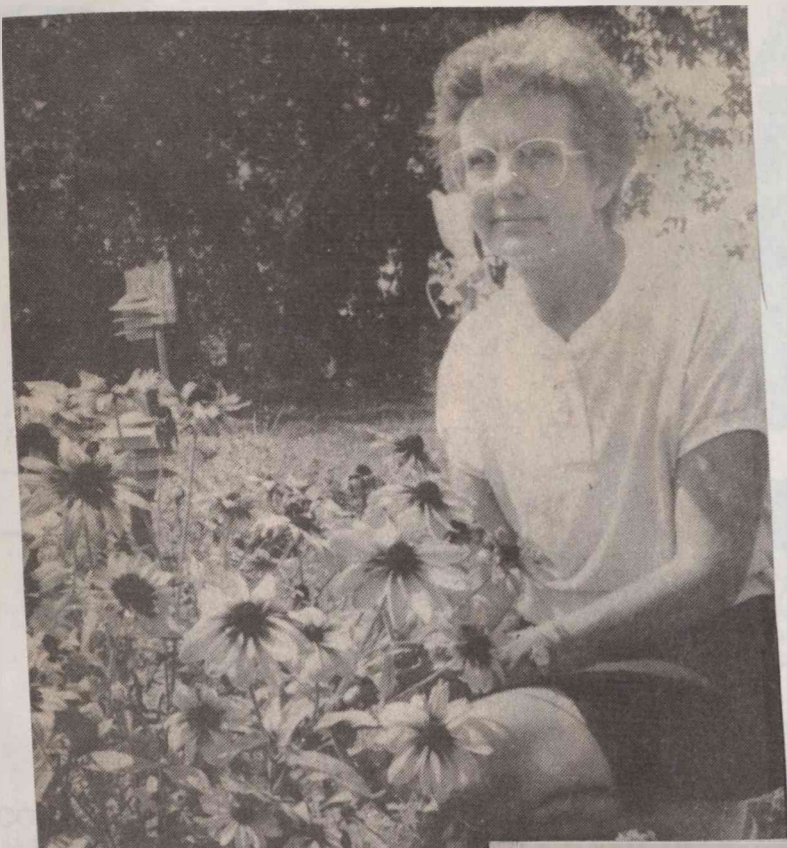
The family farm was sold 10 years ago and Suffel and his wife Lorna moved to Hallville in their retirement, where they are mostly likely to be found these days spending cherished hours in their massive backyard garden.

Although his passion for ecclesiastic music still burns brightly (Suffel delights in adapting new church music pieces to the organ), he says he does see a time when he will quit playing the organ for the church.

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Marian Coleman can see some good in this year's rainy summer.

At least she hasn't had to water her garden very often — and watering can take some time when you have as many flowers as Coleman. More than 30 metres of flowerbeds including roses, geraniums, petunias and other flowers border her home just outside of Hallville.

### Green Thumb

Marian Coleman of Hallville holds some of the Black-eyed Susans from her garden.

Last year Coleman estimates she spent four to five hours a day tending her plants. However, along with her garden, she makes and sells lawn ornaments in the shape of Bo-Peep shepherdesses, sheep and bears — samples decorate her lawn along with the flowers. This year the business has kept her so busy she has had less time for her other hobby.

Coleman really got into gardening when she and her husband Clint moved into their present home with its two-acre lot 12 years ago. She began slowly, planting first in the front yard and then expanding.

Today two large beds line her lawn along the driveway and the part of the property that edges onto Hwy. 43. She also added a few smaller beds in the backyard and along the house.

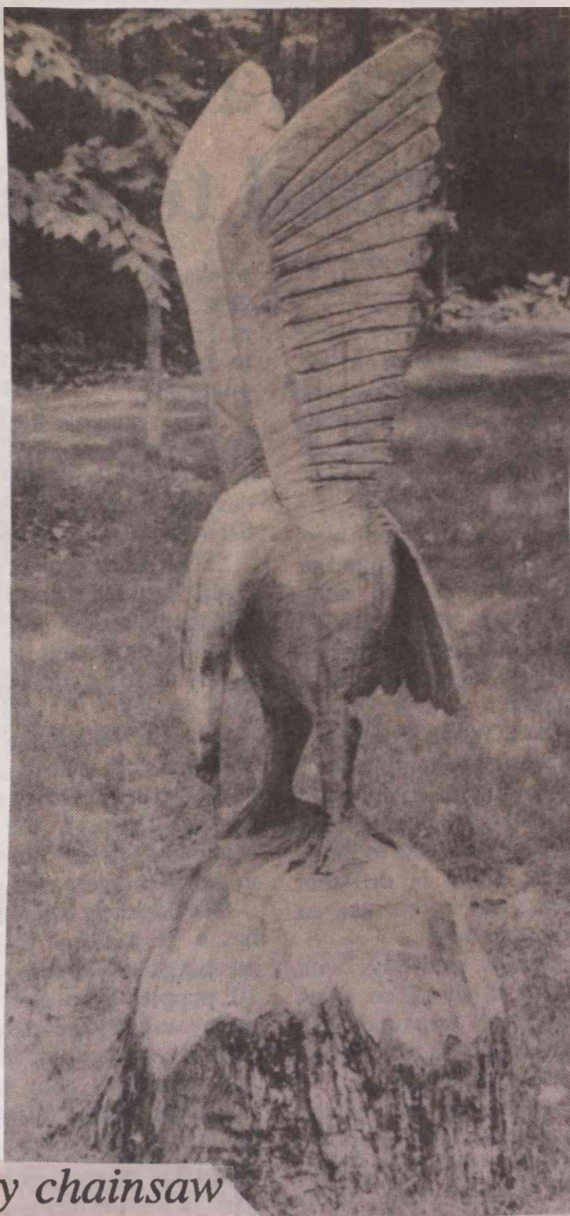
"I find (gardening) kind of relaxing. After 38 years of working, you have to do something when you retire," she says.

### PERENNIAL FAVORITES

Some of the flowers are perennials, blossoming year after year. But replanting in the spring is still expensive.

"In the last two years it was almost \$500 to buy flowers. I've got it down this year to about \$300," she says.

When several hundred dollars worth of flowers come into bloom, it's definitely a sight to see. Drivers often stop along the highway to take pictures and admire Coleman's work. Her expansive gardens however, don't include vegetables.



### Art by chainsaw

Mountain Township residents Bill and Sandy Vermilyea decided to change trees into art earlier this month, commissioning Quebec artist Gilles Levesque to carve this eagle out of a maple tree on their property. Levesque, who uses chain saws of various sizes to carve his art, completed the eagle in six hours. He also took 12 hours to complete a 10-foot bear in the Vermilyea's backyard. He has been the world champion cross cut sawer for the past 25 years.

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## Mountain woman snaps SNRCA win



Estella Rose of Mountain received first prize, while Carol Anne Stockley and Tony Welland both of Russell placed second and third respectively in the event, which was open to all residents of counties bordering on the South Nation River and its tributaries.

Rose's photo of the Nation River was snapped about 6-6:30am from the Brinston Road facing east. The flooded river had iced over and the sun was just rising causing the partially cloudy skies to be reflected.

Although Rose had received honorable mention in last year's competition, she said it was a bonus to get some money to help support the hobby she enjoys.

She has also entered other photography contests such as the South Mountain Fair contest.

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### That added touch

Barbara Empey of Mountain stands in one of the rooms at her new Bed and Breakfast on Highway 43. She features a number of advantages, like a swimming pool and private sundeck - all part of the added touch. For info phone 989-5236.

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# Gatineau Clog talent search strikes gold in Mountain



Singer Marlene Fawcett entertained the crowd

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A Mountain resident won her shot at the big time when she sent an Ottawa radio station a recording of her voice on a discount tape

the sound of her melodic contralto voice, and not the quality of the tape, convinced the judges who picked her as one of 10 finalists. Fawcett will compete in the finals at Wayne Rostad's Gatineau Clog — an annual country music festival, on August

3 at Tucker Lake in Low, Quebec.

Her tape included two songs Fawcett wrote herself, titled "Don't You Ever Want to Come Back" and "When Love's Right".

Fawcett says just being chosen as a finalist is a big honor considering the contest is open to amateurs and professional country singers, excluding only musicians who have received a Canadian country music award within the last two years.

"Half the thrill is getting the opportunity to sing in front of so many people," she says. "It's pretty exciting for a plain simple person like myself."

It's also an opportunity to sing on the same stage as major country music stars such as Ian Tyson and Eddie Rabbitt performing at the Clog, she says.



Mountain resident Marleen Fawcett, sitting with her two children Mark, 3, and Melissa, 6, will be singing at Wayne Rostad's Gatineau Clog as part of CKBY's country music talent competition.

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## Sherrer wins Miss Ottawa competition

The 18-year-old aspiring actress, former Dundas County Dairy Princess, contestant vied with 23 other young women for the honor of representing the Ottawa area for a year and going on to compete at the Miss Canada pageant in Toronto.

Among the prize package she received along with her crown was a fur coat and limousine service for one year.

Theresa is the third eldest of seven children. She lives with her three brothers and three sisters on the 150-acre Jersey farm just outside of Mountain belonging to her parents Roy and Pamela Sherrer.

Currently studying arts at Caterbury High School in Ottawa, she wants to attend Ryerson's Radio and Television Arts program in Toronto next year, building on her previous experience performing in commercials, television and film.

When Mountain's Theresa Sherrer was crowned Miss Ottawa Friday night, her father became so excited he nearly dropped his video camera.



Theresa Sherrer

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## Mountain teen takes third place in the "Miss Canada" pageant

There is a lot more to the Miss Canada Pageant than just beauty says Theresa Sherrer of Mountain after placing third in this year's competition.

For the first time in the history of the pageant, the bathing suit category was removed and a fitness component replaced it. According to Sherrer, "the Miss Canada Pageant is looking at the more well-rounded person instead of the pretty person."

The pageant organizers also put a great deal of emphasis on education, says Sherrer. She received a \$1,500 scholarship to the university of her choice and all the contestants received scholarships just for participating.

At 18, Sherrer was one of the youngest contestants in the competition but she said she didn't feel a lot of pressure and the competitors were very supportive. "All the girls were great," said Sherrer. "They didn't concentrate so much on the competition - just on people."

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### Feathered friends

Josie Ruyf of Hallville and her daughters Nicole, Melissa and Danielle have been caring for three baby robins for the past couple of weeks after the birds' mother was hit by a car.



### Chirp on her shoulder

One of three baby robins adopted by the Ruyf family of Hallville perches on five-year-old Nicole's shoulder.



When the family first adopted the birds (at about one week old), the robins could barely move. Within a day they were eating fairly well.

After one week in the Ruyf's care, the baby robins had doubled in size and were flying around the house.

Josie and Gary experimented with different diets for the birds, but decided on baby broth, water and bread.

"If baby food is good enough for our babies we figured it should be good for baby birds," said Josie, who takes care of the feeding every two or three hours.

A special treat of worms has been added to the birds' diet over the past few days.

The Ruyf children, who the baby birds are named after, are quite pleased having their feathered friends as temporary guests.

Although the two older girls enjoy holding and petting the robins, giggling when they take flight; the Ruyf's youngest child, Danielle would rather the birds didn't land on her shoulder.

Even the family dog has decided the robins need special attention. Shadow, a tri-color collie hovers about the small birds in attempts to protect them from danger.

The robins, now taking short trips outdoors are almost ready to leave their "nest" says Gary.

Although they have become familiar with people, Gary adds the birds should be able to adapt to the wild.

And just in case they find the transition a bit difficult, Josie plans to put some food out for them.

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## Hallville native receives Award of Excellence

James W. Dilamarter, Director of Education and Secretary of the Board, is pleased to announce that the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Public School Board has seen fit to honour Linda Porteous with an Award of Excellence.

Linda was honoured at a meeting of the Board, held on Tuesday, April 14th, 1992, at which time her many accomplishments and contributions to public education were cited as follows:

"Linda Porteous was raised with her brothers and sisters on a dairy farm in Dundas County, near the hamlet of Hallville. Her father, Hugh Blaine, was a progressive dairy farmer and former school board trustee. Linda's love for and involvement in agriculture and education were in her blood from the beginning.

She married Wilmer Porteous, a dairy farmer in his own rights, and moved further east to Winchester Township. She and Wilmer are raising three boys, Curtis, Evan and Brent, and all five of the Porteous' are heavily involved in agriculture and education in Dundas.

Morewood Public School is fortunate to have this family and it is because of Linda's involvement

in the life of the school, that the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Public School Board honours her with this Award of Excellence.

During the last few years, Linda has actively been involved in the school by being a concerned parent and school committee member, being its chairperson for two terms. She has always been creative in her ideas to make Morewood Public School a better place for both students and staff. Her fundraising efforts provided the school with new tether ball poles, swings and numerous extra school bus trips. Her good humour and leadership abilities made for excellent meetings at the school.

Last year, for the school, she spearheaded a program she calls a farmer friend. In this program which enhances the regular social studies and science courses, each class at the school was paired with a local farmer who specializes in some form of agriculture. For example, the grade 3 class worked with a beef farmer, the 4/5 class with an apple farmer and the 6 class with Linda's own dairy farm. The other classes were

matched with pig and egg farmers. During the years the boys and girls of each class became "experts" in their specialty farm and with visits to the school by the farmer friend and return visits to the farm by the children and their teachers, a great year was experienced by all concerned.

Linda is a member of AITC (Agriculture In The Classroom) the organization which ran the farm fair in the Cornwall Armories for the grade 4's of Cornwall, last year. This year, Linda has helped organize the farm fair in the Winchester Arena on April 22nd, for the Dundas grade 4 classes. The Public School Board, with Mr. Roddy's involvement, is supporting Linda in her efforts.

Linda is always happy to tell you of the many other ideas she has for the children and teachers in our family of schools.

Linda Porteous is a VIP in our community and this Board honours her for her contributions she has made and continues to make for the children of SD & G, and in particular at Morewood Public School."



**A hot time in the old town**

"The Kids are Hot Tonight", a dance recital performed by students of Carolyn's School of Dance at Inkerman Public School on May 14, wowed audiences with two 18-act performances. Carolyn Van Koppen, founder of the school, said the classes take in children from Winchester, Mountain, Inkerman and Chesterville. The show was choreographed by Carolyn and Theresa Van Koppen and Pam Sherrer.

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**THE KIDS ARE HOT TONIGHT**



**Dance troupe high-steps into Ex**

INKERMAN — Carolyn Van Koppen's School of Dance was invited to attend the Heritage Village program at the Central Canada Exhibition in Ottawa last Thursday, thanks to a photograph that appeared in The Press this spring.

Thirty of the dance school's older pupils trained for their special appearance, in which they performed tap and jazz dancing at the Assembly Hall in Lansdowne Park.

Mrs. Coleman said the school started with about four students and grew over the years to its present size of around 50.

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Members of Carolyn's School of Dance who appeared at the Ottawa Exhibition are, front from left, Angela Stewart, Krista Mariner, Katie Carkner, Kathy Boyd, Cristie Bryan, Joann Hedge, Wendy Leslie, Chrisy Clapp. Middle from left, Theresa Van Koppen, Pamela Sherrer, Joanne McCooeye, Teresa Sherrer, Marsha Leslie, Dody

Booth, Becky Guy. Back from left, Krista Duncan, Jacki Graafland, Lori Cook, Cheryl Leslie, Kim Robinson, Melanie Fisher, Amy Guy, Kathy Van Koppen, Karen Craig, Maureen Guy, Angela Grootjens, Tanya Duncan, Carolyn Van Koppen.



**Let's dance**

Members of Carolyn's School of Dance were recently featured in SD&G Day at the Central Canada Exhibition in Ottawa. The dance school was representing Dundas County. The troop was made of students from dance schools in Inkerman and Iroquois.

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Carolyn's School of Dance was among the entertainers at SD&G Day Thursday at the Central Canada Exhibition in Ottawa.

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They danced through time

MAPLE RIDGE — Dance lovers got a treat last Saturday when the Carolyn's School of Dance troupe took them on a musical journey through time, performing dances from the 1800s to the 1980s during a show at North Dundas District High School. The evening marked an anniversary of sorts for Carolyn VanKoppen and there were few dry eyes in the house when she recounted the story. After one of the primary classes had performed "Baby Bumblebee", Carolyn told the crowd how she had danced the tune on the same stage, marking her first public performance 21 years ago.



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### Carolyn's competitors

Dancers from Carolyn's School of Dance recently competed in the Ottawa Kiwanis Music and Dance Festival, placing second in one and third in two other categories. From left at back, Karen Payne, Tracy Rutley, Mariam Hughes, Kathy Boyd, Shelly Shane, Joanne McCooeye, and Lisa O'Connor. Middle row,

left, Marsha Leslie, Dodi Booth, instructor, Korrine Hutt, Christine Derraugh, Kerry Howse, Jennifer Tiffney, Wendy Leslie, Karen Sill, Carolyn VanKoppen and Maureen Guy, instructors. Front from left, Janet Fawcett, Shannon Boyd, Amanda Walker, Melissa Martin and Kelly Fawcett. Press Photo—den Boer

## Mountain Musings

by Shirley Mills

Carolyn VanKoppen, the person behind Carolyn's School of Dance, (she teaches in Inkerman and Iroquois), is very proud of her pupils. She took some of the dancers to a competition in Ottawa and they did so well there, that Carolyn entered them in a dance competition in Syracuse, N.Y. on May 22.

The girls who took part were: Wendy Leslie, Kathy Boyd, Rhonda Beckstead, Erin Cinnamon, Marla Duvall, Aaron Jackson and Karen Sill. All of these seven girls placed first or second in the contest.

Now the girls would like to go on to the National Championships in St. Louis, Missouri on July 10-16. This is a very ambitious project and, unfortunately, will cost a considerable amount. Any help would be appreciated and already they have received generous donations from the Independent Order of Oddfellows of South Mountain. The Kemptville Legion and the Mountain Lions Club. These local dancers are doing very well and it would be good to see our area represented at the Regency Talent Competition in Missouri.



These girls all have a good reason to smile as they accept three cheques of \$500 each to help pay their way into the National Championship Competition for amateur tap dancing in St. Louis Mon., July 10 to 16. The tap dancers from Carolyn's School of Dance of Inkerman and Iroquois display their first and second-place awards captured at a talent competition in Syracuse, New York last month. Donning their dancing garb

in the back row from left to right are: Aaron Jackson, Carolyn VanKoppen, Kathy Boyd, Rhonda Beckstead, Karen Sill and Wendy Leslie. Front row from left to right are: Douglas Gibson from the Kemptville Legion, Erin Cinnamon, Marla Duvall, Bill Williams of the South Mountain IOOF Lodge -428, Mountain Lions' Brad Holmes and SD&G board member Roy Hastings.



# Local dance, variety acts score a hit at Ex



A number called "The Bag Lady's Dream" was the Carolyn's School of Dance entry in the Youth Talent Search semi-finals last week. From left are cast

members Marsha Leslie, Becky Guy, Joanne McCooye, instructor Carolyn Van Koppen and cast member Cristie Bryan.

**HALLVILLE** — Although they didn't quite make it to the finals, dancers from Carolyn's School of Dance did manage to secure a spot in the semi-finals of the CJOH Youth Talent Search last week with two of their routines.

The group performed routines in the dance and variety cate-

gories at the Ottawa Ex Aug. 25, after a total of 250 entries were auditioned. A total of 25 dance, 25 vocal and 10 variety routines were selected for the semi-finals.

"The key to this thing is originality, so we had to come up with something kind of off-the-wall," instructor Carolyn Van Koppen said Saturday. The talent search was looking for youngsters who could be future entertainers, with the potential to go on in show business, she added.

The variety routine, performed by Marsha Leslie, Becky Guy, Joanne McCooye and Cristie Bryan, was entitled "The Bag Lady's Dream." In the form of a flash-back, it traced the career of a dancer who achieved stardom but ended her life as a bag lady. When the bag lady, played by Becky Guy (recreating her role in a musical play produced at Nationview School last year) died at the end of the story, Van Koppen said, "we had the audience crying."

Only two variety numbers were selected for the finals, held at the Ex Saturday. The winners in each category received \$500 in cash, and the overall winner will be competing at the Canadian National Exhibition.

In July, dancers from the school travelled to Montreal, where they did 27 hours of dancing in three days. The Bag Lady's Dream routine originated in a hotel room there, Van Koppen noted.



In the dance category, Becky Guy performed a tap dance number portraying the character of Audrey II from the movie "Little Shop of Horrors." For those who haven't seen the film, Audrey II can best be described as a giant, man-eating flower. "I still don't know why that didn't make it into the finals," said Van Koppen.

Winchester Press Wed., Sept. 2, 1987



During Parent's Night for Carolyn's Dance Studio, Wendy Leslie, 13, leaps over her sister, Marsha, 15. The sisters were just two of about 20 dancers putting on a show at Inkerman Public School on April 5. The

"highlights" concert was put on by students who competed in Ottawa's Kiwanis Dance Festival in February. Thirteen of 17 numbers from the local studio won awards in that competition.

The Winchester Press Wed., April 20, 1988









Students from Joanne Whittaker's school of dance spent 12 hours Sunday boogeying to raise money to buy mirrors for the school's classes. The marathon was arranged by the dance students to make the \$1,150 needed for the mirrors.

The Winchester Press Wed., Dec. 2, 1987



Students at Joanne Whittaker's School of Dance in South Mountain put on a show for family and friends in Kemptville on the weekend. Above, two students practice their steps in their bedtime theme number.

The Winchester Press Wed., June 15, 1988

### "Hey Big Spender!"

Performers from the Joanne Whittaker School of Dance performed for the long term care patients at the Kemptville District Hospital on June 6. These dancers paraded around the hospital cafeteria to the song 'Hey Big Spender', much to everyone's amusement and delight. This number was only one of the many performed during the half-hour show.



The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, June 13, 1990



Joey's School of Dance offered some lively entertainment Thursday night performing a couple of dance numbers in front of a large crowd during the village's carnival queen pageant

The Winchester Press Wed., Feb. 14, 1990





**Dancing up a storm**

**Mountain dancers**

**Showcase 90**

The Joanne Whittaker School of Dance presented "Showcase 90" to three sold-out shows at the Parish Building on the weekend.

About 750 people had the opportunity to view 120 children and adults from the school perform ballet, jazz, tap, musical comedy numbers. The performers warmed up with a show on Friday night and brought the house down on Satur-

day in both shows. The talented and energetic dancers gave great performances and were awarded with two standing ovations at the Saturday afternoon and evening show.

A variety of music was presented accommodating both the old and the modern pieces. The intermediate jazz class danced to "Bust a move," and was followed by a ballet number performed to "St. Elmo's Fire" by the level eight

and nine senior ballet class. The dancers kept the audience enticed and some older songs such as "Officer Krupkie" from the play West Side Story were performed to in an excellent fashion. The first act ended with "Hot, Hot, Hot" by the senior jazz class with a cascade of falling balloons.

In the second act, the junior kid khorus performed to "Jail House Rock" and were followed by the senior kid khorus who performed to "Chorus Line," plus many other numbers. Some audience members had an emotional tear in their eyes as the level three ballet class performed to "Good Company." However, the show ended on a jovial note with the kid khorus performing to "Swing The Mood".

The show was choreographed by Joanne Whittaker. It is presented every two years. The master of ceremonies was Chuck Berasi.



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The Senior Kid Khorus' production of 'Leader of the Pack'

Melissa Collins, Amy-Alice Pierce, Jennifer Hull, Kymme Kerr, Sarah Knox, Jessica Lyall, Amy Simpson, Teresa Sherrer, Liane Smail, Laura Zymiak, Gill Melki and Stacey Kerr.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, May 16, 1990



The Winchester Press Wed., May 9, 1990



# Dundas County volunteers raise over \$17,000 for heart campaign



Heart surgeon Dr. Wilburn Keon was invited by master of ceremonies Max Keeping to "sing for his supper" at the annual banquet of the Dundas chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario Thursday.



Christy Weagant, granddaughter of Dundas Heart and Stroke Foundation In Memorial chairperson Anita Weagant, performed a highland dance to entertain guests at the foundation's annual banquet last Thursday.

Winchester Press Apr. 17 '86

## Heart Month kick-off success for Dundas County chapter

On Saturday, February 1, 1986, the Agricultural Hall in South Mountain was full to capacity for the Kick-Off of Heart Month. Betty Allen, President of the Dundas Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation was overwhelmed by the success of the evening.



### Queen of Hearts

(Left to right) Gilles Villeneuve (P.C.), Rosaline Drewery, Tammy Allen, and Max Keeping (CJOH). Tammy was selected as Queen of Hearts by nature of a draw of canvassers active within the Dundas Chapter of the Heart Foundation over the past two years. She was presented with a bouquet of one dozen roses, donated by Muriel's Flowers in Winchester and a gift.

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Dundas County's Heart Queen, Tammy Allen, accepts a \$100 cheque from the South Mountain Independent Order of Oddfellows for the 1986 Heart and Stroke

Foundation campaign. Presenting the donation are Noble Grand John Pinhey (left) and treasurer Gerald St. Pierre.

Winchester Press Wed., Feb. 26, 1986



# Family complete Terry Fox Run



## Running in the rain

More than 30 members of Mary Dixon's family met the weather with umbrellas and rain jackets Sunday, and completed the 10 km Terry Fox Run despite organizers' decision to cancel the event. The family, including 80-year-old Mary Dixon, raised more than \$2,400.

the Dixon family and a few other supporters decided to ignore the rain and complete the 10-kilometre trek.

"I'm sure Terry Fox walked in worse weather than this," said Mary Dixon, a Winchester great-grandmother who has participated in each of the events since their beginning in 1981.

More than 20 members of her family encompassing four generations turned out to support the local event. "The family has come from 50 miles out to be in this walk," she said.

For Dixon's family, the annual Terry Fox Run has become a memorial service for her daughter who died of cancer.

"We're hoping, as Terry himself did say, that cancer can be beaten," she said.

Sunday was the first time the annual walk has been marred by bad weather

in support of cancer and in memory of Fox, who died in 1981 after running almost 3,340 miles in an attempt to raise money for cancer research.

The 1986 walk attracted 66 participants who collected almost \$3,800 in pledges. In 1985, the event raised about \$5,600.

Winchester Press Wed., Sept. 16, 1987



The Winchester Press Wed., May 10, 1989

Walter Puddy presents a cheque for \$500 on behalf of the Mountain Township and District Lions Club. Fundraising team captains Lola Ferrell, middle, and Mildred Simms dropped by the Winchester Press office last week to accept the donation to the Canadian Cancer Society.



The Dixon family of Winchester, for example, walked the route together Sunday and raised over \$1,900 in the process. Mary Dixon explained that the family walks annually in memory of her daughter, Edna Empey, who died of cancer in 1983 at age 39.

According to Rosenthal, the Dixon contribution, submitted collectively, was the event's largest.

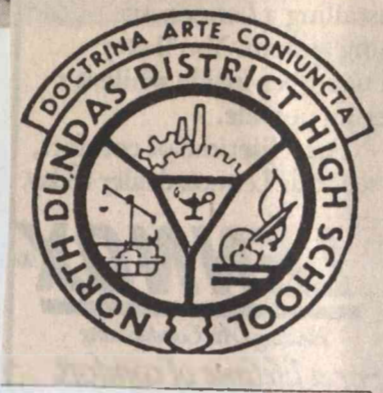
The Winchester Press Wed., Sept. 19, 1990





## Former students mark 25th year of North Dundas

The North Dundas District High School Reunion committee organized a series of activities during the Canada Day weekend marking the school's 25th anniversary. Graduates were busy keeping up with the various events. Clockwise from top, Rev. Roy Harwood's invocation started the rededication ceremony, graduates chow down at the Saturday afternoon barbecue, Norm St-Louis leads present and former band members during the band concert.



The Winchester Press Wed., July 6, 1988

## Julie Lamb takes lion's share



### Senior winners

NDDHS students were triumphant in two categories of the Canada Quiz recently. Winners of the senior division for the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry were, from left, John Buckley, Neil Stanley, Steve Molloy, Hugh Craig, Julie Lamb, and coach Carl Ward.

MAPLE RIDGE — For Julie Lamb, her years at North Dundas District High School have been the best in her life "so far".

Valedictorian for the school's 24th annual graduation exercises, Lamb delivered a sometimes emotional speech which offered a vote of thanks to school staff and families for helping the students through their years of study. "High school would have been a long haul for all of us without a warm home," she said.

President of the North Dundas students' council this year, she also served as regional president of the Ontario Secondary School Students Association (OSSSA). Lamb is the first North Dundas student ever to be elected to the association, which brings schools in Ontario together to exchange ideas and build leadership skills in students. In the past year she also helped to found the school's chapter of SADD, Students Against Drunk Driving.

In introducing the valedictorian, teacher Don Stephen noted that she has taken 38 credits since Grade 9, maintaining an average of over 94 per cent.

At Thursday night's graduation exercises, she received an Ontario Scholarship, the Ault Foods Limited Award, and a gold medal as the student obtaining the highest average in her graduating class. She was also presented with the Kay Laprade retirement award, the Eileen Runions English Trophy, the Ivor Bigelow Trophy, the Jack MacMillan Humanities Award and shared the McMaster Foundation Trust Award with Caren Wu.

Other students receiving Ontario scholarships, and cheques for \$100, were Kathy Anderson, Hugh Craig, Lisa Graafland, Grant Groves, Damian Laflamme, David Snyder, Caren Wu and John Wu.



Graduation night at North Dundas District High School meant an occasionally emotional goodbye for valedictorian Julie Lamb, seen here with principal Don McGahan.

Winchester Press Wed., April 23, 1986

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Intermediate Canada Quiz champs for the United Counties were these students from NDDHS. A recent final brought the trophy to, from left, Doug Graham, coach; Kevin Bell, Pam Carkner, Pamela Giles, Leslie Durant and Scott Helmer.

Winchester Press

Wed., April 23, 1986



Pam Giles, a Grade 10 student at North Dundas District High School is on her way to New York City for a 10-day all expenses paid trip. She won the trip by placing first in a public speaking contest sponsored by the South Mountain Oddfellows. Giles says she is looking forward to visiting the United Nations when she leaves for the Big Apple in July.

