

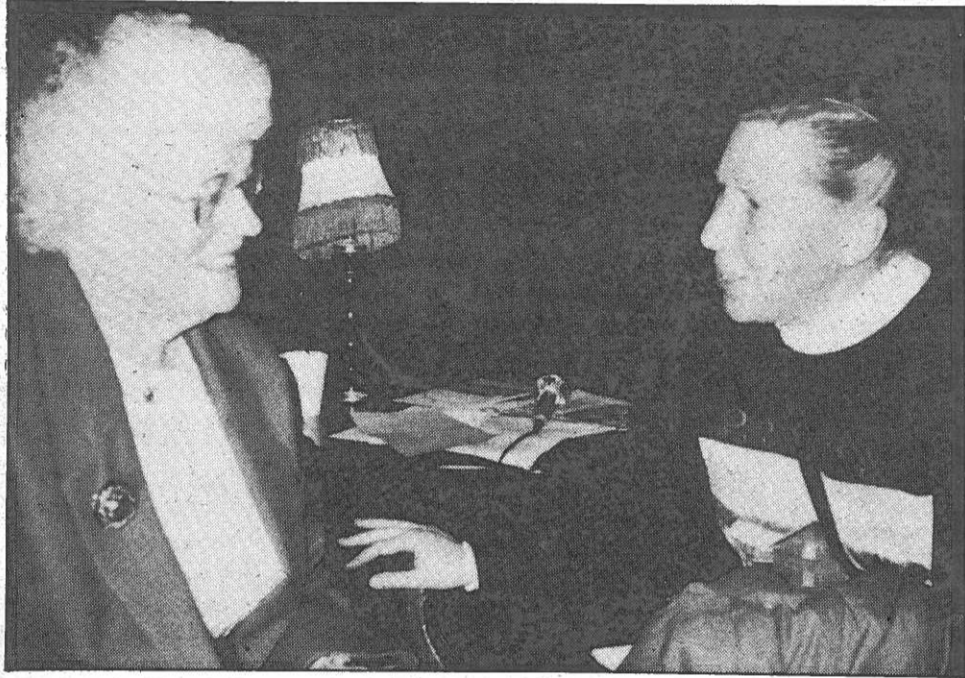
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Jan Rowland of Rollin' Acres shares a story with former kindergarten teacher Dorothy Stevens at the Heritage Celebration.

Heritage celebration

150 celebrate our colourful history

The Heritage Celebration held February 24 in honour of Heritage Week was a triumph for both the community and the speakers honoured during the evening, as 150 people joined together to share in the memories and pay tribute to the challenges and accomplishments of the past.

M.P.P. Jenny Carter and Liberal candidate Sylvia Sutherland joined the enthusiastic audience as Cavan farmers Clare Winslow and Arthur Stewart led off with a conversation on 'The Way We Were'. Their reminiscences took the audience back 60 years to their childhood experiences and rites of passage in adolescence. Singeing eyebrows with pine needle cigarettes, taking Saturday night baths next to the woodstove, milking cows by the light of a dim, poorly trimmed lamp, Halloween raids on outhouses; the audience, when they weren't laughing, sat still and fascinated as the two gentlemen wove tales and told stories.

Joining them on the stage, which was set with groupings of easy chairs and side tables, complete with lamps, books and a family Bible, were seven additional distinguished guests. Clayton Thexton gave an interesting and detailed account of the history of Millbrook Industries, which operated for just over 30 years where the Millbrook Equine Clinic is now and employed up to 35 people including Clayton himself, Leo Fallis and Velma Gibson.

Dave Powell and Wayne Sargent gave an animated and exciting account of the history of fire protection in the area, with a focus on the Old Fire Hall which has recently been restored for use by the Firefighters' Association as a museum.

Speaker Betty Peterson earned herself an impromptu presentation from Dave Powell of a Bill Slavin print of the Fire Hall, in appreciation of the story she had to tell the audience of a schoolgirl adventure, climbing up the tower during lunch hour! The print is being sold by the Firefighters' Association to raise money for their renovation project.

Betty Peterson was joined on the stage by Eva Howson, and together they remembered back to days when fires could devastate the town and when the railway ran from Port Hope to Millbrook Junction and beyond. Their stories were all of personal experiences and adventures, remembering people like Dr. Ellis the vet, who, when mentioned would cause murmuring in the audience as other memories were sparked.

Dorothy Stevens and Harry Williams together wrapped up the evening with amusing accounts of their memories of school. The audience was quick to respond with a round of applause to the suggestion that another such evening be organized in the future, and then gathered round to ask questions, share stories and gather the autographs of the speakers. Coffee, lemonade, cookies and squares were served during the social time that followed.

The evening was recorded on video by John Ralston of MACAC and by the evening's sponsor, Baxter Creek Enterprises, publishers of The Ripple. Displays brought by the speakers and by the Historical Society added to the enjoyment of the evening. MC for the evening was Mary Sutherland.

Fire Chief Rob Landry resigns

Over the past weekend, the news of the resignation of Fire Chief Rob Landry spread rapidly through the Millbrook/Cavan communities to be received with dismay.

Mr. Landry has been a very popular figure and in his nearly four-year tenure as our first full-time Fire Chief, he has accomplished a great deal for the fire department. His reorganization of the department has produced positive results in the morale, efficiency and professionalism of the men under his command; as a result, they have achieved a reputation as forming one of the finest volunteer brigades in Ontario. He was also instrumental in the preparation of an Emergency Plan which had formerly been lacking in both communities.

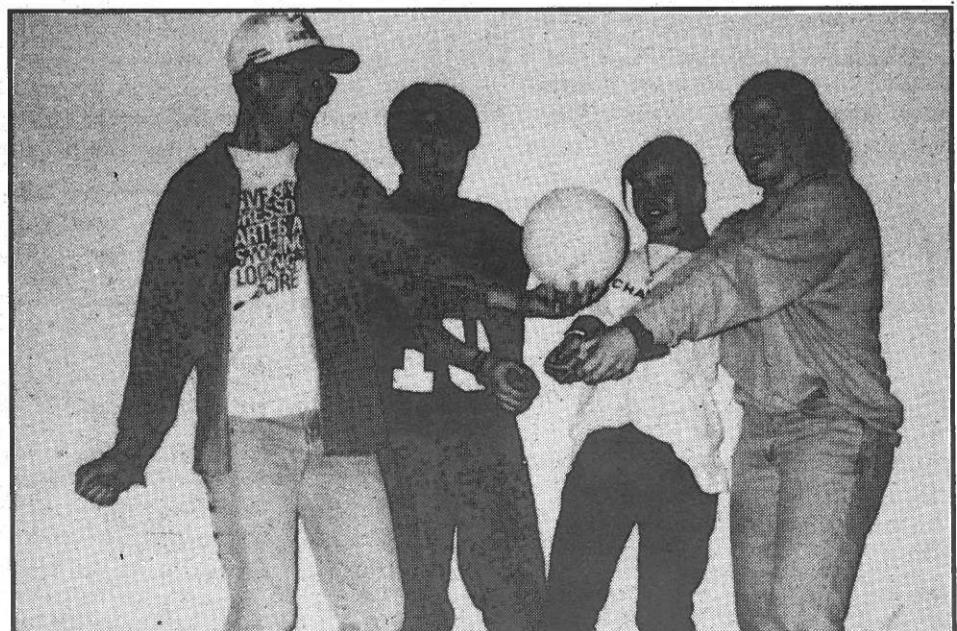
When Chief Landry informed Fire Committee Chair, Reeve Mary Sutherland, of his decision last Thursday afternoon, he explained that it was one of the most difficult of his life, for he had come to Millbrook and purchased a home with the full intention of retiring here. Rob and his wife Carol, come from the Moosonee area in northern Ontario and it is to the department at Callander that they will be moving. Both have families including aging parents with serious health problems; these family matters were the motivating factors in their decision, the Chief explained.

In a weekend interview, Mrs. Sutherland stressed that from a dollars and cents point of view, the financial benefits which the Chief had produced were impressive and should be recognized by the taxpayers.

"It is true that the Chief's salary represents nearly one-quarter of the fire department budget," she said. "But when the Chief came here in 1991, the budget was \$200,000. Last year that budget was \$180,000; in effect, the Chief has cost us nothing by effecting great savings in many areas."

Reeve Sutherland, along with the councils of both municipalities, expressed very real regret at having to accept the resignation. When asked what the next step would be to replace the Chief, who takes up his new duties April 1st, the Reeve replied that she believed the search should be under the aegis of the Ontario Fire Marshall's Department. "It was through the good offices of that department that the services of Chief Rob were obtained," she recalled and added that through this forum any interested members of the Millbrook/Cavan Fire Department could apply for the position. To this end, the Reeve as Committee Chair, has initiated discussions with the Fire Marshall's area representative.

"The final decision on a course of action," she emphasized, "will be made by majority decision of the Fire Committee which is composed of the reeves and councillors of both municipalities."



Grade 8 students (from left) Jason Hogendoorn, Andrew Davidson, Jenna Bowen and Beth Denning get set for Friday Night Teen Program at the Millbrook School gym, starting March 24. See story, page 3.



The knitters of Millbrook Manor display some of their work before sending it to the various agencies that will benefit from their efforts. From left, back row: Jean Kinsman, Audrey Gilmour, Helen LeMay, Elsie McMaster, Phoebe Parker, Iva Porteous. Front row: Helen Corfe, Norma Worr, Pauline Lyons, Joan Abbott. Absent for photo: Claire Higgs, Eve Thomas, Audrey Victors.

Women knit for those in need

Knitters at Millbrook Manor are making good use of their skills and producing a beautiful and colourful selection of items for a number of agencies and facilities.

Bed jackets, lap robes and slippers are welcomed at Springdale Nursing Home, as well as by our local Community Care. Scarves, hats and mitts are also made, occasionally using some innovative techniques in design in order to make use of the remnants of wool that come their way. As Manor resident Helen LeMay notes "Some articles have an odd combination of colours, not originally planned!"

The wool used by this cheerful band of knitters originates from a number of Toronto and Cobourg shops, which donate old stock and remnants to groups such as

this one at Millbrook Manor. Some of the items, such as lap robes, are used right at the Manor. The group also delights in knitting sweaters, hats, tuques and booties for babies and young folk, which are donated to the Children's Aid.

"We are grateful to Reverend Susan Sheen, who has inspired us to knit for those who can use what we can make," notes Iva Porteous, who along with Joan Abbott, has spearheaded the project. She adds that the group is also active in sending get well cards to any tenants in hospital, and flowers at times of bereavement.

The knitting project is ongoing. As Helen LeMay says, "This is fun work, and it helps some residents to fill some lonely hours while helping those in need."

Spring into activities featured in rec brochure

Millbrook Recreation has just released its Spring brochure of programs and activities planned for the coming months in the area, and there are more than ever before!

Both Basic CPR and a Red Cross Babysitters' Course have been booked by Millbrook's Recreation Coordinator, Maureen McElwain, along with recreational activities such as Judo and Gymnastics. The Summer Evening Community Strolls are also an ongoing initiative by Millbrook's Recreation Committee.

New in the community this Spring is 'Exercise for the Heart', a workout program designed specifically for men. This, along with Aerobics, Tai Chi, and Dance, all take place at the Old Millbrook School.

Down the hill at the Arena, line-dancing classes will be in full swing all spring. Volleyball continues at the School gym, where a Friday Night Youth Program will also be starting up.

For summer fun, the action moves out onto the field and the diamonds. Information and registration details for a variety of leagues are listed.

Clubs, craft courses, swimming lessons and summer camps; these and much more are in this season's brochure. Special events are also included, and many are new this year. A Duck Race, Medieval Tournament and Community Garage Sale Day are just a sampling of what's in store. Check your brochure now!

Step dancer featured guest

Quebec step dancer Natasha Ducharme will be the featured guest at a good old-fashioned ceilidh hosted by the 4th Line Theatre on Friday, March 3 at the Millbrook Legion.

