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Turnabout by Cavan on Nuclear Question

By Celia Hunter

In a letter to the Millbrook People for Peace from the Clerk of Cavan Township, Cavan Council appears to have reversed its decision to hold a referendum on the issue of nuclear disarmament. Council passed a motion on May 7 by a 4-1 margin to allow the referendum to be placed on the municipal election ballots in November.

The letter sent to the Millbrook People for Peace stated that the Council had reviewed the matter and included a report from their lawyer, Mr. Robert Pakenham of Peterborough. Mr. Pakenham states that "a plebiscite to gage the electors response or concerns as to nuclear war or nuclear disarmament appears to be beyond the powers of the municipality."

A similar referendum question appeared on the ballots in 193 municipalities across Canada in the 1982 municipal elections. There are no successful challenges on record as yet. At that time, an Ontario Supreme Court justice refused to grant an injunction blocking the

referendum in Ottawa, ruling that there would be "no irreparable harm or damage caused by permitting the city to proceed with the by-law" that allows a referendum to be held. Toronto also included the question on its ballots.

During the Ottawa case, lawyer Doug Wallace argued the city had the right to hold the vote under the so-called 'good government' section of the Municipal Government Act, which permits municipalities to take actions for the "health, safety, welfare and morality" of their citizens.

"It is hard to think of anything else which more directly affects the health, safety, welfare and morality of the inhabitants (of Ottawa)", stated Wallace, in reference to the disarmament question.

Supreme Court Justice Patricia Proudfoot of B.C. ruled the referendum question legal, dismissing a citizen's attempt to overturn the by-law passed in Oak Bay, B.C. to have the question appear on the ballots. Justice Proudfoot said the issue of nuclear weapons proliferation af-

fects "not only the municipality, but the entire universe."

The precedent quoted by Cavan Township's solicitor, Mr. Pakenham as having a direct bearing on the issue, concerns a by-law which sought to ask electors whether they agreed with a decision by the Ministry of Education to build separate French schools in Penetanguishene.

Mr. Pakenham also cites a 1938 case concerning a question designed to elicit the opinion of the voters as to the closing hours of beverage rooms throughout the province.

Millbrook Council, which solicits the advice of the same lawyer, Mr. Pakenham, has met with a delegation from Millbrook People for Peace led by Dr. James Liston, and has agreed to postpone any further decision concerning the referendum question until they have had time to study a letter from the lawyer consulted by Millbrook People for Peace, Mr. David Wright. Millbrook Council unanimously passed a motion to include the question on the ballot in May.

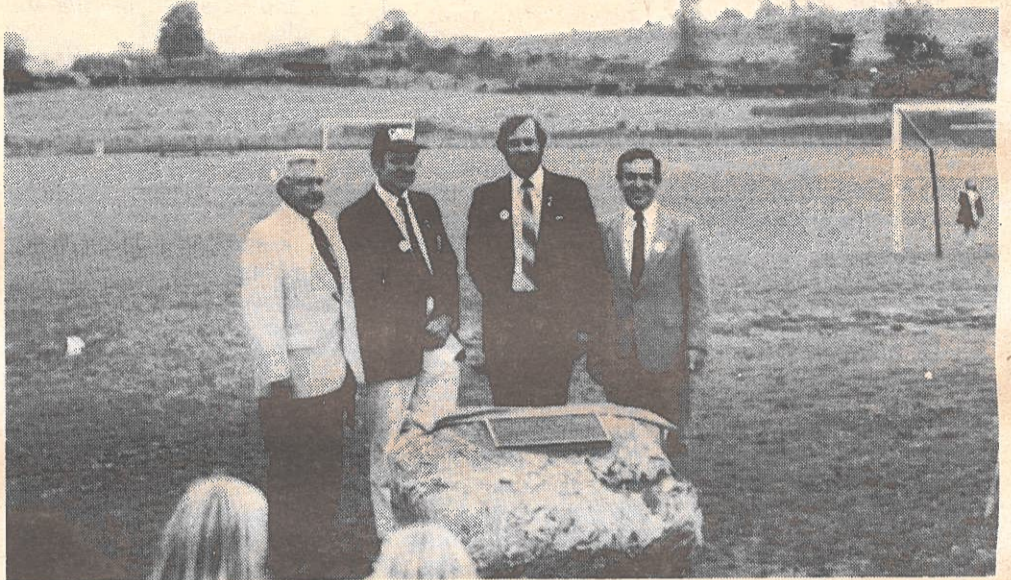


Photo by George Sheppard
Dignitaries assist at the official opening of Cavan Maple Leaf Park. From left M.P.P. John Turner, Cavan Reeve Vic Norman, Brian Mitchell, and Vice President of Maple Leaf Mills, Nick Floraka.

Cavan Maple Leaf Park Looks First Class

By Vic Norman

The Council for the Township of Cavan would like to publicly thank all the people who made contributions toward the successful official opening of Cavan Maple Leaf Park. The plaque was officially uncovered by M.P.P. John Turner and Nick Floraka who is Vice President of Maple Leaf Mills.

The Fire Department display was a huge success as well as the hot dogs dispensed by the Cavan Womens Institute. Everyone appeared to enjoy themselves and the park looked first class. Let's all make good use of this fine park!

The hard surfacing for this year is now complete and the road department has attempted to put a hard surface on many of

the hills in the township to prevent washboarding. There is still some brushing to complete as well as some ditching.

Concerns raised about Council

By Celia Hunter

Twenty Millbrook residents turned out for the pre-election meeting at the Arena on September 30. Reeve Gerry Todd, the only one in attendance currently in office, answered questions ranging from operation of the Arena to how much a municipal official earns.

Some of the concerns raised during two hours of informal discussion, focused on the growth of the village, and the direction it should take. At the present time, negotiations are underway with two developers to build subdivisions on both sides of Tupper Street. The character and the aesthetic quality of the village was discussed in relation to economic factors and long-term planning.

The problem of communication between the various community groups and Council was also discussed at length, with Patrick Conlon, president of the Millbrook and District Chamber of Commerce proposing a

tri-annual round-table meeting where co-ordinated planning and direction could be discussed. Many of those attending stressed that they look for a spirit of co-operation and open-mindedness in Council, and criticism was levelled at the present Council for seeming to harbour a feeling of suspicion towards community groups. "We get the feeling from Council," noted Millbrook resident and former business owner Jim O'Neill, "that you think we are out to get something for ourselves. We get the feeling that some councillors don't realize that other committees are involved in community projects."

Reeve Gerry Todd, who is running again for the position of Reeve in the November election, offered only one election promise - that "the streets are going to be fixed if I'm on Council another year."

The Millbrook and

District Chamber of Commerce will be hosting All Candidates meetings closer to Election Day.

Fair Board starts new construction in Millbrook

The Fair Board is starting work on two buildings to be erected on the Fair Grounds in Millbrook. Work is beginning on an exhibit building, 100 feet by 50 feet, and plans have also been made to build a new tie shed, 18 feet by 58 feet.

Tim Sargent appeared before Millbrook village Council at their October 1 meeting to present the Fair Board's financial statement. 1985 represented the Fair's best year ever, with receipts of over \$16,000. Despite the Fair's

success, the Fair Board still carries a bank loan, which it hopes to reduce through the sponsorship of a dance, a draw on a quilt, and an auction all planned for the near future.

Millbrook Council voted the sum of \$1,250 to help the Fair Board cover its construction costs. The cost of the exhibit building is estimated at approximately \$30,000. This figure does not take into account hydro hook-up and tiling.

The tie shed will cost \$4,850.

Legion pledges to clean up Cenotaph

The members of Branch 402 of the Royal Canadian Legion are in the process of repairing and cleaning up the Cenotaph outside Cavan Municipal Hall in Millbrook. The clean-up operation should be completed in time for Remembrance Day ceremonies on November 11.

The work includes cleaning the monument with scrub brushes and detergent, and sandblasting the base. The Legion also plans to put in

a walkway from the sidewalk to the base of the Cenotaph.

Norman Taylor, representing the Legion, explained to village Council members that all the work will be done at no cost to the taxpayer. A representative from Peterborough Monuments inspected the Cenotaph and advised on how to clean and repair it free of charge, and Williams Shell Station has offered to lend scaffolding.

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We at the Highlighter hope you will make use of the handy Index, and support the services that have made its production possible.

Referendum offers chance to voice opinion

By Joanne Rowland

When our Prime Minister finally gave his answer to Canada's participation in S.D.I. or "Starwars", it was a "qualified" no. Had his answer been yes, members of the Peace Movement would have felt some discouragement knowing that, once again, time and energy had been spent on a campaign that had not met its goal.

There are those that suggest that, because the goals aimed for by the Peace Movement e.g. world wide nuclear disarmament, are so remote, and progress so slow, not many people are attracted. People are not necessarily uncaring about the dangers of nuclear war; they feel powerless to make any difference. So most choose to do nothing.

To counteract that, it is important to make smaller goals that are within reach but that will eventually lead to the ultimate goal. The "Star Wars" campaign was one such small goal. The holding of a nuclear disarmament referendum is another.

In the November municipal election the question on the ballot will read:

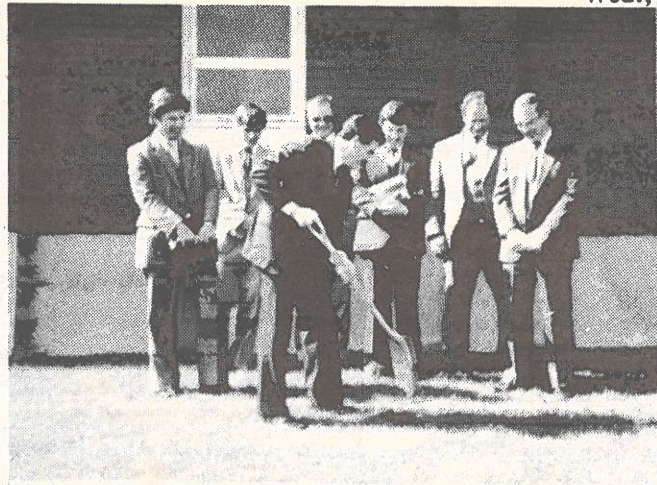
"Do you support nuclear disarmament by all nations, on a gradual basis with the ultimate goal of a world free from nuclear weapons, and mandate your Federal Government to negotiate and implement with other governments steps which would lead to the earliest possible achievement of this goal?"

In 193 towns and cities across Canada, similar referenda were held in the last municipal elections, representing 7 million people. 76.2% said "yes" to nuclear disarmament. When the majority of Canadians have had a chance to vote on this question, and if the majority vote in favor, then the government of Canada has a responsibility to start working actively toward this goal.

Since 1977, the arms control process has not changed much. The arms race is still out of control. The global nuclear arsenal

has grown to 50,000 weapons. Military expenditures have swollen to almost a trillion dollars a year. The possession of nuclear arms isn't limited to countries; terrorist groups may be able to make and detonate crude nuclear bombs. The referendum is not asking that only we, the west, disarm. It asks for phased and balanced multilateral disarmament. The achievement of this will be complicated, long, and painful but it must be started.

Dr. Helen Caldicott uses the analogy of the terminally ill cancer patient when describing the precarious situation on our planet since the advent of nuclear weapons. In the patient, death usually comes more quickly when there is no hope. So, too, if we lose our sense of power to effect any change, we are accepting the inevitability of nuclear war by design or accident. I for one cannot do that. Your vote on November 12 will be a sign that you have not lost hope either.



Turning the sod for the new building

Christian Assembly celebrates growth

By Lorne Trimble

A milestone of growth for the Millbrook Christian Assembly was seen on Sunday, September 29, when ground was officially broken for the construction of their proposed new church sanctuary and additional facilities at the site on King Street West.

A capacity attendance was present to hear guest speaker, Rev. Paul Starratt, of Peterborough. Pictured here 'turning

sod' are Rev. Starratt, representing the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada; and Mr. Allan Hutchison representing the congregation. Also pictured are the ministers, Rev. Lorne Trimble and Rev. Larry Armstrong of Millbrook Christian Assembly, along with board members Allan Syer, James Harvey, and Randy Cripps. James Coe was unable to attend. Construction is scheduled to begin October 17.