Winchester Press Wed., April 29, 1986

## Life on Parliament Hill fascinating fare for students



Kevin Bell and Pamela Giles

Anyone who thinks that a week spent around Parliament Hill would be boring or stuffy should speak with two students of North Dundas District High School.

Pamela Giles and Kevin Bell made friends from across the country, learned about the role of MPs, ambassadors and special interest groups and in general had a lot of fun during the time they spent on the Hill.

Giles and Bell were participating in a program called Forum For Young Canadians that is sponsored by a non-profit organization which aims to acquaint young Canadians with the workings of the federal government.

"I think I acquired a greater appreciation for the diversity of Canada," said Giles. "One of my roommates was from the boonies in B.C., one was from Inuvik and another was from Whitehorse. I think it was really the cultural aspects that stood out for me."

Every year, 500 students representing each province and territory take part in the week-long events. The students chosen must display good ability in their school work, have an interest in community and current affairs and show a

potential for leadership.

The scheduled events kept the students busy from 9am to 9pm, with presentations from deputy ministers, MPs, ambassadors, lobby groups, senators, parliamentary press and more. Attending question period, they prepared for a mock-session that they conducted.

They heard lectures on the role of our national leaders, the courts, the party system and they were given time to tour the city, attend a play at the National Arts Centre and peruse the national museums.

The two were excited when they were invited to apply for the forum, but when they heard there was a \$535 fee they hesitated. However, the Royal Canadian Legion sponsored Kevin and the Oddfellows supported Pamela, so they were both able to attend.

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Wed., May 3, 1989



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Wed., Aug. 19, 1987

MOUNTAIN — For 17 year-old North Dundas District High School student Pam Giles, winning a trip to Japan began as "a make-work" project to while away the summer days before she left on a tour of the United Nations in New York she won in a speaking competition.

In three days, Pam went to the library, read up on Japan and wrote a 500-word essay. The essay contest, advertised in the Citizen, offered a trip to Japan for the best short essay discussing unique facets of Canadian and Japanese life.

On Aug. 22, Pam will begin her whirlwind trip to the Far East, sponsored by the daily newspaper Yomiuri Shimbun. She will become a junior reporter for the paper, which has a circulation of 14 million and a staff of young reporters. As a junior reporter, she will be expected to navigate the subway system of Japan to get to the office on her own.

Pam will also get a chance to do more typically tourist-oriented activities. She plans to visit the Honda plant, and is looking forward to visiting the ruins of the ancient Japanese capital, Kyoto.

She will also have an opportunity to experience Japanese family life first hand when she stays with a Japanese family.

A lot of the agenda has not been worked out yet, and some of the itinerary is based on an agenda the Japanese embassy keeps for sending Canadian journalists to Tokyo. She visited the embassy recently, and was told that she can fill out part of the agenda herself, but she isn't sure of what she wants to do.

### Fastest midget runner



Laura Zrymiak, this year's SD&G's Top Midget Girl award winner, struck silver in the 100m, finishing in 13.1 seconds. She also earned bronze in the 200m stopping the watch in 28 seconds. The stiff competition knocked her out of the top four in the sprint hurdles. Zrymiak finished first in her 100m and 200m heats but was second to the same runner from Frontenac in both finals.

Midget girl Laura Zrymiak matched her teammate, also claiming three wins. The Grade 9 runner also whipped the competition in the 100m, 200m and 80m hurdles. For her efforts the Shaw Road (Mountain) resident was named the event's Best Midget Girl award winner.

Zrymiak combined with Stephanie VanGilst, Marilyn Wade and Vicki Gryspeerdt to win the midget 4x100m.

The Winchester Press

Wed., May 17, 1989

Laura Zrymiak swept SD&G gold medals in the 80m hurdles, 100m and 200m sprints and was a member of North Dundas' winning relay team. She was named SD&G's Best Midget Girl athlete for her outstanding effort.



# Zrymiak sprints to personal best

SUDBURY — Laura Zrymiak and her North Dundas District High School Devils' Track teammates capped an extremely rewarding season here at the 1990 All-Ontario championships (OFSSAA) over the weekend.

Zrymiak, a Grade 10 student and resident of Hallville, recorded a personal best time of 12:79 seconds here to finish sixth best in Ontario in the running of the midget girl's 100m sprint final.

It was Zrymiak's second crack at making the final eight here at the All-Ontarios. Her first attempt last spring fell short as she failed to make the final run.

Her coach, Hugh Conlin, predicted his star sprinter would be in that final this year. Zrymiak didn't disappoint.

"She did very well to make the final. The competition was very stiff," explained Conlin.

"Actually Laura led, was second and then third over the first 80m. Maybe lack of experience cost her a bit over the final 20ms," he continued.

Zrymiak's 12.79 compared to a winning clocking of around 12.40, which the coach felt was very competitive.

Zrymiak also qualified for the 200m here but finished fourth in her heat and failed to qualify for the final in that event.

Devils' head coach, Hugh Conlin, said the school enjoyed an incredible day.

"We sent 80 to SD&G and half, 40, have qualified for EOSSAA," he explained.

He said in his over 20 years of coaching at North Dundas this year's SD&G Meet was probably the biggest success.

"We had 18 first place finishes. Laura (Zrymiak), Matt (Gordon) and Stacey (Berry) were individual champions. Our 562 points was the highest ever and we very nearly beat the top "AA" school, La Citadelle," he continued.

Midget division runners Laura Zrymiak and Matt Gordon, along with Senior Stacey Berry each won three events and were named Best Individual Athletes in their respective age categories.

Two Devils also entered their names in the SD&G record book.

Laura Zrymiak won the Midget girls' 400m in record time of 1:03.95.

NDDHS' athletes earned 562 points for their school. That total was good enough to give the Maple Ridge institution the SD&G Overall "A" School championship trophy.

The Devils finished second to "AA" School Champion La Citadelle. The Patriotes were 44 points better on the day piling up 606 points.

North Dundas was second at 562, 159 points up on third ranked Glengarry whose Gaels collected 403 points.

North Dundas also received championship silverware for having the best Midget Boys' Team (116 pts) and the Best Midget Girls' Team (147 pts).



**Two more**  
Laura Zrymiak added two more gold medals to her collection.

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Best Individual Senior Boy, Alain Charbonneau, SLHS
- Best Individual Senior Girl, Stacey Barry, Laura Lang, Laurie MacDonald
- Best Individual Junior Boy . . . . . Kent Gallinger, CCVS
- Best Individual Junior Girl . . . . . Lori Dupuis, GVSS
- Best Individual Midget Boy . . . . . Matt Gordon, NDDHS
- Best Individual Midget Girl . . . . . Laura Zrymiak, NDDHS

The Winchester Press Wed., May 23, 1990

The Winchester Press Wed., June 6, 1990

# Zrymiak, race to provincials

North Dundas' Laura Zrymiak posted the second best time at Friday's Eastern Regional Track and Field Championship

Meet. Zrymiak will try to lower her 12.76 mark in the junior girls 100m sprint at the All-Ontario meet in Sudbury.



The Winchester Press Wed., May 29, 1991



## Young scientists' project charts traffic in school hallways



### Scientific minds

North Dundas' Kevin McCargar,

The Winchester Press Wed., April 11, 1990

McCargar, 17, of Mountain teamed up with Chesterville's Ivan Bowman, also 17, last year for a project they entered in the SD&G Science Fair held recently at St. Lawrence College in Cornwall. They placed in the top four projects overall and are now preparing their display for the Canada-wide Science Fair in Windsor May 13 to 19. They also received the gold research award and were best in the Math or Computer Science Category.

The pair's project is aimed at determining the movement of students throughout the school. By calculating the density of students in different areas of the school and the length of time they stay there, certain observations can be made which may be useful for expansion or the construction of a new school.

Where to locate fire exits, water fountains and lockers are among the considerations which could be added to school planning, the duo explained of the data's usefulness.

The numbers were gathered by McCargar, who spent day after day sitting in locations throughout the school trying not to be noticed in case curious students, seeing him collect data, might change their natural patterns.

## Mountain Twp. girl to receive Youth Award



Department of Secretary of State, Multiculturalism and Citizenship grants this award to young people who have been nominated by their school or local community group for their contribution to Canada. She is being recognized for involvement in community organizations and activities which have contributed to the betterment of the community.

O'Connor has just completed Grade 12 at North Dundas District High School. She has been active in student council and has maintained honor standings throughout her high school years. She is also involved in a peer-help group at school and tutors other students in math.

She is a junior director in the Mountain Township Agricultural Society and has helped out with the family fun nights on Canada Day in the past. O'Connor is also active in various church organizations including a youth group and the choir.

"The Canada Day Award for Excellence is a way of showing these young people how much we truly appreciate their spirit and belief in Canada," said Multiculturalism and Citizenship Minister Gerry Weiner. "They exhibit the qualities of participation and patriotism that exemplify truly great Canadians, of any age."

O'Connor said she was happy when she heard the news, but was also surprised. Earlier in the year she was approached by a teacher at the school who thought she should fill out an application for the award.

The Winchester Press Wed., July 4, 1990



Jason Cull, son of David and Wendy Cull, is the 1990 Junior Canadian Pony Club Tetrathlon Champion.

Cull's hobby, now job (riding and working with horses and ponies) led him to this demanding sport.

Tetrathlon involves horseback riding, air pistol target shooting, swimming and cross-country running.

This summer's trip to Victoria B.C. and the 1990 Canadian Pony Club Tetrathlon is the third national championship for Jason.

"I've competed in Toronto, Ottawa - last year and now Victoria," he explained.

"This is my last year of junior competition and I qualified for the nationals by winning the St. Lawrence - Ottawa Valley Region."

While competing regionally, Cull rode his own trusty steed, "Catch 22" to victory, a 10-year-old horse he has had for two years.

Lucky or skillful. Jason completed his riding portion of the competition with 1,410 of his 1,500 points, good enough for second place finish in that section of the competition.

To win the championship he had to earn two firsts and two second place finishes.

Day one of the competition put Cull in the swimming pool against 20 other junior competitors. The idea is to complete as many lengths of a 25m pool as possible - in four minutes.

Jason recorded over 11 lengths. He was second best.

Day two for Cull was spent on the shooting range. It would be the most frustrating, yet most rewarding of the first two.

In this discipline the shooter stands and fires his air pistol at a stationary target 10m away.

When it was his turn to shoot, Cull's gun, a second-hand target special originally worth around \$1,000, wouldn't shoot.

Jason explained that he, as most do, began with a \$70 Canadian Tire special, gradually upgrading to the top of the line models.

His weapon wouldn't shoot on the first attempt. After some hurried work, a second trip to the line was made but with the same results.

"I aimed and pulled the trigger, nothing. So I cocked it again and shot. Bullseye!"

In spite of having to recock the gun on three attempts, Cull finished as the best shooter, scoring - 950 of a possible 1,000 points.

"I was very lucky it even fired because the valves had worn out."

Day three was the riding event and it included stadium and outdoor - cross-country portions.

"In the stadium the course is much like the grand prix events you see on television, scaled down, with fences and jumps. Cross-country is 13 obstacles like stopping at a gate, opening it, riding through and closing it, jumping logs and water hazards."

The only penalty points deducted from Jason's score, 90, came from completing the course too quickly. He guided his unfamiliar mount through a clean ride but arrived 45 seconds early and received 1,410 of 1,500 points.

The same afternoon Cull ran his two kilometer cross-country course in 7.24. That was a first place time.

Results, a gold medal for Jason Cull.

After first becoming interested in riding ponies on his family's farm two sessions south of Mountain seven years ago, Jason Cull has taken part in three junior tetrathlons at the national level and is now looking forward to competing as a senior (16 years - 21).

At that level he can compete on an international circuit, taking part in events in England, Ireland as well as other parts of Canada, something he says will be both interesting and exciting.

Cull also is looking past his first senior year to the 1996 Olympics as a competitor in the triathlon or pentathlon.



The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, June 20, 1990



## Reach for the Top team provincial champs

When it comes to getting the facts straight, the North Dundas District High School Reach for the Top team is a set of walking encyclopedia.

The team, consisting of Kevin McCargar, Heather Giles, Nadine Mayhew, Rob Wallbridge and Natasha Harwood, have proven their expertise in trivia, recently winning the high school quiz show's provincial championship and continuing to the national competition in London.

Success doesn't come easily however. The group spent months studying a variety of subject areas including history, geography, math, art, science, outerspace and meteorology, to name only a few.

For the past two months the work intensified. The group met every lunch hour, and two hours twice a week after school, studying binders full of information and questions from previous

To make the information overload a little more manageable, each team member was assigned certain areas, said team coach and English teacher Valerie Gibson. Each student was responsible for knowing all the countries, capitals, and major rivers of a continent. The other subjects were divided among team members according, more or less, to each student's interests and studies.



"We try to keep it as complementary (to their studies) as possible," she said.

"A lot of our information comes from our school work. It's a symbiotic relationship," said McCargar, the team's captain and expert in physics, math, astronomy, sports, and country and western music. McCargar was aided by the team's alternate Mayhew, who studies all areas, filling in if the others are unable to play.

### OUTSTANDING

This drive and dedication is what has made the team outstanding, explained Gibson.

"They're wonderful kids to work with. I don't have to nag them, they want to do it," she said.

Despite the number of hours and work involved, team members insisted they have fun.

"It's hard to explain. The practises are enjoyable. It's not just a practice session where we're robots answering questions," said McCargar. "We have conversations throughout and amusing incidents."

### FACTS

Combing through countless books, the group had picked up a number of little-known interesting facts. During competitions

where anything and everything was asked, knowing former Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald is buried with his mistress instead of his wife, or Napoleon died from a hormone disorder that gave him female traits, was usually helpful.

Winning also depended on beating the other team to the answer. With 160 questions per 20 to 30 minute game, there isn't much time to pause for thought. Team members had to be quick on the draw.

The Winchester Press Wed., May 29, 1991

## Budding Dundas scientist win top awards at Counties fair

- A number of area students took home awards recently, from the annual United Counties Science Fair. Winners included:

- Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists trophy - for best in Applied Sciences - Kevin McCargar, North Dundas District High School.

- Chemical Institute of Canada award for best project dealing with a chemical topic or process - Kevin McCargar, North Dundas District High School.

- RCAFA Wing 424 Gold Research awards (for 90 per cent or over) - Kevin McCargar, North Dundas District High School.



Kevin McCargar. McCargar won a gold medal, the OACETT award and the Chemical Institute of Canada Award for his project on the production of hydrogen gas.

Winchester Press Wed., April 24, 1991

## Quiz team almost climbs to the top

But the NDDHS students had to settle for being the second-best team in Canada. A team from British Columbia won the championship, held last month at the University of Western Ontario in London.

Although the NDDHS students are disappointed, they're still a bit surprised at having reached the finals.

Team captain Kevin McCargar said the five students are "worn out and ragged." The team won 40 of the 43 games they played, including regional and provincial championships.

McCargar said the final game could have gone either way.

"At that point, the teams are so evenly matched that it's basically luck."

After the final match, the team celebrated with pizza and an evening at the Second City comedy club. Now they're back to the business of final exams and signing each other's yearbooks.

Despite their achievements, the students didn't receive any special treatment from their NDDHS peers.

"There really isn't any prestige associated with being on Reach for the Top," said team member Heather Giles.

That sentiment was echoed by at least one student in the school halls who commented, "You bums, why didn't you win it all?"

"They're not all that hostile," said Giles, laughing.



McCargar said he'll miss the intensive practice sessions, but won't miss questions about art and literature. He and Wallbridge preferred math, physics and chemistry problems.

The North Dundas District High School Reach for the Top team were Ontario champions this year, ending up a game away from the Canadian championship. They accept a plaque from MPP Noble Villeneuve commemorating their achievements. Back row are Villeneuve, Rob Wallbridge, and Kevin McCargar. Front row are Natasha Harwood, Nadine Mayhew, Heather Giles and Val Gibson.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, September 25, 1991



# Nationview teams sweep Canada Quiz competition

The intermediate Canada Quiz team from Nationview Public School recently came in first for the third year in a row at the SD&G quiz competition. In front are Mark Hutchinson, 14,

Sarah-Jane Whittaker, 13, Ken Casselman, 14, Heather Mallows, 13, and Doug DeVries, 13. In the back row are Darryl Beck, 14, Stephanie McKeen, 14, and Jason Bailey, 13.

Ahead of the pack



The Canada Quiz first started in 1984 as part of Ontario's bicentennial celebrations. It was supposed to last only a year but was so popular, the board decided to make it an annual event.

"One of the reasons it was started in 1984 (was) a group of people decided the students in this area didn't appreciate local history, and it is rich in this area," she explains. "I think it makes the kids appreciate what they have here." — When it comes to Canadian trivia, some students at Nationview Public School certainly have their facts straight.

The students studied lists of possible questions and practised at least two lunch hours a week since the teams were chosen last December, with extra practices around competition time.

"You had to study a lot in order to keep up with everything," says Grade 8 student Sarah-Jane Whittaker, 14, adding even with all their practice,

some questions were still a little tough.

## Quiz masters

Nationview's junior Canada Quiz team took first place in their division in a recent SD&G competition sponsored by the public school board. In the front are Jennifer Barton, 11, and Steve Bossel, 12. In the second row are Amber Mooney, 12, Shannon Hamilton, 11, and Jennifer Mellan, 11. At the back is Tyler Patterson, 11.



The Winchester Press Wed., May 20, 1992

# Experimental Farm hosts school tour



Nationview Public School students take a hands on approach to agricultural education during a trip last Friday to the Experimental Farm. Pictured; the children pet some Jersey cows in the dairy barn and sheep in a nearby pen.

— More than 40 area school children got a close-up look at agriculture both from a modern and old-fashioned perspective during last week's trip to the Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa.

The tour gave the Nationview Public School Grade 1 and 2 students a chance to explore many aspects of modern-day agriculture as well as a glimpse of farming in bygone days.

The museum was particularly interesting because it taught the rural children a little bit about the lives their grandparents and great-grandparents may have lead.

Most of the children agreed the horse-drawn wagon ride was especially enjoyable.

A trek through the ornamental gardens in the afternoon allowed the children to unwind and enjoy the many attractive sights and smells. They also had fun picking out some of the shrubs and flowers they have at home.

Both teachers agreed the Experimental Farm tour was not only enjoyable but also an educational experience, since the children have been studying agriculture back in the classroom.

The Winchester Press Wed., June 17, 1992



# Hardy hands new history



Nationview Public students lived the life of 18th Century Loyalists at Upper Canada Village last week.

sawing is hard work for Amanda Lafaver and Jana Fawcett;

students help build a log hut after Donnie Johnson and Jeremie Bailey cut a notch into the log:

In the 1790s the British Army provided the same ingredients to United Empire Loyalists who emigrated to Canada from the United States. They came to avoid persecution for their allegiance to the King of England after the U.S. declared independence.

The Grade 7 and 8 students from Nationview became these early settlers for a day as part of the park's "Loyalists...The First Year" educational program. The program, which began in 1984, gives students from Grades 5 to 8 a chance to experience the life of the Loyalists who came to Eastern Ontario.

Equipped with reproductions of the few meagre tools and equipment supplied to the newly emigrated Loyalists, the students had to pitch a tent, cook a meal and begin cultivating the land.

This year, as a tribute to Canada's 125th birthday, students participating in the program will also help build, roof and furnish a 12-by-14 foot log hut. The building will be typical of first dwellings built by the Loyalists. Approximately 21 different school groups will work on the hut over the program's four-week run, which finishes May 16.

"It's (made of) round logs with the simplest corner notching," said McManus. "I think we'll manage to get part of the roof on by the time the program's over."

It is the first time Nationview students have participated in the Loyalist program but principal Jim Shaw said it's an experience worth repeating.

"I think it's wonderful. It brings history alive for the kids. Everyone takes too much for granted today," said Shaw. "It certainly gives them a lot better understanding of some of the hardships the Loyalists endured just to survive."

But the brief brush with the rugged life appealed to student Tammy Baldwin, 13.

"I wouldn't mind living out here. You get to cook on an open fire... make what you eat and you get to fish," said Baldwin.

The experience may have been fun for a day

The Loyalists survived on the army's rations until their farms were under way since there were very few large animals or guns to use for hunting. Guns were given out sparingly so hunting would not divert the men from their farming responsibilities.

However the sight of the food did not bring many rave reviews from children of the 20th Century.

"It looks like glue."

"These dumplings don't look too good."

"Maybe I'll try it, but I won't eat it."

However not every student minded the meagre fare of the Loyalists.

"Actually it's good in a way," said David Sargent, 12, after finishing off a plateful.

"I'm going back for seconds."



bent over a fire pit, Mike Flowers and Matthew Sumegi try lighting a fire with flint and steel.

Students quickly discovered that simple chores of today were a much bigger production in the 18th Century. Lighting a fire with only a piece of flint and steel requires considerably more effort than striking a match, but it is possible, said John McManus, a park employee with the program.

"We always get some done with the flint and steel. We didn't get them all done," he said.



Mike Shields and Tracy Lewis try on the typical fashions of the 1790s;







# Eileen Rose

1962

Jean Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Allen of Mountain was named Dundas County Dairy Princess.



Eileen Rose, RR2 Mountain, has a busy summer ahead as she reigns over Dundas County as dairy princess. With a number of activities already planned, she looks forward to meeting people and travelling throughout the county before she must give up her crown to the 1982 princess.

Eileen is the daughter of Don and Bobby Rose of RR2 Mountain and spent all of her growing years on the farm that has been passed down through several generations of the Rose family. She works on the farm and likes to help milk their 45 purebred Ayrshires. She is very conscious of the herd's production record and watches for changes in cows' performances. Eileen keeps all the books and records for the family farm.

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Dundas Dairy Princess Eileen Rose (right) introduces Ontario Dairy Princess Kathy Strachan to pet sheep, Clara, at Rosayre Farm near Mountain Wed., May 12. Eileen accompanied Kathy on a short tour of Dundas County, which included Ault's Foods, the Michael Cook monument, and Upper Canada Village, as well as a tour of the Rose family farm.

Agri News May 1982



## Being royally taught

Dundas Dairy Princess Eileen Rose gave Nationview Public School kindergarten teacher Mary Fawcett a helping hand Thursday afternoon when she visited the

class and provided instruction on proper nutrition. Miss Rose explained the benefits of dairy products and tested the children on their knowledge of Canada's Food Guide.

Winchester Press June 1982



# Dundas Princess Suzanne Rose

Suzanne Rose of Mountain started off her speech at this year's Dundas County Dairy Princess contest with a poem that expressed her feelings about life on the farm in Dundas County. This poem won the hearts of the judges, and Suzanne was crowned Dundas County Dairy Princess for 1983-1984.

The poem, a work of Suzanne's own creation, reads as follows:

"There is nowhere I would rather be than living on a farm, Life is full and fresh and clean, and no one does me harm. The work is hard, I will admit, and that you can be sure, Planting, haying, weeding, and spreading the manure! City folks, they like their style, of working nine to five, But 'till they've lived right on a farm they've never been alive. There's one thing I'm not ashamed to say without too much alarm, Dundas County's the place to be, especially on a farm!

Her studies in London may seem to present a conflict with her duties as Dairy Princess this year. But Suzanne knew she had strong reasons for entering the contest.

It was a "fast decision to go for it", Suzanne said. But it was an unshakeable decision.

She said that when she was shopping for food in London, she would overhear people complaining about the prices of foodstuffs such as cheese, milk and bread.

"But they don't seem to understand the hard work that goes into producing the food," she said.

Apart from serving as an education link, Suzanne had another reason for entering the competition -- she wanted to keep the honor in the family, so to speak. She said her mother, Estella, was the first dairy princess in Dundas County. Estella received the crown in 1957.



Dundas Dairy Princess Suzanne Rose and her friend Clara the Cow have been busy travelling the county to tell public school children all about the dairy industry. They visited 11 public schools in Dundas County.

Clara tells the children about her friend Daisy who believes that young boys and girls don't know anything about milk. The young listeners try to prove her wrong and pay close attention as Suzanne explains where milk comes from and the importance of drinking milk. Suzanne made up a song about the dairy industry and she teaches that to the children as well.

Suzanne enjoys working with the younger public school children, but finds the questions she is asked are sometimes a little unusual. One youngster asked why the milkman comes to their farm and takes home some of their milk for his coffee. The 21-year-old princess had to explain that he was just testing the milk, not putting it in his pocket.

Though some times were amusing, Suzanne can recall a few times when things "got a bit tense". While away at school in Western Ontario she had to fly home occasionally for weekend events requiring her presence. One particular weekend she had to attend a Holstein banquet in Ottawa. Her plane was due at 4:30pm, but because of bad weather she was still in Montreal at 6:45pm. By 7:15pm she was on her way home; the banquet had started at 7pm. She raced home, pressed her dress and was at the banquet by 8:15. It wasn't quite the way she had planned.

Being a dairy princess has "changed my outlook" on farming, Suzanne Rose said. Going away to school, she said, had a lot to do with the change as well. When she was young she was "not too thrilled" about living on a farm "way out in the boonies".

Seeing only the disadvantages she complained that her friends could walk to each others' houses and see movies whenever they wanted, but living in the countryside meant that she couldn't.

Now Suzanne appreciates what the country has to offer and after talking to many people in the dairy industry has learned that there's a lot more to dairy than she thought.

Suzanne is the daughter of Ed and Estella Rose, living one mile east of Mountain. They have a 70-head farm of Ayrshire and Holstein, 28 milking. Being a princess doesn't mean much on their farm where Suzanne pitches in with milking and other daily chores.

Suzanne said that she enjoys being a county dairy princess, but being the Ontario Dairy Princess would be "a thrill". To prepare for the fall competition Suzanne has taken a speech course, received tips from the present Ontario Dairy Princess and will be attending a workshop at Kemptville College in July.

Dairy Update June 6/84

## Suzanne Rose does Dundas proud

MOUNTAIN — It's a long road for any contestant to make it to the finals of the Ontario Dairy Princess Competition in Toronto.

For Suzanne Rose of Mountain, the road included a detour to Kingston and the World Bellyflop championships.

That's where the county's 22-year-old dairy princess of 1983 expected to be as a spectator after failing to advance through last Wednesday's preliminary round of the Ontario Dairy Princess Competition at the CNE.

In fact, Rose was already in Kingston preparing to watch some of the finer performances of Kamikaze diving when her sister phoned to tell her that she had been advanced to the semi-finals on the basis of points.

Rose went on to become one of the competition's five finalists, the first woman from Dundas County to ever advance that far in the 29-year history of the event.

"My first reaction when I got the call from my sister was that I didn't want to go back," admitted Rose. "I was disappointed with the preliminaries because I thought I would have done better. It was a long way to go back if I was going to be disappointed again in the semi-finals."

She did go back, however, partly because of the responsibility she felt to the county she was representing and partly because of the enthusiasm of her relatives who, by Wednesday's finals, had swelled her cheering section to 35 people.

"I knew no one from Dundas



This purebred Holstein calf was one of many prizes captured by Suzanne Rose, one of five finalists in last Wednesday's Ontario Dairy Princess competition.

had made it to the finals and well," said Rose. There was that pressure to do "I wasn't nervous in the semi-

finals because I had been out once and now I was back in again."

There was also one more element to the topsy-turvy week that added to Rose's cool under pressure. After giving up hope on being accepted in the limited-enrolment classes of teacher's college in London, Ont., she learned the morning of the semi-finals that she had been accepted.

"When the judges asked me if I really wanted to be the Ontario Dairy Princess, I had so much going through my mind," she said. "It wasn't that I didn't want to do it, there are just so many other forces pulling at me. I would love the glory and all, but there is so much work involved and teacher's college had been my goal for years."

"As it turned out, I think in my own mind I'm happier than the winner is."

Still, the excitement was there as Rose, one of 10 contestants in the semi-finals, was chosen as one of the five finalists after answering judges' questions and giving an impromptu two-minute speech on the dairy industry.

When she was picked her father, Edward Rose, cried. Her mother, Estella Rose, who had been at the same competition 27 years earlier as the county's first representative, was also there.

"They were celebrating and having champagne and I was trying to prepare for the finals," laughed Rose.

On Wednesday night, the CNE's Agricultural Day, Rose

and the other finalists were brought into the stadium in a horse drawn carriage under the hue of blue floodlights before an audience that included Ontario Minister of Agriculture and Food Dennis Timbrell and Olympic gold medalist Gaetan Boucher.

"I didn't really realize where I was until I was in that carriage," she said, "and then I started to worry that maybe I might become the Ontario Dairy Princess. I had prepared as a dairy princess for a year, but I had been preparing for teacher's college for a lot longer."

"I think what made me the happiest was the way the judges made me feel better, saying I would make a good teacher. I think they knew what I really wanted to do."

Mary Atkinson of Northumberland County was chosen as the 1984 Ontario Princess and the ambassador for the province's dairy industry during her 12-month reign. During her reign she will be an employee of the Ontario Milk Marketing Board.

For her effort, Rose received prizes including jewellery, cash and a Holstein calf.

"I went to the competition knowing I had done a good job in the county," said Rose, "so what happened in Toronto was just a nice extra touch."

"It was a funny week. I was in the preliminaries and then I was out, and then I was in teacher's college and then I was in the finals. I've got a lot more pages to fill in my scrap book now."

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Princess Joanne Albers.



Winchester Press July 8, 1987

# Acres' reign fulfills dream



Despite her past experience in getting up in front of an audience, she admits the dairy princess contest July 13 at Iroquois was the occasion for some stage fright. "I was really nervous," she says. "I didn't know what to expect from the interview."

Although she was advised to be ready for questions from the judges about hobbies and interests, her interview actually focussed very little on personal information and more on nutrition and the workings of the Ontario Milk Marketing Board.

"I did a project on marketing boards this year, so I was able to use a little bit of that," says Colleen. Her own feelings are that the milk board is one of the most efficient there is, and she hopes to be able to communicate this message during her term as princess.

"I would really like to help inform people of the goodness that milk contains and that it's not such a high-calorie product as everybody is led to believe," she says.