The 4th Line Theatre is organizing a series of informal community get-togethers at the Millbrook Legion featuring Irish dancing, storytelling, Celtic folk music, singing and poetry-reading in anticipation this summer of its new production, The Winslows of Derryvore.

The ceilidhs, says organizer Jim Gleason, are designed for all ages to come out for an evening of fun, while learning something of the culture of many of

the original settlers of the area.

Ceilidh (pronounced kay-lee) is a Gaelic word describing a community gathering just like the ones planned. Actor, director and playwright Robert Winslow says he hopes area residents will add their talents to the evenings through story-telling, song, or dance. Musician Brian Sanderson, who sings and plays regularly in 4th Line Theatre productions, will with fellow musicians, provide the core of the Celtic music sound.

The ceilidh starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person.

Plans underway for local festivals

The Millbrook B.I.A. meeting to discuss the plans for Maplefest and a proposed new fall festival was a hit with representatives from 20 local groups and organizations turning up to offer services and find out more.

Maplefest is scheduled for the weekend following Easter, April 22 and 23. Events will centre on Millbrook and the Kennedy Sugar Bush close by. King Street will remain open this year to allow for the free flow of traffic.

At the Legion, a Pancake Breakfast will be served up to all comers, and maple products and more food will be available at various establishments downtown. A shuttle service will operated between the Sugar Bush and downtown.

Some of the treats in store include wagon and pony rides, a petting zoo and face-painting. Another organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 7, when groups and organizations will come back to the B.I.A. with plans in place, to add to the weekend's list of events. See The Ripple's Community Calendar for time and location.

Children's musician to visit libraries

Children's musician Terilyn Spooner is the libraries' featured entertainer during the week of March Break. She presents a lively show entitled "Going to the Farm", described as a "catchy brand of farm music". There's lots of toe tappin' and hand clappin' to go along with the music, which has been a big hit wherever Ms. Spooner has performed.

"Going to the Farm" will be presented in all three municipalities served by the Cavan Millbrook South Monaghan Library Union on Monday, March 13. Check the Community Calendar on page 11 for the time and location in your area. Admission is \$1 per person.

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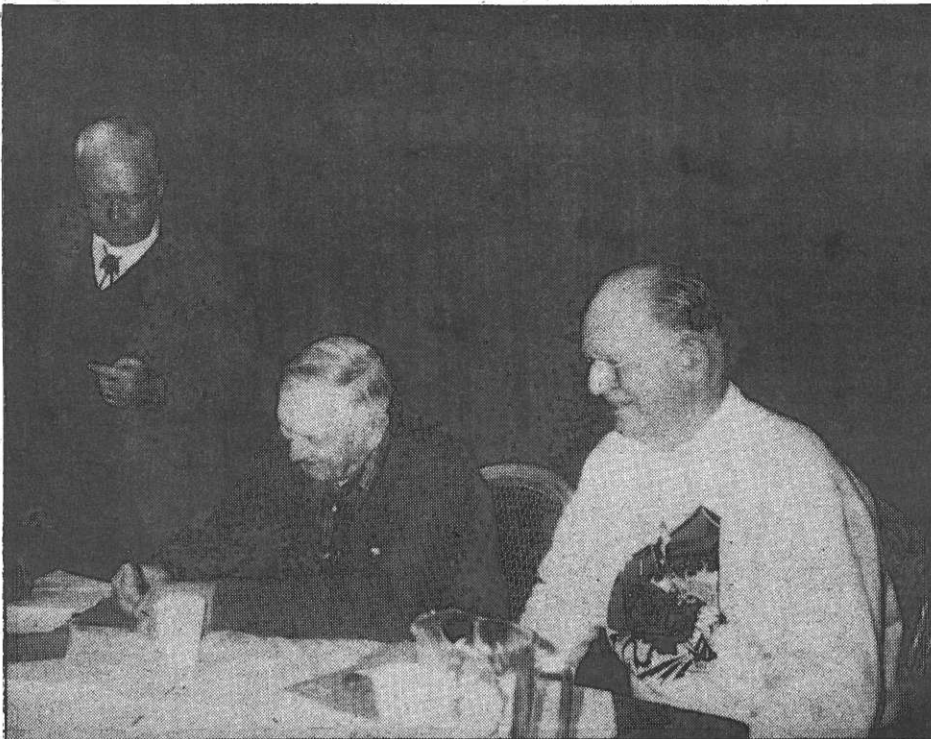
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Town loses bakery

The ebb and flow of commerce in Millbrook's downtown core saw the erosion last week of a local business, as Yeast of Eden, the bakery owned and operated by Sherri Hull, closed its doors for the last time.

The Bakery was a relatively new venture, having opened after extensive renovations to the premises not much more than a year ago.



Special guest speakers at Baxter Creek Enterprises' Heritage Celebration included (from left) Clayton Thexton, Clare Winslow and Arthur Stewart.

Women's Day to be celebrated

International Women's Day on March 8, and the week in which it falls, is being celebrated in many ways by the Women's Health Care Centre in Peterborough.

A Women's Health Fair and a Body Image Workshop top the list of events being organized by the Centre. The Women's Health Care Centre is part of the Peterborough Civic Hospital, with offices, meeting rooms, reception areas and a reference library at the corner of Water and Hunter Streets.

Other events being organized by various groups include a Women's Fair at the Ramada Inn on March 5. The Kaos Revue Cinema on George Street will present Latchodrom (Safe Journey) on March 9, 10 and 11. For more information on the many events, contact the Women's Health Centre, 876-5031.

Search dogs attract more TV crews

In a month, not one but two TV crews will be moving into Millbrook. The crew from *On The Road Again*, the CBC show that won this year's Gemini award for Best Light Information series, will be back to complete taping on the Kawartha Search Dogs with Cavan resident Deb Hancock.

Shadowing the CBC crew will be a team from Carleton University's School of Journalism, who are preparing a documentary feature on *On The Road Again*. The popular show is one of the most watched on the CBC roster, with an average 900,000 viewers per week.

Colleen Peterson a smash hit at Cafe

Award winning recording artist Colleen Peterson was the star attraction at the Give A Hoot Café last month, drawing a standing-room-only crowd at the Old Millbrook School. The Coffee House is organized on an occasional basis by the Millbrook Cavan Environmental Watch (MCEW).

Ms. Peterson joked and laughed with the crowd as she gave a solo performance that brought the crowd to its feet. MC for the evening was Washboard Hank, who also performed along with a number of other Open Stage performers including Emi Embrey, Renée Paul, Joanne Rowland and colleagues, Jeff Brackett and Dennis O'Toole, and others.

Plans are now in the works for MCEW's annual celebration of Earth Day, always a great community event, and this year, falling on the weekend of Maplefest in Millbrook.

You can recycle it beyond your blue box

by Debbie Chilton

The South Monaghan Active Recycling Team (S.M.A.R.T.) is holding its first "BEYOND YOUR BLUE BOX" drive at the Township Garage on Saturday, March 25.

This initiative is a positive step in the right direction for preserving our environment and extending the life of our landfill site. The following items can be dropped off:

CEREAL BOX BOARD, as well as gift boxes, cracker boxes and the like; please flatten boxes!

EGG CARTONS - please stack.

ALUMINUM FOIL AND PIE PLATES - must be clean; please bag and tie.

HARD PLASTICS, such as vinegar bottles, shampoo and detergent bottles, toys (metal removed), margarine containers, juice jugs. Please rinse and put in large garbage bags.

STYROFOAM, such as meat trays (washed), styrofoam cups, packaging (as on electronic equipment and appliances) - all clean and dry. Stack and pack in

plastic bags.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD - brown corrugated only. Please flatten. Also, please keep separate from other cardboard materials.

FINE PAPER - gift wrap, envelopes with windows and labels, folders, letters, pamphlets, brochures, greeting cards, computer printouts, adding machine tapes, coloured sheets, receipts, loose leaf pages, fax sheets, scratch pads, typing paper.

KRAFT PAPER BAGS, such as lunch bags, liquor store bags, brown paper bags.

Collect these items, put them aside, and bring them to the garage on March 25. The Township Garage is located on the Third Line, just east of Buckham Transport. You'll be diverting needless excess from the landfill, and helping the community!

If you are interested in volunteering some of your time on that day, please call Reeve Dennis Hannah, 939-6643.

Teen night at public school

Teens can come down to the Millbrook Public School gym on Friday nights, from 8 p.m. to 11, starting March 24 for a game of volleyball, some ping pong, or maybe just to talk and have a look at the options available. This new program is thanks, in large part, to the efforts of Millbrook Deli owner Lynda Zakarow, with the support of volunteers, Millbrook Recreation and Council, and other agencies.

Seventeen adults responded to the call by the Millbrook resident and small business owner and met Monday, February 20 at the Deli to make plans for a recreational youth program. Among the volunteers at the meeting were Janice Anderson, Wilma Armstrong, Joanne Beatson, Alex Bishop, Janice Brackett, Melissa Brackett, Mike Connolly, Dan Darling, Arthur Herold, Cheryl Higgins, Russell Higgins, Dave Hobson, Janet Honsberger, Kirk Losell, Steve Paul, Ravi Inder Soligo and Cindy Thertell.

The group discussed social and sports activities and identified necessary equipment and supplies. It was agreed that participants should pay a 'loonie' per evening to help cover costs.

Teams of volunteers will supervise each session. Each team will comprise 4 adults and an older teen assistant. Each team will have a member qualified in CPR.

On behalf of the volunteers, Lynda Zakarow approached Millbrook Recreation for support and was well received. The program will fall under the auspices of Millbrook Recreation.

Donations of games, equipment, cards and other supplies are welcomed by the group. For information about helping out, contact Lynda at the Deli.

Township tourist map being prepared

An illustrated map of the cultural and recreational resources of Cavan Township is being prepared by Richard Miller. The map will be published first in a forthcoming issue of the *Katchewanooka Herald*, in a special section devoted to the attractions of area townships and municipalities. Following this, Mr. Miller has plans to enlarge the map, add more information (historical details, etc.), and have it printed in colour for sale or distribution throughout the township.

The first map will show the location of publicly accessible attractions such as pick-your-own strawberry farms, maple syrup producers, farmgate egg sellers, roadside produce stands, campgrounds, churches, artists and artisans, bed and breakfasts, hiking trails, riding stables, etc., etc. A separate listing of the attractions along with phone numbers will be provided so that hours of operation may be confirmed.

If you operate such an establishment and would like it to appear on the map (at no charge), contact Richard Miller at 944-8977 as soon as possible.



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Our community benefits when we all shop locally

Shopping. We all do it. We have to. Sometimes it's a chore, sometimes a pastime. It can often be a pleasure --- especially when we shop locally.

Shopping locally means opting to forego the glitz of the mall chain stores and sometimes the crowds and line-ups. Instead we can stroll into a locally owned store or business, to be greeted often by name, and served with care and a friendly smile. Given the choice, you have to wonder why this is even an issue.

But an issue it most certainly is. It is of vital importance to us as a community. Every community needs a place or places where folks can get together, bump into one another, share news and experiences. The businesses in our communities are the anchors that give us a sense of place. So as a community, we depend on the local shopkeepers and business owners to provide us with an identity.

The businesses depend on us too. Without our support, they can't survive. So they stay alive by doing everything they can to serve us, their customers. It's hard to argue with that kind of service! As one of the shopkeepers mentioned when interviewed this month for the feature on business, often it's worth a quick phone call to a local business just to see if an item is available, and for how much, before setting out on the drive to the city. You might be surprised, she said, by how often it will be cheaper and easier to get whatever it is right here.

Perhaps because our modern TV culture is so urban-oriented, we are drawn to the malls, the bargain outlets and the big chain stores. Sometimes with good reason; there are some things we just can't find locally. But, before setting out, take a quick mental look at our local scene. Then, perhaps spend a few minutes doing a little local market research. You may end up saving not just money but also time and energy. And those are just a few of the benefits on the list - the support you show is reflected in the character and strength of our community, making us proud to call this home.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Millbrook has always been a special place

Congratulations are in order for initiating "The Ripple". The highlight for No. 3 is the announcement of a Heritage Celebration.