Study could lead to flood plain reduction

Lavern Gibson, Millbrook representative for the Otonabee Region Conservation Authority (ORCA) outlined plans to Village Council at their October meeting for a study to be conducted by ORCA to look into the possibility of reducing the flood plain.

The study will investigate the feasibility of straightening the creek bed and lining it to speed up the flow of water. The extensive flood plain in Millbrook limits development and applies restrictions on the downtown core.

If the study recommends that work be done, federal and provincial grants can be applied to some of the cost. Millbrook and Cavan will have to pick up approximately 15-20% of the costs, explain Gibson.

Gibson also stated that work of this kind has been effective in communities like Georgetown, and there are those who believe that such action could drastically reduce our flood plain.

Chamber of Commerce Plans Christmas Lights Contest

By Walter Dyer

At the regular monthly meeting of the Millbrook and District Chamber of Commerce held September 18, plans were made for the Chamber to sponsor a Christmas Lights Contest.

Judges will be appointed to tour the Village and township a few days before Christmas and the house deemed to be the best decorated with Christmas lights will be awarded a Gift Certificate to the value of \$25.00 for use at any of the businesses in Millbrook. Another award of a \$15.00 gift certificate will be given to the second best decorated house.

The next meeting of the

Chamber of Commerce will take place on Wednesday, October 16 and this will take the form of a Wine and Cheese party to be held at the Old Millbrook School. Mr. Scott, well known author and journalist, will be the guest speaker. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Members and those interested in the work of the Chamber of Commerce, likely to become members, are invited to attend.

The Chamber will sponsor an All Candidates meeting as soon as it is made known who will be standing for election in the up-coming Municipal elections.

Fran Fearnley spoke to

the group on behalf of the Friends of the Old Millbrook School, outlining details of the financial assistance that is required to take over the School and seeking the support of the Business Community.

By the time this report is read in the Highlighter the preparatory work for the Park at the corner of King and Union Streets should be under way. Any gifts of moveable items such as planters, benches, would be appreciated. If and when the property is needed for some other use these items would be returned to the donor or placed in a new park in the Village.

Primate of Canada and Lt. Governor to visit St. Thomas'

To help celebrate St. Thomas' Anglican Church's 100th anniversary, the Anglican Primate of Canada, the Most Reverend Edward Scott will be guest speaker at the church on Sunday Oct. 20, at 11 a.m. Also attending this special service will be Ontario's new Lt. Governor, Lincoln Alexander, our local M.P. Alan Lawrence, M.P.P. John Turner, and County Warden, Vic Norman. The service will be held at St. Thomas' Church on Centre Street in Millbrook and members of the church extend an invitation to all interested in attending the service. A luncheon and question and answer session will be held following the service, at the Royal Canadian Legion, Millbrook.



Family Resource Centre could start in Millbrook

By Nancy Robinson

Would you like to see a Family Resource Centre established in the Old Millbrook School?

It would provide an informal drop-in service for adults and children in a friendly and stimulating setting. In this environment, children could have an opportunity to develop social contacts, play, and explore. Parent and child can be brought together in a place that is helpful and sustaining for both. You could come for coffee or lunch, chat with moms and dads, get involved with your child's activities or just sit and relax with a

book.

We would try to offer whatever people needed, from a toy library and clothing exchange to various workshops and programs concerned with family life.

We need as many names as possible to show that such a service would be desirable for Millbrook and the surrounding area. Please call Nancy Robinson at 932-2634 with your support, or sign one of the lists you'll see posted around Millbrook at selected stores and businesses such as Calhoun's IGA and at the Library.

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CLUB NEWS

Cavan Women's Institute enjoy varied program

By Janet Kennedy

Members of Cavan W.I. were "welcomed back" on Tuesday, September 17 at the home of Helen Braithwaite. Our roll call of "Name a clause from the 'Charter of Rights' dealing with women's rights brought forth some well researched answers.

We were pleased to take part in the official opening of "Cavan Maple Leaf Park" on September 8. It was a fun filled afternoon for all those who attended and we hope you enjoyed the "high priced" hot dogs, courtesy of the

Cavan Recreation Committee.

The W.I. will again this year be holding euchre parties in Cavan Hall for those interested in playing. They will be held on Saturday, October 19, November 2, 16, and 30.

Mrs. Howard Robinson gave us an enlightening report on the National Convention of the Womens Institute, held in London, Ontario in June. Along with Mrs. Cliff Tripp, she enjoyed tours, workshops, and fellowship with W.I. members from across Canada.

Our program for the evening was Citizenship & World Affairs. Mrs. Sheresa Kassam from Kenya, and now residing in Cavan, spoke to us about her native land and her family's emigration to Canada. She detailed all the steps involved in attaining her Canadian citizenship. Mrs. Kassam works for the Ministry of Colleges and Universities in Toronto while her husband Sadru operates a farm in Cavan.

A very informative evening was enjoyed by all.

Recreation Committee busy in Cavan

By Pat Sutton

August 30, 1985 saw the conclusion of the second year of our sponsorship of the Cavan Children and Youth Programme. Children attended from five different areas, most of them from Cavan and Millbrook. We had a great staff again this year, and on behalf of the committee, our thanks go out to Mary-Jo Sullivan, Leslie Armstrong and Shelly Saunders, our three competent staff members.

On Monday September 30, 1985 the Sports Committee held a meeting to help plan a social evening or supper for the players and coaches of the Cavan Soccer and Baseball teams. Crests have been ordered: Blue/White for Soccer, Brown/White for Baseball. These will be given out to the players.

In the not-too-distant future, Cavan Maple Leaf Park should be receiving more beautification, when it's hoped that we can start clean-up on the two ponds and the creek.

Considering the weather at the official opening of Cavan Maple Leaf Park, the turn out was fairly good. We estimated that about 300 people were present throughout the afternoons events. The Women's Institute reported selling 500 hot dogs.

Mr. John Turner, M.P.P. took part in the unveiling of the plaque and ribbon cutting ceremony along with a representative from Masterfeeds of Cavan, Reeve and County Warden, Victor Norman, Council members Wilfred Gillis (Deputy Reeve), Ben Olan, Sherman Morrison and Kathy MacGreger. Also present were members of the Cavan Recreation Committee.

The committee would like to thank all those people who assisted with the purchase of tables, benches and bleachers now installed in the Park. Our thanks also go out to the sponsors of the 1985 soccer teams; Calhouns I.G.A., Jones' Stores and Dr. & Mrs. Jim Liston.

Now that we have this great facility in our area, let's not forget to use it. Only with constant care and use, can it remain a vital source of pride within our community.

Cavan Community Hall in Cavan is regularly utilized, with Cavan/Millbrook Nursery School open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Brownies meet every Tuesday evening, and Cubs each Wednesday

evening.

The Cavan Recreation Committee meets every third Thursday of the month, with the Women's Institute meeting every second Saturday of the month, unless the hall is in use or rented.

We would like to see new members on our committee and if anyone is interested, please call Bev at 932-5480 or Pat at 944-5521. You may also call other members of the committee; their names are posted at the Cavan Council offices in Millbrook.

Anyone wishing to book the Cavan Community Hall, Cavan, please call Mrs. Jean Lush (caretaker).

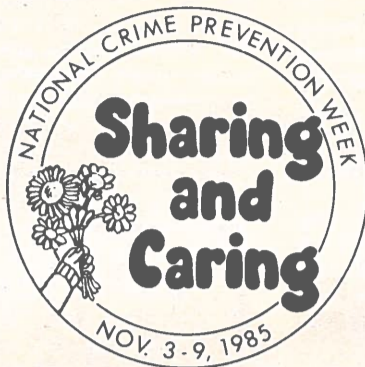
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Together we do make a difference.

Millbrook Women's Institute studies nutrition

By Jessie Powell

"Nutrition" was the topic presented by Miss Barbara Weese, Home Economist from Bowmanville at the September meeting of the Millbrook Women's Institute at the home of the President, Mrs. Wilson Larmer. Twelve members answered the roll call, "What can we do to obtain good nutrition?"

Miss Weese chose Canada's Food Guide as her point of reference. It is divided into four groups: Milk and Milk Products, being the first. From age 25 more milk is needed as our bodies require more every ten years. Two servings a day for each adult, especially women. Meat - 2-3 servings a day of 2-3 oz. each. It is interesting to note that the cholesterol level is lower in meat these days. Three eggs a week are sufficient as they are very high in cholesterol also. Fruits & Vegetables - 4-5 servings a day. Breads & Cereals - 3-5 servings a day - whole grains are recommended. Miss

Weese emphasised that cooking methods are very important as well as storage conditions.

During the summer the members enjoyed a picnic at Young's Point, after which a Cruise on Stoney and Clear Lakes was taken. One Highlight was a visit to "St. Peter's on the Rock", the Anglican Church which opened in 1914, and is still in use, drawing its members from the surrounding cottages on the lakes.

It was decided not to send a delegate to the Area Convention in November.

Mrs. Maxine Hopkinson and Mrs. Hermi Jan-

drisits were appointed to gather information for the Institute's 85th Anniversary on March 25, 1986.

A Home Decor Course including Interior Decorations, Curtains & Drapes will be held in Bowmanville, October 15-17. Mrs. Gerald Deyell and Mrs. Hermi Jandrisits will attend as leaders for this course. A donation of \$20 was given to the 4-H Club.

A social time with Mrs. M. Braithwaite and Mrs. M. Hopkinson, assisted by the hostess, was enjoyed by all. The October meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. G. Davidson in Peterborough.

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EDITORIAL

Definitely not for the money

The last day for nominations to be received for the upcoming election is October 21 at 5 p.m. How do interested applicants find out what's involved though? There are no 'Help Wanted' posters with neat lists of requirements and outlined duties. Just what is involved in municipal office anyway?

For a start, more often than not, there are at least two meetings to attend a month. Then there are the special meetings, called to deal with urgent matters that come up, with next to no warning. On top of that, there are meetings of committees of council to take part in; the Library Board, the Arena Board, the Roads Committee, to name but a few. Add to that the time taken to follow up on requests and complaints from taxpayers. Through all this, as an official elected by friends and neighbours, you aim to please, but pinned under the weight of a strictly limited budget, you find it hard to look good.

To crown all this off, the pay is lousy. Why on earth would anyone want to run for municipal office? What would motivate a person to want to work so hard for so little? What kind of perverse nature does it take?

Not perverse at all, but probably rare, is the sense of community spirit which must be the most important prerequisite to this often thankless task. Those who put themselves in this situation have to really like where they are. They will be working for the community: it had better be truly theirs, in the sense that they feel a deep and abiding commitment to its preservation and well-being.

But those who sit on council must also have a dream. They must have a desire to make their community a better place to live in. For that is what a municipal official can do. That is the power and the motivation: to direct those few tax dollars toward the long term improvement of our community. Add to that sense of commitment an open nature, a desire to get along and create a working atmosphere of co-operation and good will, and you could have the ideal municipal official.

Keep an eye out for them; sometimes they don't realize who they are. They are too much in demand to be left out: urge them to get involved now.

Letters to the Editor

MADCAP served community

On Wednesday September 11, 1985, the MADCAP association, made up of members Jim Chaplin, Pat Sutton, Shirli Allison and George Luchuk, held their final meeting at which it was decided to dissolve the organization.

The balance of the money raised by the organization has been, after some discussion, donated to our local paper

The Highlighter.

MADCAP was a volunteer organization working within the community, so with this in mind we feel the \$100.00 we have donated to the Highlighter, will best serve our past efforts of reaching out to the community.

We would like to thank everyone for their past support and involvement.

Pat Sutton

Looking at the Arena deficit

What is a community? Funk and Wagnalls defines it as; "1. A body politic, as a village, town, city or state. 2. The public; any body of persons having common interests. 3. A sharing or participation. 4. Common ownership; possession or enjoyment of property." In short a community is a

group of people who have banded together to share the duties, costs, tribulations, and enjoyments of shared political, cultural, recreational and social needs.