As the travelling ambassador for the county's more than 375 milk producers, Acres has spoken to an estimated 2,500 toddlers and elementary school students over the past year.

"One little boy asked me why there wasn't a dairy prince and he asked if he could be my prince," Acres recalled last week with a smile.

Unlike other counties, where the dairy princess can concentrate on bringing farmers' messages to an urban public, Acres found most of the children and groups she met were well acquainted with the milk industry. So she talked instead about nutrition and the importance of dairy

products and the other three Canada Food Guide groups.

Although Colleen isn't sure what career she will choose to follow after university, she believes the experience of growing up on a farm is a valuable background for most occupations.

"I know how to work, and I can work long days," she says. "I see myself as a more responsible person because I know I have to be home every night at five to do the milking."

Children growing up on a farm understand where food comes from, and they learn about life and death at an early age. "I can cope with that better than someone who doesn't see things born and things die on such a regular basis," says Colleen.

According to Colleen, there's a good reason why farm kids learn responsibility. "This is my bread and butter, so I have to make it got just like everybody else - just like my mom and dad."

Winchester Press Wed., July 22, 1987

# Isabella Farlinger

Colleen Acres, 19, ends her reign as 1987-88 Dundas County dairy princess Saturday

The Winchester Press Wed., Aug. 3, 1988

# Dairy Princess



## For me?

Isabella Farlinger accepts a bouquet, tiara and other awards as she is crowned Dundas Dairy Princess 1988/89. It was the 30th anniversary of the competition

Isabella Farlinger, daughter of Charles and Joan of R.R.1, Morrisburg is a grade 12 student who will be returning this year for her grade 13 finals. Isabella talked to the crowd of onlookers about "Life at Seaway View", she examined the fact that people take milk for granted and know little about its production.

This being the thirtieth anniversary of the Dundas Dairy Princess competition some very special guests were in attendance at the ceremonies. Dundas Dairy Princess 1957-58 Estella Rose and Princess Mary Fawcett 1958-59 were present to say a few words about the contest, and to tell their tales of being chosen as royalty.

Time for some more special guests as Meldrum called upon Dairy Princess of 1960-61 Janet Stoble and 1961-62 Jean Atchison, both expressed their past happiness at being the chosen representative for Dundas County and wished this year's contestants luck.

Miss Dundas 1965-66 Lois Presley and 1968-69 Doris Baker, both sisters, better recalled by many as the Stoodley sisters were present to offer their sincere recollections of the wonderful year they each spent as the Princess.

Rachel Wessenburg (1982-83), Eileen Rose (1981-82, Ellen McNaughton (80-81), and Connie McDermid all appeared on stage to introduce themselves and to say what they are doing now in their lives.

Following this the last group of past Princess' appeared. Joanne Alber (1986-87), Sherri Van Allen (1985-86), Mary Jane Van Ogden (1984-85), and the Princess of 1983-84.

The Weekly Advance,

August 10, 1988

The Winchester Press Wed., Aug. 10, 1988



this year's Dundas Dairy Princess Competition, but the award went to Debbie Cooper, 18, of Brinston.

Cooper prepared a speech concentrating on Ault Foods Ltd.'s history from 1891 to the present production of its light butter.

The Brinston teenager will have a hectic six months because her two reigns overlap until January. She hopes to be working at either Winchester Cheese or Ault Foods.

"I want to work for a year before going to college and save some money," said Cooper. "If I work at either place they should understand my other obligations."

Cooper wants to become a behavioral science technician. By talking with more people now, she thinks it will help her later in her desired field.

The AgriNews August, 1989



# Dundas Dairy Princess



WINCHESTER — A young Chesterville-area woman who wants to fight what she terms "milk-phobia", was crowned Dundas County dairy princess on the weekend.

Eighteen-year-old Darlene vanWylick was chosen as the 1990-91 milk promoter for county producers on Saturday afternoon in conjunction with Winchester's Dairyfest.

All four contestants spoke on the benefits of drinking milk. VanWylick talked mainly on what she referred to as "milk-phobia — the fear of milk". She said that with so many people counting calories these days, many are afraid to drink milk or eat dairy products.

People often have a diet pop instead of a glass of milk, she continued, but don't realize they are not getting any of the nutrients or vitamins that they would find in milk.

VanWylick also said there are now many alternatives for people watching their weight. She cited one per cent milk, low-fat cheese and yogurt and light ice-cream as good nutritious options.

"There is a dairy product out there for everyone," she stressed.

The daughter of Herman and Marie Claire vanWylick attends North Dundas District High School where she is entering Grade 13. She lists her interests as: 4-H, choir, track, math club, knitting and sewing.

Judge Diana Boal, Lanark County Dairy Princess co-ordinator, said choosing this year's winner was a tough decision for herself and fellow judges Suzanne Rose and Yves Leroux.

The Winchester Press Wed., August 15, 1990



— Nineteen-year-old Lisa St-Pierre was crowned Dundas County's Dairy Princess for 1991-92, Saturday, earning her the right to represent local dairy producers and promote milk and milk products throughout the county.

St-Pierre, the daughter of Denis and Jean of RR2, Winchester received the title at ceremonies held during Dairyfest — the village's salute to the dairy industry. She also receives a berth in next year's Ontario Dairy Princess competition held at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto.

St-Pierre, who plans to attend Sir Wilfrid Laurier University this fall to study business administration, discussed the importance of advertising to the dairy industry and the tools used to promote dairy products. She feels the dairy princess role is one of the ways to help do this.

To cap off her speech, St-Pierre toasted Ault Foods on its 100th anniversary with a glass of milk.

## Lisa St-Pierre

The Winchester Press Wed., Aug. 14, 1991

Darlene vanWylick (left), of Chesterville

## 1992-93 Dundas County Dairy Princess

— Sixteen-year-old Terri Hoy of Hallville was crowned the 1992-93 Dundas County Dairy Princess at ceremonies held in conjunction with Dairyfest.

The daughter of Dawna and Gary Hoy, Terri was acclaimed princess after being the only competitor for the title.

She was crowned by outgoing 1991-92 Dundas County Dairy Princess, Lisa St-Pierre Saturday afternoon at Centennial Park on the corner of Main and St. Lawrence Streets in Winchester.

Although being acclaimed took a little of the pressure off, Terri, a North Dundas District High School Grade 11 student, said she was still a bit nervous about the event. She gave a speech on the Ontario Milk Marketing Board and how it works for farmers as well as consumers.

Terri works on her family's 325-acre dairy farm, two miles east of Hallville, helping out with milking the 45 head of Holsteins as well as with the crops.

She has completed 16 4-H projects,



The Winchester Press Wed., August 12, 1992



# Nationview foursome captures Winchester carnival funspiel



The curling foursome of Helen Bartholomew, front left, and Bill Patterson, Lorne Casselman, back left, and Lorraine Roy from the Nationview team took the top prize at Winchester's Carnival Funspiel on the weekend. The team beat out 59 others with a score of 25-1/2 points.

Winchester Press Wed., Feb. 4, 1987



## Blaine best

John Blaine's rink earned 20-1/2 points and won the Dan DeSerres Memorial, curling plaque Saturday. The Sweep champs are, left to right, Liz Blaine, John Blaine, Ron McNaughton, Ellen McNaughton.

The Winchester Press Wed., March 16, 1988



## Golf winners

Al McCaslin's team combined for a team low gross score of 199 and won the Dan DeSerres Memorial plaque in the WCC Swing and Sweep. The Swing champs, left to right, are Chris Barkley, Nancy Barkley, Allen McCaslin, JoAnne McCaslin.

The Winchester Press Wed., Oct. 18, 1989



## Scotiabank Bonspeil winners

A couple of weeks ago, these ladies took part in the Scotiabank Bonspeil that was held at Dow's Lake in Ottawa. This was the first time that an all-women team has won first place at this competition. Shown are skip, Marilyn Williams, vice Heather Pitt, second Wendy Hyndman and lead Lynne Levere.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, March 1, 1988





**New Dairy silverware**

18 teams took part in the 25th annual mixed bonspiel on Saturday. The winning team — (LtoR) Joanne McCaslin, skip Glen Vasey, Yves Leroux, Lynn Levere and Cliff Ace.

The Winchester Press Wed., Jan. 23, 1991

Miscall vs. Navin  
Friday, Oct. 20

McCaslin vs. Levere  
Sunday, Oct. 23

**11 squads ready to play**

The Winchester Press, Wednesday, Oct. 23, 1990

Eleven teams are ready to play in the 25th annual mixed bonspiel on Saturday. The teams are: Miscall, Navin, McCaslin, Levere, and others. The event is organized by the local curling club and will be held at the community center. The winning team will receive a silver trophy and a cash prize. The event is open to all curlers and is a great opportunity to enjoy the sport and meet new people.

The Winchester Press, Wednesday, Oct. 23, 1990

11 squads ready to play



# Ottawa Valley Juniors End Era

Ottawa Valley Junior girls fastball team faded out of existence Saturday night when the team completed its final function - a closing banquet and roast.

The team which came into being in 1975 operated for the final summer and concluded its brief history with a banquet and roast at the Marlboro Community Hall Saturday evening.

Coach Lorraine Ford reviewed the five year history of her distinguished club pointing proudly to three Ontario Junior A championships in those five seasons. The Valley girls took provincial honours in 1977, '78 and '79.



**LORI BOYCE**

In 1977 they represented Ontario at the Canada Games in Newfoundland returning with a bronze medal.

During the past season the girls once again represented this province. This time at the Canadian championships in Edmonton completing the tournament with a fifth place ranking.

During the roast coach Ford was reminded of the strong representation on the team from the Mountain Ladies softball team. Members of the Valley team have included Winchester's Kathy Walker, Anita Kotlar-chuck from Kemptville and Joanne Hyndman, Colleen Gibson, Marilyn McLean, Linda Murdock and Lori Boyce, all of Mountain.

Lori Boyce had the distinction of being the last Ottawa Valley Junior player to be named both top batter and Most Valuable Player.

The last previous local winner of the MVP award was Marilyn Hyndman (Williams) in 1969.



*Kemptonville Advances Sept. 1985*

## Mountain's Lori Boyce pitches at national level

ST. CLEMENTS — Mountain's Lori Boyce is no stranger to the highest level of softball offered in this country.

While residing at Mountain with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boyce, Lori played both Midget and Intermediate softball on the Mountain ladies teams. She later joined the Ottawa

the Ontario Senior A league. In 1981 she joined the Agincourt team and was part of the club which went on to capture the gold medal at the national championship that year.

Boyce joined the St. Clements Suns the next season and this year was with the Suns as they qualified automatically for the

over Quebec. The game drew over 1,000 fans and set the stage for the home team's journey to a silver medal. St. Clements lost out in the championship game to the '85 champs from British Columbia, a traditional ladies Senior powerhouse.

Boyce got into action in the Suns' game against Manitoba when she fired a one hit 7-0 decision at the westerners.

St. Clements dropped a 2-1 decision to Saskatchewan and Boyce was back in action in the playoff round, tossing a 1-0 eight-inning victory over Quebec.

That 1-0 10-inning loss to Saskatchewan forced St. Clements to win three games in a row. Their winning string set up an appearance in the final game.

The championship showdown was scoreless for five innings before B.C. exploded for the game's only two runs. Patty Poleych held St. Clements' lineup scoreless over the remainder of the contest, enabling B.C. to grab the national gold.

Some observers felt Suns' coach Mary Skillings opting to go with Kelly Barnes instead of Lori Boyce was an unexpected move.

Lori Boyce and the St. Clements Suns had to be satisfied with the silver medal and the title of 1985 Canadian Senior Ladies Softball finalists.

Mountain, Ont. native Lori Boyce made three trips to the Canadian championship softball finals as a junior-aged player. As a senior, Lori was a member of the National championship gold medal winning Agincourt club. This year she pitched a pair of shutout victories for the St. Clements Suns, 1985 Canadian National Senior Women's Softball silver medalists.

Valley Juniors, a club based in North Gower. That squad featured talent from all over the Ottawa Valley. During the off season at this point in her career Lori also played hockey with the team in Kemptville.

During her Junior eligibility Boyce competed in the Canadian national competition and made three trips to the finals. She was also on the bronze medal winning Ottawa Valley Juniors during this time.

Following her junior career she moved on to play one season for the Kitchener Kieswetters in

Canadian tournament. In '84 the Suns were finalists in the Ontario playdown where they were eliminated in the final round by the eventual Canadian champions.

As this year's host team St. Clements automatically qualified for the National and had legitimized their presence by capturing the 1985 Ontario Provincial Championship in an impressive four-game sweep.

At the nationals (Aug. 20-25) the host Suns kicked off opening night with a 10-inning 2-1 victory



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### Boyce tourney MVP

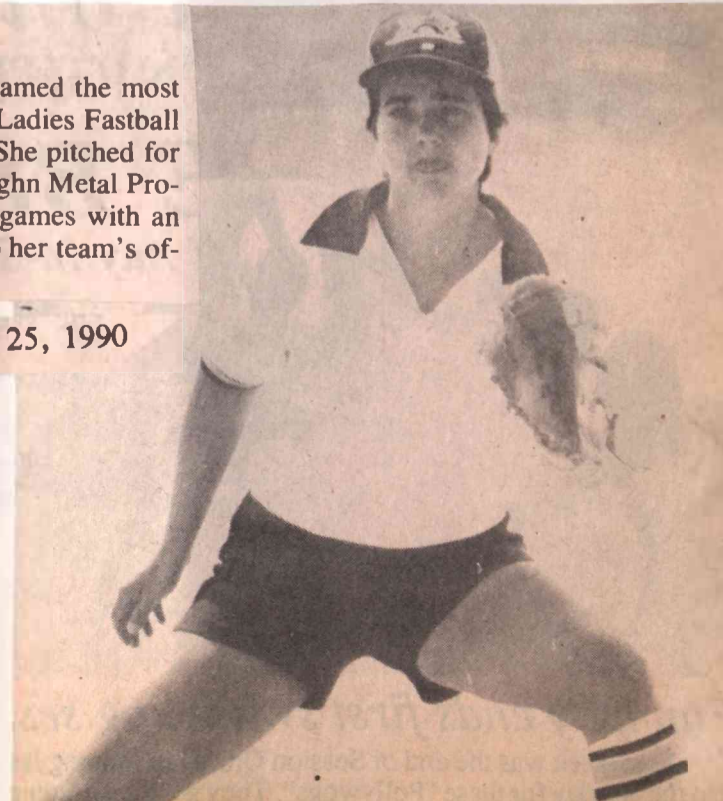
Former Mountain resident Lori Boyce was named the most valuable player in the annual Ontario Senior Ladies Fastball Tournament held last weekend in Belleville. She pitched for the tournament champion Toronto VMP (Vaughn Metal Products) in the event, winning her team's five games with an overall ERA of .08. Boyce also contributed to her team's offence, batting .489 in tournament play.

*The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, July 25, 1990*

At the York Ladies tournament in June Lori was winner of the M.V.P. and most Valuable Pitcher E.R.A. 1-8 and her batting average was 356.

She pitched six games and four innings before leaving the final game when she was spiked while sliding in at home plate.

*The Winchester Press Wed., July 25, 1990*





# Mountain's Lori Boyce leads team to gold medal



Lori Boyce

While she may have been pitching in competitive women's fastball for over 20 years, Mountain native Lori Boyce is still compiling some pretty impressive stats.

Competing at the Senior Tier II Provincial Women's Fastball Championship in Burlington, Ontario on July 19th & 26th, Boyce who pitches for the Toronto-based Vaughan Metal Classic Blues, earned the honour of Top Pitcher as she helped her team capture the gold medal. Lori gave up only 4 hits and walked no one while striking out 25 in 19 innings pitched. She finished the tournament with an incredible 0.00 earned run average and also contributed at the plate with a solid .450 batting average.

"When you have a pitcher of Lori's calibre, solid defence and top-notch hitting, you are going to win your fair share of ball games", explained Vaughan coach Andrea Miller, "but while other teams at this tournament were just as talented as us, we were able to 'turn it up a notch'".

Lori explained that she had mixed feelings about the tournament. Though she was thrilled with her team's performance, something was definitely missing for the 33 year old. Lori's parents, Harold & Bessie Boyce, have always been her biggest fans, travelling all over Ontario to watch their daughter compete. Her mother's on-going illness however, prevented them from making the trip this time. "It seems strange standing on the pitching rubber and looking over at the stands and not seeing them, but I know they were certainly there in spirit".

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, August 26, 1992





**Patti Milne**

**Milne leads squad with 1**

Patti Milne, (#24) captain of North Dundas' Senior Devils, led her team



**Milne takes three golds**

May 22, 1985

Coach Colin noted that Milne trained seriously all winter and said, "It paid off. Her results show it."  
The Mountain Township Senior, who won the 200m run last year was best in the three United Counties this time around in all three of her specialties, grabbing gold in the 100m in 13.1 seconds, the 200m in 27.6 (her time in '84 was 29.10) and the 400m hurdles in 73.70 seconds.  
Milne won all of her qualifying heats and then ran the finals in the 100m, 200m and hurdles within an hour. Extremely happy with the sprint victories



Patti Milne, the Olive Cass trophy as the school's top female athlete.  
July 13, 1983

Sprinter Patti Milne recorded a personal best time in this qualifying heat at last Friday's Eastern Regional High School Track Meet at TISS in Brockville. Milne,

Patti Milne, a Senior at North Dundas District High School screamed with delight as she hit the wire in the 100m sprint at last Thursday's SD&G high school championships at St. Lawrence High School  
Winchester, Ontario June 5/85



Corinne Milne (No. 23)

Oct. 24, 1984



**One more hurdle**  
Patti Milne cleared one hurdle



Karen Milne,

**"AA" junior finalists**

North Dundas District High School's Junior Devils' basketball team posted a perfect regular season record of 10 wins and no losses.

Nov. 27, 1985



Milne, a Mountain Township resident and senior at NDDHS, was the lone athlete from her school to win an EOSSA event and did so in impressive fashion capturing the senior girls 100m in a personal best time of 12.9 seconds. She will also compete in the senior girls open 400m hurdles after qualifying second here at General Vanier in a time of 70 seconds. She won both events the week before in the SD&G championships. Milne just failed to grab one of the four qualifying spots in the 200m sprint, an event she says she prefers and won at SD&G two weeks ago at St. Lawrence High.

May 29, 1985 7



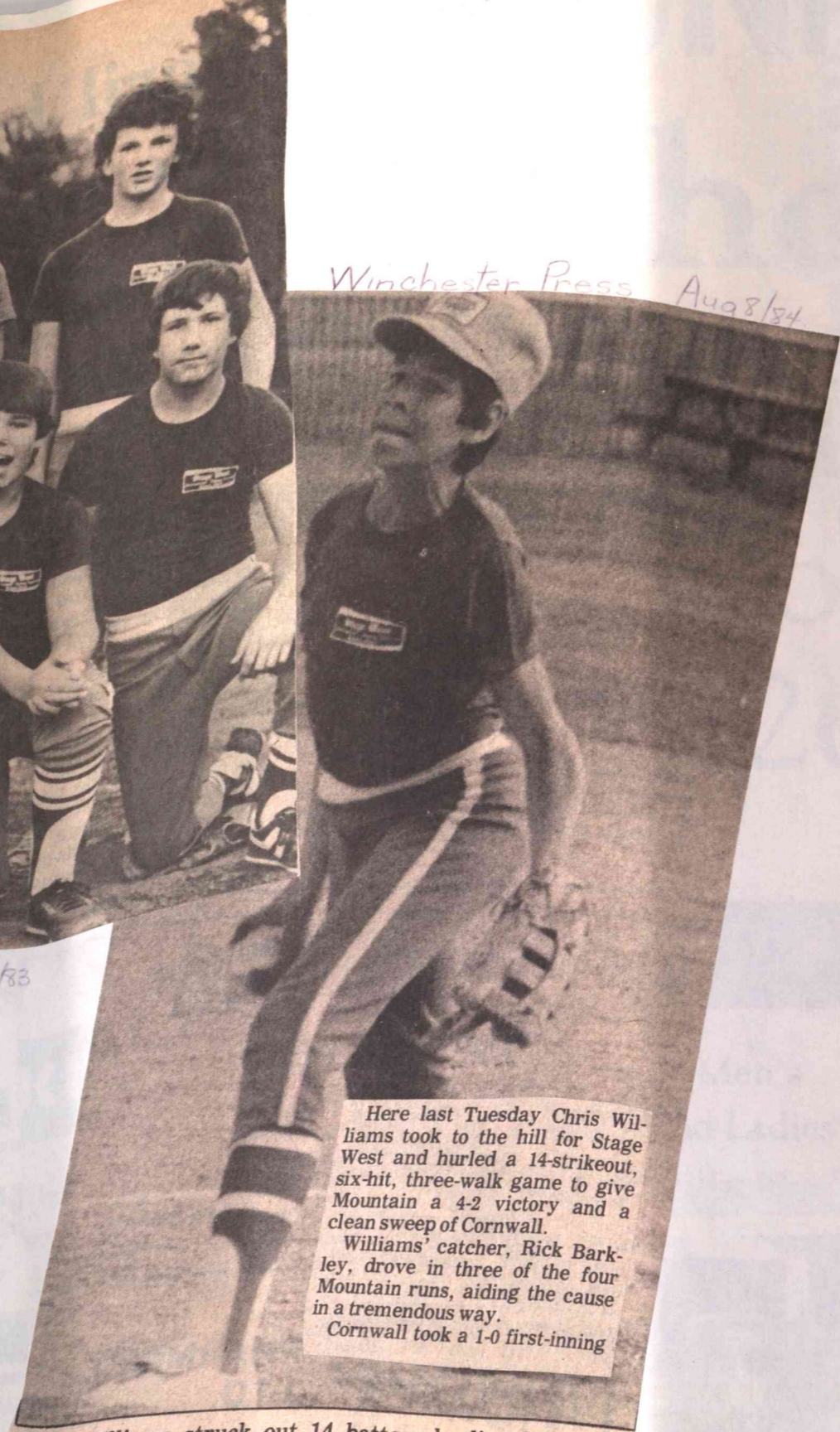


Williams allowed seven runs on four hits, two walks and seven errors. He fanned five. Hyndman allowed one run on three hits, two errors and two walks and struck out three.

Winchester Press Sept 21/83

Mountain Stage West claimed the 1983 Osnabruck and District Pee Wee Boys Fastball championship in a three-game sweep of Kemptville, winning the final game 12-8. 1983 champs are, front, left to right, Kevin Barkley, Chris Williams, Ray Sherrer, Dave Brannan, Scott Barkley, Darren Coleman. Back row, left to right, coach Bob Williams, Derek Hyndman, Scott Gregory, Garnet DeVries, Phil Douglas, Paul Roach. Absent - coach Reg Hyndman.

Winchester Press Aug 8/84



Here last Tuesday Chris Williams took to the hill for Stage West and hurled a 14-strikeout, six-hit, three-walk game to give Mountain a 4-2 victory and a clean sweep of Cornwall. Williams' catcher, Rick Barkley, drove in three of the four Mountain runs, aiding the cause in a tremendous way. Cornwall took a 1-0 first-inning

Chris Williams struck out 14 batters leading Mountain Stage West to a 4-2 victory over Cornwall in the Zone Seven Pee Wee A championship.



Winning pitcher Marlene Fawcett kept the scoreboard full of zeros until the final inning, when in desperation, Apple Hill scored their only two runs of the game on an error, two singles and a pair of walks.

Fawcett, working with catcher Marilyn Williams allowed the two runs on five hits, an error and three walks. She put just nine runners on base and struck out six enroute to her championship victory.

Nancy Patterson, Marilyn Williams, Joanne Hyndman and Cathy Little led Mountain's hit parade with three each. Marlene Fawcett and Kim Moran had two apiece. Cheryl Moran and Debbie Patterson each pounded out one.

Mountain Blue Jays captured the 1984 Ladies Fastball League championship last Tuesday defeating Apple Hill 14-2 in the sixth game of a best-of-seven series. Front, left to right, Marilyn Williams, Carolyn Clement, Darlene Declare, Cathy Clement, Jo-Anne Hyndman. Back, left to

right, coach - Clint Coleman, Debbie Patterson, Cheryl Moran, Dana Boyd, Kim Moran, Marleen Fawcett. Mississ Nancy Patterson, Marg Simzer, Cathy Little, Wilma Melenhorst.

Winchester Press

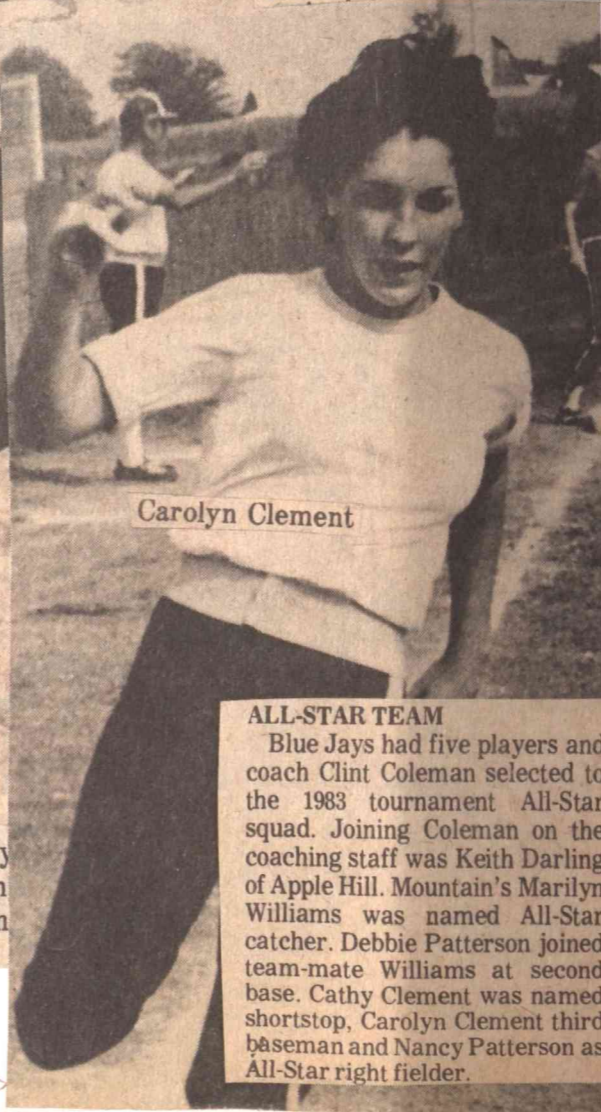
1984

Sept. 7, 1983

The host Blue Jays won the "A" division and accompanying \$350 in cash, Labatt's equipment bags and Willard Bellinger Memorial Trophy. They also had five players and coach Clint Coleman named to the All-Star squad and had Marlene Fawcett selected as the "A" Division's Most Valuable Player.

Marlene Fawcett of the host Blue Jays was selected as "A" division MVP and presented with an Ault Foods equipment bag.

Debbie Patterson



Carolyn Clement

**ALL-STAR TEAM**

Blue Jays had five players and coach Clint Coleman selected to the 1983 tournament All-Star squad. Joining Coleman on the coaching staff was Keith Darling of Apple Hill. Mountain's Marilyn Williams was named All-Star catcher. Debbie Patterson joined team-mate Williams at second base. Cathy Clement was named shortstop, Carolyn Clement third baseman and Nancy Patterson as All-Star right fielder.



# Williams earns silver with Team Canada

MOUNTAIN — Chris Williams made a brief stop here at his home on the first of the week.

An extremely short pause in his 1989 summer softball odyssey, following a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

The 18 year old ball playing wizard had just flown home from Summerside P.E.I. where he had played first base for his country, on Team Canada, in the World Junior Softball Championships.

He was still trying to regroup and focus following a period of his life that has passed into history.

He said he couldn't explain it all, "It really hasn't sunk in yet."

"Playing for Canada was a great experience. Everyone played super ball. It was a chance of a lifetime," he said.

Team Canada, for a second straight time, came up as second best to the world champions from New Zealand losing 5-4 in the Saturday night showdown.

Williams said the only thing that would have improved the experience would have been that gold medal.

"The closing ceremonies Saturday night. There were between 6,000 and 7,000 people there. They raised the flags, sang the national anthems, just like the Olympics and made it very special."

Williams said he couldn't believe the press coverage the team and the sport received in P.E.I.

"There were five of us from Team Canada did a TV show. The interviews were 10 or 15 minutes long. There were always reporters asking questions after every game and people wanting autographs, it was unbelievable."

Chris' uncle Bill Williams (one of a large group of family to spend the better part of two weeks on P.E.I.) backed his nephew's observations.

"They (TV) covered every Canada game like they do the National or American League games. The cameras were right in the dugout, right in the players' faces. If they made a good play the commentators acknowledged it. The same if a player made a bad play, everyone knew about it."

"We only got to see Chris and the team for about 10 minutes after

each game. The people were there too, trying to see the players and then they were taken away to the players' village."

The elder Williams said in all of his years of playing, coaching and following softball, he has never seen such talent on one team. He said the speed of the game, the turning of double plays and extra effort put out by the players was simply amazing.

"It was certainly easy to see why they were all on the team."

He added that it was a shame to have the team disband after one competition. "That's it, those guys will never, probably, see each other again."

Bill Williams said he and Chris' relatives had no idea of the magnitude of the competition or the quality of the young men playing on Team Canada.

"There were some real characters, some guys we got to know real well, that part of it was great."

He said a couple of his strongest memories were the dinner with Team Canada and securing an autographed Canadian flag from the Team Japan coach who knew no English.

Chris Williams said playing in front of at least 5,000 very ap-

preciative fans every game, a bench clearing brawl with New Zealand and the attention he received as a member of Team Canada, were among his clearest memories.

On the field, Chris Williams played all but one game, a nothing game lost to the USA to leave Canada with a round robin record of 11 wins and a loss, at first base.

"I think I played pretty well. I hit around .285. I had a couple of bad days and against that pitching if you're not in the groove every at bat, all of a sudden you've gone 0-3. You have to have your head into every pitch to stay on top."

Williams stood third in tournament RBI production into Friday's final round robin games, with seven. He hit one homerun and had several potential shots pulled down at the wall.