Although I have only lived in Millbrook since 1990, my knowing of such a place dates back to early years of the century. An uncle married Alice Evans of Millbrook in 1901 and they settled in Weyburn, Saskatchewan. Each time Aunt Alice, a former school teacher, returned to Ontario she visited Millbrook and we were told stories of her experiences. Because her joyous personality dealt out the magic years of her youth, I

developed a fantasy of Millbrook as some place special. Since coming here to live, my childhood fantasies have been realized. The people I have met have truly inherited the kind and happy spirit of former generations.

Introducing "The Ripple" for this area in 1994 confirms a generous good will for closing years of the 20th Century.

May you and your staff have responsive support to continue this worthy publication into the 21st Century.

Muriel Morrison
Millbrook



Decline of a Town

Submitted by Nancy Olan - Author unknown

The men were quite cocky as they stood in the sun
 "Let's go to the city, stock up and have fun.
 We'll buy by the case all under one roof
 And save lots too, of that we have proof."
 So they did just that for many a year
 And from the results never took any fear
 Until one day they met once again
 Standing uptown just out of the rain.

"What's happening here!" cried one in dismay
 Their faces were ashen, they had much to say.
 The one scratched his head, the other said loud
 "There's no beer and no coffee, not even a crowd;
 My wife is real sick an' right off her feet
 I came for some drugs, some milk and some meat.
 The hospital's closed, the grocery stores too.
 What in the world are we going to do?"
 "My furnace is shot and the plumbing all broken."
 The other one gasped, I thought he was chokin'
 "My car's a near wreck and my tires are low
 I need nails and lumber, and there's no place to go."
 His friend had his friend right down to his chest
 "We're to blame," he muttered, "On our head it does rest,

We passed this town for the glimmer of lights,
 Bought stuff by the carload and took in the sights.
 The city is bustling and bursting with pride
 While all our own merchants just up and died.
 The houses are empty, the bank's repossessed.
 I'll tell you old boys, we're in for a test."
 "We should have been smarter and wiser," they said,
 "Then the town would be bustling, not half so dead."
 "It's never too late, we've learned," someone did say.
 But for the foolishness of many they'd all have to pay.
 They parted at last as the wind turned cold
 And muttered "Buy locally as this story is told."

We welcome letters from our readers on issues of local interest.

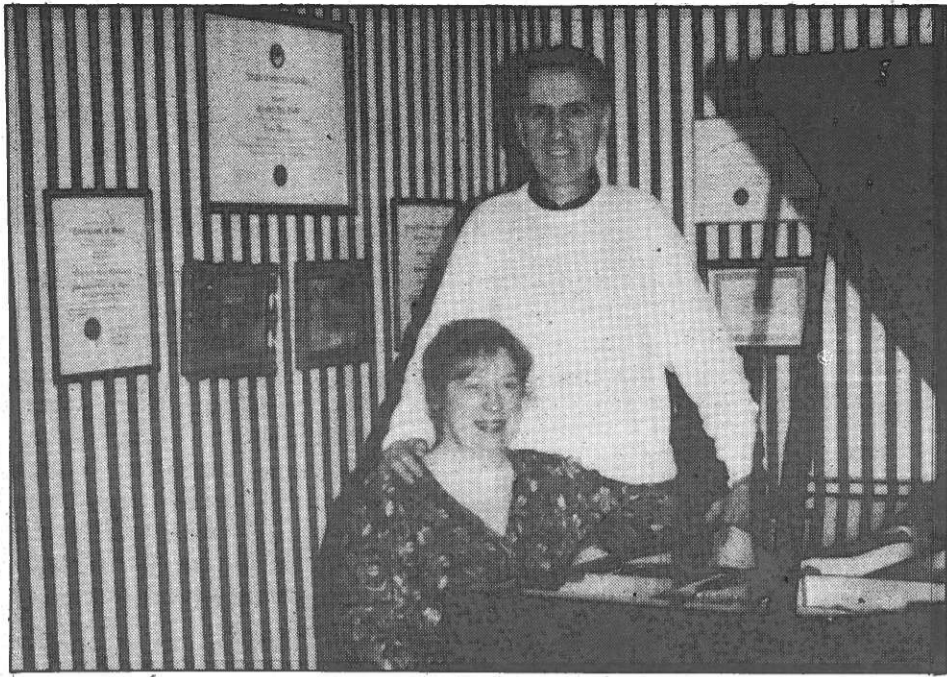
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Beth and Peter Baxter of Westmacott House.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Council for the Township of Manvers was invited to contribute this month to Have Your Say. Since the invitation was declined, it becomes the turn of Millbrook to Have Your Say.

Financing services

by Mary Sutherland
Reeve, Millbrook

Valentine's Day was short on hearts and flowers for the members of Millbrook Council. Instead of a candlelit dinner, Council sat down to a Special Meeting at 6 p.m. and on adjournment, proceeded to Cavan Council Chambers where at 7:30 the assembled elected representatives began discussions on the first of three facilities of prime importance, the Fire Department, the chief essential service. The extension of the present Fire Agreement between Millbrook and Cavan for the life of the current Councils was amicably reached in marked contrast to the controversy which surrounded it three years ago.

At 8:30, South Monaghan Council attended for discussions centering first on the Arena and the high costs of operating that facility. Faced with very costly projected capital outlays in the next five years, it was mutually agreed that such purchases must whenever possible be portable, i.e. they could be moved to another facility. The Arena costs continue to present immense problems; one earlier proposal to its Board would add between \$40 and \$50 to every Millbrook taxpayer's bill, a patently unacceptable solution.

Finally, attention was turned to the Library, especially the Millbrook Branch. It is common knowledge that the present facility is much too small; the Board itself has established a Relocation Committee whose report will shortly be presented.

Financing these three services is essential - and very difficult. Hard choices will have to be made in the weeks and months ahead.

Valentine's Day, 1995. Memorable for reasons other than the traditional ones for the members of Millbrook Council. More thorns than roses.

This space will be offered to each municipal council in turn, to give our elected representatives a chance to keep their electorate informed.

NEW WAVE

Easy adjustment to life in bed and breakfast

Beth and Peter Baxter have nothing but good things to say about their experiences staying at Bed and Breakfast establishments. Where else, asks Beth, can you sit down for breakfast at the same table with actors, musicians and CEO's from Holland, Germany and the United States? So when Beth and Peter saw Westmacott House for sale in late 1993, they took the leap from patron to host and moved in.

Westmacott House is a beautiful century home, built in 1874, and has operated as a Bed and Breakfast establishment in Millbrook for the past decade. For both Peter and Beth, moving to Millbrook involved making changes; for Peter there is a considerable 'commute' to and from work in Toronto where he is a Detective at Police headquarters. For Beth, a whole business had to be carefully and gently closed down and a brand new one established here in her chosen profession as teacher of piano and music theory.

The Baxters moved to Millbrook from Richmond Hill in November 1993. They deny any affiliation with city life.

"The city always moved to us," Peter says; "We never moved to the city." Among Beth's earliest memories are her grandmother's weaving loom and her aunt's angora wool. Childhood days were filled with invented games with her sisters out in the countryside surrounding her Thornhill home, long since swallowed up into subdivisions. Peter's background in Gormley and Stouffville tell a similar tale. Together they settled in Thornhill and later in Richmond Hill, only to see their communities become part of the urban sprawl.

Having escaped the encroaching crowds once more, the Baxters set about making Westmacott House their home and a welcome place for visitors. Thirty double rolls of wallpaper found their place along the gracious, curving central staircase and in the spacious landing above. Countless hours were spent planning and seeing through ambitious re-decorating projects; the painting of trim around many of the 25 windows, the plastering of ceilings and hanging of new wallpapers and draperies. A lot of research and thought has gone into the decorating of each room in the house, creating a distinctive style for each while maintaining a sunny, Victorian theme throughout.

The beautifully proportioned and ele-

gant reception rooms at the front of the house - the dining room and front parlour are particularly warm and gracious; the dining room soft and quiet, and the parlour a riot of lively colour.

The focal point of the front parlour, or living room, is Beth's baby grand piano. It gleams proudly, surrounded by coordinated wallpaper, shining pine floors and comfortable furniture. This is Beth's domain, a room where music mingles often with laughter as she and her students progress together through their lessons. A graduate of the University of Western Ontario and the Royal Conservatory of Music, Beth has taught piano for 23 years.

"I love the kids," she smiles, "They do well in exams and we have open classes throughout the year where they can share their accomplishments. In my lessons I hear a lot of laughter, but they have to work too."

For Beth, the discipline of learning to play is a life skill that should spread through to other areas of a young person's life. Her rapport with the students is positive, illustrated by the fact that it is usually students themselves who call with a question, and letters and Christmas cards still arrive from former pupils, now far away.

What do Beth and Peter do when they are not hard at work? Peter's compressed work weeks mean long hours followed by several days' respite, while Beth's schedule means hours of practice each day, followed by teaching. However, they do find time to "putter around in the garden", and look forward to doing a little landscaping and putting in a vegetable garden this year. The Historical Society and the Garden Club are both attractions for them, and they are members of the congregation at the Christian Assembly. The highlight for this year though, has to be the August wedding of their son Michael in St. John, New Brunswick.

They take a keen interest in the development of the area and the vitality of the community, and look forward to welcoming more and more guests as time goes on. They had a full house - four couples - on the weekend of the First Nations Conference in Peterborough in February, and delighted in the buzz of conversation and the exchange of ideas and talents as breakfast was served Sunday morning. There is no doubt about it; Peter and Beth love company!

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will reappear next month

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More than turkey served up at agricultural banquet.

It was a full house at the Millbrook Agricultural Society's Annual Banquet held at the Legion at the end of January. The hall was packed as Fair Board members and their friends and supporters from Cavan, Millbrook, South Monaghan and beyond, along with

politicians representing the three major provincial parties, gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year.

The guest speaker, Dr. Doug Galt earned a solid round of applause for his timely address on the need to reach out into the ever-more-urbanized communities of the province and the country to educate the population in animal husbandry and modern farming technology. He pointed to

the growing protests in Great Britain by animal rights activists, and urged area farmers and their supporters to head off a similar situation by communicating, through opportunities such as agricultural fairs, the real picture here in Canada today.

Dr. Galt is the former head pathologist at the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs veterinary lab at Brighton. He is also very active in the Lions Club. He was introduced by Mr. Don Pritchard.

Outgoing President Ray Lowery hosted the evening with able assistance from Past President Ken Clark. Legion volunteers served up a full turkey dinner and a variety of pies to satisfy each and every appetite.

"We must educate the community in animal husbandry"



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OVER THE FENCE 21st century farming

Columnist Dr. Charlene Rostkowski is currently travelling as a participant in the Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program (AALP) on the segment of the two year project that looks at political, economic and cultural comparisons through an international experience.

The aim of the AALP is to provide opportunity for future leaders in all levels of the agri-food system to develop the skills, the knowledge, the broad perspective and the positive attitude needed to propel agriculture into the 21st century.

To ensure that Ontario maintains a viable position in the world scene, leaders must understand the complex forces driving national and international agriculture. Thirty individuals from across Ontario, selected through an interview process, are participating in the two year program. Participants are either farmers, employees of agriculturally related business, or others committed to Ontario agriculture.



Providing quality hay to specific markets

Expansion of the \$6 million market for Ontario hay is the goal. Day-long workshops at four locations will help Ontario producers participate and attract top dollars for hay. Special practices to provide quality hay products to specific markets is the focus of the programs.

One of the four workshops will be held at the Keene Community Centre, March 15, 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Topics include harvesting, drying, storage and handling practices discussed by producer-dealer Hans Brummer of Bath, Ontario. Market and export assistance will be described by Debbie Jewell, Market Development Branch, OMAFRA. The workshop will adjourn in the afternoon to the farm of Jim Glenn, Keene, to discuss baler and knoter adjustment and to evaluate hay suitable for sale to different markets.