The village of Millbrook and Cavan Township, along with significant participation



WHY WOULD ANYONE RUN FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE?!

by neighbouring South Monaghan, form such a community. We have political structures and business organizations. We have parks, libraries, churches, fire service, schools, a newspaper, and garbage disposal. We pull together as we did over our High School, our Mill, our public school. We mourn together over the injury or the passing of one of our community members. We share with our neighbours in time of need. We argue over (discuss?) differences in philosophy or opinion, but we also play together, enjoy each other's company, celebrate special events, and interact with other communities for fun and social or spiritual growth. Our community supplies the means for all these activities and institutions to grow and thrive. The more we have, the healthier they are, the more they add to our community lives.

Think for a minute about the Millbrook/Cavan/South Monaghan Community Centre. If it were not here, where would our citizens of all ages play hockey, figure skate, curl, play broomball? Think about the wedding parties, anniversaries, fund-raising dances, community get-togethers missed or held in other communities. What kind of revenue would be lost to us if tournaments

were held elsewhere? A vital and necessary community institution would be gone, leaving a void in our recreational, economic and social fabric.

Perhaps our present view of the Community Centre is coloured by its ability (or misfortune?) to make money. As it can make money and thus reduce its total operating costs to our citizens, anything spent over and above those money making capabilities is labelled "deficit". But it is still a community institution, one needed, wanted, and used by the general population. As such it must be supported by our community. Lets look at some of our other community institutions from the same perspective that we look at our Community Centre. In 1984, the Pine Ridge Union Library had a "deficit" of \$11,635 (43% of its total operating budget). In Cavan/Millbrook a "deficit" of \$53,164 was toaled by Parks and Recreation. The "deficit" for fire service in Millbrook/Cavan was a whopping \$119,169. From this point of view the Arena's "deficit" of \$30,651, or 27% of its total operating budget of \$115,575 becomes much more manageable.

Either this community wants a Community Centre or it doesn't. Certainly

it must be encouraged to be as self-sufficient as possible, but it must also be supported and upgraded to a level which will enable it to run at maximum efficiency (only economic sense) and to enable the staff to be freed from band-aid maintenance and get on with the job of making more money, thereby reducing the need for public support. Its either that or a gradually deteriorating service and ever increasing costs.

If this community wants

its Arena, then let's look at it for what it really is - a community service. A community service that must be supported and maintained through public monies, volunteer labour, fund raising, and yes, through the productive efforts of its staff.

The Community Centre is at a crossroads, and only we, as citizens of this community, can decide whether or not it will continue to be a part of our healthy and vital community services.

Wendy Brown

Thanks!

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Arnold Armstrong
 for a speedy recovery

Millbrook-Cavan Historical Society wins Heritage Award

By Doris Ingham

The Port Hope Historical Society sent congratulations to the Millbrook/Cavan Historical Society upon learning from a publication that the society here had been chosen for a Heritage award. Only 17 of the many groups across Canada were so honored this year. At their request Jocelyne Daw and Kay Fallis have agreed to go to their meeting on October 16 in Port Hope to tell them how our Historical Society functions. At the time of the meeting there was no confirmation as to what form the award would take.

At their September meeting, the Rev. Canon Walter Dyer carried the members of the Historical Society back into the past as he showed slides and home movies taken in the early fifties. Depicted were people, churches and other buildings in Cavan and in Millbrook. Included were pictures of students for the ministry who, as part of their training, were required to spend ten days in a rural community. Dr. Arthur Chote, the rector of that era and the bishop were in charge. Many local residents were also recognized, among them the Rev. Mel Butler, the United Church minister, Cliff Larmer with his dairy truck and a number of others. The cars shown left no question as to the period.

Canon Dyer was introduced by Jocelyne Daw, the retiring president, and thanked by the new president, Dorothy Stevens, who presented a gift on behalf of the society.

Dorothy Stevens agreed to succeed as president after the September meeting when Nancy Armstrong, newly elected, found her work was going to take her away from Millbrook. To make the new appointment official, the motion to that fact was made by Louise Brown and Elsie McMaster. The motion was endorsed with pleasure.

On the motion of Cliff Larmer, seconded by Bertha Elliott, it was decided to send a donation of \$100 and a note of appreciation to the Millbrook Highlighter.

On display at the meeting, were copies of the map of Cavan telling

where each family was located in 1817. These copies sell for \$3 each. This map was compiled by the late Weldon Coulter from old documents and Arthur Thorn was able to have copies made.

Jocelyne Daw told of plans to have a picture of Millbrook's main street as it was at the turn of the century blown up and mounted on a plaque along with a brief history. This is to be placed in the new park the Chamber of Commerce is creating on King St.

Donna Greet has agreed to chair the committee in charge of the house tour which the society is plan-

ning for 1986. It seems businesses in the village, particularly the antique shops and the restaurants all benefited from the influx of visitors when one was held in 1984.

In October, Enid Mallory, who has just completed a book on "Country Stores of Canada", will be the guest speaker for that meeting. In November, Jocelyne Daw will speak on the history of St. Thomas' Anglican church which this year is celebrating its 100th birthday. As usual the December meeting will take the form of a Christmas party. Again in 1986 there will be no meetings in January and February.

Edna Watson receives Golden Jubilee Award

By Doris Ingham

At the meeting of the auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 402, held on September 17, Edna Watson was presented with a Canadian Legion 60-year Golden Jubilee medal. Vera Gillis, the president, made the presentation. Edna is the widow of a First World War veteran, and a staunch supporter of the Legion. Each year the annual picnic is held at "The Haven", the summer resort on Rice Lake which she owns. Before leaving for Collingwood to spend the winter with her sister, she donated \$100 to help in refinishing the floors of the hall and the washrooms.

Florence White submitted her resignation as treasurer but was persuaded to re-consider with promises of more help from other members.

A donation of \$50 was voted to the Millbrook Highlighter in appreciation of the free advertising given when they were sponsoring the Red Cross Blood Donor clinic.

The auxiliary is catering for two banquets in early October. The price set for such events is \$7.50 per plate.

The members voted \$3000 to the branch, and decided to again commence to pay \$50 a night when they use the hall for bingos.

For the use of the hall so far this season they will give \$100 for the Wednesday afternoon euchres.

The euchre for October

2 had to be cancelled since a banquet was scheduled for that date.

Cavan Council News

By Vic Norman

The taxes have been coming in very well with total collected for this year to date \$1,054,996.80. The next tax installment is due on November 29, 1985.

The Red Cross has to move its equipment from the present site and is looking for a new location to store its loan equipment: any offers?

The Municipal Elections will be held on November 12 and anyone interested in running for any position on council should get a nomination form from the Clerk and have at least 10 eligible people who reside in the Township sign this nomination form. This form can be submitted from October 17th at 9:00 a.m. during normal working hours until October 21st, 1985 at 5:00 p.m.



Photo by Gerald Campbell Studios
Rev. Stuart Macdonald

New Minister for Local Presbyterians

Centreville Presbyterian Church, South Monaghan, and Grace Presbyterian Church, Millbrook, have a new minister - the Rev. Stuart Macdonald.

Mr. Macdonald was born in Toronto but raised in Orillia, Ontario where his father moved to open an electrical contracting business. After completing High School, Stuart spent two years doing various things, including travelling and working at various jobs - from ward attendant at a local centre for the mentally handicapped to electrician's helper - before entering the University of Guelph. He studied history at Guelph graduating with his B.A. in 1981 and an M.A. in 1982. He then entered Knox College in Toronto and graduated with his Master of Divinity this spring. Centreville and Millbrook are Mr. Macdonald's first pastoral charge.

He is not unfamiliar with this part of the country as he and his wife, Alison Kneen, spent the last year living in Cobourg. Alison is the French teacher at Roseneath.

Mr. Macdonald is excited about his first ministry, saying that there is so much to learn. "I really enjoy the people around here," said Mr. Macdonald, "They're so friendly."

Mr. Macdonald also expressed his belief that the Christian faith must relate to every day life: "We are called to live in the world, not in cloisters cut off from the day to day problems of life. For me, that is important, and it makes Christianity so meaningful, challenging and exciting."

Service times are 9:45 a.m. at Centreville, and 11:15 a.m. at Grace, Millbrook.

Bewdley Legion Auxiliary resumes busy schedule

By Joan Noone

The Legion Auxiliary resume their busy season with a change in dates for their monthly meetings. During October and November ONLY they will be held on the first Monday of the month, and then back to the second Monday as usual.

On September 21, Branch 577 and the Ladies' Auxiliary held an Open House at the Bewdley Branch from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. This was an opportunity to show the public the amount of time, service and monies that are contributed to the communities by the R.C.L.

On September 24, the L.A. hosted "old and new" friends from the Golden Plough with a colour tour of the countryside and a dinner in the Legion Hall.

On October 20, Bewdley Branch 577 is hosting the Zone F-2 Fall Convention, with the Ladies' Auxiliary catering in their usual great style.



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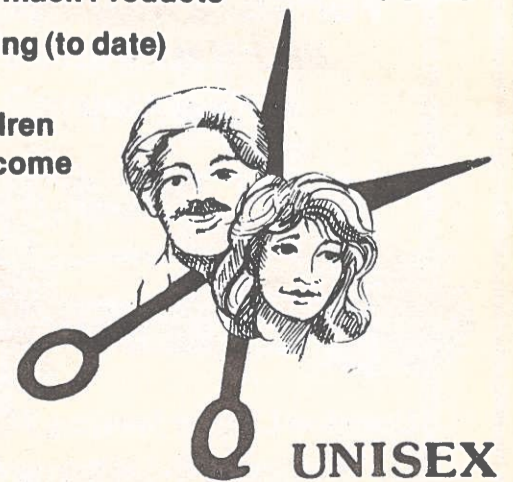
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Candy Corn and other horrors

By Evelyn Raab

For me, thoughts of Hallowe'en are inextricably tangled up with thoughts of food. Well, some might call it food. Especially if you happen to be under the age of ten. For some reason, I can't seem to remember any of my annual Hallowe'en costumes (except for the one year I was a ghost and, having neglected to cut myself a mouth hole, I

had to eat all my candies through my eyes) but that wonderful shopping bag full of assorted, er, delights is indelibly etched in my memory. The really bad stuff stands out the most. First, there were these peanut-shaped marshmallow things that were probably the worst of all. I would trade those for absolutely anything, even that abysmally bad

candy corn (perhaps an exclusively American creation, I've never seen it here). Candy corn consisted of these hideously sweet triangular shaped little horrors with only a passing resemblance to a corn kernel. One particular grouch around the corner was notorious for always giving out those nasties. Also at the bottom of the bag lurked several dozen black and orange sort of toffee things wrapped in cellophane. Not only were they rotten and yucky, but they tended to stick to your teeth and pull out fillings, invariably resulting in an unexpected trip to the dentist (drat, drat, drat). And, naturally there were always one or two houses who thought they could get away with giving you last year's stuff.

Then there was the great junk. Into this category fell almost any miniature candy bar (Milky Way being at the top of the coveted heap), small bags of potato chips, M & M's, Glossette Raisins, and even occasionally a candy apple. Also making an

annual appearance in the Bag were a motley assortment of homemade cookies (of varying quality), peanuts in the shell, apples (discarded for fear, even in those days, of razor blades) and gum.

Immediately following the trick or treat expedition, Beverly Widder and I would retire to her house where we would solemnly conduct The Inventory. This ritual was an absolutely essential part of the Hallowe'en experience. We dumped out our bags on the floor in her room, sorted things according to relative desirability, and rated the pickings in comparison to other years. (Lots of candy corn - a bad year; five Milky Ways and a candy apple - exceptional!).

Feeling all sugared out and thoroughly ghastly, I would then retire home, empty my pockets of candy wrappers and hide The Bag in the deepest recesses of my closet, under the shelf, behind the shoe boxes. And hope my mother wouldn't find it for at least a few days.

Some things never change.

Having failed to come up with a recipe for homemade candy corn (sorry), I hope the following treats will be some consolation. These are for all you big goblins who have to stay home and be grownups while the kids get all the good stuff.

Maple Caramel Apples

2 C dark brown sugar, packed
1 1/2 C maple syrup
1/2 C whipping cream
1 T butter
10 apples, chilled

-In a deep heavy saucepan combine the brown sugar, the maple syrup and the cream and cook over medium heat until sugar dissolves.

-Bring mixture to a boil

and boil it undisturbed until it reaches 250° on a candy thermometer. Remove pan from heat, add the butter and swirl pan gently until butter is melted. Let it cool 5 minutes.