This week the North Dundas graduate was heading to Napanee with the North Fredericksburg Juniors and the 1989 Ontario Junior Fastball Elimination tournament, featuring 31 teams.

In mid-August the Williams' softball odyssey will take the Mountain Ontario family to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and the 1989 Canada Summer Games where Chris and eight members of Team Canada will play for Team Ontario.



The Winchester Press Wed., July 5, 1989

Enjoyed reading sports editor Al's recent feature relating the success story of 18-year-old fastball ace **Chris Williams**. But doggone it Al, you failed to grasp the real impact of the thrilling tale. Oh sure, you sort of casually noted the lad's father (**Bob**) was once a better-than-average player, but nowhere in your exciting saga did you explain the source of the youthful athlete's sparkling talent. **Think it just has to be told!** Chris learned it all from his mother, and the training began at a very early age. There are those up Mountain way who claim, when Chris was six months old, his Mom used to 'fire' his bottle from the kitchen sink to the crib...and a little hand shot up and caught it. Who was his Mom? **Marilyn** of course. The same Mountain girls' championship team catcher Marilyn (Hyndman) Williams who 'picked off' more runners at second base than the illustrious Gary Carter. Chris, one might say, is a chip off the old blockette.

You might have noticed in the paper an "Appreciation Night" (on Nov. 16 at 6:30pm in the South Mountain Agricultural Hall) for Chris Williams and Dwayne Nichol. These people are: **Chris Williams** played international and national softball last summer; won silver medals in the Senior Softball Championships and a gold medal at the Summer Games on a team representing Ontario. **Dwayne Nichol**, who lost a leg in an accident, is being honored because he is the first handicapped individual to receive his black belt in Tai Kwon-Do. He presently teaches Tai Kwon-Do to the handicapped in Ottawa. These are two young men truly worthy of recognition.

## Area tetrathletes among Canada's best

MOUNTAIN TWP. — When Jay Cull says he's a tetrathlete, he's used to a few puzzled looks.

The 17-year-old Mountain Township resident is one of the top regional competitors in the tetrathlon — a physically demanding and psychologically challenging sport involving riding, running, swimming and shooting components. However, outside equestrian circles, the tetrathlon tends to be a relatively obscure sport.

As a member of the Oxford Downs Pony Club — which is affiliated with the Canadian Pony Club — for almost a decade, Cull has competed in tetrathlon at international, national and regional levels.

"I joined the club nine years ago with my sister Julie, just for fun. We were still riding ponies, and it grew from there," says Cull, who also cooperates a riding stable with his sibling when not training for competitions.

"It does take away from your social life, what with time spent training and instructing, but it's worth it," states Cull.

"What I learn as a competitor, I can pass along as an instructor."

He says the object of tetrathlon competition is to encourage, promote and develop interest in horses and horsemanship by combining riding with other athletic activities. It also turns out a good, all-round athlete with a solid understanding of the importance of conditioning in relation to performance.



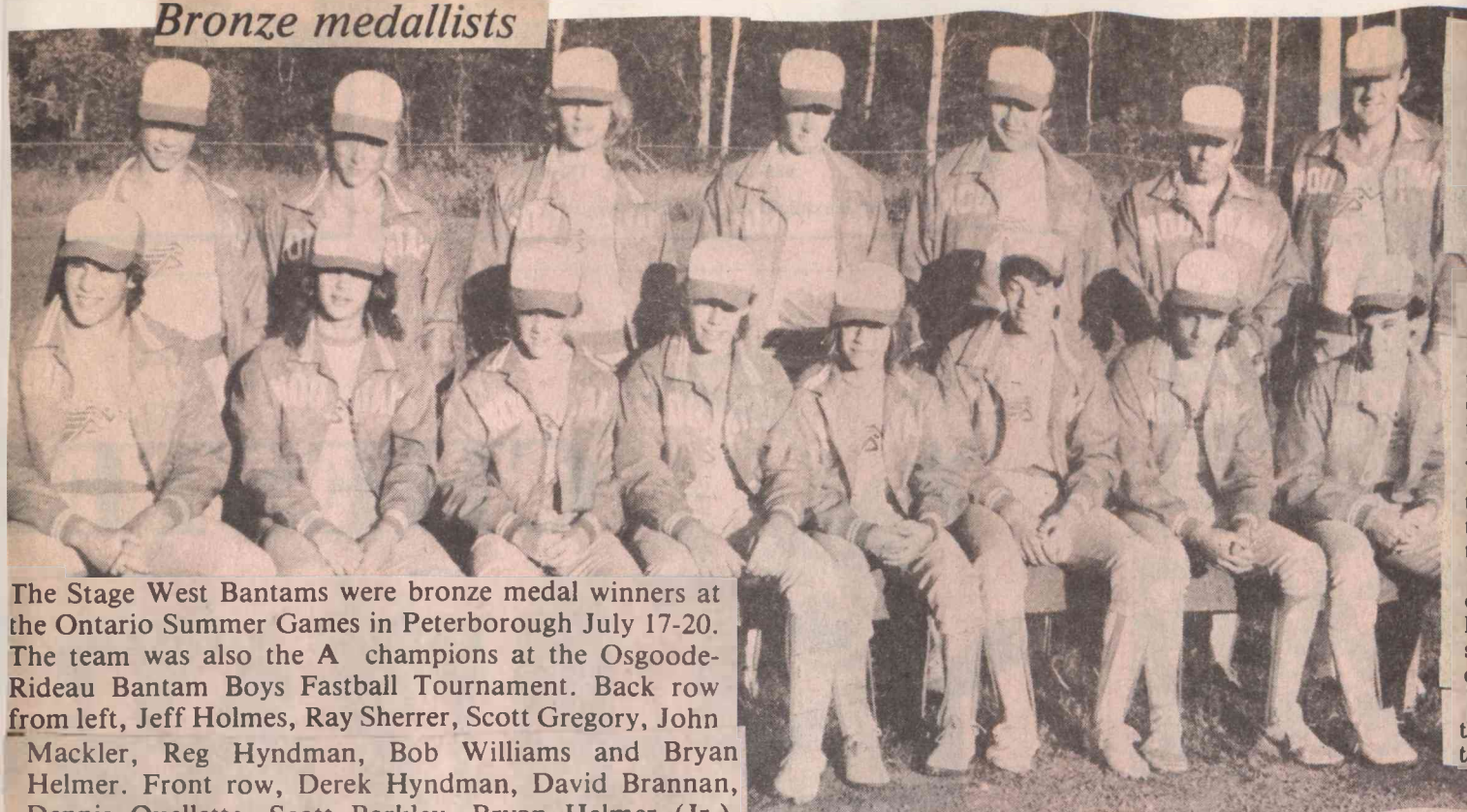
Tetrathlon times two  
Meghan Noseworthy and Jay Cull

Along with Cull, they begin tetrathlon training on the shooting and swimming components as early as January and will start running and riding practice sessions as soon as spring weather permits.

The Canadian Boys team won the competition, downing the British team by only nine points. It's the first time the Canadians ever have won tetrathlon on the international stage.



**Bronze medallists**



The Stage West Bantams were bronze medal winners at the Ontario Summer Games in Peterborough July 17-20. The team was also the A champions at the Osgoode-Rideau Bantam Boys Fastball Tournament. Back row from left, Jeff Holmes, Ray Sherrer, Scott Gregory, John Mackler, Reg Hyndman, Bob Williams and Bryan Helmer. Front row, Derek Hyndman, David Brannan, Dennis Ouellette, Scott Barkley, Bryan Helmer (Jr.), Chris Williams, Jason Smith and Doug Armstrong. Absent is Kevin Daly.

PETERBOROUGH — Mountain Stage West Bantams left here Sunday carrying bronze medals and a lifetime of memories from Mountain coach Bob Williams said Monday he was extremely proud to come home with a medal to go along with the excitement of being involved in the games.

Williams said three games in Saturday's sweltering heat was just too much for his squad.

Williams said it was especially thrilling to participate in the opening ceremonies and to see the players dressed up in their jackets in the parade of athletes.

"We were the best-dressed team there," boasted Williams, thanking the sponsors who helped to make his team look that way.

"I can only hope that we get the chance to participate in an event like this again but if we don't we still have the memory of this one."

A special ceremony honoring the team was held at the Mountain Park Tuesday evening.

Winchester Press Wed., July 30, 1986



Stage West, "B" Pool champs are, front, left to right, Rick Cowell, Phil Lyall, Zeke Sanders, Andre Beauline, Terry Richardson, Ron Winters. Back, left to right, Gary Milne, Ralph Kennedy, Dave Kerr, Eric Winters, Bill Lilloco, Bob Peddle. Missing, Brian Condon, Steve Roberts.

Winchester Press Wed., Sept. 23, 1987

**Fastball**  
Good try Mountain!



Noble Villeneuve, MPP presents Gary Simser of Mountain with the cheque for their second place finish in the Intermediate Division.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, August 5, 1987

**Mountain girls best in league**



1987 Midget girls fastball champs are, front, left to right, Kerri-Lynn Thompson, Karen Milne, Jenny Lamb, Chantal Decaire, Carrie Bryan, Katie Kavanagh. Back, left to right, assistant coach Bill Crummy, Heather Crummy, Tanya Empey, Jill Durant, Brenda Crowder, coach John Ferguson. Missing, Tara Berry, Leslie Disheau, Kelly Billings, Tammy Kenney.

Winchester Press Wed., Sept. 2, 1987



### 1982 Stormont champions



Mountain Ladies' Fastball team captured the 1982 Stormont-Dundas League championship defeating Em-brun four games to one in the final series. Mountain swept past Chrysler three games to nothing in the semi-finals. The club also posted an impressive 12 win, two loss record during the regular season capturing the SDFBL pennant. 1982 champs, front, from left, coach Willard

Bellinger, Deltra VanDongen, Darlene Declaire, Marlene Zwartz, Kim Boyd, Jo-Anne Hyndman. Back, from left, Nancy Patterson, coach Clint Coleman, Carolyn Clement, Debbie Patterson, Cathy Clement. Missing, Marilyn Williams, MaryLou Roach, Marg Simzer.

Winchester Press Sept '82

### Maroons are majesties



Erwin-Fawcett Maroons finished third in the regular season standings but came on strong to become 1982 Winchester Ladies' Softball League Champions. Maroons edged Aqua Fun two games to one in the semis and nipped Legion 108's by the same margin in the finals. 1982 WLSBL champs, front, from left, Gisela Kerr, Sue

McMillan, Sherri Fawcett, Irene Williamson, Shirley Stewart, Marie Puddy. Back row, from left, coach Rob Fawcett, Charlene Erwin, Helen Arthur, Cathy Waddell, Nancy Williams, Arlene Bryan, Karen Holmes, Cindi Munroe, Greg Erwin, coach.

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Erwin-Fawcett Maroons and Legion 108 ladies used all three games of their Winchester ladies softball playoff series to decide the 1982 champion. And when the final run had crossed the plate here last Tuesday night it was the Maroon bench emptying onto the diamond celebrating a well deserved victory.

Gisela Kerr pitched the Maroons to the championship combining with catcher Marie Puddy for a strong victory, holding the Legion right off the scoreboard until the third inning.

Offensively Maroons received 14 of their 15 runs from their top four hitters in the lineup. Leadoff hitter Cyndie Munroe scored three times against Reaney while number two hitter Arlene Bryan added three runs. Shirley Stewart scored four times in five trips, reaching on a pair of singles, a triple and an error while clean-up hitter Sue McMillan bashed a three-run homerun and scored four times.

Catcher Marie Puddy, hitting out of the seventh spot, scored the other run in the sixth inning.



5,000 at South Mountain

# Fair crowds set record, move to Class B a success

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — Record breaking crowds, increased prize money and more exhibits combined to make last weekend's South Mountain Fair an overwhelming success, according to Mountain Township Agricultural Society president Richard Gilmer.

The move up to Class B status was a success, Mr. Gilmer said after the turnstiles had stopped clicking through the record setting crowd.

The move up to a class allowed the fairboard to increase prize money in Agriculture Canada sanctioned classes and makes more grant money available for improving and maintaining the fairgrounds.

More than 5,000 visited the fairgrounds Saturday and Sunday, taking in the agricultural exhibits, midway, horse races, entertainment and dance.

"We're quite happy with the results. There are a few things that have to be ironed out, but overall I think the fair was a success," Mr. Gilmer said.

The official opening Saturday afternoon was a more elaborate affair to mark the move up to Class B status and the opening of the new livestock building and betting booth.

SD&G MLA Osie Villeneuve and Stormont-Dundas MP Ed Lumley took part in the ceremonies along with past presidents of the agricultural society whose terms date back to 1946.

On the stage for the opening ceremony were past presidents Arnold Gilroy, who served in 1946-47, Dave Berry, Mac Graham,

Harry Williams, Arnold Shaver, Hugh Blaine, Harold McMenomy, Lloyd Cameron, Dwight Gilmer, Bob Weagant, Lynn Boyd and Bill Shaver. On the grounds but not taking part in the ceremony were past presidents Nelson Scharf and Phil Watson.

Mr. Villeneuve congratulated the fairboard for attaining Class B status, saying that its benefits were already being felt, especially with the new cattle barn which provides stabling facilities for the "valuable animals shown at fairs these days".

Mr. Lumley said fairs like the one in South Mountain provide an ideal meeting ground for people of urban and rural backgrounds. "This is my family's favorite time of the year," the MP said.

In the livestock classes — the greatest beneficiaries of the increases in prize money — 120 head were shown in the Dundas County Holstein Show with Terrdale Holsteins of Brinston showing the Grand Champion of Show, Terrdale Elaine, and Allison Fawcett of Winchester taking the Reserve with Fawcettdale Shillelagh. Terrdale also captured the Breeder and Exhibitor rosettes in a show that took nearly five hours to complete.

Dundas Holstein Club secretary Tom Clapp noted after the show that prize winners donated 95 per cent of their winnings back to the fairboard to help pay for the new cattle building on the east side of the race track infield.

Golden Collen Carol, owned by Don Rose, Mountain carried off her second consecutive

Ayrshire Show Grand Championship Saturday afternoon with Bonnie Brae Bunty, owned by Barbara Merkley, Morewood, taking the Reserve.

Bettors flocked to the parimutuel windows in the new booth for Saturday afternoon's eight-heat racing card, wagering a total of \$5,506. The fastest time of the afternoon was a 2:10 mile by Dolly Hamilton, owned by Don and George Guy and driven by Ron McPhee.

In Sunday's beef show, Charbrook Farms of Cobourg showed the Grand and Reserve Champion Herefords and Igor Pancirov of South Mountain showed the Grand Champion Simmental. High Cross Farms of Ashton took the Simmental Reserve.

Hunter Down Farm of Smiths Falls swept the ram and ewe Grand Championships for Suffolks in Sunday's sheep show. Century Lane took the Dorset ewe Grand Championship and R&N Mathew took the Dorset ram Grand rosette.

Ruth Shaver, flower division director, reported a 10-per-cent increase in entries in this year's show and said all entries were of an especially high calibre.

Sandra Weagant, a handicrafts director, also reported a very high quality of exhibits in her division in the exhibition hall.

Mr. Gilmer said planning has already started on next year's fair. The cattle exhibition area will be levelled off this fall and the Carlsberg championship team and wagon have already been booked for the 1983 fair.



Lorne Henderson, left, of Terrdale Holsteins, Brinston, showed the Grand Champion in the Dundas County Holstein Show. Terrdale Elaine was the Grand and

best-uddered cow in the show while Fawcettdale Shillelagh, owned by Allison Fawcett and here led by Hugh Fawcett, was the Reserve Grand champion.



first-place display of Heather Rose, Mountain, in the exhibition hall at South Mountain Fair

Winchester Press Aug 25, 1982



# Mountain Fair

*Harness racing one of fair's best features*



*Sarada Hogg with Torry*



*a dip in Snowmobile Club's dunking tank.*

*Kathy Boyd paints sister Shannon's face at 4-H booth*

*Patricia VanWylick received Thompson Memorial Trophy*



*Tractor driving skills measured at 4-H Achievement Day.*



## ROCKLAND



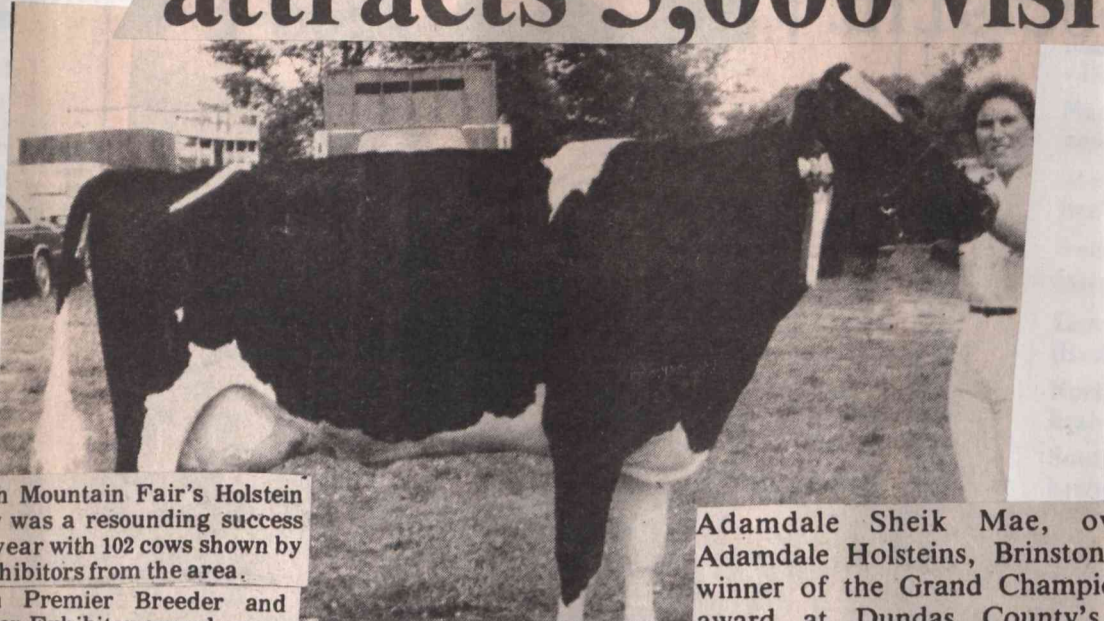
*Cathy Wheeler on High Jo Star Socks in barrel race*



*Midway always a lot of fun*



# 95th Annual Mountain Fair attracts 5,000 visitors



South Mountain Fair's Holstein show was a resounding success this year with 102 cows shown by 23 exhibitors from the area.

Both Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor awards were picked up by Fawcettale Farm.

Adamdale Sheik Mae, owned by Adamdale Holsteins, Brinston, was the winner of the Grand Champion female award at Dundas County's Holstein

show



Jennifer Addison 5, won a hat and ribbon for her participation in the Jersey novice class.



*Down the home stretch*

The barrel-racing competition was one of the highlights of the South Mountain Fair's western horse show.



Everything was coming up Ayrshires for the Rose family at the annual South Mountain Fair Ayrshire Show as the Roses swept through the show with 10 red ribbons to their credit, plus the show's Grand Champion, Junior Grand Champion, best udder award and a win in the breeder's herd class.

## Rose family Ayrshires



*Proud pets and owners.*



*Vintage cars on display.*



the red ribbon for Supreme Champion in the sheep division went to a Dorset ewe shown by Shirley Graves of Century Lane Farm.



Winchester Press Wed., Aug. 19, 1987

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, August 24, 1988



# Mountain Fair attracts over 5,000

Showmanship, a key element of the Dundas County 4-H clubs, was showcased Friday at the Dundas County 4-H Achievement Day.

"We try to emphasize showmanship," says Keith McGriskin, rural organization specialist with Winchester's branch of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

About 90 4-Hers participated Aug. 18 at the Mountain Township Agricultural Society fairgrounds. They all took their best shot at displaying their skills acquired from involvement in different 4-H clubs.

"The skills they have learned this year are hopefully exhibited," explained McGriskin in describing the intention of this particular 4-H achievement day, which is the largest such competition in Dundas County 4-H competition each year.

For Tracy Henderson, seven years in numerous 4-H clubs came back to reward her at last week's competition.



These young cowboys and cowgirls had a good view of last week's action in the judging competition of the Dundas County 4-H Horse Club Friday at the Mountain Township Agricultural Society Fairgrounds.



Monster truck major attraction



Barrel Race provides tense moments



Softball action attracted large crowds



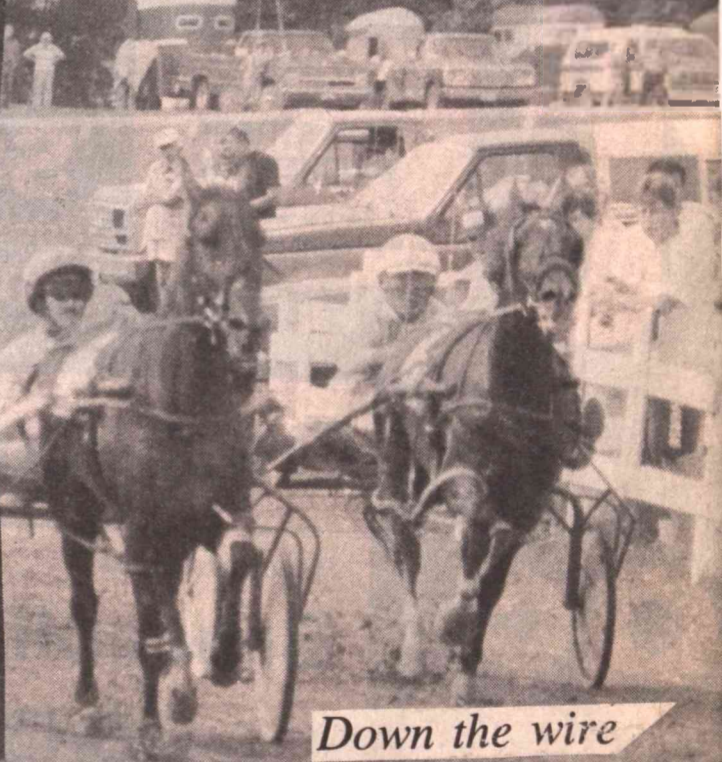
Petting pals



Rides kept the younger set



Holstein Show



Down the wire



Dairy Princess judges pet show exhibitors

Who cares about whiplash when you're having fun? No one who entered the demolition derby at South Mountain's Fair

on Friday night. The derby highlighted the weekend, with crowds reaching 1,600 in paid attendance.

The Winchester Press Wed., August 23, 1989

The Weekly Advance,  
August 23, 1989



# South Mountain Fair:



A vegetable basket by Gail Brooks of South Mountain won the overall prize for best vegetable display in the roots and vegetables



United Church barbecue

## Havekes tops in field crops

**SOUTH MOUNTAIN** — John Havekes, organizer of the field crop and fruit and vegetable displays for the Mountain Township Fair, said this year's exhibits were very good.

In the field crop competition, winners were:

Hay category: 1. Ed Rose, Mountain; 2. Dave Kerr, Mountain; 3. Carl Sears, South Mountain.

Field corn (judged in the field): 1. John Havekes, Mountain; 2. Max Sabey, Mountain; 3. Dave Kerr, Mountain.

In the grains and seeds category there were 61 entries in 12 classes. The prize for the most points in this category went to John Havekes of Mountain.

In the Roots and Vegetables category there were 52 entries in 14 classes. The prize for the most points in this category went to John Blaine.

The best vegetable display was by Gail Brooks, South Mountain.

The best vegetable centerpiece was won by Marsha Leslie, Mountain.



"It took a lot of hard work from a lot of people" said Mountain Township Agricultural Society President Wray Holmes, but the hard work and dedication paid off handsomely as the South Mountain Fair enjoyed another banner year.

Fairs are often at the mercy of the weather, but despite a little bit of rain on Saturday, an estimated 8,000 turned out to enjoy the wide variety of events.

The most popular single event, now in its third year, was the Demolition Derby on the opening night. Some 1,500 people paid their way in to see the cars and drivers smash into each other in semi-controlled mayhem, and when you consider that children under twelve years old were let in free, it is a good guess that nearly 3,000 enjoyed the smashing and the bashing.



an antique and classic car show on Sunday at noon drew a number of car enthusiasts with its 48 entries; always a delightful treat —

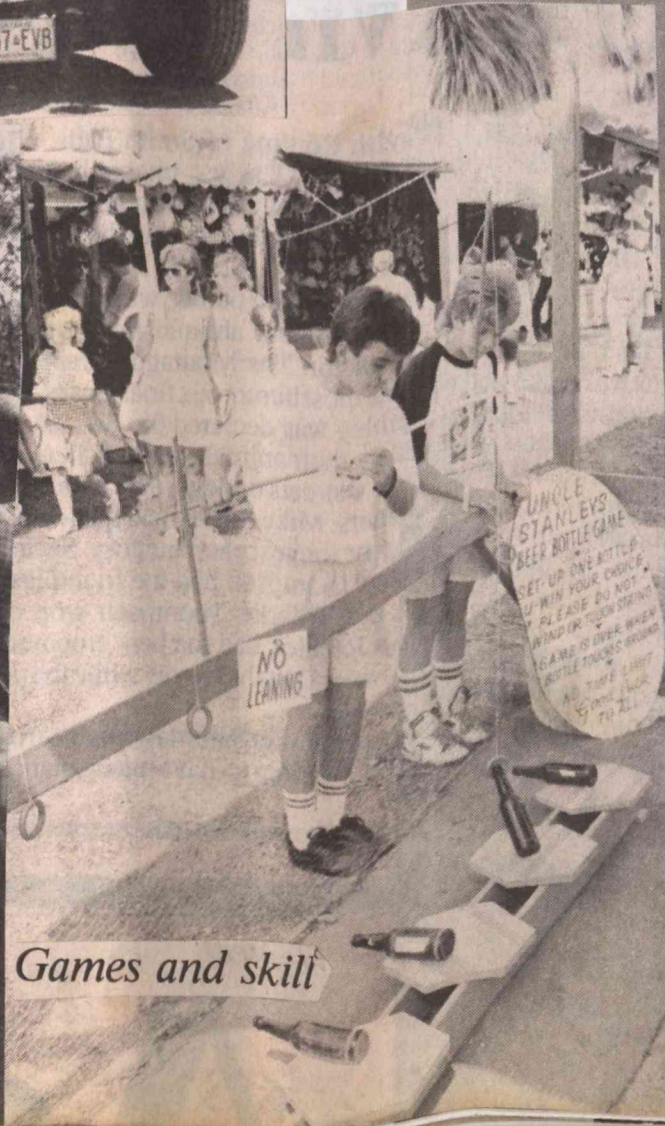


Don Rose, right, of Mountain topped the Ayrshire show held last Friday in South Mountain with Grand Champion cow as well as top Breeder's Herd



— A total of 81 horses competed in 24 classes at the Heavy Horse Show held Aug. 17 at the Mountain Township Fair.

The grand champion mare category for Percherons was won by Trevor Wilson of Merrickville.



Games and skill



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The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, August 22, 1990



# South Mountain Fair celebrates

## 100 years in fine style

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — "Best in 100 years!" That's the way Sandra Weagant, chairman of the Culinary Arts Section of the South Mountain Fair, summed up the results.

"The Fair endeavored to promote the centennial theme with entries such as rhubarb conserve, canned vegetables, homemade bread and others rediscovering lost arts in modern cooking," Weagant said. There were 307 entries in all sections and the judge had a difficult time choosing the winner from the high quality entries.

Diane Fox of Hallville had the highest points in bread and buns earning her a gift certificate from the Village Bin, Winchester.

Wendy Weagant's brown bread won the special prize from "Fleischman's Yeast". Diane Fox and Sylvia Williams were runners-up.

The "Blue Bonnet Margarine" cookie contest was won by Sabina de Stecher, who also topped the muffin category.

Sandra Weagant was the winner of the "Five Roses" pie baking contest as well as the "Kellogg's Rice Krispie" square contest.