Pre-registration at the OMAFRA, Peterborough office is required by

March 6. Cost is \$20. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided, but participants are to bring a lunch.

The program is being sponsored by the Ontario Hay Producers Association, Ontario Agriculture Training Institute and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

Farm show features eighty exhibitors

The 1995 East Central Farm Show is being held this year at the Peterborough Exhibition Grounds, March 8 and 9. The Morrow Building will be a hive of activity with over 80 exhibitors on hand to discuss the latest in agricultural products with all comers.

This is the fifteenth year that the East Central Soil and Crop Improvement Association has sponsored the East Central Farm Show. The Show features Central Ontario firms providing goods and services to the agricultural community. Representatives from farm equipment, feed, crop input, and financial services companies will be keen to demonstrate what they have new for 1995.

The show will open at noon, March 8, running through to 10 p.m. On March 9, the Show will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. General admission is \$2. For those with a County Soil and Crop Improvement Association membership, admission is free. County memberships will be available at the door.

South Monaghan sponsors rabies clinic

Mark March 25 on your calendars; it's going to be a busy day for South Monaghan residents!

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ARTSCAPES

By Loretta Pompilio

Bethany couple offers the unique at their design studio

First, find Bethany, a lovely village surrounded by a rolling hills landscape on Highway 7A. Then, find the downtown core, which is right on the highway. You will be at Williams Design Studio, a landmark since 1977. This fascinating little shop is loaded with the hand made leather and fibre based sculpture, arts and crafts of the owners/artists, Paul and Beverley Williams, whose lives are as full, varied, and interesting as their studio.

Although Bev officially calls herself a fibre artist, she does not limit her creative talents to just weaving and tapestry. Other crafts include basketry, jewelry making, pottery, woodworking and wood turning, as well as contributing to leather sculpture design with husband Paul. At the age of eight, Bev knew that she wanted to be an artist. As a child, she says "I liked to work with texture, layering techniques and basically lumpy stuff, which is why I went into weaving at Art College."

On the other hand, Paul began by studying cartography at College, and ended up as chief cartographer for a Planning Board, researching and producing maps and graphics for reports. It was during this period when he started working as a host at Black Creek Pioneer Village that he discovered an interest in leather, and Bev. That was 1969.

On weekends, you could find Paul in the harness shop, while Bev was a hostess in the weaving and spinning rooms. When Paul started to make and sell decorative, antique type harnesses in the Gift Shop, he realized the potential. In 1971, a partnership was formed, both professionally and personally. Paul and Bev were married in a traditional ceremony at Pioneer Village, including horse drawn buggies

and wagons for the wedding party. Creativity abounded as Paul made Bev's wedding gown which was a Gibson Girl style skirt made of white kid leather with barked panels laced at the hem line. Bev displayed her talent by weaving the bridesmaids skirts and shawls as well as making her own wedding veil. For Bev, who is a direct descendent of the pilgrims of Mayflower fame, this ceremony was particularly appropriate.

At first, Paul designed functional leather items but having a creative drive soon led him to his mentor, Robert Muma, a renowned leather sculptor, who taught Paul the ancient mediaeval technique *cuir bouilli*, used to make three dimensional pieces. Wet leather is stretched over hand-made forms, then baked in an oven until stiff. Great care must be taken at this point as too much moisture or heat can ruin the piece. With an airbrush, Paul applies special dyes before hand painting acrylics to emphasize the flowing lines in each form.

Bev is also involved with the leather sculptures, but, because of her fibre background her approach is to bring out the natural textural qualities of the rough hides. By tearing the flimsy material apart, she proceeds to layer the pieces together again to create forms. When working together on a landscape form, Bev says "we have our territories. Paul has the strength to pull and stretch the leather smooth while I get involved with the textural stuff like wrinkling the cowhide to construct trees."

Their largest piece to date is a 27 foot long landscape scene for the Toronto head office of Col. Saunders Kentucky Fried



Bethany artists Bev and Paul Williams.

Chicken. However, Paul says that their most interesting project was an 18 foot long by 9 foot high piece which included a functional leather door that opens into the boardroom of an international tannery company.

Bev chuckles when she describes the scope of their work. "While installing a massive three dimensional sculpture in the lobby of the Ministry of Revenue building in Oshawa, we were approached by a young women who 'commissioned' an inscribed pink dog collar!" Other unusual commissions include restoring an antique carpet bag for Pierre Berton's father, repairing a valuable briefcase that a client ran over with her car, designing a custom fitted case for a compressed air cylinder used by a doctor to remove corns. Many people insist on hand stitching for longer life, and Paul is able to comply.

Bev recently completed a hand woven tapestry commission for the new Red Cross building in Toronto. The piece, called "The River of Life", contains bound ropes simulating the veins and arteries and tiny knots of yarn symbolizing the red blood cells.

In spite of all these commissions and the

countless hours spent displaying their work at major shows, this couple still finds time to spend with their two active teenagers Brewster and Amberlea. In addition, both parents are actively involved in the community.

As well as leading various art and craft courses, Bev also teaches synchronized swimming. Her involvement with the Girl Guides is extensive, including working with the local unit, operating ham radio, and acting as Division and District public relations advisor. Paul is actively involved with the Boy Scouts, and conducts the water safety, canoeing, and outdoor skills training programs for adult leaders.. He only wishes that he had more time to race his radio controlled cars at a track in Peterborough.

Yes, time is a problem for this energetic pair. But it is worthwhile time spent for anyone to visit Bethany, and browse through the maze of art in the Williams Design Studio. Same old stuff? Only if you are familiar with paddles inlaid with leather, antique chairs with beautiful leather seats, incredible masks, and leather "rocks"

Loretta Pompilio is a professional art consultant and artist living in Millbrook.

Workshops for new farmers to be offered

New landowners will have an opportunity to get their questions answered about basic farming practices at a workshop for beginning farmers. Participants will learn about alternate farm uses, basic livestock and crop production practices, production economics, government assistance

programs, farm taxation, farm rental agreements, record keeping systems and much more. The intent of the program is to increase their skills to better manage their farms for enjoyment and profit.

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs is offering the three evening program on

three successive Thursdays, March 16, 23 and 30, 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Boardroom of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, 55 George Street North in Peterborough.

For more information or to register, contact the OMAFRA office, (705) 745-2403.

Cavan rec committee revived?

Cavan resident Dale McDonald has spear-headed an effort to revive a Recreation Committee for Cavan. Potential committee members Lynn Smith, Janet and Jim Kennedy, Barry Challice and

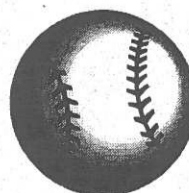
Jayne Delorme, along with McDonald, met with Cavan councillor Alex Ruth last month.

Discussion focused on Maple Leaf Park soccer and baseball facilities and maintenance requirements

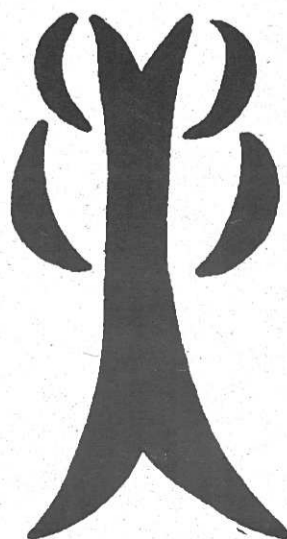
for the coming season. Soccer posts must also be permanently anchored for safety. A budget of between \$7000 and \$8000 was proposed. The committee plans to meet again at the Cavan Community Hall on March 9.

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Home businesses on the increase

by Maureen Wideman

The recent recession has led to some fundamental changes in our society. We are facing a reduced standard of living, more educated, price-conscious consumers, cuts in social programs, and so much more. Perhaps the most dramatic change has come in employment. The recession has changed the nature of work and as a result, we have seen an increase in the number of home businesses.

"Generally speaking, the economy has changed our focus away from life-long employment with one company," says Peterborough's Manager of Economic Development Alex McLeod. "A lot of people are required by circumstance to offer their services on a contract basis."

Technology has made the evolution to home businesses an easier move for many people. Computers have revolutionized the home office. "Computers are inexpensive," says McLeod, "The software is inexpensive and it's all user friendly. People can 'do' for themselves now, such as their own accounting." McLeod points out computers make it easier to collect and analyse data. People just don't need a large amount of room to store client records.

What 10 or 15 years ago would have been a storefront business could now be moved to the home. "It makes a business more viable because it doesn't have the overhead," states McLeod.

Businesses that are run from people's homes are usually service-oriented. It is usually a one or two person operation that offers a service to a customer such as book keeping or engineering.

Cavan's Cheryl and Rick Hiland of Hiland Research Consultants Inc., have been working from their home for many years. What began as a part time business after the birth of their first child has expanded to two full time careers. The Hilands run an executive search company. Technology has enabled them to tap into clients in the U.S. and abroad. With computers, fax machines, modems, etc., they have 20 phone lines coming into their house. They can reach databases and libraries

around the world.

Cheryl finds the biggest advantage to her home office is the ability to juggle her time around her four children and the business, something she would not be able to do if she were commuting to an office every day. The disadvantage is the difficulty of separating the business from home.

"It's easy to go and spend a few extra hours in the office or make just a few more phone calls," she says. "You have to discipline yourself and leave the work behind and spend time doing the family thing."

Millbrook's Dianne Guzik recently opened The Art of Nail and Foot Care in her home. She too has four children and enjoys the flexibility of working and being at home. Dianne has been a nail technician for 16 years and has worked both in and out of the home.

"If I have no-shows or if people are late, there is always a job at home I can do. It is not costing me to be inactive, whereas if I was renting space you can have periods when you are sitting around with not much to do."

Although there are many advantages to her home business, there are some inconveniences. Privacy is reduced and she must keep the kids busy while she is working with clients. However, for Dianne, these disadvantages are minor compared to the many advantages of working at home.

Pat Taylor of Taylormade Signs echoes these sentiments. She enjoys her sign business because it gives her the opportunity to be paid for something she loves to do.

"I've always been into art and I try to put more art into the signs I do rather than just something plain. This is something I really enjoy doing," she says.

She finds it difficult to make long term plans because she never knows what the work load is going to be. To say she is going to take holidays in July is difficult. July could be really busy and she doesn't want to turn away any valuable customers. The greatest disadvantage is the fact that having her own business does not entitle her to unemployment insurance benefits. If work is slow it is up to her to hustle and get new accounts. She can't

rely on the government to help her out. But the independence of her own business is what Pat thrives on. Being her own boss and making her own schedule suits her lifestyle.

What are the effects of home businesses on the community? Not having storefront operations reduces the amount of business tax collected by the municipality. Unless 25 percent of the living space is totally dedicated to the business, no business tax is required. Of course, many home businesses take up over 25 percent and do pay business tax. Jim Little, Tax Assessor, explains the business area has to be clearly defined. If the business is run off the kitchen table, it can't be taxed.

Technology has enabled many home businesses to move out of urban areas to smaller communities. University of Guelph Professor Fredric Dahms points out that good housing stock in small communities can attract professionals to the area. With these professionals come high city salaries and this can be a boost to the local economies.

Home business can be from every sector of the economy. But running a business from your own home does not guarantee its success.


"A business can fail just as quickly in the home as in a rented facility," warns McLeod, "It requires good planning. If you make poor decisions, then you are not going to 'make it' in business no matter where it is."

McLeod points out there are services in the area to assist potential new businesses. In Peterborough there is a small business self-help office, a program funded by the Ontario government, to provide advice to people wanting to begin a new business. Everything from developing a business plan to how to research your potential customer market is available. This service is offered free of charge in Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton Counties.

There are both pros and cons to having home businesses in the community. However, in this changed economy, anyone who is able to generate an income and in turn buys goods and services in the community, greatly adds to the success of the area.