-Push a wooden stick (skewer, chopstick etc.) lengthwise into each apple and dip them, one at a time, into the caramel, coating them well and letting the excess drip off.

-Put on buttered baking sheets to cool.

Molasses Popcorn Balls

1/2 C unpopped popcorn
1 C light molasses
1/2 C firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 t white vinegar

-Pop the popcorn in the usual way and salt it lightly.

-In a heavy saucepan cook the molasses, brown sugar, and the vinegar, stirring until sugar is dissolved.

-Boil the mixture until it reaches 250° on a candy thermometer.

-Drizzle the popcorn with the molasses mixture and stir the mixture with a buttered spoon until the popcorn is coated well.

-Let it cool until it can

be handled, then form into 2 1/2" balls with buttered hands.

-Let cool on buttered baking sheet.

-Makes about 12 popcorn balls.

Pumpkin Pecan Cakes

1/4 C butter
1 C dark brown sugar, packed
1 C pumpkin puree
2 eggs, lightly beaten
3/4 C flour
1/2 C chopped pecans

1 t baking powder
1/2 t baking soda
1 t cinnamon

-Melt butter in a saucepan and stir in brown sugar. Cook, stirring for 3 minutes.

-Pour the mixture into a bowl and stir in pumpkin. Let cool to lukewarm.

-Add eggs, flour, pecans, baking powder, baking soda and cinnamon and mix well.

-Spoon into greased muffin tins and bake at 350° for 30 minutes, or until done.

-Let cool 5 minutes before removing from pan.

-Dust lightly with icing sugar when cool.

-Makes about 16.

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Kathy is an experienced fitness teacher, and is very popular at the Peterborough Y, where she leads an early morning work-out before going off to work! Her class is aimed at both the beginner and the intermediate level. The pace should satisfy even the most energetic, but she offers encouragement to all, and advises those who tire to rest at a brisk walk to build up strength and endurance, and maintain circulation.

The ten week course, sponsored by the Peterborough Board of Education, costs \$18. Register by attending next Monday night.

Gretzkys take to the ice again

Our own band of Gretzkys, home-grown style, take to the ice again this year, for Thursday night games where the emphasis is on playing and participating. Reports from last year mention that everyone had a great time on top of it all.

The team is open to anyone who is keen. We are non-leaguers, and face off every Thursday at 11 p.m., playing until we drop, or until the Millbrook Arena closes, whichever comes first. New faces are always welcome.

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The McCamus Family

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The McCamus' — Farm Family of the Year

By Jocelyne Daw

Just over the crest of a small hill on the 12th line, west of County Road 10, the treed bush suddenly turns to farmed clearing and to the McCamus Family Farms. Neat, manicured and well-kept grounds and buildings greet one upon driving up the long farm laneway, and the peaceful and breath-taking setting conjures up the city dwellers' most romantic notions about farm life. Four large tractors are parked in front of the series of barns adjacent to the house. The house is old, at least a century, and its white frame boards are decorated with green shutters and the traditional gable roof.

The farm looks efficient and well-managed. Its success is a testimony to the hard work, commitment and planning the McCamus' put into running their farm. Their achievements have recently been recognized by the Peterborough Chamber of Commerce who named them one of the three farm families of the year for Peterborough County.

The Peterborough Chamber of Commerce established the award for farm families with the idea of helping to promote agriculture in the community and to demonstrate the central role it plays in the economic life

of Peterborough and the area. Three specific areas of farming are highlighted - beef, dairy and cash crops and the award is bestowed for the families' community involvement, agricultural organization involvement, growth record and appearance of the farm.

The McCamus' run a large cash crop operation of 750 acres and a maple syrup bush in the spring. The farm was bought by Rob and Mary Ellen McCamus from his father, Harry in 1971. Rob and Mary Ellen are the third generation of McCamus' to own this farm, although the McCamus', one of the earliest pioneer families in the township, settled originally on the quarter line between the first and second lines of Cavan. Today Rob's father, Harry, at 75, still works every day on the farm year round.

The McCamus' have four children, Barry 12, Douglas 10, Laurie 7 and Brad 6, all of whom attend North Cavan Public School. While none currently work directly on the farm, they have chores and responsibilities, and are of course learning first hand a lot about the operation and the running of a large farm business.

Both Rob and Mary Ellen grew up on farms and their personalities are

well suited to the rigours of farm life. Rob is a big lumbering "farm lad" whose quiet thoughtfulness and common sense approach have gone a long way towards shaping the success of the farm. Mary Ellen, who one friend describes as "someone in perpetual motion" is full of life, contagious enthusiasm and isn't afraid of rolling up her sleeves and working heart and soul, pitching in wherever she is needed. Rob attended the University of Guelph where he earned a diploma in agriculture. Upon graduation, he returned to work with his father on the farm that was then a 200 acre mixed farm.

Rob and Mary Ellen were married in 1971 and that same year bought the farm from his father. With Rob's agricultural training, which emphasized the expansion of the small family farm, coupled with the strong economy and general expansion in almost all farm sectors, the McCamus' began a gradual extension of the farm and a modernization of the farm machinery.

Running such a large operation requires the McCamus' to hire seasonal help. The first of the help arrives at the beginning of March to assist with the running of

the maple syrup operation. This aspect of the business was started by the McCamus family well over 50 years ago, in the 1920's and Rob and Mary Ellen continue the tradition.

Rob begins setting up the enterprise in the first weeks of January, running the plastic lines from tree to tree in order to hook them up to the storage tanks. With over 5 miles of lines, this takes Rob an average of 5-6 weeks each year. But his early start guarantees the system is in full working order by the first of March, ready for the sap to run, usually commencing in mid-March. The season lasts the better part of a month and the McCamus' produce over 48,000 litres of sap which they boil down with their wood-fired evaporator to approximately 1,200 litres per annum. During the season, they regularly greet hundreds of family visitors and customers who purchase all the syrup. The syrup is sold privately; the whole family pitches in taking orders from regular and new customers both by telephone and at the maple syrup operation itself.

"During this time, the phone just about rings off the hook," describes Mary Ellen "I take orders and file them systematically in my account book. By mid-April all the orders are filled and we're finished for another season."

By mid-April, Rob and his father are onto the land, planting their 750 acres: 450 acres of corn; 80 of oats; 40 of barley; 20 of soybeans, and 30 acres of hay. With everyone working full out, planting is completed by early June, allowing enough of a breathing space before haying, to wash out and store all the maple syrup lines from the bush, ready for next year's sap harvest.

Beginning in mid-June, the crops are harvested in turn first with the hay, during the blazing hot early summer weeks. By mid-July they begin the combining, with one crop harvest leading into the next. Grains first, soybeans next and finally corn at the end of the

season in November. One hundred and forty acres of winter wheat is planted in September, completing their 750 acres of cash crops.

The McCamus' use modern farm equipment in their operation and all of their vehicles, tractors, trucks, combines etc. are hooked up by 2-way radio system to the house in order to coordinate all planting and farm related activities. They also store all their information pertinent to the business on a computer system, which helps them to keep detailed and accurate records of their crops, expenditures and yields.

This information is crucial in estimating their crop yields and accurately enumerating their costs of production.

This management practice has enabled the McCamus' to successfully market part of their corn crop on the Chicago Board of Trade's futures market. They carefully follow the futures contract market and sell approximately one quarter of their estimated yield when they feel the price will ensure them a healthy profit. The rest of the corn and other crops are stored on the farm and marketed year round, allowing for maximum flexibility.

Both Rob and Mary Ellen are active in local farm organizations and are members of the Federation of Agriculture. Rob is Secretary/Treasurer of Peterborough County's Soil and Crop Improvement Association and is a Director of the Wheat Producers. He has also been a judge in the field crop competition of Emily Township and taught machinery maintenance courses for Kemptville Agricultural College. Mary Ellen is Chairman of the Farm Safety Association for Peterborough County and was a 4-H leader over this past summer.

The whole family are active members of St. John's Anglican Church, in Ida. They also are one of the billeting families for the Canada World Youth Exchange with Sri Lanka, and Mary Ellen participated in last year's exchange as chairman of the steering committee. All of their children play baseball, and for the past 5 years, they have hosted a community T-Ball summer program at their farm with up to 50 people participating each week. With all the children in school, Mary Ellen has recently returned to work part time at W.G. Thompson and Sons Ltd. Grain Elevators, west of Bethany on No. 35 Highway.

In spite of their past successes, neither Rob nor Mary Ellen are optimistic about the future of farming. "The prices are too low, and costs run higher than returns" states Rob. "It is a tough business for people to break into today, and frankly I don't recommend it."

Today, the McCamus' expansion has halted and their goal now is to pay off their debts. But even though the recession is still lingering in agriculture, their commitment to farming runs deep within them and they constantly strive to run an efficient and well-managed operation. Being chosen one of the three farm families of the year has also helped to give them renewed enthusiasm, and the recognition the award brings makes the hard work all seem worthwhile.

We in the Highlighter district can celebrate with them, and be proud of the love and care they dedicate not only to their farm and farming in general, but to their participation in community activities. Their contribution enhances life for us here and makes us mindful of the importance of farming in the County and our own township.

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Local firefighters of the 1940's

Firefighting: Past and Present

By George H. Sheppard

The history of firefighting in our area goes back a long way. It has been built over the past one hundred years into a fire service that can proudly meet the needs of our growing community in a technological age.

The history of the fire department goes back as far as the 1880's. The Old Fire Hall, still standing on Hay Street in Millbrook was built in 1881. The building, which has recently been designated as being of historical interest, was built in the Italianate style, popular in the last quarter of the 19th century in Ontario. The fire department was formed in 1883, and used that building continuously until 1968 when a new hall was opened on King Street.

The first fire fighting apparatus, a six man hand pumper arrived too late for the fire of 1875 which destroyed the downtown core of Millbrook. In 1885, a steam driven pumper drawn by a team of horses was purchased, and was used for many years by the firefighters. Over the years additional equipment was bought to upgrade the department's capabilities, but by 1964, the inventory was still fairly modest, with two pumpers and one tank truck to service the village of Millbrook, and the Townships of Cavan and South Monaghan. In 1978, a new pumper was purchased jointly by Millbrook and Cavan Councils; the first new piece of firefighting equipment for the area since the acquisition of the

1946 pumper.

In recent years, however, the firefighting capabilities of our department have grown a lot, as a result of the findings of studies made to determine the needs of the fire service in our area. Last year, a new station was opened in Mount Pleasant to give better protection to the north part of the Township. A new fire pumper and a tanker with a power take-off pump and capacity of 1500 gallons of water, are housed at Station Number 2, and seven firefighters report directly to that Hall.

The Millbrook Fire Hall houses another tanker, two pumpers, a half-ton, and a Rescue Van.

The Millbrook Cavan Fire Department offers fire protection to the Village of Millbrook and the Township of Cavan. The fire department became jointly operated by the municipalities in 1976, when a Fire Protection Agreement was drawn up by the Councils. Prior to that, the Village of Millbrook sold fire protection to the townships (both Cavan and South Monaghan) for an annual fee. Last year, the operating budget for the department was \$52,961, not including firefighting wages. 69 calls were answered that year, and fire loss figures ran at \$900,480. This year's operating budget is set at \$55,079, an increase of 4%.

As with the majority of fire departments today, ours is run on a 'volunteer' basis. That is to say, all our firefighters work

for the department on a part-time basis, whenever they are not busy at their regular jobs. We fight the fires on our time off. The word 'volunteer' was used originally to differentiate between those who worked full-time as firefighters, and those who gave up their spare time to assist some communities that could not afford people on a full-time basis.

The department has thirty firefighters on staff, with Chief Ted Buck in command. There are six officers in the chain of command, including Captain Steve Fair who heads up and myself, George Sheppard, Chief Training Officer, in charge of the training program.

The fire department upgrades its collective knowledge by sending personnel to various conferences and schools as part of the training program. The department also helps educate the public in fire prevention measures and in other areas, through its education program.