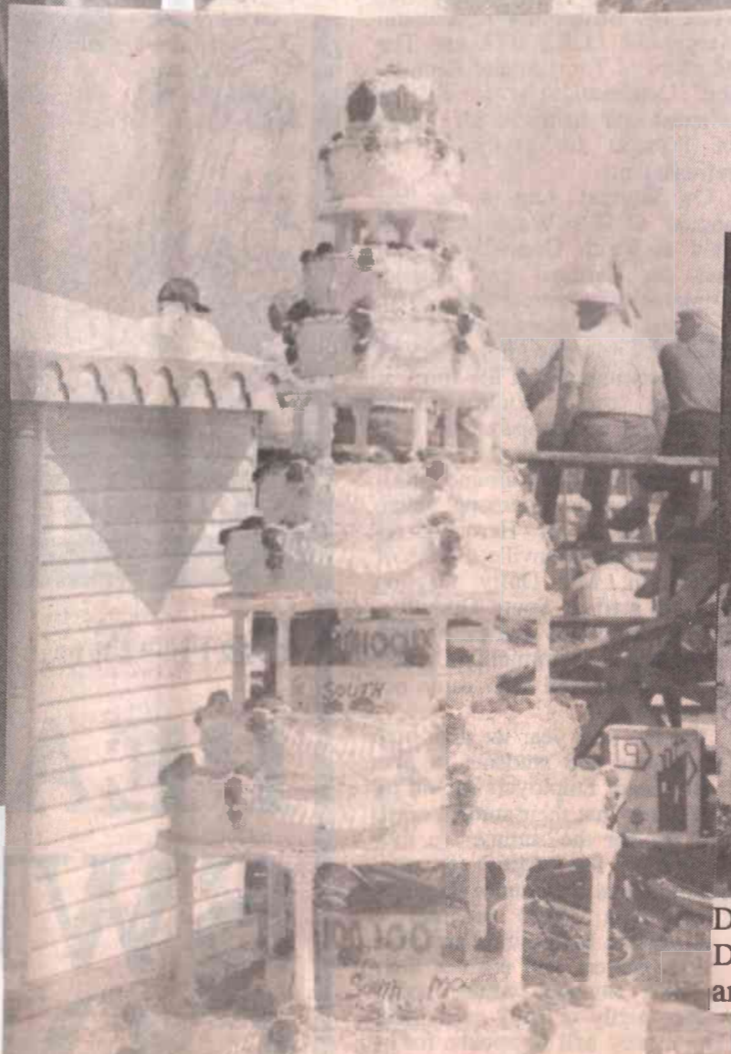
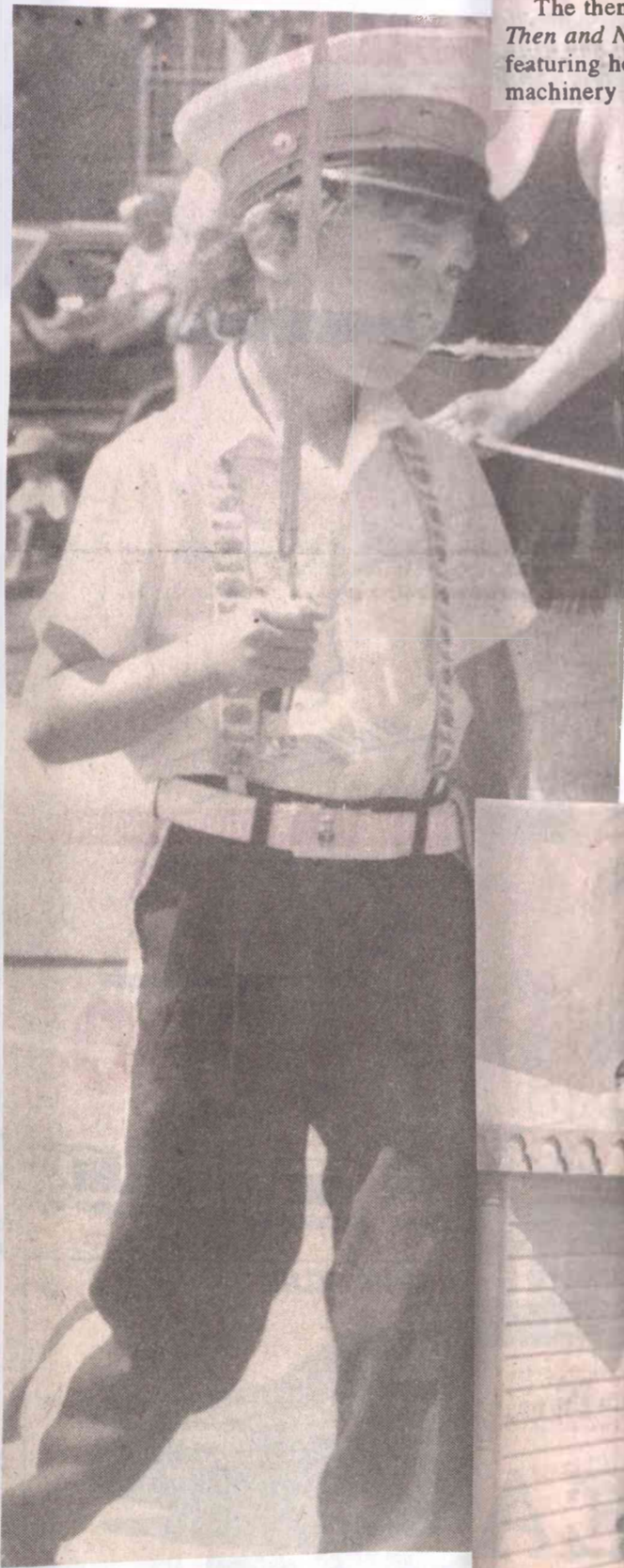
### Everyone Loves a Parade

Yes, everyone loves a parade and the folks in South Mountain are no different. They enjoyed bands, floats, antique cars, motorcycles and a variety of other sights and sounds as a part of the celebrations for the 100th Anniversary of South Mountain's annual Agricultural Fair.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, August 26, 1992

Organizers gave their Sunday parade a historical flavor with many horse-drawn vehicles carrying passengers and riders in period dress.

The theme of the day *South Mountain Fairs - Then and Now*, tied in with the fair's floats featuring horses and buggies, old farm machinery and equestrian entries.



Dressed in period costume, Barbara Empey of Mountain and Diane Fox of Hallville look at some of the numerous floral arrangements on display at the Mountain Township Fair.

the winner of the D.L. Berry Award. This award, which was created to commemorate the centennial of the fair, is to be awarded annually to someone who has made a long and dedicated commitment to the fair over the years. Former Mountain Township Agricultural Society President Bob Weagant, was the popular choice as the inaugural winner of the trophy.

### 100th Birthday Cake

The Winchester Press Wed., Aug. 26, 1992

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, August 26, 1992



An abundance of fragrant flowers were on display at the exhibit hall in South Mountain over the weekend for the Mountain Township 100th annual fair. According to committee members, there were 208 entries, with overall excellent flower quality and many new exhibitors



*Heavy Horse Champions Receive Ribbon*

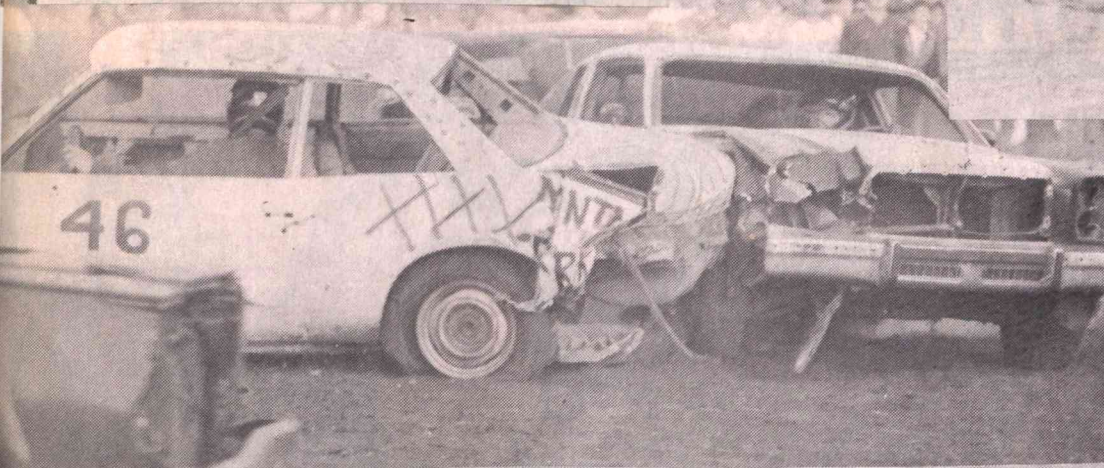


# 100th ann

*The Barrel Racers Thunder By*



*Slam Bam Demolition Derby*



*Poultry Show*

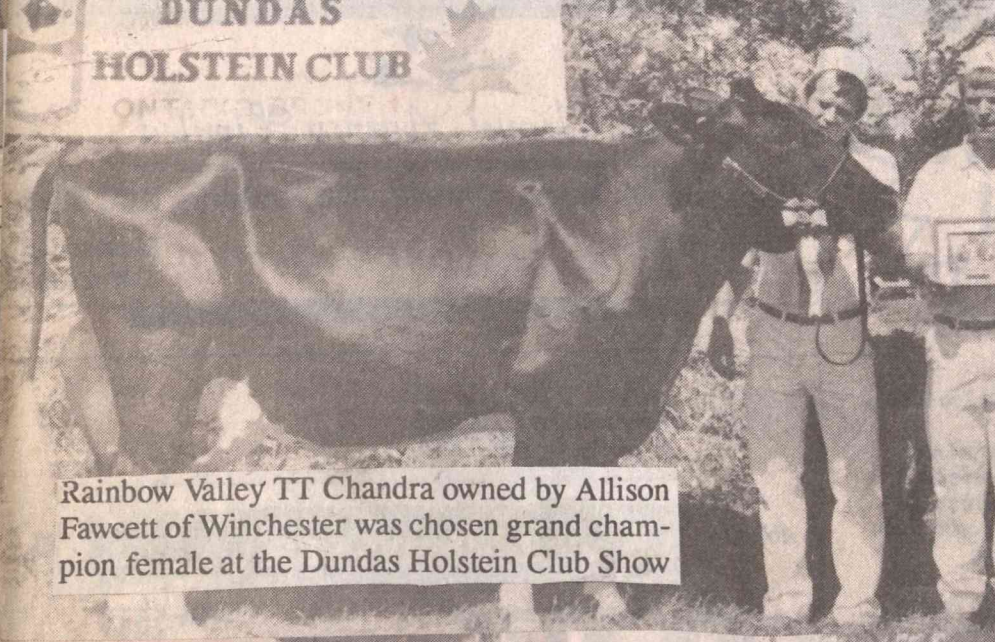


One hundred and ten birds were featured at this year's Poultry Show.

*Clown, Dr. Bandoli entertained children in the mid-way.*



**DUNDAS  
HOLSTEIN CLUB**

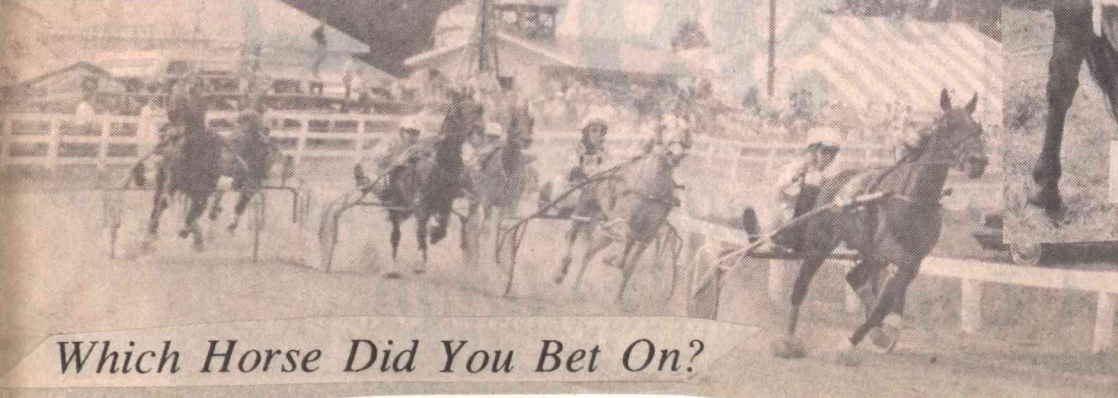


Rainbow Valley TT Chandra owned by Allison Fawcett of Winchester was chosen grand champion female at the Dundas Holstein Club Show

*A Ride With Dad*



*Young Buckaroo*



*Which Horse Did You Bet On?*



# Hallville Recreation Assoc. holds Hallowe'en Dance

## Horse pull



About 500 turned out for the event May 17 at the Mountain Township Agricultural Fair grounds in South Mountain.

Heavy Horse Director Roy Sherrer said it was "one hell of a day" with great support being shown from the community.

He also thanked the number of sponsors involved with the horse pull on Sunday.

The 32 teams of horses competing in the event displayed their strength from noon until 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Sherrer said a barbeque that "went great" inspite of damp and cool weather fed the crowd at about the halfway mark of the competition.

These horses show off their strength as well as beauty

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, May 20, 1987



The annual Hallville Recreation Association hallowe'en dance was held on October 18 at the South Mountain Agriculture Hall. Over 200 people attended, many in costume, making the dance a huge success. Excellent costumes many hand made, were present to add to the mood set by the decorations which had been put up by the social committee. Prizes were awarded for: 1) Best Male Costume - the flasher - who is best left anonymous due to the nature of his costume; 2) Best Female Costume: Baby girl - (Susan Fairfield); 3) Best Couple: Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf (Kelly Brown and Allan Whan); 4) Best Overall - non commercial - green face monster (Charlie Bass); 5) Best Overall - Mrs. M.I.T. - anonymous.

The door prize was won by Shawn Irwin. Mastering the music was Smitty's Disco who did an excellent job of keeping the dance floor full. Hope to see all of you again next year.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, October 29, 1986

## CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

This is the third year the Lions Club has held the arts and crafts show,



Angela McGowan purchases a poinsettia, a traditional Christmas plant, from Barbara Lough at the Mountain Township and District Lions Club craft fair on the weekend. Over 25 local exhibitors sold close to \$17,000 worth of goods. Proceeds from the snack bar and raffle will help the Lions Club continue with worthwhile programs in the area.



Lizzie Tucker, 7, hugs one of the Plush Pal bears on sale at the Mountain Township and District Lions Club craft sale last weekend. The fair attracted close to 1,000 visitors.

The Winchester Press Wed., Dec. 7, 1988



Alex Lough, above, a director with the Lions Club, takes cover behind the club's flower booth

Of the 25 exhibitors, Ken Cooper was top artist selling more than \$2,000, and Dorothy Dillabough was top exhibitor with sales totalling \$1,800.



The Winchester Press Wed., Dec. 6, 1989

The Annual Mountain Township Lions Club Christmas Arts and Crafts Sale drew a large number of exhibitors to the Mountain Township Agricultural Hall in South Mountain over the weekend, much to the delight of the many customers who turned out for the event. The sale ran for three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and featured many unique gift items made by local artisans.

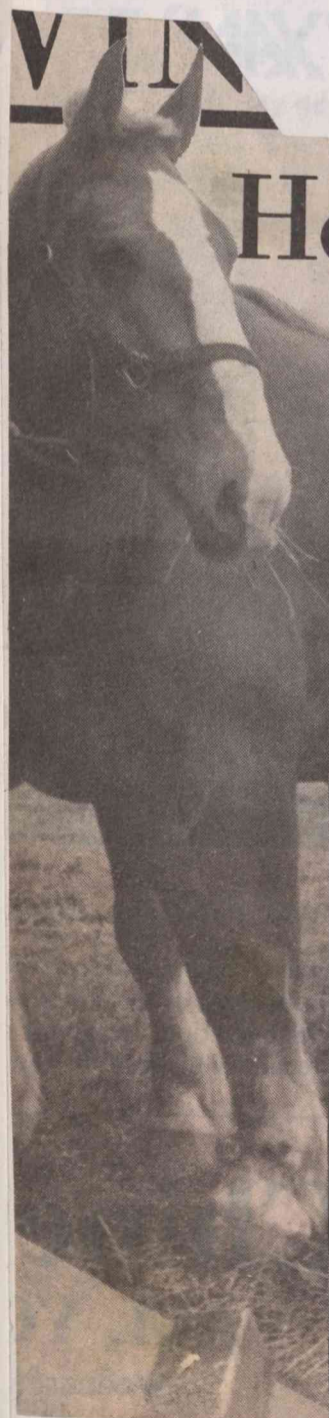


*Crafty looks*

Left, Maxwell Hollands, 2, of South Mountain takes in the teddy bear display at the Mountain Township and District Lions Club annual arts and crafts sale.

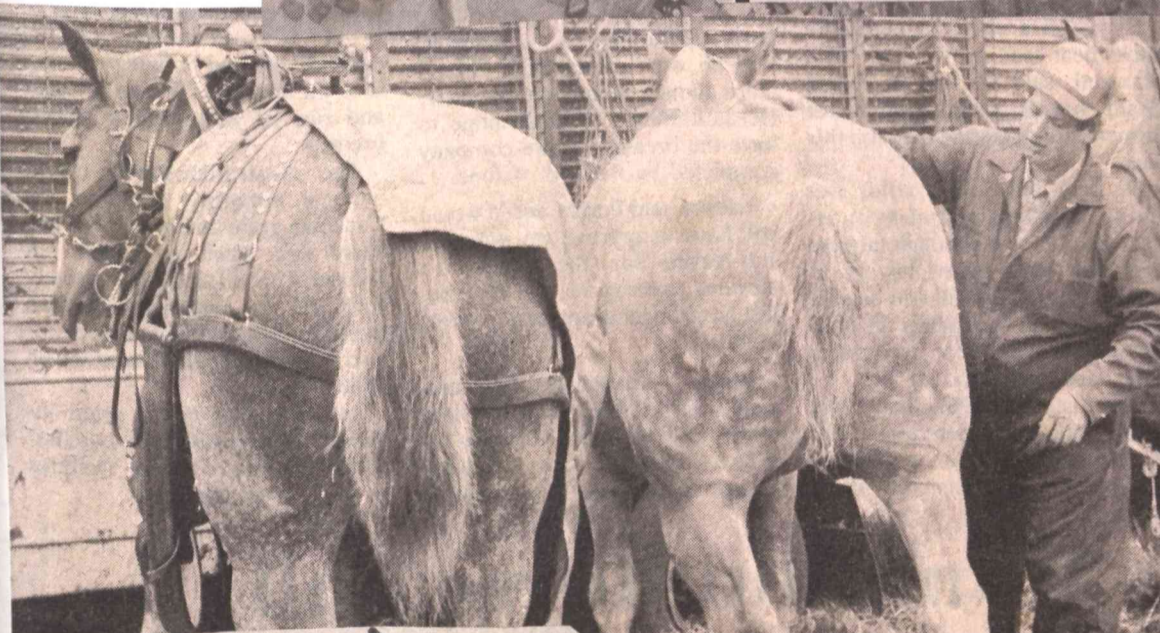


The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, December 5 1990



# Horsepower

Just under 30 teams from across Ontario, Quebec and Northern U.S. participated in the annual horse pulling competition held on the weekend in South Mountain.



David McNeely of Kemptville grooms his horses before the competition;

the team of Bill and Pat, owned by Ken McNeely won the light class, pulling a weight of 10,600 lbs.;



the team belonging to Clifford Daily get hitched up.

The Winchester Press Wed., May 23, 1990





### 6th annual Mountain Craft Show

Last weekend the Mountain Township Lions held their 6th annual Mountain Craft Show at the Agricultural Hall in South Mountain. There were 30 booths full of unique wooden toys, clocks, bowls, and pottery, wax candles and much, much more. Here, at one of the booths, is artist Steve Anderson carving one of his fine bird sculptures.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, December 4, 1991

## Horse pull



one of 18 teams pulls in the light class of competition



A team competing in Sunday's horse-pulling event steps up to hitch to the weights (pictured,

**SOUTH MOUNTAIN** — The annual Victoria Day weekend horse pulling competition held at the fairgrounds in South Mountain attracted 50 competitors from across Ontario and Quebec.

Competitor turnout was great, said pull organizer Roy Sherrer of Mountain. And although the crowd was down slightly from last year, he added he was still pleased with the turnout of nearly 500.

The event has retained its popularity over the years, with not only participants travelling long distances to compete but spectators as well. Sherrer said.

Ken McNeely of Kemptville placed second pulling the weight 5 feet, 6 inches, and third was Ken Greer of Hallville with a pull of 5 feet 5 inches.

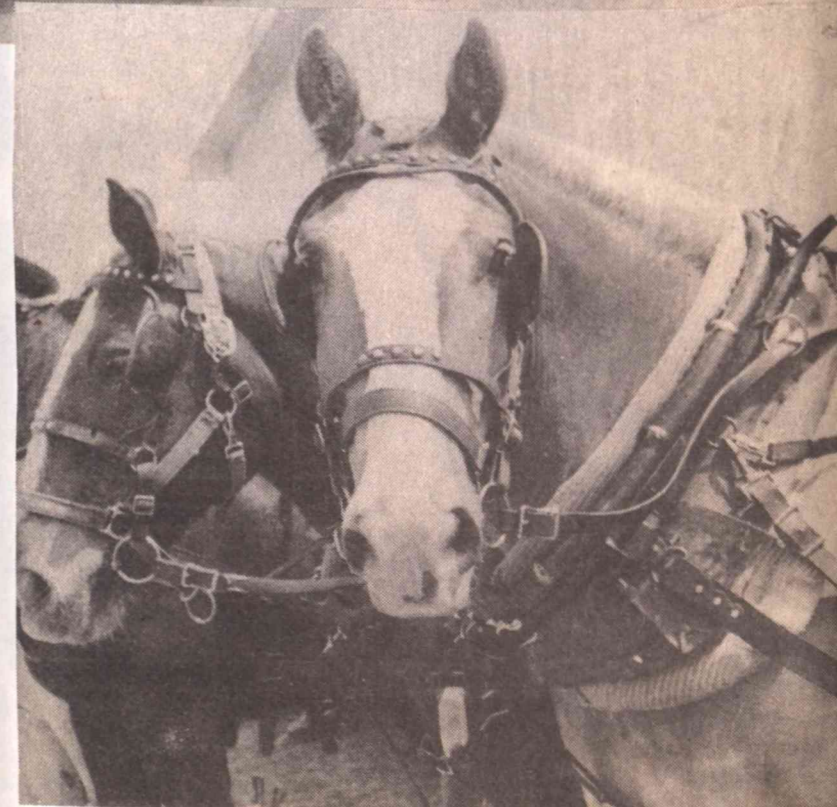
Besides the horse pull competition, a field day was also featured. A pork barbecue was available as well.



This year's South Mountain horse pulling competition held Sunday proved one of the best to date as approximately 50 teams participated in light and heavy classes.



A team of horses get their weight into the horse pull in South Mountain May 17. About a dozen teams of horses and their owners tested their skills on the Fair Grounds. This duo was staggering under 1,850 pounds of concrete.



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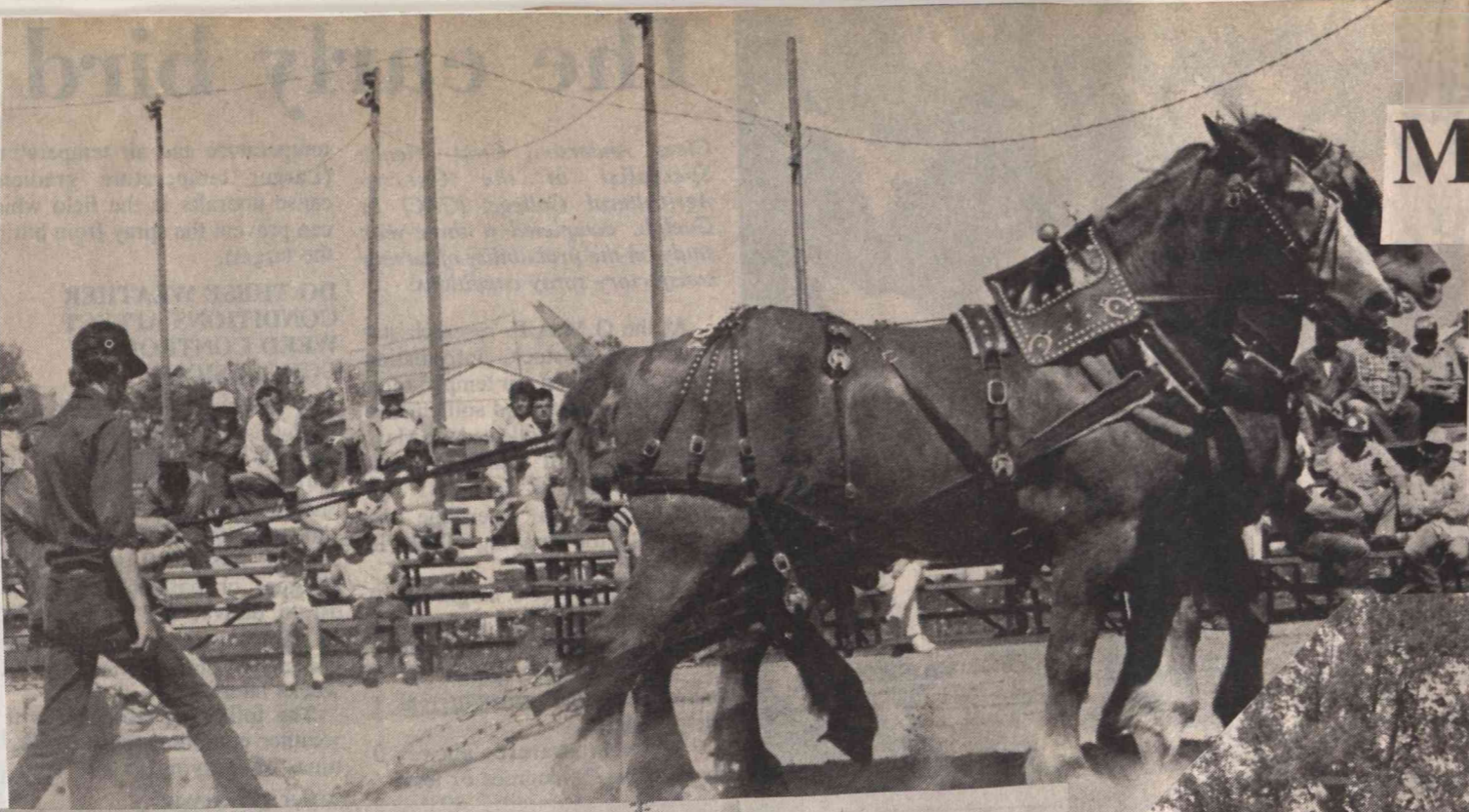




# South Mountain Horse Pull

During a Field Day, heavy horses and their drivers work as a team to show manoeuvring, driving, skidding and hitching techniques using farm implements. Organizers say there was a good response to this event not only from participants but also spectators.

300 spectators were on hand to watch the action. Everyone enjoyed a good day, with beautiful weather and excellent competition.



The pulling competition got under way at noon with teams from across Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec. Entries were down however in the light class.

The four teams in the light class placed as follows: first, Richard Boucher, St-Amable, Quebec; second, Murray Hyndman, Mountain; third, Lanson Hyndman, Mountain and fourth, Lawrence Preston, Kenmore.

Besides the horse pull and field day, exhibits of heavy horse breeds and horse-drawn implements were on display.



*Harnessed and ready to go*



**Brute force!**

Here the dust flies as this team pulls in brute force moving the heavy stone boat ahead in the South Mountain Township Agricultural Society's horse pull.



*Awesome horsepower*

It was an awesome show of horsepower as the heavy horses showed just what they could do, pulling the stone boat as well as while competing in the show of skill during the Field Day.



# Demo Derby

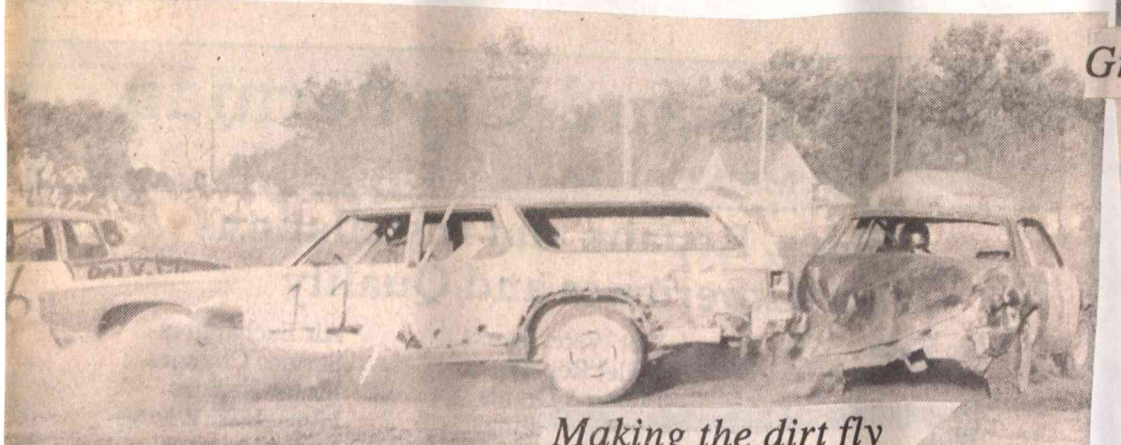
*Back to back confrontation*



*1st heat victor, number 66, Paul White*



*Grudge match winner, Hallville's Lawrence Holt on the skids*



*Making the dirt fly*



*The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, June 12, 1991*

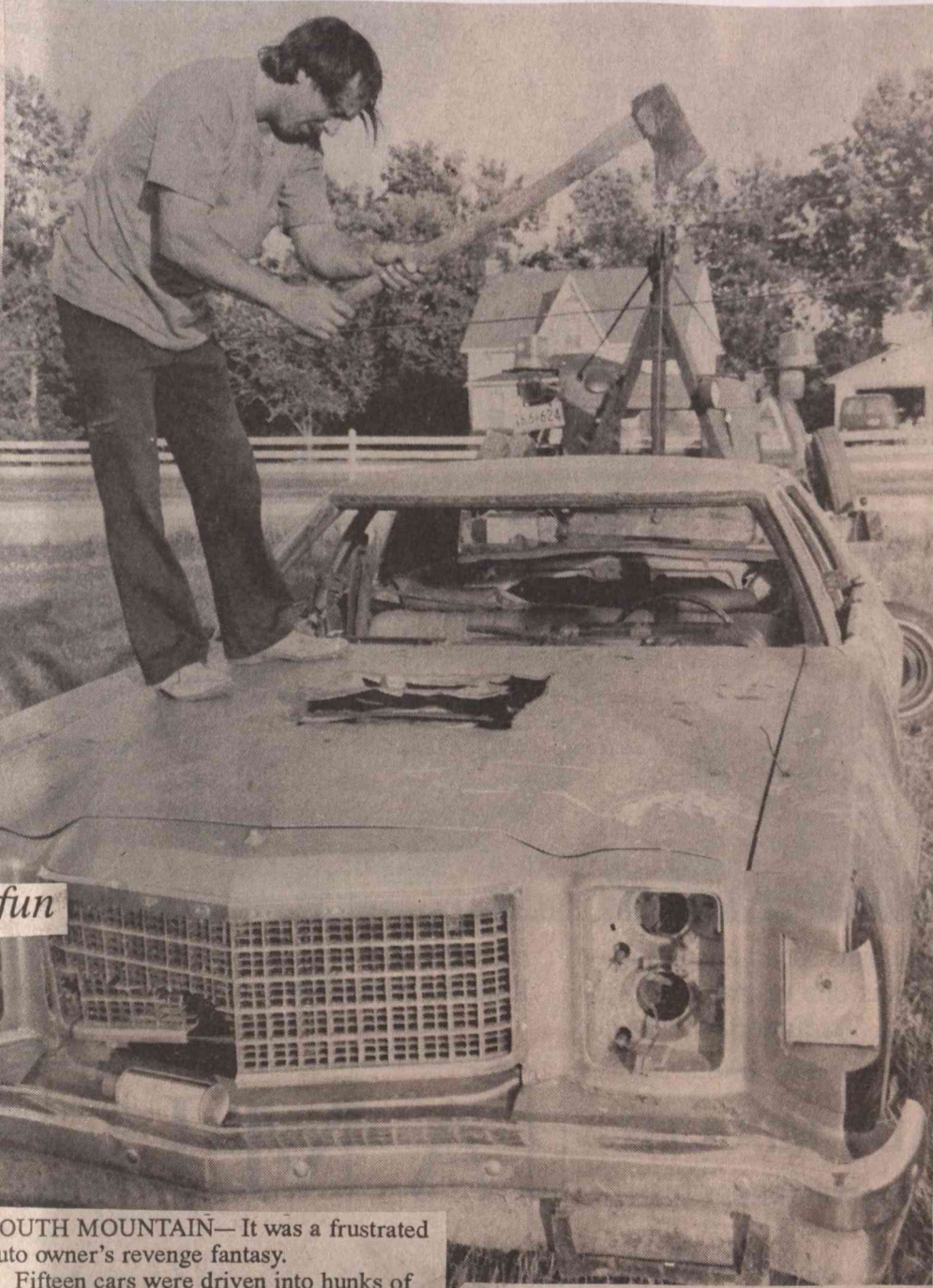
Engines were roaring and the dust was flying this past Saturday evening at the South Mountain Fairgrounds. The occasion was a demolition derby sponsored jointly by the Mountain Township Agricultural Society, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Mountain Township and District Lions Club.