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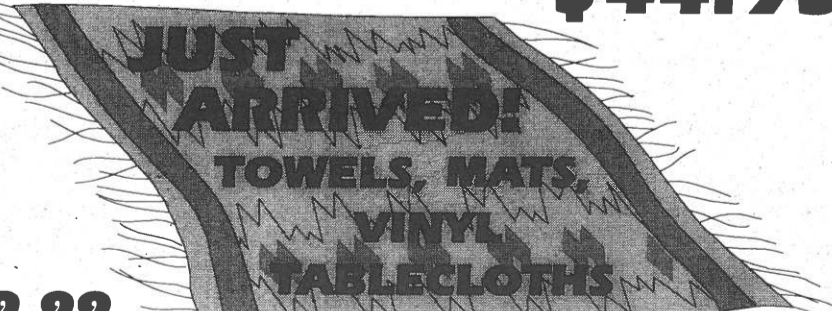
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Customer service and convenience offered by our local businesses

by Celia Hunter

It's been 23 years since Nancy Olan opened a business on Millbrook's King Street, on the very same Tuesday, she says, that Bill Clarke opened up. Her's was a Ladies' Dresses and Children's Wear store, which joined Mr. Clayton Blair's Men's Ranchwear and Davy Fowler's Men's Wear and Shoe store as retail clothing outlets in Millbrook.

Nancy is currently the owner/manager of Olan's True Value Hardware. She says there have been a lot of changes over the years.

"A lot more people thought of Millbrook as their shopping town then," she says. "There have been slumps, but it's turning now. Dedicated customers are coming back. It's moving in the right direction."

Nancy and husband Allan with their staff see valued customers coming not just from Millbrook and the immediate area but also from Bethany, Pontypool, Fraserville and Bailieboro. Along with friendly personal service, Nancy says the key is to choose product lines carefully and expand lines that are popular. Lower overhead and the emphasis on customer service which have earned her many loyal regular customers make shopping locally very attractive according to Nancy.

"It is worth calling or checking out what is available here before setting off to shop in Peterborough or somewhere else," she advises. "People might be pleasantly surprised."

David Tong has owned and managed the Millbrook Pharmacy since 1981, and like Nancy and Allan Olan, he makes the effort to supply the local market with essentials that make shopping here convenient. In addition to providing full pharmacy services, the store also includes a provincial License Bureau, Canada Post facilities, and a photofinishing courier service.

David employs a dozen or more part time pharmacists, store clerks and cashiers, and largely is to be found nowadays behind the scenes, doing what he describes as "fringe work" - the books, orders, and related work. To enhance the image of the Millbrook business and to promote his twin passions for healthy lifestyles and good sportsmanship, David sponsors squash and tennis tournaments in Peterborough.

"It's a way to give something back," he states. "I like to promote the profession. Pharmacies are there to provide what communities need."

Asked how business is going, David gestures at the shelves behind the cash registers once stocked with cigarettes, a product line he voluntarily dropped a year

ago.

"Every year we've been in business, the business has grown, until last year when we dropped tobacco. Now we have to be careful with our spending. But," he adds, "it is steady and dependable, and we are always here to serve the customer."

He means it too. "I live right here," he points out, "and if someone is in dire need of something in the night, I can usually help."

David figures business is a little slow in January and February, an opinion echoed by Wanda Dillon next door at Village Bulk Foods. Wanda has owned and operated her business for over three years, and says after a slow start to the year, things are picking up.

"New people are coming in every day," she states, "they come from the surrounding area, not just Millbrook, and they seem pleased with the selection and the prices."

Wanda's store is both a great hit with kids, who study the bins of candy and snack foods with delight, and with Seniors who take advantage of the convenience of buying in small quantities. The big sellers? Along with the candy, yogurt and eggs are popular staples. Wanda, like all the business owners, listens well to her customers. She will fulfil special orders and brings in product lines to fill gaps in local availability. Her latest addition is cake decorating supplies and pans of various shapes for rent.

Adding to the services available on the 'main street' is Dr. David Stone's optometrist's office. With two doctors and two dentists situated up the street at Millbrook's Medical Centre, this addition rounds out the services nicely.

Dr. Stone opened his office almost exactly one year ago and has been really encouraged by the reception in the community.

"It's quite a change from where I've been [in business in Whitby]," he notes. "A positive change. I really like the atmosphere here. I'm looking forward to the business growing to the point where I can be here the full four days a week."

Currently Dr. Stone works in Millbrook two days a week, but the office is open four days. His two assistants, Mrs. Marlene Gallagher and Mrs. Kayla Doney are just as enthusiastic about working here.

The addition of the optometrist business has enhanced the services available in Millbrook's downtown core, which already include a Sears catalogue outlet and fabric, wool and craft shop, the hardware store, flower shop, insurance agent, several gift shops, hairdressers and a barber, convenience stores and video outlets, restaurants, gas stations, car dealerships and



Small business owners Stu and his father Bruno Wiskel of Millbrook Landscaping and Building Supply on County Road 10.

a delicatessen. Add to this a newly renovated and fully stocked IGA, our own independent telephone company, a real estate agent, bank and a combination beer and liquor store, and Millbrook can surely boast of a strong foundation for the community.

Brian Bulger is the chairman of the Business Improvement Association (B.I.A.) and president of the Chamber of Commerce. He is also a small business operator along with his 73 year old father Vic of Vic Bulger Insurance, a business first started by Homer Ouellette a good 50 years ago in a corner of Lyle Nattress' barber shop.

Brian has a note of exasperation in his voice as he describes how people will leap into their cars and use up \$10 worth of gas to save \$5 on a purchase.

"A number of businesses have left because they haven't been supported, and we've had two recessions, in the early '80's and early 90's," Brian notes. "The day a business closes, people say 'why?' We have to support them."

To that end, the Chamber and B.I.A. undertake projects to make the business area attractive and inviting and organize events and programs to stimulate the area economy. Millbrook's Maplefest in April and a planned Falling of the Leaves fall festival are two examples of this promotional work.

Brian sees the area growing as home businesses and industry move to the area.

"In the long term, the development of the 407 traffic corridor north of Toronto will stimulate the area," Brian predicts, "and make it accessible and attractive. Already, with fax and phone technology, smaller businesses are moving out of Metro. We are going to grow."

Down at the Deli, owner Lynda Zakarow is cheered by the prediction, but is quick to add that we should be proud of the image and the atmosphere we already have here.

"We project an image and we should build on it," she smiles. "I see Millbrook as homey and down-to-earth. It is a reputation worth guarding."

Home businesses can offer many tax advantages

by Stephen Welbourn CMA

More people every day are starting small businesses and working in a "home office". From an income tax perspective, there are substantial savings available.

An office will allow you to deduct, from your business income, a portion of your household expenses. These include your mortgage interest, property taxes, hydro, gas, telephone and maintenance costs; even some landscaping costs can be included.

The amount which may be deducted is simply the percentage of office space to the rest of your home, multiplied by the home expenses. For example, let's say your home expenses total \$7,500, your business income is \$25,000, and your office is one of six rooms in your home. The deductible portion of your home expenses is one sixth of \$7,500, which is \$1,250. The amount of tax savings depends upon your tax rate, but if your taxable income is roughly \$30,000 to \$60,000, the rate is about 40% and the saving is \$500.

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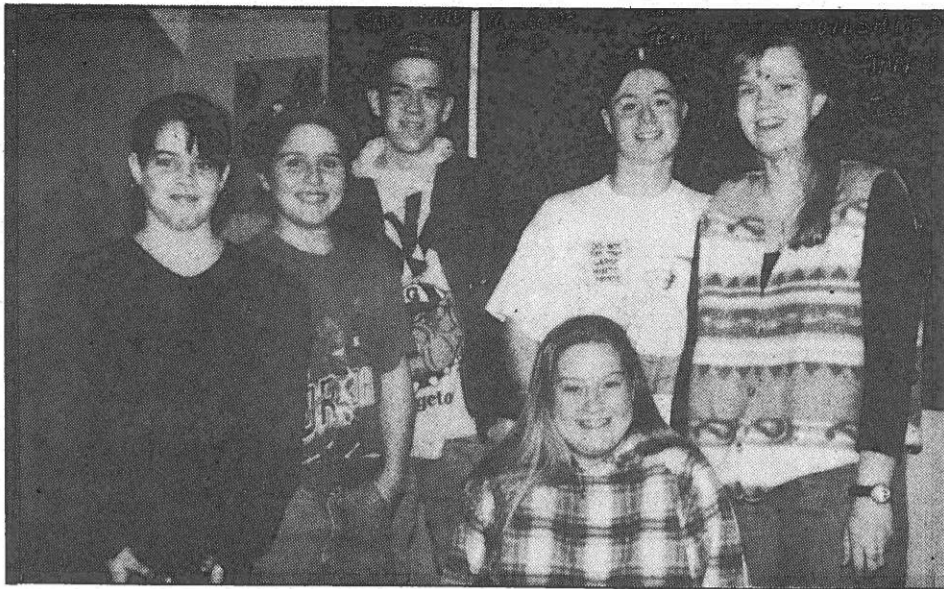
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Bowling fun for all

Thursday evenings you can find as many as 30 young people ages 11 to 16, lacing on their bowling shoes and teaming up to score a few points. A few hundred points. Saturday mornings can be just as busy, with youngsters ages 4 and up stepping up to the line.

Youth bowlers are busy competing at tournaments both at home and away as the season peaks. As part of the Four Steps to Star-

dom series, teams in each age division are going on to Zone Tournaments, in Peterborough for Bantams and Juniors, and in Bowmanville for Seniors.

The Master Bantam Tournaments was played last Sunday at Lakeview Bowl with Alexi Martin and Justin Bowden partnering pro Don Heintzman and Melissa Koetstra and Scott Page teamed with pro Charlie Bray.

The Ontario Family Twosome Tournament will be played March 9 and 11, with each bowler teamed with a parent, grandparent or guardian. Millbrook Bowling Lanes is busy a number of days every week with adult and Seniors leagues, birthday parties and recreational bowling all on offer. Recent renovations and upgrades have drawn rave reviews from users.

MAKING WAVES

Many helping hands contribute to success

by Celia Hunter

Several weeks ago at the Agricultural Society Annual Dinner, as happens so often at the end of every wonderful banquet served at the Legion Hall in Millbrook, a vote of thanks was heartily given for the hard work and great service offered by "The Legion Ladies". Having witnessed this round of applause numerous times, I was prompted to drop in to Marg Dew's office at the Legion the following week to find out more about this valiant band of workers.

I was in for a shock. Looking me straight in the eye, Marg let me have it. "There's really no such thing," she shrugged. "Whenever we need help, we just call in everyone who can come. That can mean Branch members like Debbie Smelt, ladies in the Auxiliary like Norma Worr - when she's not off travelling! - friends who don't even actually belong; Florence Hard helps a lot, and of course the men. We couldn't do without their help, lifting heavy full pots and doing the dishes. They chop, wait on tables, and of course, they'll tell some jokes...."

In fact, according to Marg, there are about 40 Ladies Auxiliary members, many of whom are quite active in the Auxiliary. However, some of the duties involved in catering banquets are too strenuous to be undertaken by some. Marg notes that there are many worthwhile reasons for Auxiliary members to meet regularly beyond the years of kitchen and hosting service.

Marg shows me her calendar of Hall bookings. Every day seems to have something written in the spaces provided. There is already a wedding reception booked for September 1996! Volunteers like Joan Abbott, Marg Smith, Jeanette McGrail and Doreen Andrews along with Doreen Taylor will likely get calls. If

there are apple pies to be made, Keith Blair will be hearing from them. He brings along his two old-fashioned mechanical apple peelers and makes short work of that chore.

Helpers come from close by and further afield. Jim and Pauline McKellar have joined the Millbrook Branch in spite of living in Peterborough because they 'like the feel' of a smaller branch. Keith Mordey who for years lived in Mount Pleasant and now in Peterborough, has stuck with Branch 402.

Ann Carney, Vera Carr, Ann Trick and Helen McMahon are all regular faces sighted at Legion functions when there's work to be done. So are Linda Jessop, Marion Byers, Marion Guthrie, Louise Lawrence and Tony McDonald. "As for the men," Marg notes, "we really miss Norm Eales; he was one of our best cooks. And there was Art Small, but he up and got married and moved away!"