Our most recent recruits meet new requirements as the Department strives to train firefighters to meet the challenges of today

and tomorrow. Qualifications now include a rigorous physical fitness test which includes a timed one and a half mile run, sit-ups, chin-ups, push-ups, walking a beam while carrying 20 lbs. of equipment, and carrying 125 lbs. over a one hundred foot distance. Once past the physical test, a 40 hour training course is required, so that firefighters have more than just their own judgment to fall back on when they are at the scene of a fire.

As firefighting is one of the most dangerous jobs in the world, no matter whether you are full-time or part-time, if the person has not had good basic training, then the job of firefighting might well be the last one you ever undertake.

MUSICAL NOTES Shumann's Literary Talent was Supreme

By George Ingham

Robert Schumann (1810-1856) appears to be an example of that strange anomaly: a great composer who was not in the first instance a great musician. Stories are ripe of those few Broadway tunesmiths who could only produce their great effusions by picking out their tunes one-finger style on the piano, leaving the role of transcriber to some more learned colleague. Schumann was a far more organized musician than that, but compared to others in his league, he did have limitations of pitch sense, rhythmic sense, formal organization and orchestral coloring.

Stories abound of how it was necessary for the organist Kuntsch (Schumann's first piano teacher) to apply the blackthorn rod to the composer's bottom, because of his violation of the rules of time-keeping. An adult sequel to these horror

stories occurred in Dusseldorf towards the end of the composer's life, when during his conducting of Beethoven's Missa Solemnis, his rhythmic beat proved so indistinct that friends in the ensemble had to work behind his back to ensure all the elaborate changes in tempo.

These instances of rhythmic ambivalence seem all the more strange in a composer where cross-rhythms in such works as the opening of the Rhenish Symphony, and the finale of the A Minor piano concerto seem the very soul of rhythmic inventiveness.

The Encyclopedia Britannica states bluntly, that alone among the great composers, Schumann and Wagner did not possess absolute pitch!

In his orchestration, Schumann often put the oboe an octave above the clarinet, where the clarinet would have sounded better an octave above the

oboe. He had a general idea of the woodwind sound he wanted, but his orchestral ear was not sharp enough to grasp all the subtle details.

Schumann's formal structures were less grand and logical than Beethoven's, but why should they not be? Schumann in coming very soon after Beethoven in music history simply reacted against what he felt to be Beethoven's excessive formalism.

But what did Schumann have that was uniquely his own? He had supreme literary talent as his many musical essays show, and he had the highest degree of poetic expression and imagination in musical composition.

Though Robert Schumann may have had purely musical limitations, surely no great composer made a more grand contribution to the aesthetic betterment of the human race.



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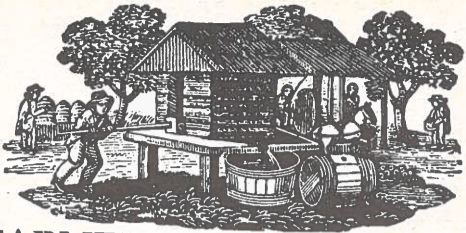
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A FARMER'S VIEWPOINT

Apple Cider Time

By Brian Fallis

Yesterday I noticed the first windfall apples had touched down. Red and ripe, though not as juicy as last year's crop, there they were—strewn in random fashion on the patch of lawn I was about to mow. As we all know, life is full of decisions and I was faced with one.

Should I continue the lawn cutting and allow the approaching autumn's cheery red vanguard a less than pleasant demise under the twin rotating blades of the lawn mower? In no way could I perpetrate such an indignity. I parked the mower and allowed my blood to race. *C'est le temps pour le premier cru*, thought I in broken French.

As it worked out, too many irons in the fire prevented me from making cider last night, and again today. I'll hold off till the weekend and try to arrange some free labor in return for some free juice. Cider making is labor intensive and requires a group effort. It is also an occupation that is well within the capabilities of your most unmechanical neighbor or friend. Cider making can add immeasurably to the self esteem of even the terminally unhandy.

I recall my initiation into cider making. My father and his partner in crime, Ralph Cole, were disconsolate over the fate of the common field apple. Unwanted and unused, large numbers of apples were left to rot under the tree. Clearly a remedy for such waste was in order. The decision to start making cider was arrived at very early in the discussion. The fundamental hurdle was the lack of a cider press, and the necessity to procure one was abundantly clear. After some preliminary research into the matter, Ralph came across an ad in Harrowsmith Magazine. A small mail order house in the Aylmer area fabricated and shipped cider presses by mail across the country. The uncertainty of the mails and the lateness of the season made a pilgrimage to Aylmer a more appropriate course of action. I went along for the ride.

After three, or was it four, hours of the moral oblivion of the 401, we arrived in the immediate vicinity

of the Pioneer Place, the name of the mail order house. After a quick stop for directions at a general store, we began a labyrinthine route across the back roads of Norfolk County.

The physical geography of the area of Ontario just north of Lake Erie contrasts sharply with Cavan Township. Unlike the hills, valleys, and streams of this environs, that part of the province seems to exist in only two dimensions. Perhaps the region was a lake bed in some prehistoric incarnation or alternately the result of an encounter with an unfriendly glacier. (I like to think of geography as a speculative science mediated by imagination not empiricism.) Other than the place's in-temperate flatness, my only other observation was the deletion of that standard feature of the rural roadside—vista—the ubiquitous hydro and telephone pole. This absence piqued my curiosity and occupied my mind until we rounded a corner and drove into the nineteenth century.

The penny dropped. The reason for the absence of the poles and any other motorized traffic for that matter became abundantly clear. In the field to our right, a crowd of ten or so men and boys tossed sheaves onto a horse drawn wagon. In the distance, a stationary steam engine and thrasher devoured sheaves from previous wagon loads. On the other side of the road a neatly stooked field lay at the ready. The men's dress conformed to the Amish code—black hat, white shirt and black or grey trousers with suspenders. We were in Mennonite country.

Since cash-and-carry customers were not the norm at the Pioneer Place, our visit was somewhat of an event for the proprietor. Mark was, of course, Amish and about thirty years of age. His major brush with twentieth century civilization had occurred about five years before our visit. He had gone to Kitchener-Waterloo with a brother. I gathered from his reminiscence of this expedition that he was still recuperating from the experience. No wonder. His house was simple—well kept but covered with plain grey insulbrick. The visual landscape was as muted and devoid of bright colors as the acoustic landscape was empty of loud noise. As well as merchandising a variety of items and tools vital to those who adopt a conserver lifestyle and sustain their needs from the bounty of the land, Mark operated a small farm. He was as content a man as I have ever met. He possessed a naivete and innocence that is so rare in today's society that it is invisible.

We bought one of his hand-made cider presses and several kitchen knives—the kind that tarnish with use but can be made razor sharp after several passes over a good butcher's steel. Our transaction complete, we returned to Millbrook.

The Old Order Mennonites are perhaps the best

known group that has adopted the Great Refusal. The Great Refusal is the blanket term describing the denial by certain groups or individuals of the values and processes of industrialization. The Mennonites have accepted the Refusal on religious grounds. Others, such as Canadian philosopher George Grant, argue that although humanity's material circumstance has been greatly improved, this obsession with the material has its price. Vast areas of the human experience have been suppressed and denied. In other words, the flip side of MacDonald's, T-birds, and shopping malls is alienation, psychic catatonia and political subjugation through the manipulations of mass media.

At a time when traditional patterns of production and commodity exchange are being shattered across rural North America, and the role of the family farm as the primary producer of agricultural commodities is gradually being appropriated by corporate interests, one must question the relationship between industrialism and agrarianism. Have the two become mutually exclusive? Is the hidden agenda of the machine era the gradual diminution of pre-industrial economic structures such as agrarianism? Or is the current disruption of rural economics merely a temporary upheaval occasioned by the evolution of a new post-industrial age?

These are some of the issues I'd like to poke around at in the coming months. In the meantime, one could do much worse than gathering some windfall apples and putting them to good use.

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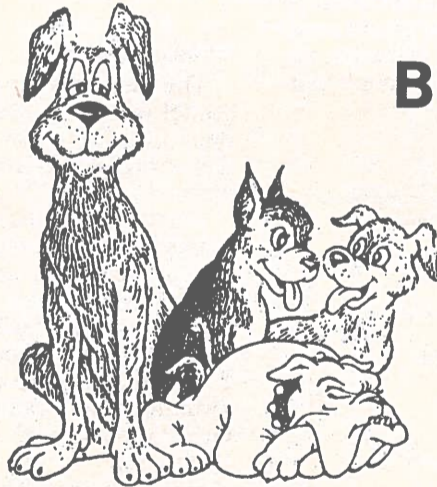
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SCHOOL NEWS



Volleyball

By Melinda Brown

Every year in September a group of boys begin a series of practises every Sunday and Monday at South Monaghan Public School. Mrs. Clark, the librarian and girl's phys-ed teacher at M.H.I.S. is the coach of the team and has been pleased with the result of the boys efforts thus far. It is the second year that these boys have been together, and for some longer.

This year the team is a Junior Varsity team and played the following teams; Cobourg East, Cobourg West, Crestwood, Lindsay, Clarke, and Port Hope, just recently in a tournament, winning ten games out of twelve, placing second against Cobourg East.

The players are: Karl Armstrong, Brian Brown, Garth Carlson, Kevin Daize, Blair Smith, Rob Taylor, Greg Luchuk, Steve Brackenridge. The team has games against the opposing teams on the 3rd at Cobourg West, 10th at Clarke, and Crestwood on the 17th.

Good luck in your future tournaments guys!

By Melinda Brown

Every year come fall, if one looks closely at the field behind the High School, the vision of a short man wearing a green suit and a yellow feather in his hat may be seen. This is the famous Mr. Keeley of M.I.H.S., teacher in the Geographical and Male Health & Physical departments.

The main objective of M.I.H.S. has always been to get the students involved with the spirit of participating. What better a way to do this than to take part in the Archery club? Membership involves a mixture of co-ed students from grades nine to thirteen putting in a

couple hours of practise every other day, or three nights a week.

"At present we only have enough equipment to allow ten to twelve students, but we never have any problems getting that group out," says Keeley confidently. "We hope to get more equipment soon." Though this sport doesn't extend beyond the school boundaries, it regulates a lot of school spirit and interest among the students.

"Archery is a sport that requires a lot of self discipline, excellent vision, strong arms, concentration, and most importantly, patience.

Archery is a lot of fun,

and it brings together a very interesting group of young attentive (most of the time) students." The object of the sport is to shoot arrows towards a target, which is sixty centimetres squared, placed at fourteen and eighteen meter distances from the archer. Six arrows in the "Bull's Eye" will give the archer the highest score of sixty points."

It has been said that archery is a very easy sport, but from the descriptions indicated here, it's worth a try. Only here can you enjoy a non-competitive sport and the wonderful company of a person like Mr. Keeley too. He's one of a kind-Bull's Eye.

Your Page

By Melinda Brown

This is the second year that M.H.I.S. has had a Co-op course available to the students. This course involves a student picking a course from the curriculum, and doing a total of 165-80 hours of work associated with the chosen subject. In return the student receives one full credit and a lot of valuable experience. This year English was my chosen subject, and what better way to gain knowledge in that field than by working on a newspaper staff? My hopes are to produce a good school page, and get the students in the area involved. Though I am willing to put in the hours needed to produce this page, it isn't possible without your participation.

It was the Millbrook Intermediate and High School that with the help of many volunteers, originally put this paper out. Even though the paper has moved out of the school, it doesn't decrease the importance of the School Page. This page is a way to get students interested in showing their creativity through their written work. Articles indicating the activities occurring in the schools, and the personal interests and feelings of this communities young people will make the adults more aware and able to understand the troubles and interests of today's student.

Anything that comes to mind, school activities, personal interests or opinions, they are all welcome. If there are any questions I will answer them.

This is your page, what would you like to see printed here? Anything that you would like printed, please send it to the Highlighter office, or to the High School in an envelope addressed to Melinda Brown. I will do my best to get everything onto the page.

Hope to be hearing from you!