Although only fourteen entrants competed in the event, there was still plenty of excitement for the more than 500 enthusiastic spectators who passed through the fairground gates. This does not include the additional spectators watching from the roofs of buildings in proximity to the grounds and from across the road.

The winners of each heat took home \$100.00 plus a trophy. The big winner of the evening was the Heart Institute. Derby Organizer, Lion Roy Sherrer reports the evening's proceeds were a record high for the event.



*Smashing good fun*



**SOUTH MOUNTAIN**— It was a frustrated auto owner's revenge fantasy.

Fifteen cars were driven into hunks of banged-up rusty metal at the Demolition Derby in South Mountain last Saturday night.

The derby, held by the Mountain Township and District Lions Club, raised over \$1,500 for the Ottawa Civic Hospital's Heart Institute.

*The Winchester Press Wed., June 12, 1991*

Cars were prepped for action with spray-painted slogans and designs. In order to meet the Derby's safety requirements, drivers wired or welded shut doors, hoods and trunks, as well as removing all glass from the vehicle. Gas tanks were replaced with cans in the cars' backseats, said Roy Sherrer, a derby organizer.

Holes were also cut into the hoods in case of an engine fire.

Most cars are destroyed by the end of the Derby, he said. However, a few lasted a little longer.



# Hallville carnival

1983



Even one's age is a vital statistic to Hallville skaters. One-and-a-half-year-old Craig Wylie and Stan Coleman, who described himself as "75 and then some", were applauded for being the youngest and oldest people on skates.



Sixteen-year-old Kim Shay was crowned queen of the Hallville Winter Carnival Saturday afternoon and her snow princess for 1983 is eight-year-old Laura Zrymiak. (Bottom photo) Winners in the costume



Winchester Press Jan 26/83

Kemptville Advance  
Feb 2/83.

# Hallville Carnival

1984



## Tug-of-war at Hallville Carnival

The Hallville skating rink was the scene of much of the activity surrounding the village's winter carnival, held under ideal conditions last Saturday. This year's edition of festivities saw a good turnout for events including the always popular tug-of-war competitions.

Advance Photo - S. Fisher

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Sixteen-year-old Tracy Shay of RR2 Mountain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Shay, was chosen as Hallville Carnival Queen after answering the questions "What does being Queen mean for you?" and "Do you foresee any projects that Hallville could do in honor of Ontario's bicentennial?"

Vickie Gryspeerdt, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Gryspeerdt of Hallville, was chosen as Hallville Winter Carnival Princess after answering the question "Do you feel Hallville should have an annual winter carnival and why?"

Hallville may not go down in history for staging one of the largest winter carnivals in the area, but if spirit counts for anything, the village comes out ahead of many others as scarcely a member of the community was absent from the 1984 edition of the Hallville Winter Carnival held last Saturday.

By all accounts both young and old had a grand time taking advantage of ideal weather conditions for either actively participating in a variety of events or just sitting on the sidelines taking in the sights and sounds in and around the outdoor ice surface.

The fun began with an official opening followed by costume competitions. An estimated 20 youngsters donned in a variety of get-ups took part while a pair of clowns passed out helium balloons amongst the crowd. Prize winners selected by a panel of three judges including Roy and Jean Hastings and Nan Payne, were: most original -- Melany Hoy as E.T., second most original -- Jennifer Barton in a mouse costume, funniest -- Terri Hoy as Tweedie Bird, second funniest -- Dean Kerr as Santa Claus. The Best Overall costume was awarded to Rhonda Blaine's cat outfit.



# Hallville

# carnival 1985



These children took part in the Hallville carnival's costume judging contest. The winners were Dean Kerr (the pirate), Rhonda Blaine (nurse) and Amanda Walker (the clown). The contest was part of a morning and afternoon of events for kids.



The cross-cut saw competition was one of many events on Saturday as Hallville residents enjoyed the sunny weather with their annual winter carnival.



HALLVILLE — An estimated crowd of 300 people turned out Saturday for the annual Hallville winter carnival held at the village's skating rink. Twelve-year-old Joy Roach of Hallville was crowned as the carnival queen and Leslie Peterson, 8, was chosen as the carnival princess.

Winchester Press Jan 16, 1985

# Hallville carnival 1986



Jim Perkins of CKBY Radio was master of ceremonies and got things under way shortly after 1pm. A children's costume contest started things off and judges had more than a dozen strange looking characters to deal with before winners could be announced.

Zachary Walker was the funniest participant in his clown costume, while most original honors went to Tyler Hoy in a frog outfit. Jason Thompson sported an elephant suit which was judged the best costume overall.

About a dozen girls entered both the Snow Queen and Princess competitions. After answering a question for the judges Teresa Sherrer was crowned Snow Queen and Stacey Kerr will carry the Snow Princess crown for the next year.



Jim Heatherington, far right, makes his move toward the men's boot race title; the sleighs were packed throughout the afternoon; M...

Kemptville Advance Jan 16/86

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# Sunny skies and good crowd at Hallville Winter Carnival



The Reeve of Mountain Township, Keith Fawcett officially opened the Hallville Winter Carnival at the Recreation Centre on Saturday. Mr. Fawcett was joined by MC Hugh Blaine during the opening ceremonies.

HALLVILLE — A cold but clear day was just in order for the annual Hallville Winter Carnival held at the recreation association hall on Saturday.

About 200 people came out to watch or participate in the activities that included everything from egg tossing, and pancake flipping, to sawing competitions and broomball games.

Early Saturday afternoon, Erin Jackson and Joy Roach were crowned the princess and queen of the carnival, and shortly after the fun began.

Sandra Baggs and Colleen Weedmark won first and second prizes in the pancake competition on ice, while Craig Lyon and Michael Gryspeerdt placed first and second respectively, in the egg tossing contest.

In the 50-59cc chainsaw competition, Brian Telford took first, Barry Bartholomew, second, and Neal Bartholomew, third. The 40-49cc competition was won by Rudolph Jampen, second went to Hinz Winter and third went to Oscar Milne. The 60cc and up class was won by Dennis Puddy and second went to Willis Kerr.

The men's swede saw class winners were Eric Winter and Barry Bartholomew. In the ladies class Colleen Weedmark took first and Connie Baggs was second.

The cross-cut pairs competition

winners were Laurie Thompson and Austin Payne, first, Hinz Winter and Oscar Milne, second, Keith Fawcett and Keith Smith, third.

The ladies' class was won by Colleen Weedmark and Connie Baggs.

The costume contest winners were Beth Ardron, in a Raggedy Ann suit for the most original costume, Geoffery Schoehseld in a clown suit won for the funniest costume and Amanda Thompson won for the best overall costume in a witches' outfit.

Later on in the evening, the Hallville Angels beat out the Mountain Pussycats, 4-2 in a broomball game and the kids beat out the fathers in the father-son hockey game outside the recreation hall.

The Hallville team once again tugged their way to victory Saturday as they won the tug-of-war over the Mountain team.

The winners in the coloring contest that had over 200 entries from Inkerman and Nationview Public Schools, were: Emma Guy, Junior Kindergarten; Kevin Fields, Senior Kindergarten; Jason Thompson, Grade 1; Jane Harper, Grade 2; and Eric Sherrer, Grade 3.

The winner of the Hallville carnival bear raffle was Kelly Ann Hoy.

## Royal onlookers



Erin Jackson, left, the Hallville Carnival Princess and Joy Roach, the Carnival Queen, were put to work shortly after they were crowned on Saturday afternoon. The two were asked to help judge the costumes in a competition held at the recreation association hall in Hallville.



This little witch may have been late for Hallowe'en but she was just in time for the Costume Contest held in conjunction with the Hallville Winter Carnival held Saturday. Amanda Thompson, 3, the little witch, won the prize for the Best Overall Costume.



This little guy wasn't going to let the pack get ahead of him on Saturday at the Winter Carnival in Hallville. Skating races were held for everyone at the recreation hall rink with age groups starting as young as five years old.

Winchester Press Wed., Jan. 21, 1987

## Hallville Beef Barbeque



More than \$1500 was raised for the Kemptville District Hospital at the third annual Hallville Beef Bar-B-Q held on Saturday.

Approximately 400 meals were served by the Mountain Township and District Lions Club who sponsored the event.

Last year proceeds from the family oriented barbeque went to the Winchester District Hospital.

Three years ago when the Hallville Beef Bar-B-Q was first held the proceeds went towards construction of the Hallville Park.

The Beef Bar-B-Q has attracted the same size crowds over the past three years and continues to be a family affair. Two clowns from an Ottawa Kinsmen Club handed out balloons shaped like animals and entertained the children for two hours.

Telford said that all ages mixed together forcing Smitty's D.J. to play country music for the older generation and rock for the youth.

Gerald Loughlin was the official Barbeque chef and the event was organized with the help of the Hallville Recreation Association.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, July 22, 1987



# Hallville Carnival antics make a splash

Despite the weather, over 200 people turned out to enjoy themselves at this year's edition of the Hallville Winter Carnival. The mild spell left the ice rink covered with water and melted most of the snow, but local residents were not deterred and the day turned out to be a resounding success.

A full schedule of events was planned, from sleigh rides to races; from log sawing competitions to egg tosses; from costume parades to Princess and Queen competitions and all were fully and enthusiastically attended.

Jill Roach was named this year's carnival Queen, taking over from her sister Joy who was the 1987 winner. Sherry Crummy was chosen as the Princess, succeeding Aaron Jackson. Beside the traditional tiara and cape, the young ladies also won a number of other prizes.

The costume parade was won by Keith Ardron, with Eileen Ardron and Christopher Allen coming in second and third.

The Oldest Skater award was presented to Maurice Hyndman while the Youngest Skater was Tina Ouellette.

Then it was off to the races. In the Girls 5 and under event, the winner was Beth Ardron with Stephanie Walker coming in second. In the boys division, Tyler Hoy took top honours with Mathew Barton coming in second and Josh McRoberts third.

In the 6 and 7 group, Danielle Norman won the girls event, followed by Trina Telford and Kyna Boyce, while Michael Allen won the boys event followed by Nathan Pierce and Dean Kerr.

Jana Fawcett won the girls 8 and 9 race with Stephanie Woods and Sherry Crummy following, while on the boys side it was Jamie Hyndman winning followed by Andrew Roach and Rob Kruijs.

In the 10 and 11 age group, Terri Hoy won the girls event followed by Allana Vanderwint while Jeremy Kerr won the boys side, with Randy Erwin and Jonathan Pimm coming in second and third.

In the 12 to 14 group, Vicky Gryspeerdt won the girls event followed by Tonia Foley and Sherill Blaine, while the boys event was

won by Jason Schoenfeld, followed by Shane Nicol and Paul Brennan.

It was girls only in the 15 and over group and the race was won by Joy Roach with Sherill Blaine second and Vicky Gryspeerdt third.

Joy Roach won again, this time in the pancake race. Alanna Vandewindt placed second and Vicky Gryspeerdt came third.

Brothers Dwayne and Shane Nicol won the egg tossing contest after a long struggle with the team of Wayne Pierce and Jason Schoenfeld who placed second.

In the men's chainsaw events, Bob Crummy won the small saw event followed by Jim Barton. Brian Telford won the medium saw event, while the large saw competition was won by Barry Bartholomew followed by Neil Bartholomew. Brian Telford was declared the overall event winner.

Linda De Serres was the ladies winner in the chainsaw event with Melody Barton coming in second.

The crosscut saw competition was next and the mens winners were Heinz Winter and Rudolf Jampen, while Linda De Serres and Charlene Fawcett took the ladies honours, followed by Debbie Harper and Elsie Jansen.

Linda De Serres won the ladies swede saw event with Charlene Fawcett coming in second.

Festivities moved indoors for the evening events, one of the highlights of which was the drawing of door prizes. First prize went to Keith Ardron who won \$100 donated by the Mountain Lion's Club. A \$50 prize donated by the Winchester branch of the Royal Canadian Legion was won by Dean Kerr. Linda De Serres won dinner for two courtesy of the Coachouse Restaurant while Stephanie Woods pick up a \$25 donation from Summers Insurance. Todd Boyce picked up a fifth place prize of \$20 from Raina's and Wendy Crummy won a hanging plant courtesy of Loughcrest Gardens.

Sleigh Rides are always fun.

1988



The ladies cross-cut sawing competition proved a popular event with Linda DeSerres and Sharlene Fawcett slicing their way to victory.



Flipping pancakes on skates!

Costume Parade was a hit.



Little Larry Fife Junior, 2, was giving dad a helping hand at the log-sawing contest at the 1988 Hallville Winter Carnival. But it wasn't enough.



To kick off the celebrations in Hallville the annual carnival queen and princess were chosen. Jill Roach, 14, at left, was named 1988 Hallville carnival queen and was crowned by her sister Joy, last year's winner. Sherry Crummy, 9, at right, was this year's princess.



Concentrating on the egg toss.



# Hallville Carnival

1989

## Rink surface turns to slush as carnival activities heat up

HALLVILLE — The warm weather turned the ice surface to mush but that didn't deter the crowd from attending the annual Hallville Winter Carnival.

Organizer Colleen Weedmark said Saturday's carnival was the third consecutive year the celebration fell on a wet, slushy day.

"But in general it was another success," said Weedmark.

And it was a hungry crowd which gathered at the Hallville Recreation Centre to watch the crowning of the carnival queen and princess, take part in waiter races and sawing competitions and enjoy sleigh rides. Weedmark said the food committee dished out more than five pots of chili.

Wendy Crummy of Hallville was selected as the 1989 Hallville Carnival Queen while Erika Sherrer of Mountain was chosen as princess.

The oldest skater award went to Stan Coleman and the youngest to Elizabeth DeSerres.

The girls skating race for five-year-olds and under was won by Renee Lecompte, followed by Amanda Thompson and Laura Hendricks. In the boys' race, Ryan Erwin was the big winner with Jeffrey Schoenfield in second and Craig Adams in third.

Cara Berends won the six-to-seven-year-old race followed by Sarah Hendricks and Kyla Cotton.

Matthew Barton took first place for the boys with Josh McRoberts and Keith Ardron close behind.

In the eight-to-nine-year-old category, Danielle Norman won the girls' race. Second place went to Amy Berends and third to Stephanie Woods. In the boys' race, Michael Allen took first, followed by Jeffrey Weedmark and Dean Kerr.

Cheryl Weedmark won the 10-11 category and Jamie Hyndman took first place for the boys, with Andrew Roach in second and Matthew Foley in third.

Tanya Foley placed first in the 12-14 category with Dawn Adams in second and Leslie Peterson in third. Jeff Hyndman placed first in the boys' race with Shawn Adams in second and Ryan Hunter in third.

In the 15-and-over category Vicky Gryspeerdt was first with Joy Roach in second.

Linda DeSerres and Debbie Harper were victorious in the egg toss competition which left several competitors with egg on their faces. Jason Schoenfield managed to negotiate the obstacle course in record time on his way to winning the waiter race, while Marilyn Williams placed first in the waitress race.

In the cross-cut saw competition, Debbie Harper and Linda DeSerres combined for the fastest time to

win their second event of the day. Connie Beggs and Marilyn Williams took second place and third went to Gisela Kerr and Colleen Weedmark.

In the men's competition, Jamie and Jeff Hyndman swept first place. Jeff Hyndman in partnership with Jeremy Kerr combined for second place and Kerr combined with Scott Beggs to take third.

The ladies' swede-saw competition was won by Linda DeSerres. Second place was awarded to Debbie Harper with Marilyn Williams taking third.

Ralph Kennedy won the men's competition, edging out Brian Walker who tied for second with Bill Dobson. Third place was awarded to Dwight Harper.

The under 39cc chainsaw competition was won by Bill Dobson. Brian Telford won the 39 to 57cc competition followed by Lee Loughlin and Willis Kerr. In the 57cc and over competition, B' Dobson placed first with Dwight Harper in second and Neil Bartholomew in third.

With only a \$1.50 admission, Weedmark said the goal of the carnival committee was not to raise money but to provide a good time for residents.

"What we raise goes back into the carnival," she said. "It's more to cover operating costs."

**Clowning around**  
This youngster was entered in the costume parade at this year's Hallville Carnival. Regardless of the lack of a smile, he WAS having fun.



**Hallville royalty**  
Erika Sherrer, left, of Mountain and Wendy Crummy of Hallville were crowned the 1989 Hallville princess and queen during Hallville Winter Carnival celebrations Saturday afternoon.

### Oh Christmas tree

Christmas may be over but the fun was just beginning at the Hallville Winter Carnival on Saturday. One of the many carnival highlights was the parade of costumes. Amanda Thompson, 5, was still enjoying the Christmas spirit and dressed accordingly.



**log sawing contest**

The Winchester Press Wed., Feb. 1, 1989  
The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, February 1, 1989

This year's Hallville Carnival was held on January 28th and attracted a large crowd who took part in the many activities that were ongoing throughout the day. Shown is the log-sawing competition, which had many women trying their skills.



# Hallville Carnival

## Queen crowned

An elated Anna VandeWint, left, was crowned as Hallville's Winter Carnival Queen Saturday.



Mountain Township councillors Estella Rose and Don Johnston and deputy-reeve Ewart Simms, were called upon Saturday to perform the difficult task of judging both the Queen and Princess Pageant at the Hallville Winter Carnival.



## Pretty princess

Stephanie Matte.



Don't spill a drop.



Costume Parade of Cuties



Faster! Faster!

The small community's skating rink, always the focal point of the annual winter carnival, melted during the week leading up to last Saturday's festivities.

This didn't faze organizers as they put their heads together and came up with alternative activities including boot races to replace the usual skating events.

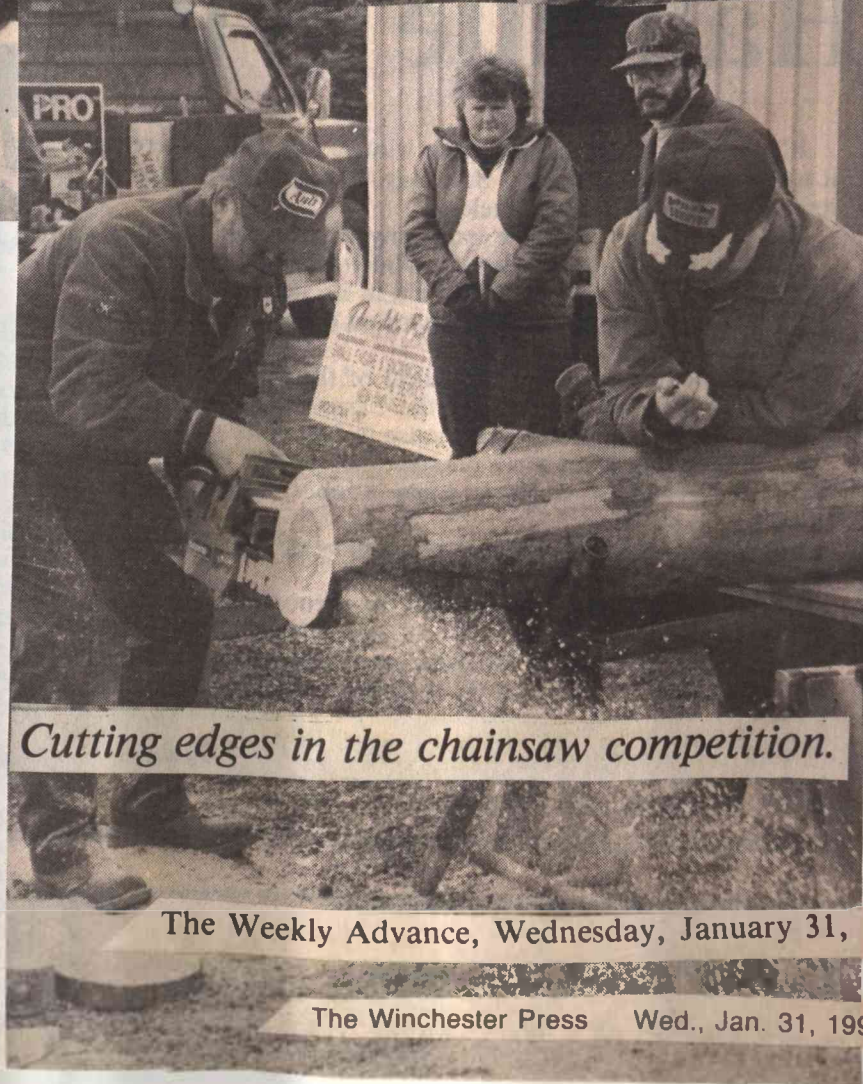
Prior to the races, more than 10 local beauties competed for the 1990 carnival queen and princess honors.



Boots replaced skates for rink races.



Gretzky eat your heart out!



Cutting edges in the chainsaw competition.



# Hallville Winter Carnival



**HALLVILLE** — The community here was out in force Sat., Jan. 19 to celebrate winter with a raft of races, contests, eats and refreshments.

The Hallville Winter Carnival attracted an enthusiastic crowd to the village community hall and skating rink despite bone-chilling temperatures. Following is a list of winners in the various events.

For the skating races for boys and girls five years and under with 14 girls and only two boys competing first place was awarded to Mandy Payne, second place to Eileen Ardron and third place to Christine Ellesworth.

The six- to seven-year-old boys' match ended with Christopher Allen in first place, Bradley Conlin in second, and Jeffrey Schoenfeld in third. Amanda Thompson won first place in the 6-7 girls' category with Beth Ardron in second and Renee Lacompte third.

Michael Allen took tops in the 8 to 9-year-old contest with Josh McRoberts behind him and Chris

Coopman pulling up third. In the girls match, Cara Berends took first, while Sarah Chamberlain followed in second and Leslie Conlin behind her.

In the 10-11-year race, Tyler Windsor came in first, Dean Kerr second, and Paul St. John third. Sarah Foley won first in the girls' 10-11-year division and Stephanie Loughlin second.

The 12-13 year-olds' race was won by Randy Erwin with second place awarded to Andrew Roach.

Greg Chamberlain took first in the waiter race, while Jason Schoenfeld came in second and Brian Walker third. The waitress race was won by Rachel Ellesworth, Colleen Weedmark and Diane Ardron respectively.

Peter Schoenfeld had the advantage in the egg toss contest with Pierre Lacompte pulling up second.

The chainsaw contest was won by Aaron Scott at 11.0 seconds for 37 cc and under. For 39-57cc, Don Clarke came in first at 12.0 seconds and Doug Scott second with 12.5

With 57cc and over, Dave Clarke was awarded first place at 6.2 seconds and Doug Scott pulled up a close second with 6.3.

In the Swede saw competition Lee Savage won with 36.0 seconds in the men's category. Linda DeSerres came up first with 34.0 in the ladies' category and Randy Erwin won the boys' competition with 1.47.

The cross-cut saw competition, (with a two-man team) was won by Mark Puddy and Jason Schoenfeld at 17 seconds in the men's division, Debbie Harper and Linda DeSerres at 23 seconds in the ladies' contest and Randy Erwin and Andrew Roach taking first with 46.9 seconds in the boys' category.

Overall winners of the GT races were Randy Erwin and Falyn Day and the jelly bean jar contest was won by Kelly Vandewint. The puck shoot-out was awarded to Wayne Erwin, Jeremy Kerr, Andrew Roach and Josh McRoberts.

Terri Hoy was chosen as Carnival Queen and Janna Fawcett picked for Princess.

Carnival Queen is Terri Hoy. Terri was crowned by last year's Carnival Queen, Alanna Vandewint. The 1991 Carnival Princess is Janna

The Winchester Press Wed., Jan. 23, 1991



Anxious and cold Carnival Princess contestants

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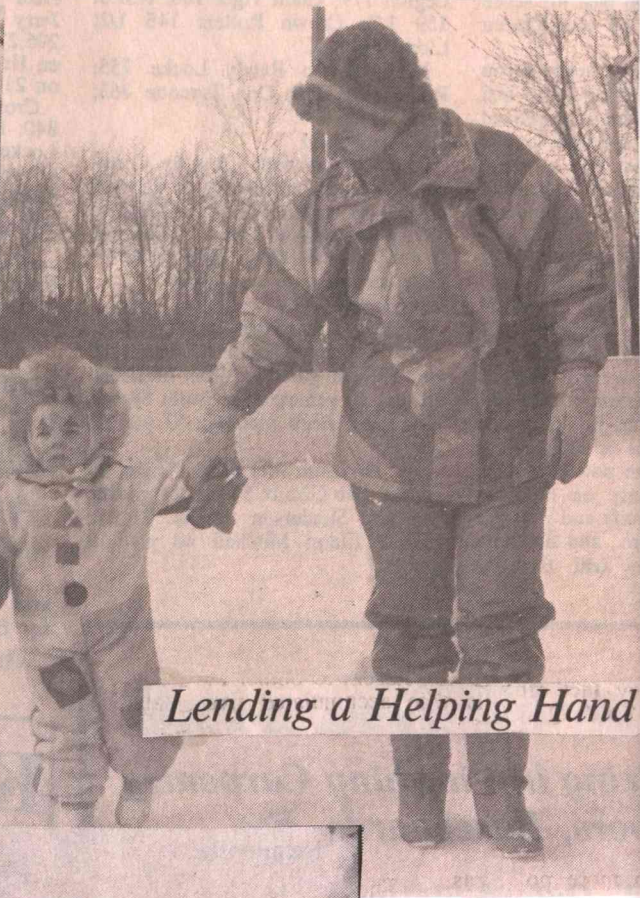
Ninja Turtle on ice



# Good times for all at annual Hallville Carnival



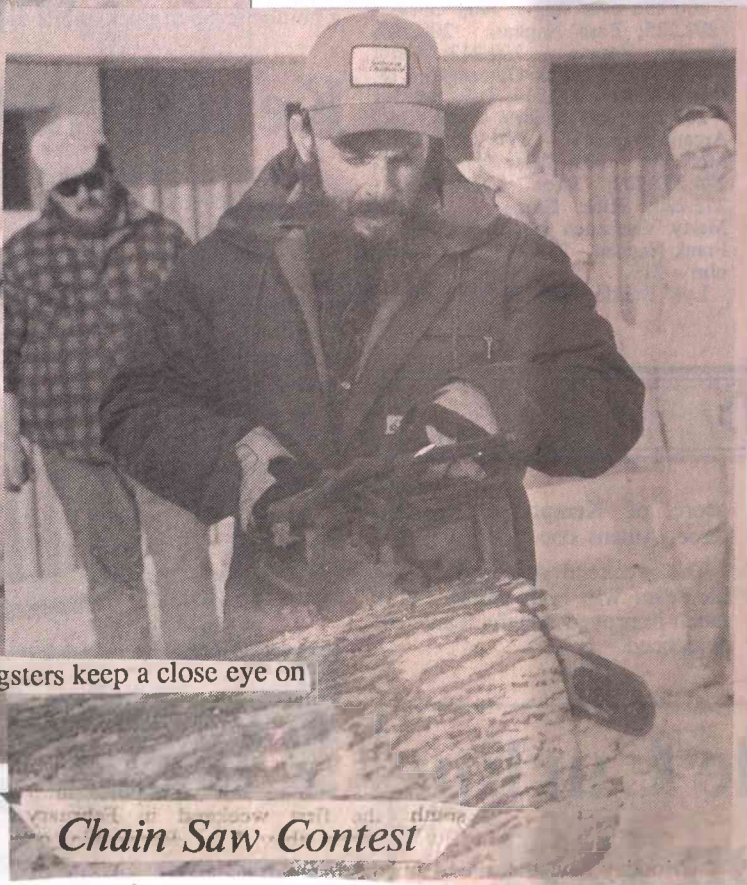
*Organizing the Festivities*



*Lending a Helping Hand*



The annual Winter Carnival in Hallville had challenges and fun for everyone. Here, some youngsters keep a close eye on the Carnival Clowns as they show off their balloon-animal magic.