Marg can still list off a few though; Dan Maebræ, Lloyd Slack and Don Armstrong come to mind, along with family members Al and Rod.

"In a small place you've got to do two or three things," Marg sums it up, "I was setting table in the Legion when I was 12. My daughter was helping out when she was six. And Lexy, [Marg's granddaughter] she's ten - she helps now too."

The short term challenge for that mysterious group of "Legion Ladies" is the Maplefest Pancake Breakfast planned for the weekend after Easter. As luck would have it, this falls on the same weekend as a Legion bowling tournament in North Bay and a District Convention. So if you want to flip a few pancakes, just give Marg a call. Give this tireless band of comrades a hand. Because they sure deserve one. They've earned a few.

Area school mounts musical

The musical Godspell is being performed this weekend at The Bethany Hills School by an enthusiastic cast of students, who have been in rehearsal for several months to get ready for this exciting production.

The musical tells the story of Jesus' life and death through song, skits and mime. For information on tickets, please call the school, 277-2866.

Manor residents say thanks to community

A visit to Millbrook Manor can land you in the midst of a session of bingo, a party or a concert by

a local youth group; the Common Room is indeed a busy place.

Recently, tenants enjoyed an evening of games and lunch in honour of St. Valentine's Day. Soon to come, in keeping with the flavour of St. Patrick's Day in March, is an Irish Stew dinner, with musical entertainment planned for afterwards.

Tenants at the Manor express their gratitude for the many kindnesses

shown by the business people, the Churches, Community Care, and the many others in the community who share their musical talents with the residents. Probably their most popular supporter though, is their caretaker, who is always willing to help out a tenant or give a hand with a chore. In these challenging years as Seniors, a helping hand is a wonderful gift to cherish.

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STONE SOUP

By Evelyn Raab

Potato power? Science fair project can be electrifying. Or not.

Science fair. The very words strike fear in the hearts of parents everywhere. We pledge, year after year, that this time, things will be different. "This year," we swear, "he is on his own." *This year*, no, we will *not* research the life cycle of the fruit fly for our darling child. This year we will allow him to sink or swim with his stinking (literally) project. Failure, too, can be a learning experience. But deep in our heart of hearts, *we know*. We know, yes, we *definitely* know. *We know* that two days before the infernal thing is due, we will be driving our beloved child all over town to find a 3/4-inch clamped flange whoosit holder so he can build a seismograph. Or whatever.

The first year, it was Mold. Simple enough. I grow plenty of that stuff without even trying. What could be so hard? Ha! Goes to show you what I know about Science! If it were *easy*, everyone would be doing it, wouldn't they? No. Real Science must contain strange ingredients. In this case, Dustin insisted that he *needed* (really, really needed) Actual Scientific Gelatin. Right away, I knew we were not going to find this stuff at the corner store. Or practically anywhere else, as it turned out. Except for one weird health food store, where it was being sold as food. (!) That done, he grew mold. All kinds. Unfortunately, the Science Fair was still a month away, and it appeared that this lovely crop of mold was at its peak and ready for harvest. Obviously a second planting was in order. But Scientific Research being what it is, this second crop of mold was considerably slower-growing and, despite the fact that we kept the bathroom (a.k.a. laboratory) extra warm for two weeks, it never did manage to achieve the pathogenic glory of its bacterial predecessor. Alas.

But that was nothing, compared to the potato thing. This one sounded really cool. Too cool. The book said to take twelve potatoes, connect them up with wire-and-bingo-they light up a light bulb! A likely story. If things like this actually worked, why would anyone bother with nuclear reactors? You'd just have giant potato stations with, maybe, ten million potatoes all hooked up, cheerfully generating gobs of electricity with no unpleasant radioactive mess to worry about. And certainly, any surplus potatoes would be very nice, mashed. With gravy. But no, we don't see many potato power stations around, do we? That should have been our first clue. Dustin, however, was enthusiastic. The diagram in the book *clearly* showed what appeared to be a 40 watt bulb surrounded by a dozen happy potatoes, linked together with wire electrodes. Why would they lie? After faithfully following the accompanying instructions, we sat on the kitchen floor awaiting the Miracle of Light. Maybe," Dustin optimistically suggested, "it takes time." How long? An hour? Two? This was not working. Frantic consultation with an electrician pinpointed the problem: "A forty watt bulb?" He was hysterical. So we downgraded. Unfortunately, the flashlight bulb produced a similar result. A local teacher yielded equally pointless advice "Try lemons". We did. Nothing. The next day found me and Dustin wandering the aisles of Olan's Hardware for divine inspiration. By this time, we were

looking seriously at batteries: a little careful potato surgery, a couple of double A's.....things were deteriorating. Even a chance encounter in the plumbing aisle with a retired physicist (really) led to nothing more than a frustrating search for a *diode* (like I would even know what that is). We found one (whatever it is). It didn't work. *The cursed science project was due tomorrow and it didn't work!* Dustin, bitter and disconsolate, went off to write this up as a failed experiment.

He came in third in his grade. Go figure.

Two years have passed since the Potato Episode. Unscathed by his brush with electricity, Dustin is happily planning this year's project. I haven't even dared to ask him what it is. And, as if that isn't bad enough, now that he's in grade 5, Jared gets to do one too. I, however, have had my personal fill of Modern Science. I secretly long for the good old days, before electricity, before diodes. When potatoes were fried, gelatin was green (with pineapple chunks in it), and mold was something that grew on leftovers.

Jared says he wants to make something that explodes. Heaven help us.

The Blob

This does not explode, and it isn't even really the sort of experiment that would belong in a Science Fair. But it is definitely a very cool effect, and is worth trying if you like disgusting stuff. And, who doesn't? I don't know what this material actually is, and I don't know why it works. But don't eat it, anyway.

1/2 cup Elmer's white school glue
1-1/2 cups filtered or distilled water
1 teaspoon borax powder (available at the IGA with the laundry detergents)
Food colouring

- ◆ In a small bowl, mix together the glue and 1/2 cup of the water. Add some food colouring to make it more creepy.
- ◆ In another bowl, combine the borax powder with the remaining 1 cup of the water and stir until it's completely dissolved.
- ◆ Slowly, while stirring, pour the glue mixture into the water/borax mixture. A yucky blob will form in the bottom of the bowl. Carefully drain the excess liquid out of the bowl.
- ◆ Now, by hand (yuck!) remove The Blob and knead it on the table until it is smooth and pliable.
- ◆ Congratulations, you are now the proud owner of a Genuine Blob. Watch it ooze through your fingers, or mold it into a ball and bounce it. Stretch it out s-l-o-w-l-y, or quickly snap it so it breaks.
- ◆ Store The Blob in a covered container when you're not playing with it. Just be careful not to get it on the carpet because it will sink disgustingly into the fibres and be impossible to remove.

Evelyn Raab is a food writer, graphic artist and very understanding mother of two mad scientists. She tends to drive around a lot, looking for diodes and other weird stuff.

President elected to Agricultural Society

Steve Brackenridge was elected President of the Millbrook Agricultural Society at its executive meeting held February 8. He succeeds Ray Lowery who has completed his two year term, and takes up his role as Past President.

First Vice-President is Bill Lauchlan, with Kevin Corp standing as Second Vice-President. Diane Armstrong and Renée Todd retain their positions as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

This year's Fair Board directors include Ken Clark, Sherry Cummings, Bruce Denley, Leo Fallis, Bob Frame, Lois Grieger, Lloyd Grove, Mark Grove, Bob Hall, Peter Kennedy, Lawrence Larmer, Allen McCamus, Carl Sargent, Evelyn Sargent, Janice Saunders, Cathy Shaughnessy, Karen Shaughnessy, and Greta Strain.

Plans are well under way for the 1995 Millbrook Agricultural Fair, which will be held June 9 to 11. As the 150th anniversary of the Millbrook Fair approaches, activities, events and displays will reflect the heritage and the progress over a century and a half of agricultural life in our area.


Skating carnival on in March

With the success of Millbrook's Figure Skaters this year, the annual Millbrook Figure Skating Carnival, scheduled for this Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4, promises to be an exciting and entertaining event.

The theme this year is "Music Through The Decades". Junior Coach Leslie Black has chosen the music and choreographed

the numbers for the younger skaters, while the Senior Levels have choreographed their own scenes. Approximately 100 skaters, ages 3 to 14, will be on hand to delight and thrill the audience.

The shows run on Friday night, 7:30 to 9 and Saturday at 3. Tickets are available at the door, with prices set at \$4 per adult and \$1.50 per child.



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Winslow's latest play returns to Ireland's early days

by Mary Sutherland

From the Cavan Blazers and their notorious duties of the early 19th century days of Cavan Township settlement, to the opening years of the 17th century "plantations" in County Fermanagh, Ireland, may at first blush appear a quantum leap backwards in time. But as Robert Winslow, director, writer, producer and inspiration behind the 4th Line Theatre, discovered in Ireland last year, striking similarities connect the Ontario settlements to the English plantations in Ireland.

Under James I the plantation scheme settled (i.e. planted) English and Scottish families in Ireland, notably around Dublin and in Ulster with the intention of bringing Ireland more firmly under English control. In the doing, the Celtic Irish were displaced to the west, a movement which, incidentally, continued to Cromwell's time when he thundered at Athlone to the dissidents "To hell or Connemara!"

I had the pleasure of watching, on a December Saturday, one of the first rehearsals of *The Winslows of Derryvore*. It is not an easy story to tell for its genesis is to be found in the pre-Christian days of the Celts, centuries before the plantations. Winslow has accomplished this by a series of short vignettes spanning that broad expanse of time to the arrival of his ancestor, Guy Winslow, a Devon man, in Fermanagh, and his purchase of the Derryvore estate sometime between 1616 and 1618. Of his visit there in the summer of 1994, Winslow writes "It is a beautiful spot and I'm sure it charmed Guy Winslow. It is 1617 and it is today."

The central theme, and what connects Derryvore to Cavan, is the displacement of the Irish 'natives' vis à vis the displacement of North American natives by settlers from the Old World. It is very much a current and vexatious matter which has refused to "go away" in both countries, as witness the "Irish problem" which continues to bedevil the English parliament just as Native Rights issues still confound Canadian legislators.

While there are serious complexities, the play itself is not overburdened with a serious tone. The puckish humour for which the Irish are noted, their delight in play and pranks, their continuing allegiance to Celtic superstitions - in short, all of the charm that makes the Irish so paradoxically Irish must of necessity provide a rich lode of humour which Winslow expertly mines to delight an audience of all ages.

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Bette Midler

David Currie Irvine

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A second chance at life. The chosen few possess an insight and attitude many of us are hard pressed to comprehend. A supportive wife, daughter, new home, canine and feline friends - new beginnings, what else could you ask for? Dave's attitude to life was evident to all he touched with his warm smile and rolling laughter.

Complaints, not from Dave's lips, through the many biopsies, hospitalizations, and ups and downs. The smiles and hugs were always there. Dave's attitude, be grateful you woke up to smell the rain, and watch the clouds give way to sunshine. Transplant allowed Dave to experience life through different eyes. The gift from a dying boy gave almost seven added years to this special man.

He may be gone, but will never be forgotten. Many memories are held in the minds of his wife and best friend Sandi, and daughter Mickie. There is an empty chair where his buddies Dooley, Cruise, and Fast Eddie fought for his affection and attention each day. He is deeply missed by all of his brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews, and his mother and father in law.

You may be gone, Dave, but your smile, laughter, love and understanding will live forever.

Organ donation allowed so many people the opportunity to be part of Dave's lengthened life. Discuss organ donation, and make your wishes known. Don't take your organs to heaven - God knows we need them here.

Dave was a beautiful example of a success story. At the time of his untimely death, his heart was still a strong healthy organ.

Obituary

Ted Clugston

Ted Clugston formerly of Millbrook, long time employee of the Liquor Control Board of Ontario, passed away February 15, 1995. Mr. Clugston is survived by his wife Elsie, daughters Rebecca Grieveson, Mary Ritter, and her husband Nick and their daughter Christiana, all of Kincardine.