Morning

By Kevin Foster

The dew seeped through my shoes and made my feet wet and cold while I walked through the morning grass. I walked toward the old bench at the baseball diamond where I could see the grooves in the wood from where people have been sitting. I can see the trees across the field blowing in the cool wind, and from the corner of my eye I can see the glare from the sun. A tiny creature, a bee, flew by and stopped to give its morning greetings. I tripped over the rusty old fence that has been broken over the years, and through the archway of the forest I can see a little swamp with bull rushes

Seasons

By Bonnie Thompson

As I walk through the woods I hear the birds singing,
As I drag my feet, the leaves of all colours rustle,
As I look around I see pine-cones of all shapes and sizes,
As I hold my head high the winter wind blows into it.
Before we know it winter will be here, cold and nasty,
Before we know it the trees will be bare and lonely,
Before we know it the snow will be blowing and drifting,
Before we know it Christmas bells will be ringing.

As Summer Goes

By Jo-Anne Rowsell

The sound of a Blue Jay's call echos through the hills,
The colourful leaves fall gently to the ground,
The lonely crickets are calling for their missing mates,
The heat beats down tenderly on the dewy grass,
As the summer comes to an end.

standing erect. I can see where people have worn a trail, and when I walk along it I must duck out of the way of arm-like branches that seem to run their fingers through my hair. I

can smell the cool odours of the pine and cedar as I walk along. While I turn away, I think to myself how beautiful the earth really is!!

School: A New Beginning

By Jason Mitchell

The first day back to school is never a welcome one, but being the first day of high school made it worse.

Entering the school, I felt as if I should return to my old class to endure another day of grade eight classes. I knew that this was not the case, and that I also had the agony of awaiting the traditional Orientation week, or "Initiation" as the students know it. This is a method used by the students council to involve

the new-comers. I tried to shut this out of my mind, but the day came. On the Monday the entire grade nine class was auctioned off to the student body, to become someone's "slave" for one week. This ceremony was long and quite embarrassing to the students.

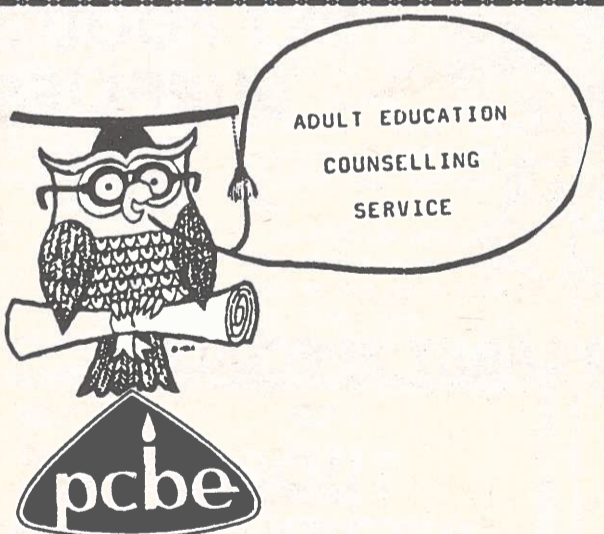
Tuesday held a game of three-legged soccer, between the grade nine's and six's, who were also having a type of orientation. Wednesday, the day feared by all, our

owners had the pleasure of dressing us up as a "famous person" from nine until noon. The costumes were to be in good taste, and worn all morning. Later on there was an assembly where each student was made to do an embarrassing feat in front of the school. If the performance was unsatisfactory to the student body, the slave was to eat an onion, lemon, or garlic clove.

The week ended with a "Famous Pairs" dance,

which was supposed to get the students to dress up in costume, and be admitted at a cheaper price. Though only a couple of people dressed up, the turn-out was good and everyone had a terrific time.

Initiation comes but once in a high school life, and though it is a lot of fun, once is enough. It's a great way to become known in the school, even if it is only for the incredibly embarrassing stunt that you did way back when, it isn't that bad!!!



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Behind the Scenes at

M.I.H.S.

By Andrew Cowan
Student Council President

With the hectic month of September over, the Student Council is gearing up for the fall and winter activities.

The past month has indeed been an exciting and busy time. There was a terrific response to our "Blue Jay Draw" which saw the holder of the winning ticket getting to see the Blue Jays play the New York Yankees on October 4. The sale of student cards went well, the benefits being discounts in a number of the local businesses as well as at school functions like dances. Also this was the month of initiation, the involvement of the grade six and nine classes in voluntary events designed to help orient the student as well as let them have fun.

Looking ahead, the month of October also promises to be busy. This year a new constitution for the student council has been drawn up and is expected to be passed and in place by the second month of October, also at this time we will be planning the budget for this year, and putting them into effect immediately.

An important date this month is the 25th, which is the date of the Commencement. As usual a dance will be put on by the Student Council after the ceremonies.

The student council's fund raising drive will

begin during the first week of November. Though the method of fund-raising has not yet been determined, we hope to again get a super response from the community.

Comprising the Student Council this year are a super bunch of people, the members are as follows: President-Andrew Cowan, Vice President-George Webster, Treasurer-Garth Carlson, Social Convenor-Lisa Westheuser, Communications Officer-Karen Armstrong. Class representatives are as follows: Grade 6-Beverley Robbins, Craig Westnutt, Grade 7-Jason Burnett, Jaret Anderson, Tanya Walker, Nicole Kester, Grade 8-Derek McDowell, Carrie Hogg, Grade 9-Gary Foster, Diane Thompson, Grade 10-Eydie Braat, Larry Coulter, Grade 11-Olive Alexander, Steve Backenridge, Grade 12-Denise Lunn, Ruco Braat, Grade 13-Linda Coulter, Blair Smith.

Special thanks go to Ms. Herage for all of her hard work and time that she has spent with the council in these early stages of our reign. Also, we would like to show our appreciation to the teachers and staff of the school for all of their co-operation.

Let's make it a great year!



Firefighters plan Draw for Groceries

By Steven Fair

Hello again from the Millbrook Cavan Fire Department. As you can see by the photo the opening of Cavan Maple Leaf Park was the opportunity we have been waiting for to hand over the keys to our Rescue Van to both Cavan and Millbrook Reeves. The firefighters have worked very hard raising money for this life-saving piece of equipment. A special thanks goes to the Orange Lodge for their support: without it we would be still working on this truck.

This Rescue Van to date has not cost the taxpayers anything. It has oxygen, jaws of life, stretchers, first-aid kits, etc. on it. As with outfitting any Rescue truck, it is a never-ending battle to keep up with new equipment. We have taken

it upon ourselves to do this, again with the help of the community.

As of our last meeting of the Millbrook Cavan Firefighters Association, there is one dollar and six cents in the association's operating budget. As you are probably aware of by now, I am leading up to something! Yes we are going on another fund-raising drive. How? Why, by selling tickets on groceries at Calhouns IGA. We went to Mrs. Calhoun Condon and asked her if she would allow us to sell tickets on groceries in her store. She said of course, and that she would match any prize we had to offer. Talk about a nice lady. We at the fire department have always had help from Didi in buying our food or returning

groceries, but this offer is the topping on the cake and we thank you, Didi, very much.

The draw for groceries will be December 14 at Calhouns IGA and the winners will be announced on the side of the fire trucks at our Christmas parade. 1st prize \$250.00; 2nd prize \$150.00; and 3rd

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prize \$100.00 — all prizes must be taken in groceries at Calhouns IGA and have no cash value. The tickets will be sold by firefighters and at Calhouns IGA. They are \$2.00 each and only 1,000 will be printed. Please support us in this venture as the proceeds will help us improve our community fire service.

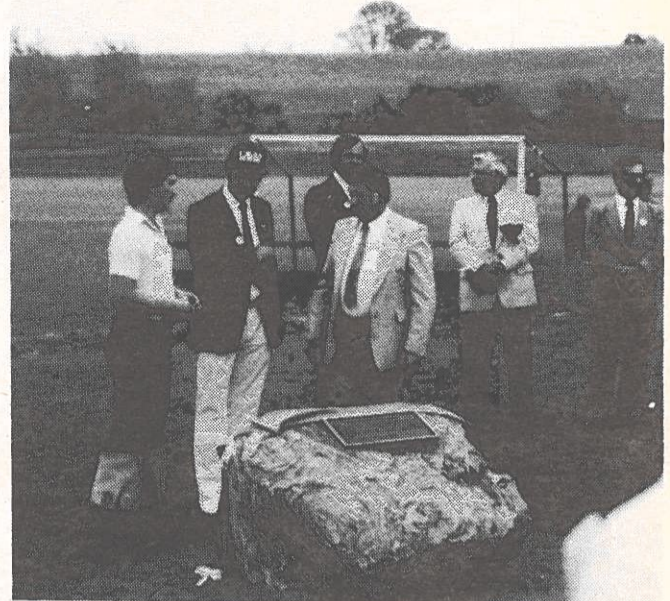


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Robert, Frederick and William Ridge

Three Millbrook Brothers Overseas

By Doris Ingham

Three brothers from Millbrook all served overseas in the Second World War, and all returned—not without wounds it is true—but all did come back. They are William, Robert and Frederick Ridge, sons of John Ridge, a First World War veteran. All the time they were away their mother, Elizabeth Ridge, kept a scrap book full of maps, pictures, press releases and telegrams.

Here is one of the releases she had pasted in her book, "Major William S. Ridge of Millbrook was in the list of Canadians announced yesterday by defence headquarters for gallant and distinguished service". Another headline reads "Major Sam (his

nickname) Ridge leads his company as they crossed the Lamone River in two places to attack the enemy." Major Ridge was three times mentioned in dispatches.

Twice Gregory Clark, feature writer for the Toronto Star, interviewed William. Perhaps partly because, William thought, of his own connection with the Star. Here is a quote from one article "Captain Ridge is an old Star carrier boy who sold 108 dailies and 40 weeklies in Millbrook only, as far back as 1939 when he was 17. Today at 22 he is company commander of a regiment now with a proud battle record."

When all three sons were overseas their father died. William recalls that

he only found out several weeks later when he met Lyle Nattress in England.

Later he reports that he was among the men who left England, sailing west and south until they were opposite New York City, then east to the coast of Africa, and north to the Straits of Gibraltar. They were attacked by Stuka dive bombers, lost one ship and another limped to the coast of Africa where it was beached.

On arriving in Naples, Italy, the men witnessed a terrible sight. Many ships had been sunk and were

lying on their sides. The men had to walk over them to get to shore.

William found Italy beautiful, and the audience with Pope Pius the Eighth impressive. He says the Pope smiled on hearing he was a Canadian.

After returning to Canada he and his wife Bea were married in April of 1947 in Toronto. They have two children and one grandchild.

On his 19th birthday Robert, the Ridges' second son joined the army for active service. He

took his basic training in Peterborough, and advanced training in Valcartier, Quebec. In July of 1943 he went to England where he underwent more strenuous training in the Portsmouth-Southampton area getting ready for D-Day. The men did 30-mile routine marches, practised landing from landing craft on English beaches and held live ammunition exercises.

When the day arrived, the Highland Light Infantry to which Robert belonged were the only ones to use bicycles. They had collapsible ones. After debarking from the boats the men carried the bicycles to the water's edge, collapsed them and carried them as they waded through water sometimes almost up to their necks. On shore they re-assembled the bicycles. Robert has a picture of the crossing and can pick himself out with his bike. He recalls that some of the bicycles developed flat tires, leaving their owners sitting ducks for the shrapnel and bullets all around them.

"It seemed like a never ending day," Robert remembers, but we advanced 10 miles and held it." On July 10, 1944, we were advanced to Buron, which turned out to be "Hell's Corners" since we ran into Hitler Youth Troops, who would die before surrendering."

There Robert was wounded for the first time. In her scrap book his

mother placed the telegram bearing the news. "Minister of Defence wishes to inform you that Pte. Robert Thomas Ridge reported wounded in action; nature of wounds now reported, bullet wound back and shoulder; if any further information becomes available it will be forwarded as soon as received."

Robert was in hospital in England for five months recovering. He was not able to get back to the Highland Light Infantry so he asked to go to his brother William's regiment in Italy, the Perth Regiment. He was not able to do that and ended up with the Lanark and Renfrew instead, going into battle with them on Christmas Day. He saw service at Ravenna and in the Po Valley. This area was turned over to troops from France and Belgium. With the Canadian army he advanced into Holland. There the last big battles for Canadians took place at Nymwegan-Arnheim-Appledorn in Holland. Suddenly the war was over. Robert says, "We were the first Canadians to move through Amsterdam to Aslmar and Bergen to Den Helder where we disarmed the Germans and sent them home to Germany."