*Chain Saw Contest*

*Sleigh Rides Are Always Fun*



*Now Watch My Follow-through!*



# Jolly old St. Nick in Mountain parade



*Santa's sleigh climbs huge snow drift*



*Reindeer hitch a ride with snowmobile*



*Well dressed gent*



Saturday's frigid temperatures didn't stop about 300 people who turned up to watch the Mountain Township Santa Claus parade. Twelve floats were entered in this year's parade, three less than last year. Everyone's favorite, Santa Claus, was back. Pictured at right are, clockwise from top, some cool riders; Raggedy Anne; the King of the Beasts handing out candy; Santa Claus;



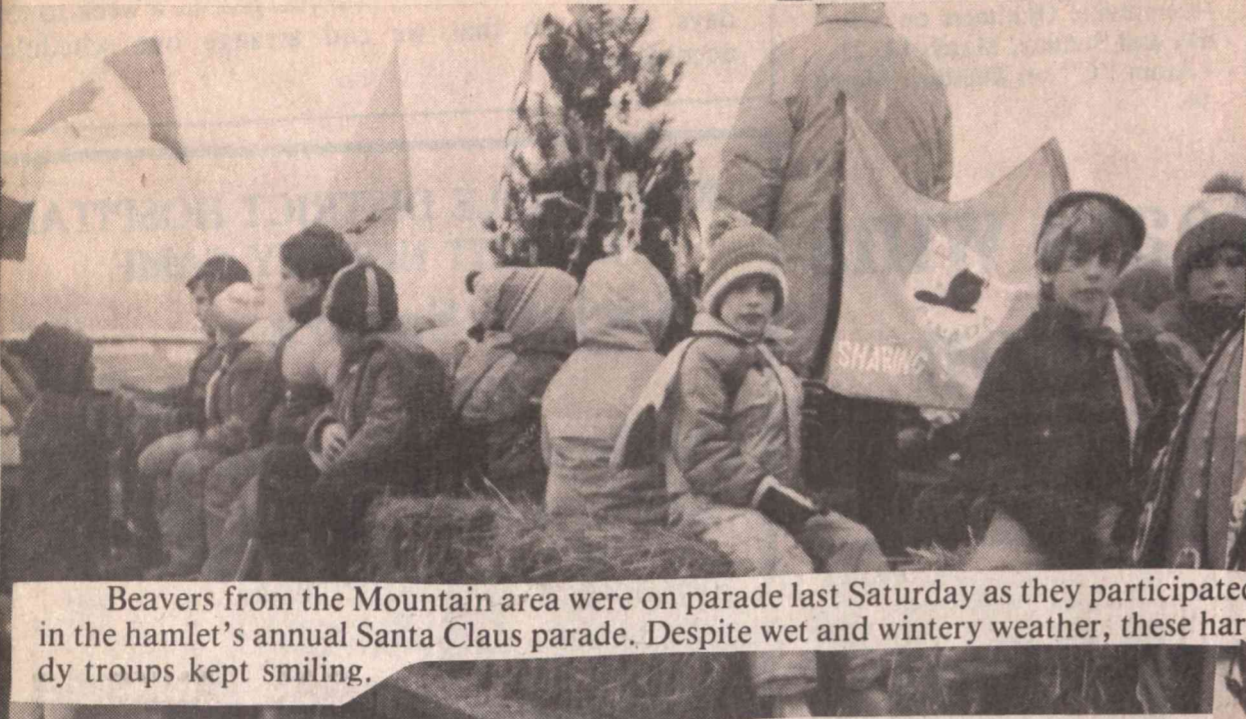
*Winchester Lions feature giant wreath*



*Mountain Lions mascot*



# Santa Claus parade



Beavers from the Mountain area were on parade last Saturday as they participated in the hamlet's annual Santa Claus parade. Despite wet and wintery weather, these hardy troupes kept smiling.



## Santa's herald

Preceding Santa at the Mountain and South Mountain parade were two horse-drawn floats. The snow and wind of the day didn't deter parade-watchers who waited for Santa to arrive.

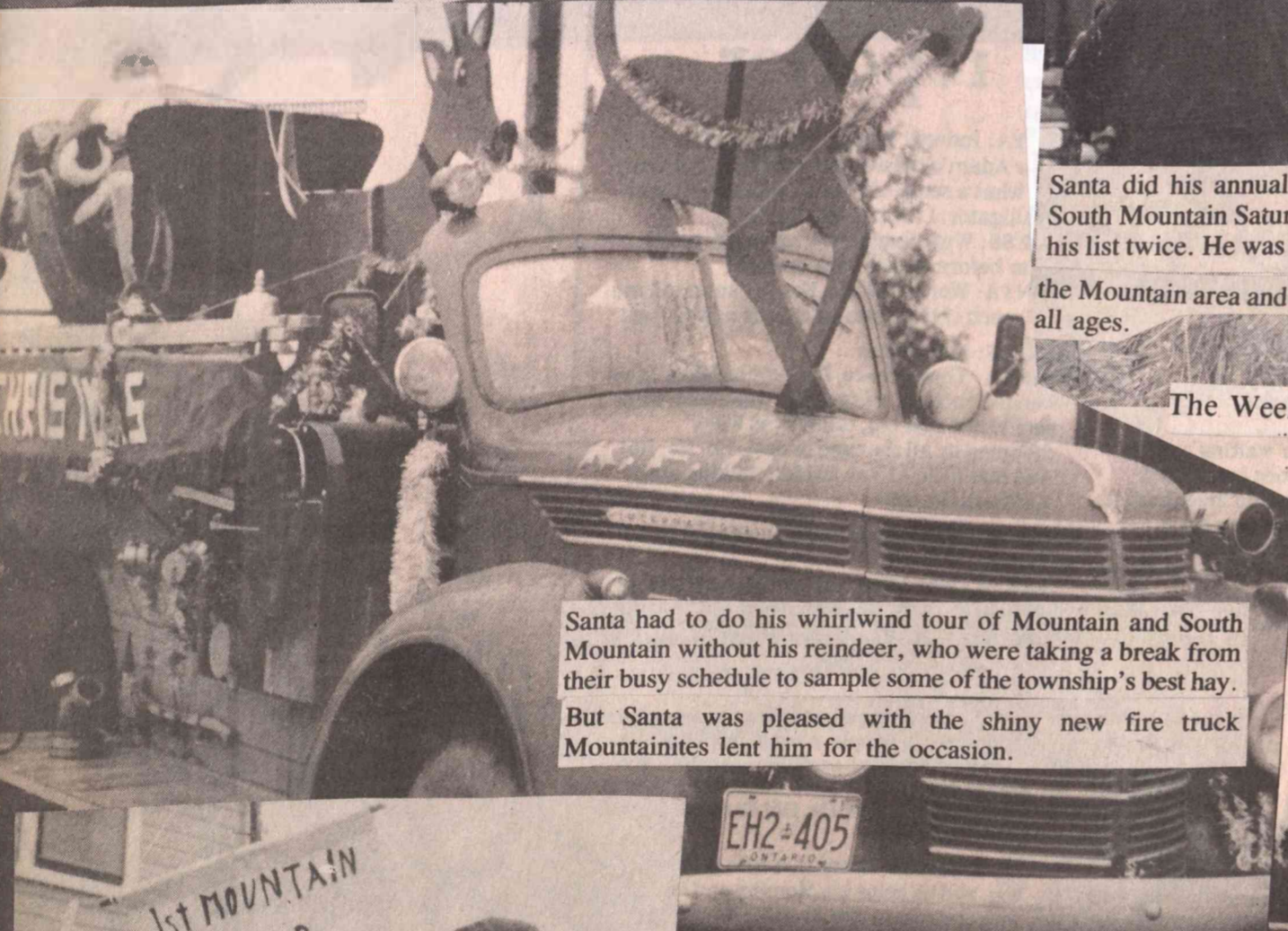


Parades are usually enjoyed by children standing on the sidelines, but in a few cases children have as much fun participating in the event. These children were spotted at the Santa Claus parade held in South Mountain on Saturday.



Santa did his annual tour of Mountain and South Mountain Saturday as he was checking his list twice. He was escorted by floats from the Mountain area and greeted by children of all ages.

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, December 16, 1987



Santa had to do his whirlwind tour of Mountain and South Mountain without his reindeer, who were taking a break from their busy schedule to sample some of the township's best hay. But Santa was pleased with the shiny new fire truck Mountainites lent him for the occasion.

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Santa Claus presented himself to children and adults in South Mountain on Saturday. The South Mountain stop is just one of the places the Jolly Ol' Elf is visiting this month.



The First Mountain Troops' Cobra Patrol was well-represented on their float.



Dec. 18, 1985

Old St. Nick, his float drawn by two big draft horses, brings up the rear of the Mountain Christmas parade, held December 14. After delighting the children of the village, the parade travelled to South Mountain.



# Santa Claus Parade



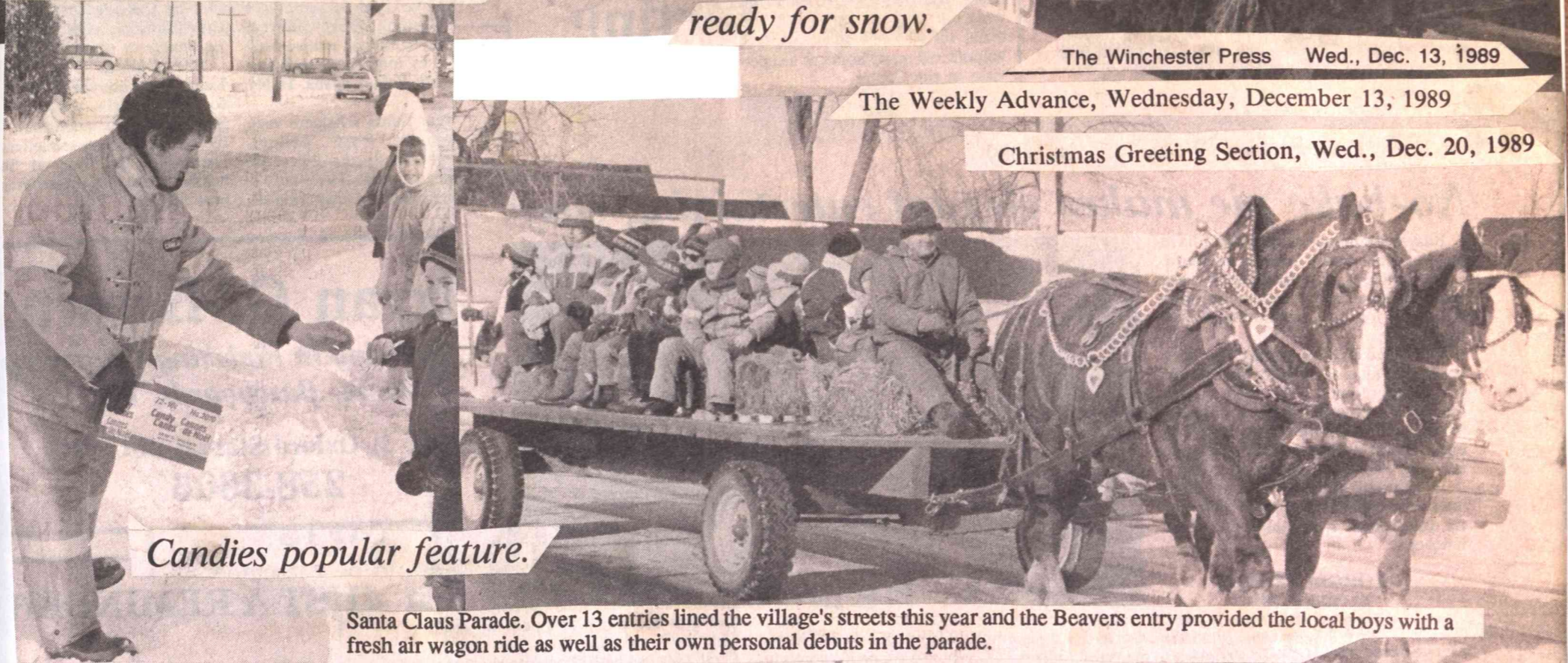
*Santa Claus arrives in town.*

*ready for snow.*

The Winchester Press Wed., Dec. 13, 1989

The Weekly Advance, Wednesday, December 13, 1989

Christmas Greeting Section, Wed., Dec. 20, 1989



*Candies popular feature.*

Santa Claus Parade. Over 13 entries lined the village's streets this year and the Beavers entry provided the local boys with a fresh air wagon ride as well as their own personal debuts in the parade.



*Junior firemen.*



*The Night Before Christmas...*



*Scout movement well represented.*

Why Santa is able to spend time at area parades right before Christmas, nobody really knows. But Santa made a special appearance at the Mountain Parade over the weekend to the delight of all area children. Here, the jolly one gives out candy to awaiting hands.



Santa arrived on time and the annual Mountain Christmas parade got promptly underway at 1 p.m. on Saturday in the Village of Mountain.

There were 13 entries in the parade ranging from fire engines to horse drawn floats to a small electric car driven by two children. There were entries by Ault Foods, the Winchester and Mountain Lions Clubs and the Bank of Nova Scotia in South Mountain. A lot of the floats involved Christmas music and Christmas scenes.

The variety of floats were good even though the number of entries were down a bit from last year, said Bill Williams, parade co-ordinator and a member of the International

Order of Oddfellows. The parade was sponsored by the I.O.O.F., lodge 428, and the Mountain Township Lions Club.

The parade began at Blom's Meats in Mountain, proceeded through the village and ended at the Stage West Restaurant. Members of the parade took a break and then headed over to South Mountain to continue the parade where it ended at the I.O.O.F. Hall. Santa Claus was his usual jolly self and handed out candy to the kids at both the Stage West and the I.O.O.F. Hall. About 350 children received goody bags of candy from Santa. In all, about 500 people watched the parade in Mountain and South Mountain.

"It was just a fun parade," said Williams.



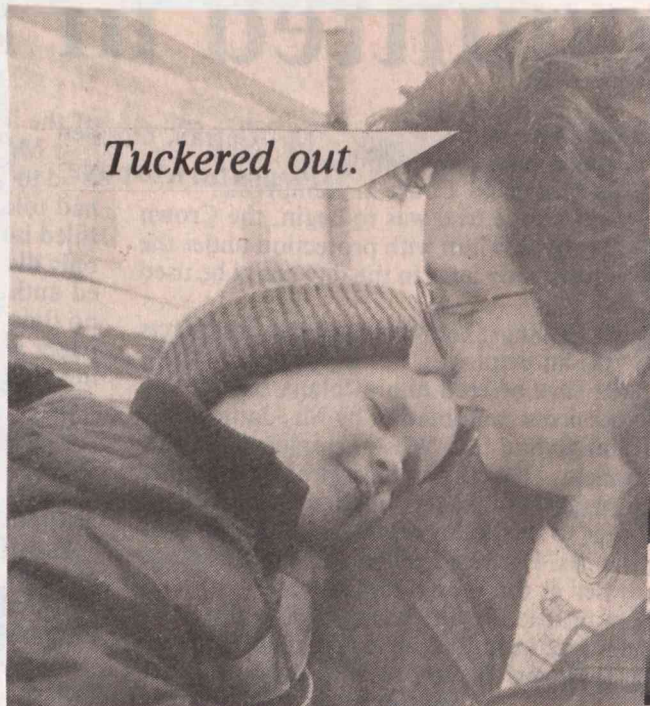




# Santa Claus

# Parade

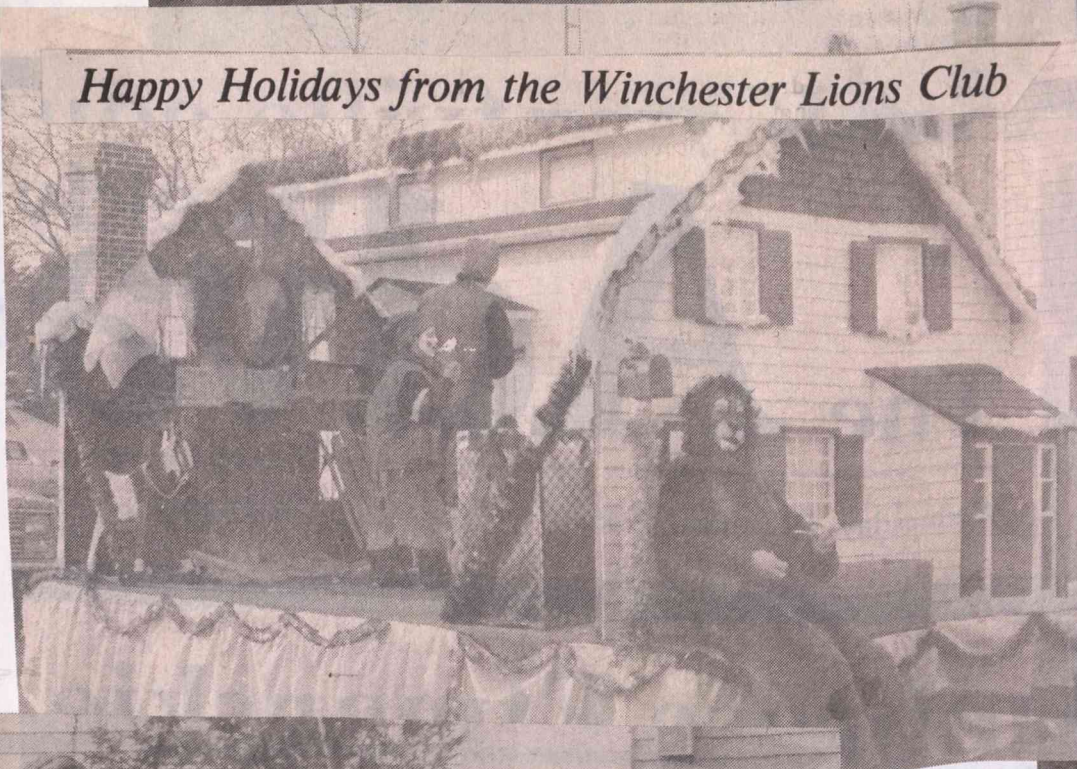
## winds through Mountain Twp.



*Tuckered out.*



The First South Mountain Girl Guides harmonize for the crowd gathered along the streets of Mountain for Saturday's Santa Claus parade.

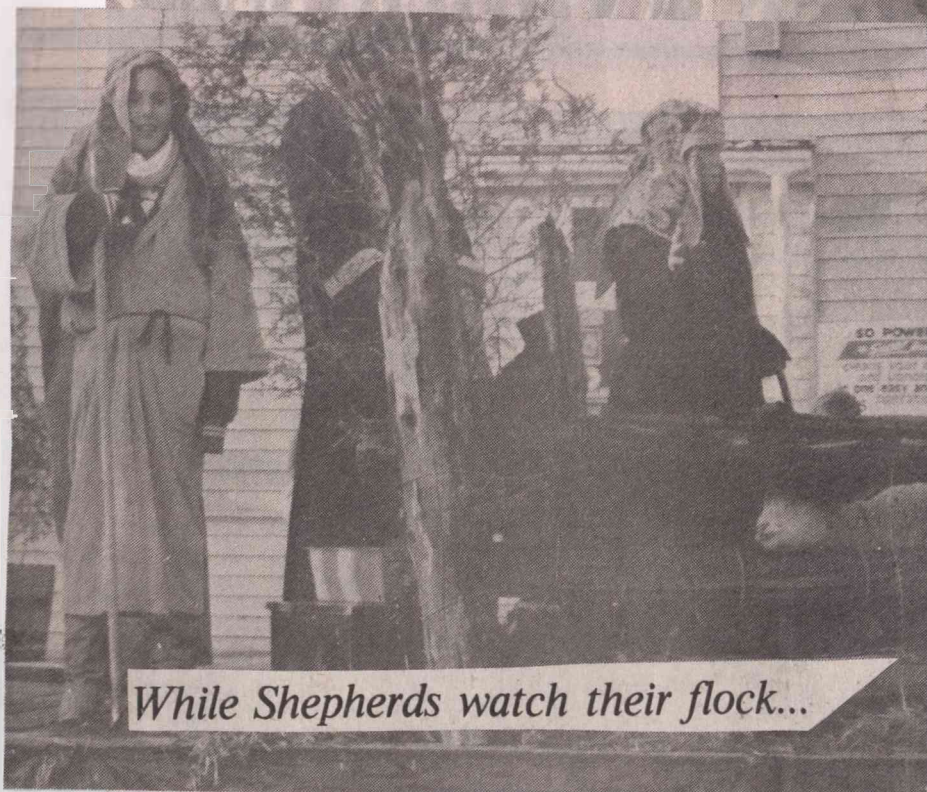


*Happy Holidays from the Winchester Lions Club*



*Santa's helpers*

*These youngsters are busy as beavers, or maybe Santa's helpers, as they ride aboard the "Car Workshop" float in the South Mountain - Mountain parade Saturday. Santa thrilled kids throughout Mountain Township when he paraded through both villages.*



*While Shepherds watch their flock...*



*Ho! Ho! Ho!*

Santa Claus was the man of the hour Saturday afternoon in what is probably the longest parade in the area. Santa and his entourage of colorful floats wound their way through Mountain before heading to the streets of South Mountain.

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# Mountain Township hails Santa Parade



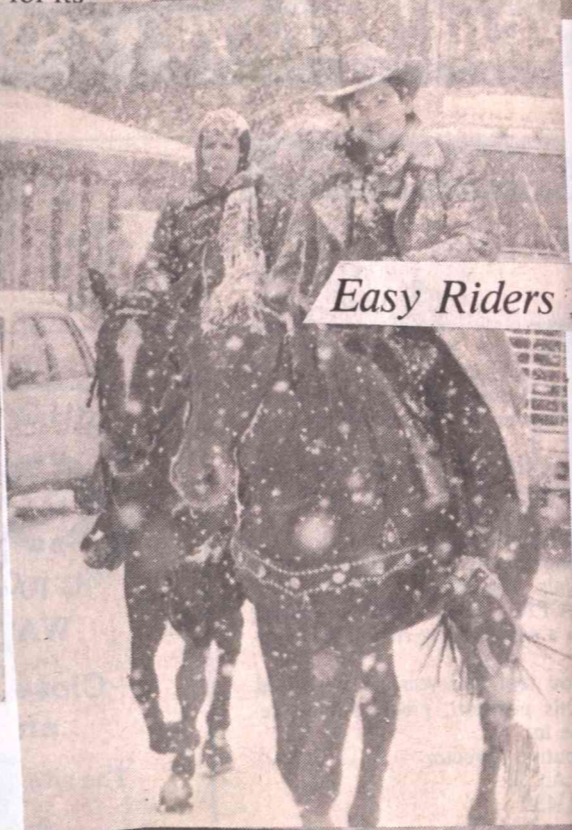
young and old braved the snow and cold to enjoy the parade; and children manned the Winchester Hospital float which thanked the community for its support.



Nursery Rhyme Themes Were Popular



Dashing Through The Snow



Easy Riders Enjoyed the Snow



This Club Loves Snowy Days



Santa Claus stopped in South Mountain over the weekend after participating in the community's snow-struck parade. When he arrived at the IOOF hall hundreds of area parents and children crowded inside to see him. This little girl seemed a little shy at meeting the jolly old man



Parade winds  
way through  
Mountain Twp.



*A Mountain Christmas*

Santa's elves are busy now back at the North Pole getting things ready for the Christmas Eve trek, but they still managed to take a few hours off recently for Mountain Township's Santa Claus parade. Residents in both Mountain and South Mountain lined the streets to catch a glimpse of the colourful procession.

*Kemptville Advance Dec 19/54*



*Snowmen distribute candy*

This float, from the Mountain Santa Claus Parade shows a classic Canadian Winter scene involving Snowmen, skiing, and children enjoying a snow slide, surrounded by pine trees. Candies were distributed from this float to watchers.

*Kemptville Advance Dec 18/55*



the parade that was the biggest ever. Twenty-one floats started in Mountain in the early afternoon and finished up about 3pm at the Odd Fellows Hall in South Mountain where Santa presented all the children with candy to tie them over until the big day new week. The Mountain Lions, Fire Department and South Mountain Lodge 428 helped out with expenses for the show and thanks go out to the Mountain Township Agricultural Society for the use of the hall, as well as T&J Catering for providing coffee and donuts.

*Winchester Press  
Dec 18/85*



Ice cream Sunday



Here is the activity that surrounded just one small section of the 60-foot banana split served up for children under 12 at the South Mountain Canada Day fun night Saturday.

Competition was fierce for a taste of the inviting mixture of bananas, ice cream, chocolate sauce, whipped cream and cherries.

Winchester Press July 4/84



### A party to end all Canada Day parties in South Mountain

For a tiny village, residents in South Mountain sure know how to have a party. Crowds flocked to the fair grounds on Monday evening to watch and take part in a long list of activities to help celebrate the country's 118th birthday. One of the big attractions saw youngsters digging into a mammoth 65 foot long banana split. The crowds got a kick out of The Flying Nuns and the half dozen other teams who raced down the track in the bed races. And as entries in the tug-of-war contest found, it wasn't all clean fun. But it was free and as those who attended found, a great way to celebrate Canada Day.

Kemptville Advance July 3/85



# Canada Day celebrated in style at South Mountain



Stage West player at bat



Leading the singing of O' Canada.

The weather was balmy and spirits were high during the South Mountain Canada Day celebrations held Wednesday.

Attendance at the fair-like birthday party was good as residents flocked to the agricultural grounds to participate in a number of events.

Although not all of the results from the various activities were available at press time, indications from some organizers were that the celebrations continue to draw more people every year.

Leanne Chamberlain, organizer of the Family Fun Night estimated that between 2,000 and 3,000 people were on hand to participate in the after 6:00 p.m. events.

Families had a variety of activities to participate in prior to the giant fireworks display held Wednesday evening.

At 6:00 p.m. Mountain Township Reeve, Keith Fawcett and MPP Nobel Villeneuve cut a large birthday cake during an official ceremony. The dignitaries were followed by a Variety Show, held at 6:15 with about 10 acts entertaining the crowd.

Races, intended for the children, soon drew the adults into the fray with many adults joining the children in races and relays. All participants in the event received participation ribbons.

At 7:30 p.m. the children were drawn out on the field to participate in a game of soccer. About

50 children could be seen on the field kicking soccer balls and enjoying the evening.

The next event featured a Tug-Of-War between 4-H groups. The might was shown by the Dairy Group, who managed to out-muscle their rival team.

Throughout the evening, children had a chance to put on a happy face, via the face painting event.

Organizers estimate that about 600 youths had their faces painted during the course of the evening.

Over 500 children registered their names to participate in the balloon send-off with about 600 free treats of chocolate milk and ice-cream sundaes passed around to hungry kids.

The bed-races drew a large crowd as five local teams pushed their bed-buggies around a portion of the track.

The winner of the contest was the team of the Mountain Trailblazers.

Many of the treats and ribbons presented to families were the result of donations from local service clubs, churches and Mountain Township.

Events which drew participants to the Fifth Annual celebrations during the day included, harness racing, a horse show and a ball tournament.

No details were available concerning the outcome of a number of the events, so check next week's Weekly Advance for the complete results.



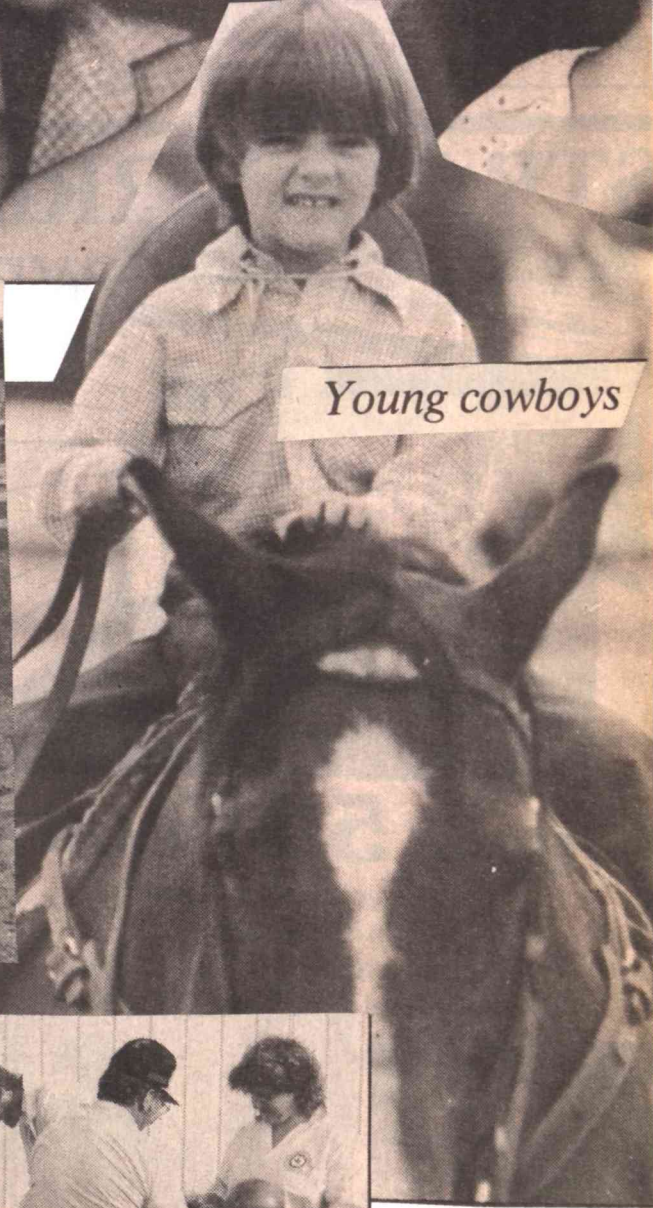
Huge cake honoured Canada's birthday.



Face painting popular



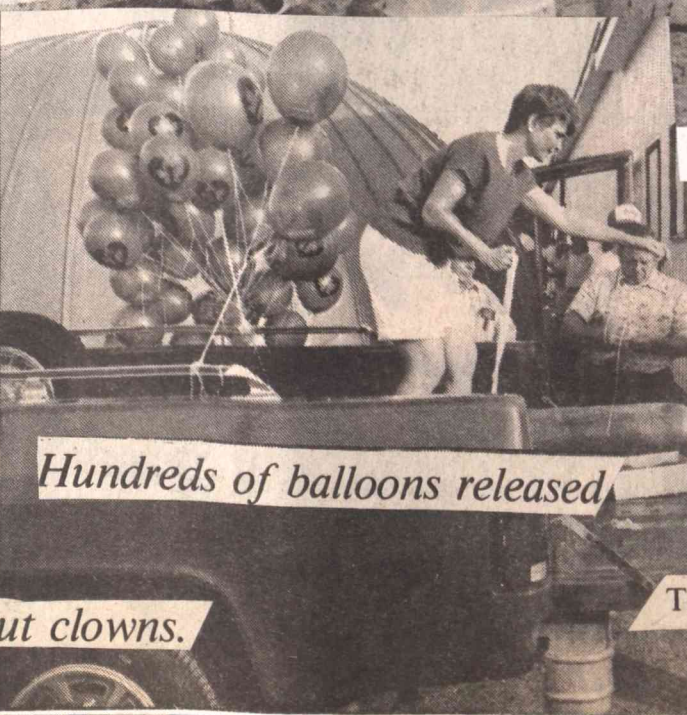
Horse show



Young cowboys



Party not complete without clowns.