Ted was active as a Mason and was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion. A veteran, Mr. Clugston served in the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Royal Canadian Regiment.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Bethany United Church invites companies to submit expressions of interest in providing Project Management Services.

The project includes refurbishing the basement and building an addition. The Project Manager should have previous experience in refurbishing churches and working with volunteers.

Submissions of interest are due by 6 p.m., March 5 to Callendar and Associates, 13 Crestwood Ave. Peterborough, Ontario K9J 1M9. Schematic drawings are available at Callendar and Associates - 742-0091.

This is not a request for bids. Qualifying firms will be invited to submit proposals on the price of their services.

World Day of Prayer

by Debbie Chilton

All of the Bailieboro community churches will gather at Christ Church on Friday, March 3 to observe the World Day of Prayer. This year's program has been prepared by the women of Ghana. Everyone, as always, is welcome.

...in Millbrook

Grace Presbyterian Church in Millbrook is the host this year for the World Day of Prayer service on March 3 at 2 p.m. The theme this year is "The Earth is a Church for all people". Six local congregations are involved in the service, with music provided by the young voices of Joyful Noise. A light lunch will be served following the service.

Anglican Minister visits Israel

The 2000 year old olive trees in the Garden of Gethsemane, the shepherds' fields at Bethlehem, and the hillsides above the Sea of Galilee were some of the highlights of the Reverend Susan Sheen's trip to Israel in February on a Clergy Familiarization Tour organized by Sunquest.

On the tour with Susan were 23 ministers from the Anglican, United, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Mennonite churches, primarily from Ontario, with a representative each from Alberta and Quebec. The purpose of the tour was to look at the potential for organizing tours from among congregations.

"It changes you forever," Susan comments on her experience, "Once you've been there and walked along the same streets and on the same hillsides as Jesus, you feel things differently."

One of the most moving moments, says Susan, was the celebration of the Eucharist above the Sea of Galilee. The tour included visits to Jerusalem, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Masada, Qumran and the Dead Sea, the West Bank and Jericho. Susan noted a strong military presence and visits to sensitive areas included clearance through checkpoints.

The tour was led by a licensed guide, Moshe, who proved to be a walking encyclopedia, and an expert on Biblical history and culture. He commented that the coming year is crucial to the country, and predicted that the situation would either greatly improve or would deteriorate badly, depending on the outcome of the peace talks.

Development in Israel impressed Susan, with the building of a hydro plant on the Sea of Galilee sending water to the desert region. The project is so successful that it is being cited as the fulfilment of the Old Testament Biblical prophecy that the desert will bloom. In addition, massive efforts are being made to reforest the hillsides, stripped over the last century by taxpayers charged by the number of trees they owned, and by the British army in World War I which fuelled their trains with lumber. Forest are named after benefactors of Israel; among them is the Diefenbaker Forest.

Susan will be presenting slide shows in the parish in late March and early April.

BETWEEN THE COVERS

Local artist illustrates new book at library

A series of thumbnail book reviews, featuring new acquisitions in the Cavan Millbrook South Monaghan Library collection

By Margot Loucks

LEMON-AID NEW CAR GUIDE 1995

The latest advice from Phil Edmonston (Canada's answer to Ralph Nader) on how to select a new car or minivan is here. In addition to rating new cars, there are also tips on how to get your money back if, despite his advice, you get stuck with a lemon.

SELF-DEFENSE by John Kellerman

Kellerman's stock-in-trade is psychological suspense and this book, his tenth, is no exception. Not for the faint of heart, but Kellerman's fans will enjoy the nail-biting.

ICE TIME; A PORTRAIT OF FIGURE SKATING by Debbi Wilkes and Greg Cable

The authors focus on the exciting 1993-4 skating season including the Canadian Championships and the controversy at the Olympics in Lillehammer. Candid descriptions of personalities (example: "Tonya Harding's costumes always looked second-hand") make this a very interesting book. Although the tone is critical in part, the reader generally finds it all too believable.

1987; THE YEAR I WAS BORN: A DAILY RECORD OF EVENTS compiled by Linda Granfield, illustrated by Bill Slavin

If you are going to be eight this year, a new book illustrated by Millbrook's own Bill Slavin, will interest you. Find out what was in the news on the day you were born. Among other events, 1987 marks the year the 'loonie' was introduced to replace the one dollar bill.



Darlene Tibbles gives daughter Avalon (far right) and Rory Gillmore a hand with castle-building at the February session of Mobile Outreach in Millbrook.

Mobile units serve area

Almost every day of the month, the Peterborough and Victoria County Family Resource mobile units are parked outside a Church hall or recreation centre in a small community. Through the hall are scattered mats outlining play areas where blocks, racetracks, dress-up clothes and toys are spread around. Mothers and caregivers chat over a coffee as they watch their children play or join in the activity themselves with their own

and other tots. Family Resource personnel gently supervise, mopping up a spill here, cleaning off a pair of hands there.

The Mobile Outreach program is a huge success and a great boon to both child and parent. The staff have dual roles, both as play guides to the children and as resource advisors to the caregivers. They can provide a comprehensive selection of parent resource material, and also can let parents know of

parenting courses scheduled by the Family Enrichment Centre. Millbrook and Cavan are among the busiest stops that the Peterborough team make each month, with between 40 and 80 participants of all ages dropping in for the morning. Bailieboro is also visited by the Peterborough van each month, while Bethany is served by Family Resources of Victoria County. The sessions are free. For days and times, check the Community Calendar on page 15.

Slide show starts season

The Millbrook and Cavan Historical Society meets again March 20 after two months of rest. According to Society President Ken Greenberg, the meeting should be of great interest to many with Kirk Whipper, founder of the Canadian Canoe Museum scheduled to speak and bring slides. The Historical Society meets at the Old Millbrook School and welcomes visitors and new members.

Work starts on Fair

Work has already begun on this year's promotion guide for the Millbrook Fair, which will be held the second weekend in June. Baxter Creek Enterprises, publisher of The Ripple, is working closely with the Millbrook Agricultural Society to produce an interesting and informative guide.

The Millbrook Fair supplement, which has a similar physical format to The Ripple, will be distributed to over 20,000 households in our immediate area, in Peterborough and Victoria Counties, and south along the lakeshore, in Durham and Northumberland.

Fresh start

The Garden Club is looking forward to spring planting with the first meeting of the new year scheduled for Wednesday, March 1. The Club has invited special guest Mariam Mutton, Landscape Artist, to come and talk on the subject of designing a garden.

The Garden Club meets at the Old Millbrook School on Dufferin Street, and welcomes new members. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.



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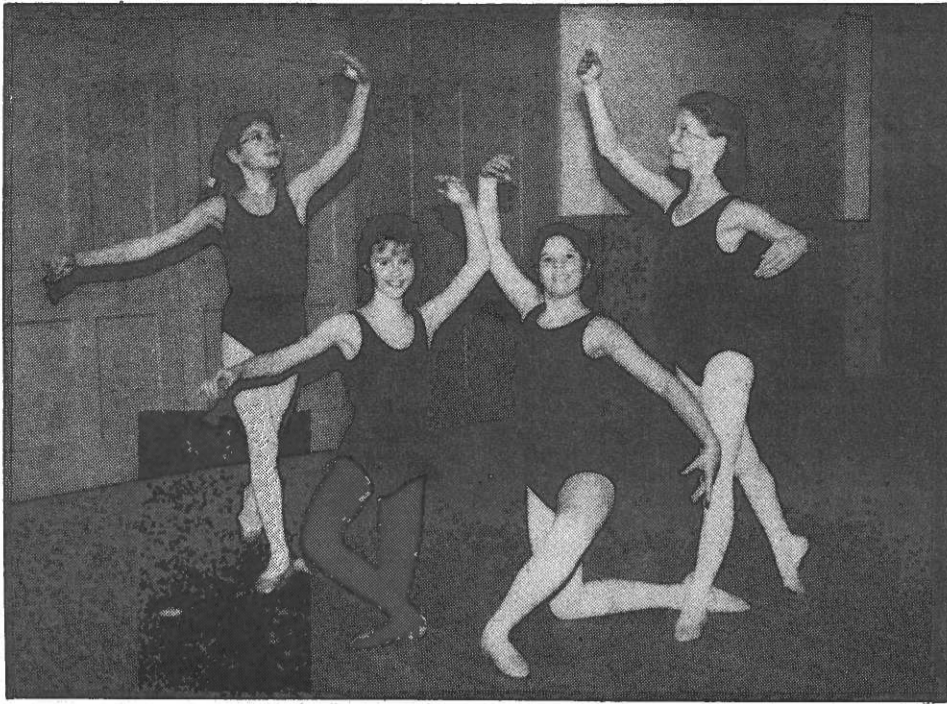
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Candidates for the spring session of the Royal Academy of Dance International Examinations at the Grade 4 level are (from left) Lani Wilson, Jordi McLeod, Courtney Sidor and Kerith Paul. The dancers are students of Stefani Kostoff, Millbrook Dance Studio.

Laughs galore at talent show

by Mary Sutherland

"Get Your Act Together!" held at Christ Church, Bailieboro last Saturday night was designed to "recognize the many talents of the people in the Anglican Parish of Cavan". In the event, it showcased on centre stage groups and individuals from the youngest Sunday schooler to the indomitable Muriel Morrison.

The brainchild of Valerie McCourt (whose latent talents as a comedienne were to delight the audience in two skits), the program was master-minded by talent scouts Tom Bull, Ken Crombie (who acted as master of ceremonies) Michelle Fowler, Betty Mayhew and John Wood.

The program opened with a modern-day version of the Biblical stories of Noah's Ark and the Tower of Babel. Written by a Jewish author for the express purpose of teaching Old Testament stories to Jewish children, the highly amusing skit was equally

educational for a Christian audience. It succeeded in setting the tone for the entire program thanks to the performance of the youth group, The Wayfarers.

Family groups were among the highlights. Mother and daughter Cindy and Michelle Fowler in **The Body Workout** hilariously highlighted the differing dedication between generations to physical exercise. The McCourts, mother Valerie and children Greg and Amber, in **Heads Up!** displayed astonishing dexterity with props which included many balloons.

The Bailie Bunch, composed of duetists Mary Jackson, and June Buettner and accompanist Barb Marshall introduced the musical portion of the program and their rendition of "The Computer" was in the best fast-paced tradition of Gilbert and Sullivan. Bev Hilditch as **The Maestro** was wonderfully reminiscent of Victor Borge

when her playing improved immeasurably after she got the music turned right side up! Muriel Morrison, having recently gained recognition as an author, reverted to her original profession as pianist.

After an intermission during which the Wayfarers sold refreshments to help raise funds for "Sleeping Children Around the World," John Lyons, accompanied by John French concluded the musical portion with "Bless This House" and Valerie McCourt brought the evening to a close by playing Susan Sheen in a wonderfully disorganized Vestry Report.

It was a very cold winter's evening but the packed audience was warmed by some very lively presentations of wit and wisdom and the Rector's Discretionary Fund was enriched by the free-will offering. All in all, the Parish of Cavan really did get its act together.

Student minister in Anglican parish

New to Millbrook in recent weeks is Jeanette Lewis from Scarborough who has taken up the position of student minister in the Anglican parish that includes Millbrook's newly renovated St. Thomas' Church, the Marsh Church and the Anglican church in Bailieboro. Studying for her Masters degree in Divinity, Jeanette finds some of the skills learned over 14 years working for the Ontario Provincial Police useful in her new calling.

Jeanette has over the years, both with the OPP and with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, developed people skills which stand her in good stead as she introduces herself to parishioners. Friendly and warm by nature, her genuine interest in each individual makes chatting with her an enjoyable and effortless experience. Not surprisingly, she says she finds the people she meets very friendly. This is Jeanette's first experience in a ru-

ral parish, and she admits that she misses the more multicultural aspect of big city life. However, she points out that placements are most commonly in rural areas, so in preparation, she has come to learn from the Reverend Susan Sheen.