Robert was stationed at Leersum near Wageningen, the place where the peace treaty ending the war was signed. In Wageningen he met Johanna Wevers; Johan-



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Steve & Sandy Fair

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na's bicycle had a flat tire and Robert stopped to help. In March of 1946 they were married there. Robert's war bride arrived in Millbrook in September of 1946. There she was welcomed by the Ridge family; in fact by the whole community. Although he is still employed at Raybestos in Peterborough where he has worked for 36 years, he and Johanna moved back to Millbrook three years ago, as many others have been also "caught by the lure of the village." Robert served on Millbrook Village council, and in the fire department when Lloyd Byam was fire chief. Robert and Jo have three daughters, one son and five grandchildren.

Frederick, the youngest of the trio, after leaving school worked in Walter Coombes' grocery store and for Fred Scott, the village undertaker. He spent six months in Port Hope in the Reserve Navy. When he turned 18 in 1943 he joined up in Kingston, taking his basic training in Cornwall, and advanced training in Camp Ipperwash where courses included ones in driving and mechanics and the use of Bren guns.

He crossed the Channel to serve in Holland, Belgium and Germany with the Essex Scottish Regiment. He spent the winter in Hockwald Forest. When the Fifth Division came from Italy to join in the fight he heard his brother, William

was there and was able to see him. Although Bob was stationed nearby they never managed to meet.

Fred took a non-commissioned officers' course at Kleve, and continued in the fighting up to Willenshaven until suddenly the war was over.

"The really sad part," Fred says, "is thinking of the wonderful pals we lost along the way. That is one thing we will never forget."

On his return to Canada he was in the employ of Buckham Transport. He married a Port Hope girl, Bernice McKnight. They have four children and they live in Bewdley where he belongs to the Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 577.

While William lives in Etobicoke, Robert in Millbrook and Frederick in Bewdley, they remain close, seeing each other frequently.

John and Elizabeth Ridge moved from Sarnia to Millbrook in 1928. Included in their family then were William, Robert, Mary and Frederick. Carol arrived in 1941 when her big brothers either were or soon would be in uniform.

John Ridge was an engineer on the Great Lakes, first with Imperial Oil and later with Canada Steamship Lines. The move was made to assist Grandma Ridge when her husband died. The Ridges bought the house next door to her, which included about one acre of land, from the Kells family. It is now the home

of Ludie Brown at 60 King St. E. When the grandmother died the Ridges moved into her house, next to the creek, now 56 King St. E.

William the oldest son, recalls "Those were the depression years when everyone was scratching to make a living. Our family obtained a large paper route for 'The Toronto Star' which we maintained for several years. We raised chickens, ducks, and two pigs. Then we hit on the idea of market gardening. All this contributed to the family needs."

"The family was educated in Millbrook Public and Continuation school. I understand the Ontario College of Art is going to make use of the building."

During the depression in Millbrook William says, "There was a great feeling of helping each other. I remember going to the butcher shop and when Ab Ford realized the order was for the Ridge family he would always add a little more hamburger at no extra cost. When we bought skim milk for the pigs Art Jeffrey would take 5¢ off the cost. Other shopkeepers were Walter Coombe, George Burnham, Percy Bentley, Ivan Gray, Dave Fowler, and there was the Sayles' Bakery.

"In 1938 Max Challice, Bill Kerr, Elwood Fallis and I in Elwood's 1928 Ford decided to go to the Niagara district where we obtained work for the summer, thinning

peaches. We started work at seven in the morning and continued until 5 in the afternoon. Then we drove to Crystal Beach or Niagara Falls. Around midnight we returned to the orchards, where two of us would sleep and swelter in the car, while the other two slept outside to be eaten to bits by mosquitoes."

One thrill which Bill says he will never forget came about three months after he arrived in Millbrook. A parcel arrived at the school for him. It turned out to contain individual letters from all his former classmates in Sarnia.

Bill lists some of the other people living in Millbrook at that time. Dr. J.W. Wright; dentists he remembers were Dr. Leslie Hobbs (brother of Dr. M.E.), Dr. A.

Jemison, and DR. L.J. Stuart. Among schoolteachers were: Betty (Montgomery) Stuart, Laura Orchard, Bruce Dawson (principal), Doris (Banister) Howard, Walter Zeigler, Flora Morgan (principal), Kay Duncanson (principal), Edward D. Fennel, and Mr. Martin Chendall (music). He remembers Kellett's blacksmith shop, Tremaine's blacksmith shop, Scott's Coal and Wood, Trick's Coal and Wood, Aiken's Hardware, Chapman's garage, Byam's garage, Kidd's store, Percy Stinson, station agent, and George Harrington, hydro manager.

William continues, "I applied for a job with hydro in 1938. He told me to come back when I was older. So, the next year I

found out where the gang was working and hitchhiked to the site. I had been working there for an hour when George Harrington came along. He said 'What the hell are you doing here?' I reminded him of what he had said the year before. He replied 'If you want a job that badly, you've got one! We received 35¢ an hour, for ten hours a day, six days a week. Believe me, all I did on Sunday was sleep.'

When Bill's summer job was over he, Art Richards and Bill Kerr went to Peterborough to inquire about work with Bell Telephones. They were told to come back in six months. Instead they joined the army.

William Ridge was the youngest major in the Canadian army.

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

"Make it a complete Thanks—Giving"

By Rev. Lorne I. Trimble

This Thanksgiving found most of us with our friends and family gathered around a table filled with delectable dishes. A tender brown turkey, surrounded by everyone's favourites - sweet potatoes, fresh corn, squash, cranberries, dressing, and of course, piping hot pumpkin pie with ice cream. With so much to eat, everyone ends up more stuffed than the turkey ever was! We vowed never to eat again!

The light, cheery conversation soon turns to what time of year it is and what it means to be a Canadian in the midst of affluence. How can we comprehend the abundance that we all enjoy! Is there some way to measure the gifts that God has given to us? Some way to understand why we have been so richly blessed? The things that first come to mind are

usually those that we can see, or taste, and touch - the roof over our heads, the car in the garage, the food on the table, the clothes we wear - all the wonderful material goods we enjoy in our land. These are easy to measure because we can assign a dollar value to each of them.

If our thanksgiving stops here it is shallow indeed! What value would material blessings be without the love of our family and friends, or without the freedoms we have to enjoy them. These are much more difficult to measure because they are intangible. Even in the midst of material abundance, without these, life would afford us little happiness and satisfaction.

But, there is one gift, one blessing, that is far beyond measure. That is God's Gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the

price for our sin. "God so loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, that everyone who places faith in Him, and believes, may not be separated from Him, but have Eternal Life with Him", John 3:16.

By receiving this Gift, Jesus promised that we will have both eternal life with Him forever and abundant life here and now. That's what makes Thanksgiving time so beautiful. We come to know genuine and lasting love, joy, peace, contentment, hope, happiness and blessings that are beyond all measure.

Make this Thanksgiving complete. Fill your life with the immeasurable Gift of God's Love. Psalm 116:12-13, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord."

Commemorative stamp to honour Joseph Scriven proposed

The Honourable Lily Munro, Minister of Citizenship and Culture for the Province Of Ontario has joined in efforts to have a commemorative stamp in honour of Joseph Scriven issued by the Post Office Corporation.

Joseph Scriven was the author of What a Friend We Have In Jesus, probably one of the most popular hymns in the English language. He died under mysterious circumstances in the Port Hope area, during the night of August 9-10, 1886.

Joseph Scriven was a preacher of considerable renown, and a prolific writer. His life of humanitarianism was researched by the late Foster M. Russell, and published in book form by Mika Press of Belleville.

Foster Russell, a native of Millbrook, was publisher of the Cobourg Sentinel-Star from 1945 to 1969, and spent the decade

of the 1970's doing extensive research into the life of Scriven, which resulted in the publication of his study entitled What a Friend We Have In Jesus.

Foster Russell's daughter, Robin, explains; "My father believed that the Christian life of this man was a very important inspiration to his contemporaries and that his hymn has been an inestimable stimulation and comfort to Christians during the last one hundred years.

Robin Russell, in her petition for support of the

request for a commemorative stamp, adds that "it seems that we Canadians often shy away from honouring those of our countrymen who have made a noteworthy contribution to our lives."

She asked that those who support the issuance of a commemorative stamp write to the Honourable Michel Cote, House of Commons, Ottawa. Provincial Minister, Lily Munro has suggested that Port Hope would be a suitable location for the inauguration of the stamp.

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1984 Poppy Fund Report**

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Sale of wreaths	\$1,038.00	
Donations	166.00	
Sale of Poppies	1,416.00	
Bank Interest	28.00	
Total 1984 Receipts:	\$2,648.00	2,648.00
Total Bank Balance:		\$3,300.00

Expenditures		
Poppies, wreaths	\$1,100.00	
Poster and essay contest	213.00	
Veterans Aid	500.00	
Total Expenditures:	\$1,813.00	1,813.00

October 1, 1984 -
October 1, 1985
All Accounts Paid
Bank Balance, October 1, 1985

\$1,487.00
Net Worth

I wish to thank all those who donated of their time, money, or the many other ways of helping, to make the 1984 Poppy Campaign the success it was.

Thank You

W.E.C. Brook, Poppy Chairman
R.C.L. Br. 402, Millbrook

George Neals announces retirement

By Nettie Aiken

George Neals, Reeve of the Township, has announced that he is retiring after fifteen years of Council association. We wish George many years of happy retirement. Municipal elections are taking place on November 12. It is your democratic right both to run for election and to vote.

Melisande Neal reports that the Pontypool Residents' Association is working on plans for its Annual Meeting sometime in October. Also there has been a good response from ladies wishing to take part in her fine program of Fitness Classes. Both these projects are noteworthy.

While students got the day off Thursday, September 19 to attend the Lindsay Fair, their teachers were busy doing the learning. They were finding out from the education specialists what makes you tick as far as absorbing knowledge is concerned, so that they in turn can help you better in school. This is the case with every Professional Development Day.

The Victoria County Pre-School Resource Centre Inc. was very pleased with the response they got at their booth at the Lindsay Fair on Thursday, September 19 and those participating in the draw came from a wide range of communities.

Sandy and Danny Knapp are happy to announce a new son into the world, a brother for Pamela. Michael James Daniel Knapp, arrived on Monday, September 16, in Oshawa General Hospital, with a birth weight of 8 lbs., 1 oz. Everyone concerned is doing well.

Congratulations to Chris and Colleen Sibley on the birth of a sister for their children, Jennifer and Michele. Colleen was the nursery school teacher last

year in Pontypool. Kristen Danielle was born on August 18, 1985, in Bowmanville Memorial Hospital. The baby weighed in at 7 lb. 6 oz.

A couple of words of welcome. Margaret Quigley (Irish descent) has taken on the job of manse nanny to look after Rev. Heather Smith's children, Andrew, Fred and Ursula. She is also taking calls for the minister. Please do not hesitate to phone 277-2204 if need or emergency arises.

Mark and Colleen MacPherson from Bowmanville with children Jillian, 2 years and Jeffery, 10 months, have taken up residence at 7 Hooper Drive, formerly owned by Stephen and Sandra Harwood. Best wishes in your new home.

Now for the sadder task of saying farewell. There are two units of the Curtis family which have moved to Lindsay over the Labour Day weekend. Barbara and Beverley Bazinet are now residing on Durham Street West in Lindsay, and Mrs. Hazel Curtis also purchased a home in Lindsay.

Margaret Wright has been very fortunate socially. An aunt, Mrs. Hazel Hopkins from Vancouver, B.C. visited her recently. Also, she and Ann Holtby took a special Seniors bus trip to Agawa Canyon, near Sault Ste. Marie. The bus left from Lindsay and crossed from Tobermory on the ferry Chi-Cheemaun. They spent the whole day Saturday in the Agawa Canyon, and the leaves were just beginning to put on a lovely show of colours. They returned to Lindsay around six o'clock Sunday evening.

Despite rumours to the contrary, the Gift Studio in Pontypool is not amalgamating with any other business in the area.