Hundreds of balloons released



The Weekly Advance, Thursday, July 2, 1987



# Canada Day

Somewhere between 500 and 1000 people showed up for Canada's birthday party in South Mountain last Friday.

A very special presentation was part of the celebrations. A plaque was given to Linda Lewis who is the woman behind the whole idea of having these celebrations at South Mountain every year.

The talent show was a huge success. They had dancers from Joey's School of Dance and Caroline's School of Dance. Two of the people who tested their vocal chords were Holly Booth and Marlene Fawcett. Much more entertainment was seen including the Quintets from South Mountain.

Overall, the entire day was a success. "There was something for everyone. Every year we make minor changes to make it bigger and better. This year there was something for families, kids, grandparents and everyone enjoyed themselves. People just loved it," Ms. Chamberlain commented.

lob ball tournament



water balloon tossing.



Taking a hunter fence in good style.



Cutting the cake on Canada Day



This entrant in the 3 year-old sack race seems a little perplexed with something. A number of events were held for the kids to occupy them before the evenings fireworks display



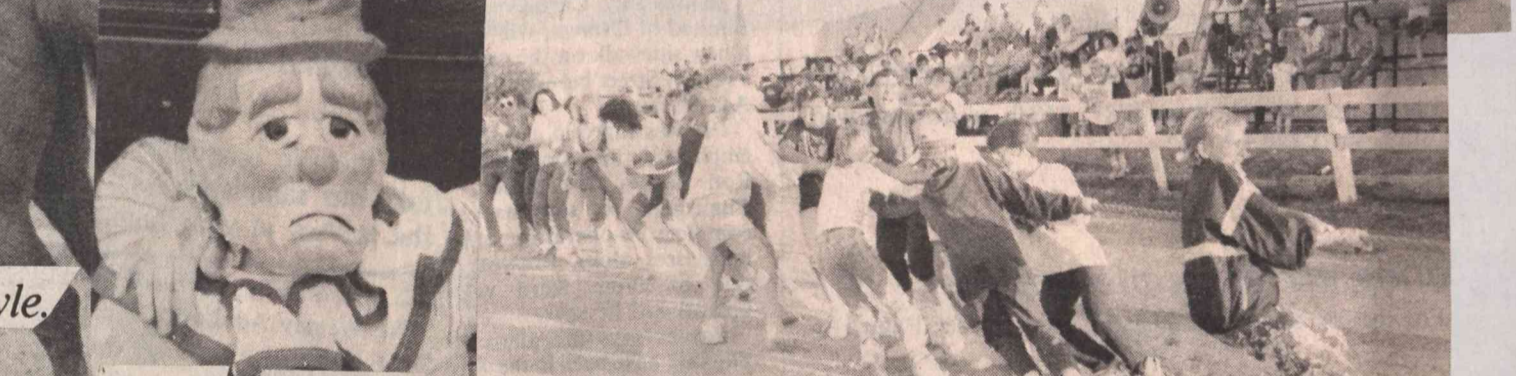
Singing O'Canada before the cake-cutting ceremony.



Kids love face painting



Bed races on harness track



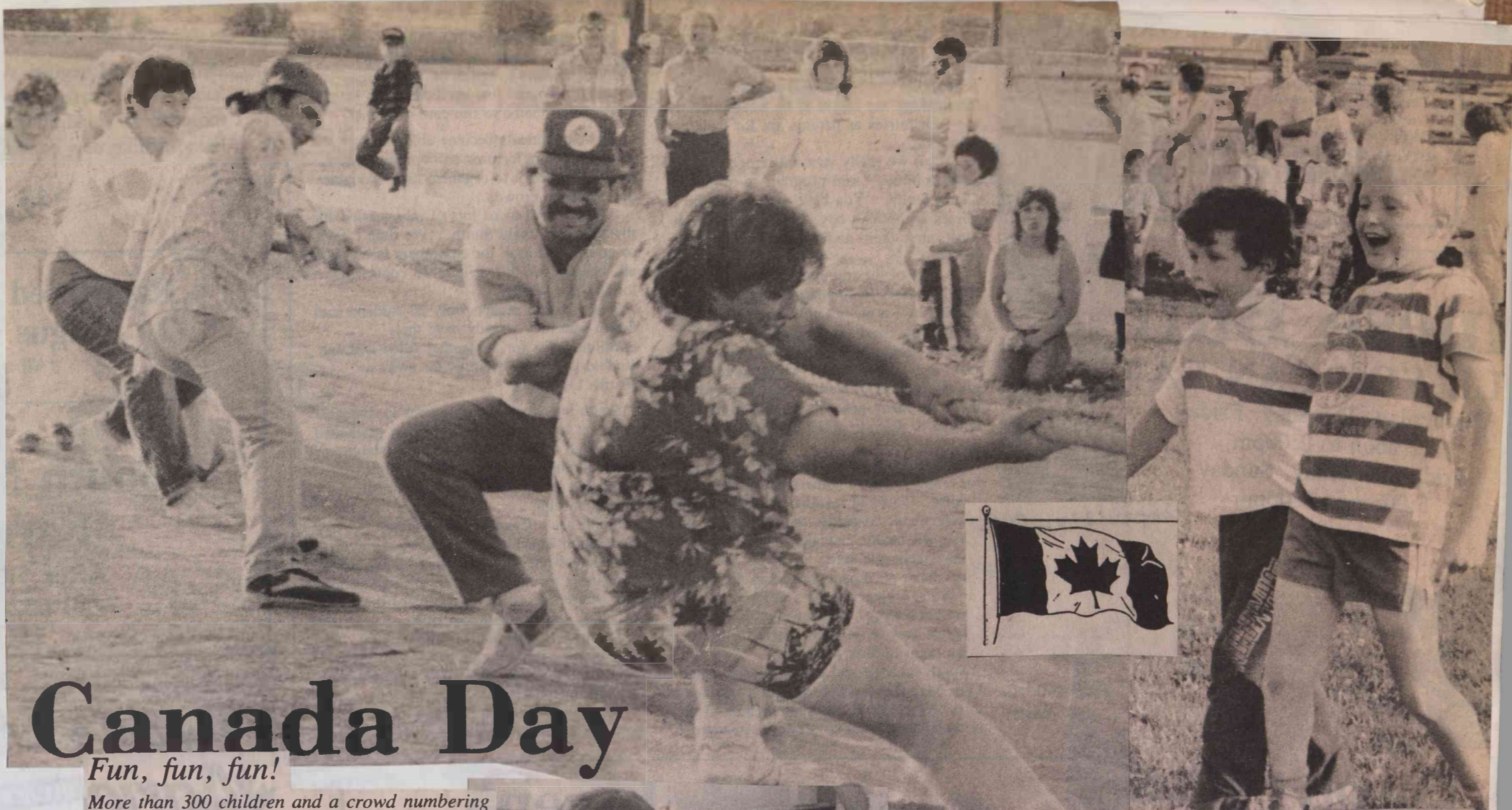
The 4-H Club tug of war team.



BMX bike up for grabs in balloon race







# Canada Day

*Fun, fun, fun!*

*More than 300 children and a crowd numbering 700 jammed the fairgrounds in South Mountain last Saturday for the 5th annual, July 1st Family Fun Night. Balloons, face painting, Aul's treats, sack races, and three legged races were just some of the action-packed events lined up for the children. Adults also participated in games including tug-of-war, although, in the top photo, it appears that teenager Greg Van Bridger is pulling a whole group of adult types into the dirt.*



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# CANADA DAY



JULY 1, 1990



Reeve Fawcett presents Youth Award to Lisa O'Connor



Potato on a spoon tests skill



Birthday cake for everyone



It's a bird's eye view from here!

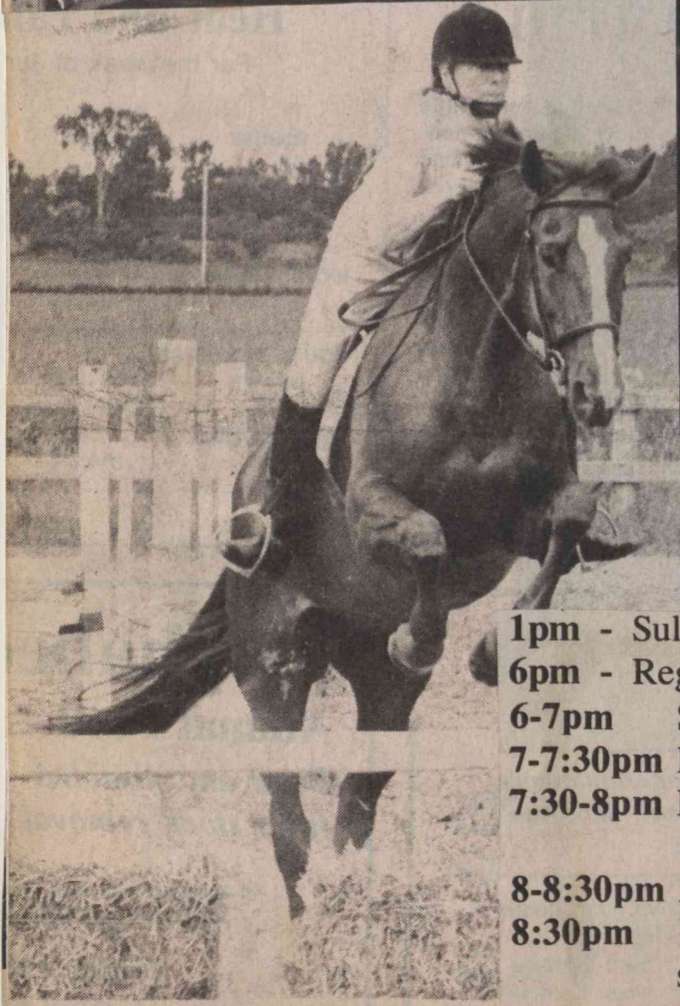


Happy 123rd Canada

Everyone loves a clown!



Kids games a great hit



- 1pm - Sulky races
- 6pm - Registration begins, Family Fun
- 6-7pm Scavenger hunt
- 7-7:30pm Magician
- 7:30-8pm Kids' races and teens' scavenger hunt
- 8-8:30pm Adult races
- 8:30pm Birthday cake, singing of 'O Canada'
- 8:45pm Magician
- Dusk Fireworks

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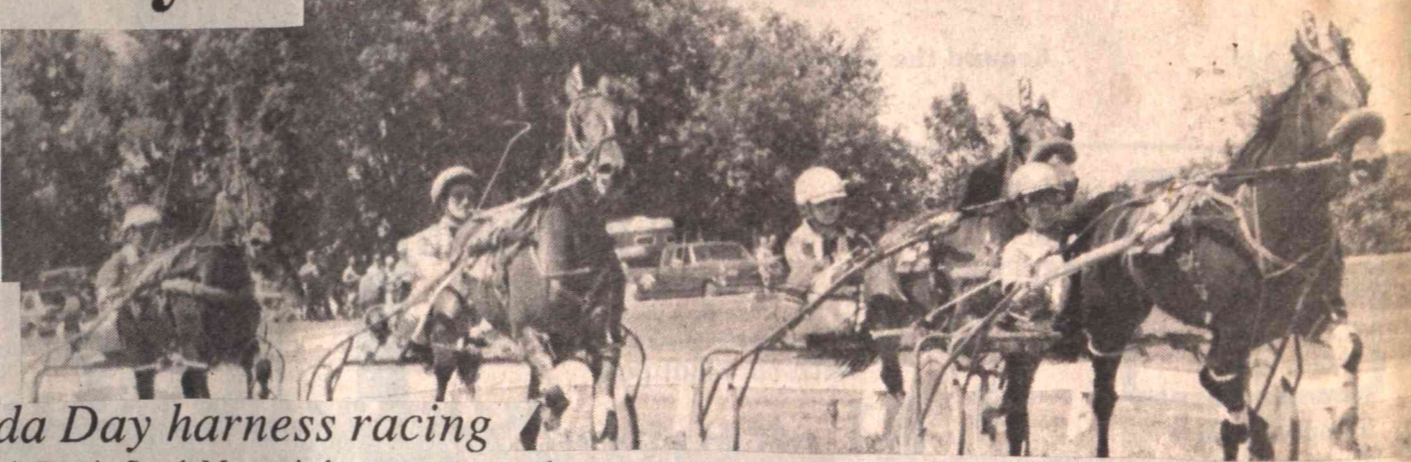




# Mountain Twp. celebrates Canada's 124th birthday **Canada Day**

Hundreds upon hundreds of people turned out to celebrate our nation's 124th birthday at the South Mountain Fairgrounds on Monday.

The action packed day began with the annual Hunter Schooling Show. One of the show's organizers, Steen Woeldike, reports that entries were down for this year's show, with only 33 horses entered in the day's 24 classes.



*Canada Day harness racing*

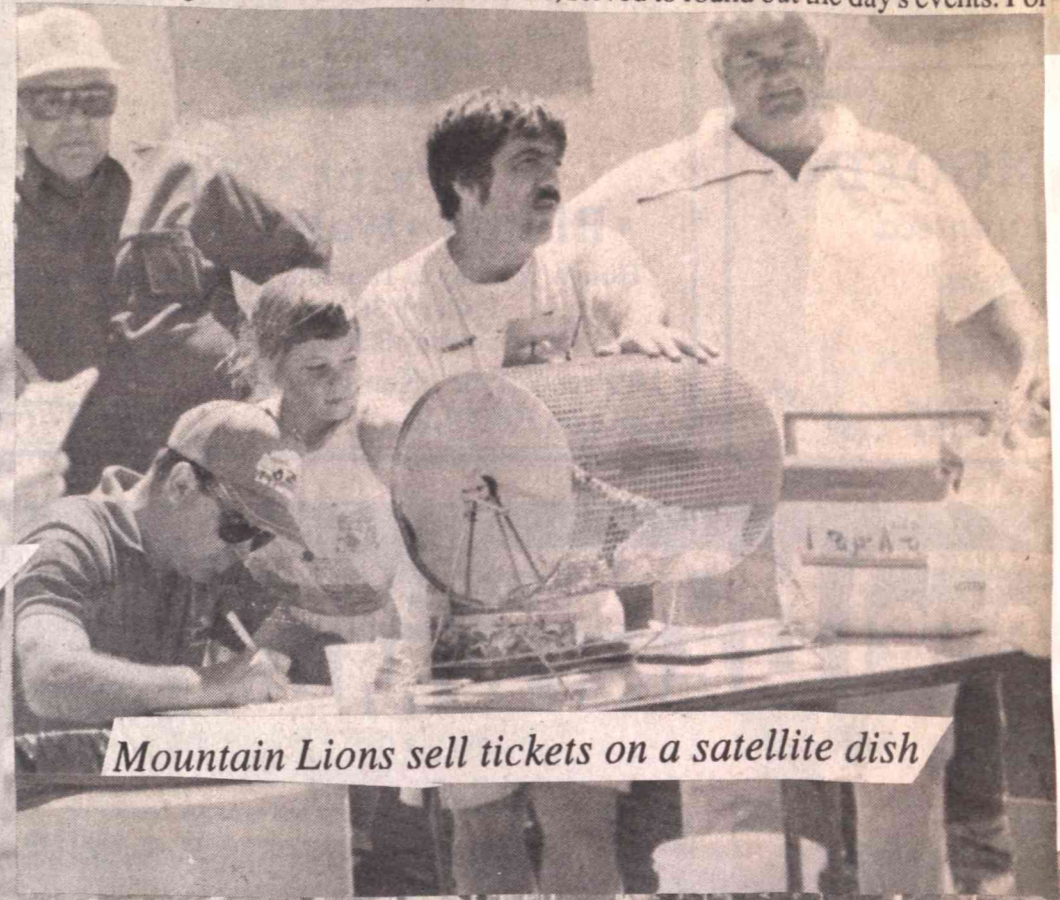
Canada Day in South Mountain has come to mean harness racing for many local residents and this year's event once again offered a full slate on the oval. Horse shows, children's games and of course, fireworks, served to round out the day's events. For



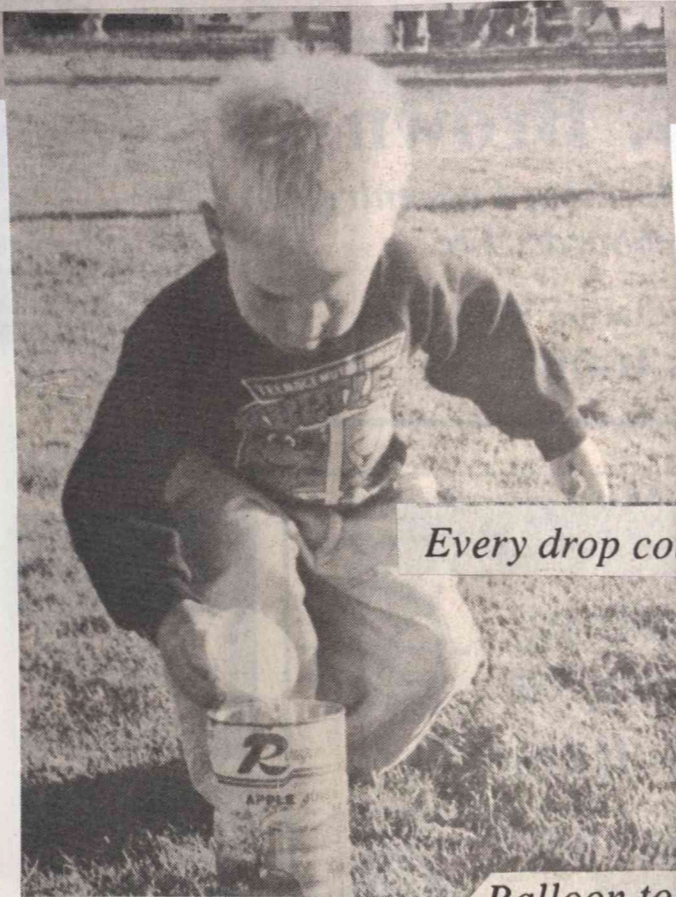
*Dundas Dairy Princess announces contest winners*



*Reeve Fawcett speaks*



*Mountain Lions sell tickets on a satellite dish*



*Every drop counts*



*Going for the gold*



*Balloon toss fun*



*The Wizard of Ott performs*





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# O Canada celebrates on 125th

Residents were in the party mood this July 1 as games and activities were held throughout the district. Whether the fun centred in small gatherings or group affairs everyone had a good time celebrating Canada's uniqueness

Canada Day is always special in South Mountain and the fact that this year was our 125th anniversary only added to the fun. Here, Canada 125 organizer Jean Koopman welcomes everyone to the festivities during the official portion of the program in the evening. The day started off with a parade and included harness racing, children and adult games and bed races among other things and was concluded with a giant Canada 125 birthday cake and fireworks. Watch next week's issue for the complete story.



with Canada's 125th celebration; a flag-carrying horseback rider led off the South Mountain parade.



; area youth was on parade in South Mountain;



crowds flocked to watch the harness racing at South Mountain Fairground;



Shop



# Pro Grass Drags tear down turf at South Mountain

Over 700 people attended the Canadian Pro Grass Drag in South Mountain last Sunday to watch competitors roar down the track. The event is held every year by the Mountain Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club in conjunction with the Mountain Township Agricultural Society. There were 26 classes for various types of snowmobiles ranging from super modified to regular trail machines. Some machines were slightly modified for better traction on the grass, says Dwight Harper, a member of Trail Blazers. Competitors were also careful not to overheat their engines, running the machines for only a few minutes at a time, he adds.



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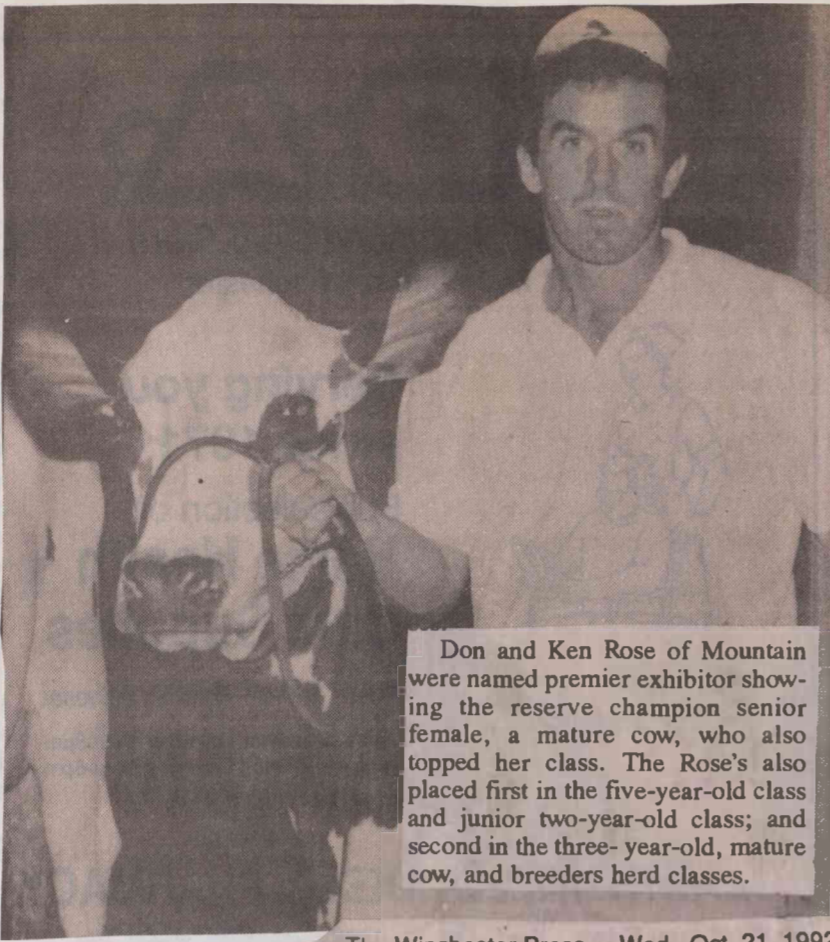
# Agrifest

OTTAWA — The first-ever Capital Agrifest wrapped up at Lansdowne Park, Sunday and despite sparse crowds earlier on in the week, organizers are calling it a success.

Agrifest showcased the region's agricultural heritage with exhibits in all areas of livestock, including dairy and beef cattle shows, sheep shows, international horse shows, poultry shows and horse pulls.

Fiddling and step-dancing competitions with participants from across Eastern Canada, as well as demonstrations of regional handicrafts and the production of mouth-watering preserves and baked goods were also part of the six days of activities.

The aim of the newly-created Capital Agrifest, which was a co-operative effort of the Central Canada Exhibition and the Ottawa Winter Fair is to strengthen and enhance the livestock show formerly held at the Ottawa Winter Fair and establish a championship show for Eastern Canada.



Don and Ken Rose of Mountain were named premier exhibitor showing the reserve champion senior female, a mature cow, who also topped her class. The Rose's also placed first in the five-year-old class and junior two-year-old class; and second in the three-year-old, mature cow, and breeders herd classes.

The Winchester Press Wed., Oct. 21, 1992

## Terry's Special of the Week

1989 Cadillac  
6000000  
Price to sell

### Announcement

I would like to announce that I have sold my beautiful 1989 Cadillac to David Gaudin, BSW, York, Ont. He will be handling all correspondence with you. My phone number is 416-463-8872. Thank you very much for your help and support.

### McDonald captures 4 awards at fairs

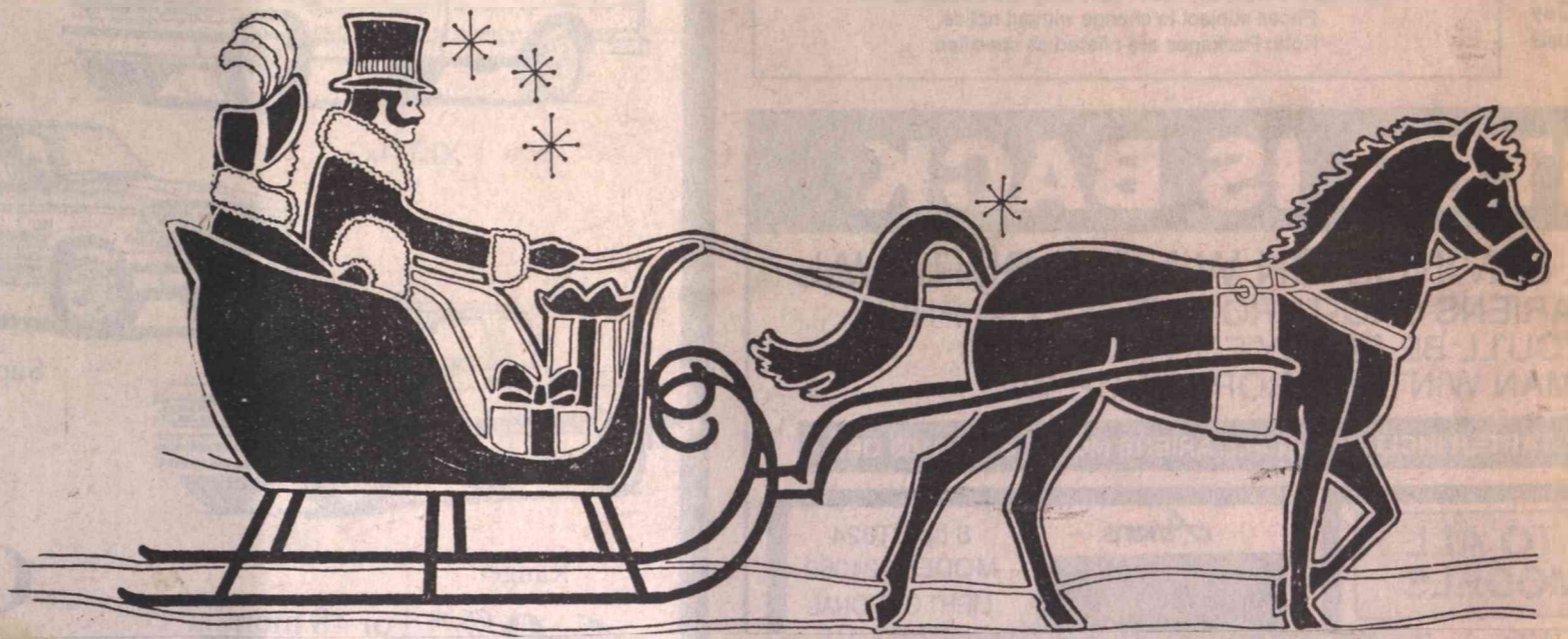
McDonald's has captured four awards at the recent fairs. The awards were given for the best in the industry. McDonald's has been recognized for its commitment to quality and customer service. The awards were presented at the recent fairs in Ottawa and were a testament to the hard work and dedication of the McDonald's team.



# Shop Locally this Christmas

Dollars spent in your local hometown are not only the lifeblood of local merchants but also the entire community.

Each dollar spent at home helps farmers, teachers, wage earners, everyone. As money rolls over locally, it helps support public services, schools, churches and hundreds of other groups and organizations.



*I like shopping locally. I think you can do just as well in the small towns. Prices are good. The merchants are friendly, you are so well received in the stores. Plus good selection. We have a lovely variety of stores and merchandise.*

**Louise Shaw**

*People are really friendly here. I like the friendly atmosphere in our stores. Satisfaction is always guaranteed. The merchants go out of their way to help you. They know everyone - the sizes, the colors, what is appropriate. Plus it's all right here. You don't have to drive.*

**Bob Gibson**

*I like the friendly atmosphere here. People know you. The merchants are very helpful and let you know when there's a special coming up. We are in business ourselves, so we like to give something back to the community.*

**Pam and Bob Hobson**

*I shop locally for the convenience of it. I like the helpful hints for the hard-to-buy-for people on my list. The store owners know the correct sizing and tastes of everyone.*

**Susan Johnstone**

The Winchester Press Wed., Dec. 11, 1991

## Christmas gift ideas

Laura Smith of Mountain and Ivy Coleman of Hallville man a booth of homemade crafts at the Hallville UCW Bazaar in Mountain. The bazaar was held last Saturday.



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# Purple loosestrife spreading rapidly

## in Southern Ontario



*Lythrum salicaria* was introduced to the North Eastern United States from Europe in the early 1800's, probably through ship's ballast or livestock bedding. Indigenous to Europe the plant, it has been found, has no natural enemies in North America allowing it, in the words of Dr. Catling, "to go crazy".

Aiding the plant's spread is a lack of understanding by the public. The perennials are sold in nurseries across Ontario and have been used as forage by beekeepers. So, in addition to the plant's inherent ability to reproduce and expand (a mature purple loosestrife can produce over 2 million seeds each growing season) its commercial availability offers further encouragement to spread.

Purple loosestrife, rather than cohabitating with native flora, tends to dominate - pushing out cattails, reed canary grass, sedges and bullrushes. Consequently, the native fauna, the fish and birds, are deprived of a major food source. In the long term the extensive root structure drains wetlands converting it to soil and taking away waterfowl nesting grounds and fish spawning areas.

Pretty as it may be it is quickly coming to be termed "the purple plague".

It is, however, more commonly known as purple loosestrife. And, needless to say the tall purple plant is certainly becoming a familiar sight along roadsides, in marshes and in gardens throughout southern Ontario.

For those concerned with the continued survival of Canada's wetlands *Lythrum salicaria* is becoming all too familiar. The tall purple-flowered plant, beautiful maybe, is ultimately destructive and spreading at a very rapid rate.

Purple loosestrife, says Kevin Callan, Wildlife Habitat Facilitator with the Ontario Federation of Hunters and Anglers (OFAH) "eliminates all other plant species, thereby eliminating fish and wildlife habitat and its thick roots eventually convert wetland marshes into soil".

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