It will remain a unique gift shop as in the past, serving the needs of our community and surrounding areas. New hours are Wednesday through Saturday, Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Bernadette Harwood, owner of the Gift Studio, announces upcoming Marriage Encounter weekends, aimed at enriching the marriages of couples of all denominations and ages, by way of better communication skills. For more information, please call her at 277-2308 or Fran Ratcliffe, 277-2340.

There was a Northey

reunion at Percy and Ann's home in West Pontypool on Sunday, September 8. There were about 70 people who attended.

You are reminded of the Bethany United Church Anniversary service on Sunday, October 20. Pontypool Church will withdraw their service, as is customary, and is invited to join with Bethany at the hour of 11:00 a.m. Special speaker is Rev. Cameron Reid of St. Matthew's - Donwood in Peterborough.

Ballyduff Church (Presbyterian) celebrated an Anniversary Service on

Cavan Nursery School enjoys Fire Department tour

The month of October is a busy one for us here at Nursery School.

This fall, our Thanksgiving and Safety (not to mention Hallowe'en) themes incorporate a wide variety of activities for the children to participate in, including making placemats with colourful leaves collected by the children, singing songs about turkeys, and manipulating tricycles through our safety Obstacle Course.

We have a visit to the Millbrook Fire Station planned for October 17, which we are sure will be a great experience for the children. We send thanks again to Steve Fair for once again helping us out, and to all the members of the Fire department for their co-operation.

On October 5, three busloads of eager shoppers departed for Toronto for a day of bargain-hunting on our annual shopping trip. We wish to thank all those who supported this function, and Travelways for supplying very capable drivers.

As Hallowe'en is quickly approaching, we wish everyone a safe and happy "Trick or Treating" trip around the neighbourhood.

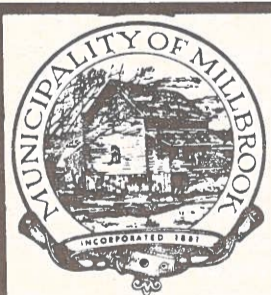
Birthday greetings for October go to Jenny Boone (October 13), and belated birthday greetings go to Katrina McLean (September 21).

On October 24, Lorna Brown of the Peterborough County-City Health Unit will be introducing the children to "Super Sally" - we will save the details of this visit for November!

THANK YOU

The J. B. Hall Masonic Lodge would like to thank all those who assisted them at their recent turkey barbeque.

We hope you enjoyed your meal, and will join us again next year, same place, same weekend.



Municipality of Village of Millbrook

It is now time for Council for the Village of Millbrook to make two appointments to the Pine Ridge Union Library Board. These appointments give citizens the opportunity to volunteer their services to help Council to run the affairs of the Village.

If you have time and are willing to serve, please submit your name in writing to the Clerk no later than November 15, 1985.

Applicants please note that Council may receive more than the required number of applications for these volunteer positions, so please do not be disappointed if you are not selected on this occasion.

Gail Empey,
Clerk-Treasurer,
Village of Millbrook,
Box 58,
Millbrook, Ontario
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TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH MONAGHAN

It is now time for Council to make appointments to various boards set up by Council to assist in governing the Municipality. These appointments give citizens the opportunity to volunteer their services to help Council to run the affairs of the Township.

To this end, Council invites interested parties to submit their names for consideration for appointment to the following Committees of Council:

Library Arena Recreation

If you have time and are willing to serve, please write to the Clerk no later than November 30, 1985.

Applicants please note that Council may receive more than the required number of applications for these volunteer positions, so please do not be disappointed if you are not selected on this occasion.

Kathleen M. Alexander,
Clerk-Administrator,
Municipal Building,
Bailieboro, Ontario
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September 22, at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Swann officiating. Special speaker was Rev. Frank Conkey. There was also special music provided and a lunch after the service, of coffee and cookies, in the hall. Last year, this lovely historic church was rededicated after renovation.

On September 13, 14, and 15, four volunteers from the Pontypool Fire Department, attended a weekend training seminar, which was held at the Ontario Fire College in Gravenhurst, Ontario. Those in attendance were Capt. Rolph Dunn, Capt. Mike Stiner, Doug Overy and Kevin Bryant. By taking the course offered, these men will assist the Fire Department in bettering themselves when confronted with any emergency situation.

Mrs. Florence Chambers, wife of the late Norton Chambers, died Thursday, September 19, and was buried on Monday, September 23 in Pontypool Cemetery, in the Chambers plot. All funeral arrangements were in Toronto, and there was no graveside service.

Norton Chambers was well known in building circles around Pontypool

as a first rate carpenter. He had a part in the building of Pontypool Church, including its wood ceiling. Our sympathy to the Chambers family. Also, a big thank you to neighbours with a good memory of past years, who provided this interesting historic information.

Jimmy Strong has been transferred from Sunnysbrook Hospital in Toronto, to Bowmanville Memorial Hospital. Please continue to pray for him.

Percy Beggs died in Oshawa General Hospital on August 31, aged 64 years, after a lengthy illness. The funeral took place at the Morris Chapel in Bowmanville on Tuesday afternoon, September 3. Our sympathy goes to Kay and family.

I was surprised to learn of the sudden passing of Ross Bradley, former Manvers Station resident.

Ross died Wednesday, September 25. Visitation was at Mackey Funeral Chapel in Lindsay on Friday, September 27. Funeral service was from the Funeral Chapel with burial at Fallis Cemetery on Saturday, September 28. Our sympathy goes to the bereaved family.

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COMING EVENTS

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Edna Watson wishes to thank her neighbours, comrades of Branch 402, and the Ladies Auxilliary for their many years of kindness, and for the farewell gifts from Branch 402, Ladies Auxilliary. This will

be special in my heart. I will be back in the spring if our Lord keeps me around. Once again, I do hope you will have the picnic on the grounds in 1986. Edna Watson.

I would like to thank all those who have patronized my business over the past 33 years. It was a pleasure to serve you. L.R. Gibson, Gibson's Auto Body

Marion and Percy Bothwell wish to take this opportunity to thank all their patrons and friends for an enjoyable evening at Fraserville Orange Hall on the occasion of Percy's recent retirement after 50 years as postal courier of R.R.1, Fraserville. Our special thanks to Bill Domm, John Turner, Ben Olan, Bill Jones, Basil Kealy, Roy Best, Marshall Larmer, Roy Best, Marshall Larmer, (on behalf of her father, Victor Norman) Homer Ouelette, Master of Ceremonies, George Dean, Reeve of South Monaghan Township.

We appreciate receiving the many plaques, letters, cards, flowers and gifts and we give a special 'Thank You' to all the ladies who worked so hard to help make the evening most enjoyable.
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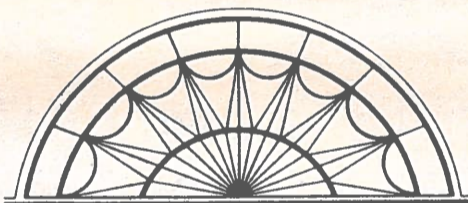
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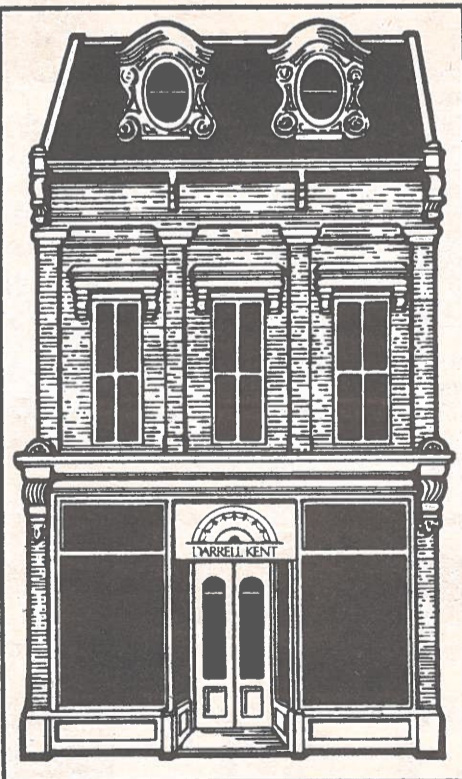
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PRODUCT OF FLI **Ginger Root** 3.29/kg **1.49**
PRODUCT OF U.S.A. **Peanuts In-The-Shell** 2.18/kg **.99**

REGULAR **Ground Beef**
2.62 /kg
1.19 lb.

CANADA PACKERS, "DEVON BRAND", SLICED
Side Bacon
1.59 500 g PKG.

Fresh! SHOULDER BUTT
Boneless Pork Roasts
3.06 /kg
1.39 lb.

FROZEN, FANCY GRADE, CUT OR FRENCH STYLE GREEN BEANS, NIBLETS WHOLE KERNEL CORN, SWEET PEAS OR MIXED VEGETABLES
Green Giant Vegetables 1 kg POLY BAG **2.19**
FROZEN, REGULAR OR INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED
High Liner Haddock Fillets 16-OZ. OR 350 g PKG. **2.99**
FROZEN, BEEF, CHICKEN BREAST, FRIED CHICKEN, SALISBURY STEAK OR TURKEY
Savarin Dinners 11-OZ. PKG. **1.39**

MFG. 16' OFF LABEL, WESTON'S, FIBRE GOODNESS, SLICED
100% Whole Wheat Bread 675 g LOAF **.89**
CHOCOLATE CHIP, CHOCOLATE FUDGE, CINNAMON DANISH, COCONUT CREAMS, FRENCH CREAMS, NUT SUPREME OR OATMEAL RAISIN 400-450 g PKG. **1.89**
DARE
Breton or Cabaret Crackers 225 g OR 200 g PKG. **1.39**
SALTED OR UNSALTED, PLANTER'S
Dry Roasted Peanuts 325 g OR 340 g JAR **2.25**
LOWNEY
Bridge Mixture 340 g PKG. **2.25**

NEW ZEALAND SPRING LAMB FROZEN
Lamb Shoulder Chops 4.17 /kg **1.89** lb.
Leg O' Lamb Roasts 3.95 /kg **1.79** lb.
Loin Lamb Chops 6.59 /kg **2.99** lb.

SWIFT'S PREMIUM, SLICED 175 g PKG. **1.39**
Cooked Ham
ASSORTED VARIETIES 500 g TUB **1.39**
Shopsy's Salads
SHOPSYS, 500 g CHUB **2.59**
Old Vienna Salami
SAMMY'S, SLICED 125g PKG. **.79**
Beef Bologna

SWIFT'S PREMIUM 500 g PKG. **1.69**
Lazy Maple Pork Sausages
SAMMY'S, SLICED 125 g PKG. **.89**
Beef Salami
SAMMY'S, "BOILABLE BAG", BRISKET 2x50 g PKGS. **1.29**
Corned Beef

HEALTH & BEAUTY AIDS
UNSCENTED OR SCENTED
Tampax Maxi Thins Panty Shields PKG. OF 30 **2.39**
BONUS OF 100 mL MORE, CONDITIONING OR REGULAR
Head & Shoulders Shampoo 550 mL BTL. **4.29**
REGULAR, GEL OR WINTERFRESH
Colgate Toothpaste 150 mL TUBE **1.59**

The Kraft Canadian Cheese Festival
PROCESS CHEESE FOOD, SINGLES, (8 SLICE PACK)
Kraft Cheese Slices 250 g PKG. **1.59**
MUNSTER, BRICK OR COLBY
Kraft Cheese Sticks 227 g PKG. **1.79**

"STORE MADE DAILY"
Pepperoni Pizza 9 INCH 395 g PIE **1.79**
(AVAILABLE IN MOST STORES)

From Our Deli AVAILABLE AT MOST STORES
MAPLE LEAF, DELI SLICED
Minced Ham Loaf .42/100g **1.89** lb.
PILLER'S, SELECTED VARIETIES
Salamis .66/100g **2.99** lb.

Fresh! SHOULDER BUTT
Boneless Pork Chops
3.51 /kg
1.59 lb.

SAMMY'S,
Beef Wieners
1.89 450 g PKG.
"SAVE EVEN MORE WITH THE \$1.00 COUPON IN THIS AD"

GENERAL MERCHANDISE
THREE STAR (GOOD TO -40°C)
Windshield Washer Anti-Freeze 4 L JUG **1.49**
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SÜRTEC
Garbage Bags PKG. OF 10 **.99**

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