She has enjoyed making her way around the parish, visiting and conducting services at the various churches and at Springdale Nursing Home. Has she been lost yet, down along the country roads? No, she says, the only time she gets lost is in Peterborough!

Jeanette is a leader in group dynamics and is piloting a program entitled "One Generation from Extinction", which focuses on identifying steps that can be taken to improve conditions in society. Her work will keep her in the area until Easter, when she returns to Trinity College Divinity School to complete her degree requirements.

Rain won't deter Brownie fun times

by Sandra Vowles

The 1st Millbrook Brownies Pack has been busy this year with everything from parties to peace initiatives.

The Pack attended the Spark/Brownie Fun Day held at Beavermead Park in the Fall. It was a rainy day, but it takes more than a little dampness to keep these Brownies down, and we had a lot of fun. We are twinned with the Gambia, a small country in West Africa, and we brought donations from the "Gambia Wish List".

As each season rolls along, we have kept pace with a Hallowe'en Party, Brownie Enrolment, participation in the Millbrook Santa Claus Parade, a visit with the Seniors, and a Christmas Party. Five of our Brownies wrote letters and

addressed parcels of our Chocolate Mint Cookies, and mailed them to our Canadian Peacekeepers in Bosnia.

Our unit has taken part in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) Peace Initiative, and has sent pictures and poetry to National Headquarters in Toronto. The second and third year Brownies have earned the Peace Patch, and as a unit we are working toward the Refugee Badge.

We are collecting new items for the Peace Packs. These packs contain school and personal items for refugee children in Mozambique. If anyone would like more information or would like to make a donation, please contact Sandra Vowles, 932-2799.

Millbrook skaters fare well

"And the winner is...the skater from Millbrook!"

Girls from the Millbrook Figure Skating Club participated in a junior competition in Oshawa last weekend and did very well. Of the 21 girls who attended, 14 received medals. Their strong skating ability was evident to all who attended and reflected well on the head coach Leslie Black and her staff of assistants.

In the Juvenile B category, Charlene Armstrong was first, Ashley Vandam first and Mindy Blair third. Juvenile C girls, Danielle Guzik first, Ashley Bobee fourth and Amanda Therrien eighth. In the pre-juvenile B girls, Stephanie Wideman was first and Nicole Fallis second. In pre-juvenile C girls, Becky Olan won gold, Jessie Callan silver and Julie Callan bronze. Ashley Sherrer was third in the intermediate B girls.

Laura Robson was first followed by Erin Appleman with a second place in pre-novice B girls. In pre-

novice C, it was Amelia Grieger in third place.

In intermediate A girls Aislin Doidge-Flynn was fifth along with Mary Liston also fifth. Amy Knechtel was seventh. In novice B girls, Christina Lloyd was sixth. In novice C, Sasha Liston was the gold medal winner with Laurie Mitchell coming in fourth.

On February 4th, the Millbrook Figure Skating

Club competed at the Trent Interclub Competition in Colborne, Ontario. Again the skaters did very well and did the skating club proud.

Rachel Armstrong did well in previous competitions. She finished third at the Racoon Rally in November and carried home the gold medal from the Ops Ice Olympics in January.

Volunteers needed to refurbish church

Want to leave a lasting mark on your community, perhaps learn a new skill? The Bethany United Church has the answer.

As the only public building in the village this 90-year-old structure has served its community well, but renovations are needed to see it through another century. The congregation is undertaking this project the old-fashioned way--with volunteer labour.

The renovations, expected to begin in June, will include refurbishing the basement and building an addition, so there is a place for both skilled trades people and anyone wanting to gain some hands-on experience.

If you would like to be part of this exciting project, Cathy Gradante, the volunteer coordinator invites you to call her at 277-1238.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH 1995

wednesday 1

Garden Club Meeting at the Old Millbrook School 7:30 p.m.

thursday 2

Public Skating at the Millbrook Arena - Moms & tots 10 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 3 p.m. Everyone - 3 to 4:30 p.m. - FREE

Pontypool Shotokan Karate Club Pontypool Community Centre 6 p.m.

Bingo at the Millbrook Legion 7:30 p.m.

friday 3

Family Enrichment Centre Mobile Outreach at Cavan Community Centre 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

World Day of Prayer Service at Grace Presbyterian Church, Millbrook - 2 p.m. - All welcome

Public Skating at the Millbrook Arena - 3. to 4:20 p.m. - FREE

Old Fashioned Celidh at the Millbrook Legion Hall, sponsored by the 4th Line Theatre. Featuring Step Dancer Natasha Ducharme \$3.00 per person - 8 p.m.

saturday 4

Cavan Rabies Clinic at the Township Garage on County Road #10 - 9 a.m. to 12 noon \$8 per animal

sunday 5

Public Speaking Competition for Children at the Millbrook Legion - 1 p.m.

Our Month in Provence at the Kawartha Artists Gallery & Studio (corner of Park St. & O'Connell Rd., Peterborough) 1 to 4 p.m. - until March 30

Public Skating at the Millbrook Arena - 2 to 2:50 p.m. \$1 for kids, \$1.50 for adults

monday 6

Junior Darts at the Millbrook Legion - 6:30 p.m. \$1.00

Public Skating at the Millbrook Arena - 3. to 4:40 p.m. - FREE

tuesday 7

Family Enrichment Centre Mobile Outreach at Bailieboro United Church - 10 a.m. to 12:30

Euchre at the Millbrook Legion 1:30 p.m. - \$1.00

Pontypool Shotokan Karate Club at Grandview Public School 6 to 8 p.m. For information call 277-9206 All welcome

wednesday 8

East Central Farm Show Morrow Building, Peterborough Exhibition Grounds 12 noon to 10 p.m. - \$2.00

Euchre at the Millbrook Legion 1:30 p.m. - \$1.00

Community Search Conference The Future of the Ganaraska Forest - Port Hope High School (905)797-2721 - 7 p.m.

thursday 9

East Central Farm Show Morrow Building, Peterborough Exhibition Grounds 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - \$2.00

Euchre Luncheon St. Andrew's United Church Chili lunch - 11:30 a.m. Euchre - 1 p.m. - \$4.00 per person

Public Skating at the Millbrook Arena - Moms & tots 10 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 3 p.m. Everyone - 3 to 4:20 p.m. - FREE

Pontypool Shotokan Karate Club Pontypool Community Centre 6 p.m.

Cavan Ratepayers Association Cavan Community Hall - 8 p.m.

friday 10

Public Skating at the Millbrook Arena - 3. to 4:20 p.m. - FREE

Karaoke at the Millbrook Legion 8:30 p.m. - All welcome

sunday 12

Alf Brooks Memorial Cribbage at the Millbrook Legion Register at noon, play at 1 p.m. \$10 per 2-person team

monday 13

Going to the Farm featuring children's entertainer Terilyn Spooner - Bailieboro Anglican Church at 10 a.m.; Millbrook/Cavan Municipal Hall at 1 p.m.; Mt. Pleasant Library at 3 p.m. - \$1 per person For information call 932-2919

Junior Darts at the Millbrook Legion - 6:30 p.m. \$1.00

North Cavan Community School Association Meeting North Cavan School - 7 p.m.

Millbrook Council Meeting at the Old Millbrook School 7:30 p.m.

tuesday 14

South Monaghan Township Council Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Public Skating at the Millbrook Arena - 3 to 5 p.m. - FREE

Pontypool Shotokan Karate Club at Grandview Public School 6 to 8 p.m. For information call 277-9206 All welcome

wednesday 15

Euchre at the Millbrook Legion 1:30 p.m. - \$1.00

Public Skating at the Millbrook Arena - Moms & tots 1 to 3 p.m. Everyone - 3 to 4:20 p.m. - FREE

thursday 16

Pontypool Shotokan Karate Club Pontypool Community Centre 6 p.m.

friday 17

Public Skating at the Millbrook Arena - 3. to 4:20 p.m. - FREE

saturday 18

Mammoth Bingo at the Millbrook Legion - 1:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Dauber Bingo Cash prizes of \$200 per game Proceeds to the Lift Fund

Medd's Mountain Moonlight Walk Meet at the Mill at 7:30 p.m. Bring your own mug

sunday 19

Public Skating at the Millbrook Arena - 2 to 2:50 p.m. \$1 for kids, \$1.50 for adults

monday 20

Public Skating at the Millbrook Arena - 3. to 4:40 p.m. - FREE

Junior Darts at the Millbrook Legion - 6:30 p.m. \$1.00

Historical Society Meeting at the Old Millbrook School with Kurt Whipper from the Canadian Canoe Museum - 8 p.m.

tuesday 21

Family Enrichment Centre Mobile Outreach at Anglican Church, Millbrook 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Pontypool Shotokan Karate Club at Grandview Public School 6 to 8 p.m. For information call 277-9206 All welcome

wednesday 22

Victoria County Family Resources Centre Mobile Outreach at Bethany United Church - 10 a.m. to 12 noon

thursday 23

Public Skating at the Millbrook Arena - Moms & tots 10 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 3 p.m. Everyone - 3 to 4:20 p.m. - FREE

Pontypool Shotokan Karate Club Pontypool Community Centre 6 p.m.

friday 24

Public Skating at the Millbrook Arena - 3. to 4:20 p.m. - FREE

saturday 25

South Monaghan Rabies Clinic and Beyond the Blue Box at the Township Garage - 3rd Line 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Public Skating at the Millbrook Arena - 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. - FREE

sunday 26

No public skating

monday 27

Junior Darts at the Millbrook Legion - 6:30 p.m. \$1.00

Millbrook Council Meeting at the Old Millbrook School 7:30 p.m.

tuesday 28

Pontypool Shotokan Karate Club at Grandview Public School 6 to 8 p.m. For information call 277-9206 All welcome

wednesday 29

Public Skating at the Millbrook Arena - Moms & tots 1 to 3 p.m. Everyone - 3 to 4:20 p.m. - FREE

friday 31

Public Skating at the Millbrook Arena - 3 to 4:50 p.m. - FREE

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Golden Retriever puppies - Registered, health certificate, shots, home raised with children. Ready to go now. Cute and cuddly. Phone 932-3129

Peacocks for sale - young male birds, blue shouldered variety - \$50 each. 932-3221

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Your classified ad is mailed to 4200 potential buyers!

Major benefits to composting

Well I don't know about you but around this time of year the sap begins to rise in my winter-weary bones and I begin to think about the coming growing season. I have a hard time waiting for the ground to thaw so I can get my hands into the soil, to plant the tender little seedlings I soon will start from seeds, and then to watch impatiently as they begin to grow into beautiful, fragrant flowers, or delicious, nutritious veggies.

One of the things I do to help them be vigorous, healthy plants, is to add mature compost to the soil, both before I plant, and during the growing season. Compost has at least four major benefits: *it modifies the soil*, whether clay- or sand-based, allowing plant roots to penetrate as deep as they need, and allowing necessary air and water to mix with the soil throughout the growing area; *it adds fertility* by way of major and minor nutrients which plants need to prosper; *it completes a cycle* by returning to the earth that which came from the earth (like a bank we can't make constant withdrawals without making some deposits); and *it saves money* by replacing store-bought fertilizers!

I recognise that not everyone is a gardener, but even so, composting can save you money, and has other benefits as well. People who are concerned about garbage disposal costs will be happy to know that organic, compostable material makes up about *one third* of normal household garbage. In a user-pay system, diverting that material from a garbage bag into a composter can cut your disposal costs by 33%. In the system we currently have in Cavan, eliminating compostables from the garbage would save us all money by reducing trucking costs and landfill fees. Not only that but the organic material which does go to landfill is the primary cause of leachate and methane gas, the two main problems associated with landfills. Our livestock farmers know what I'm talking about: manure is generated as a by-product of raising animals, but it is also an incredible resource to be harvested to be reused and recycled.

So, you say, even if I were to compost, I'm not a gar-

dener: I don't have any use for compost. I say, I'll bet you have a friend or neighbour who could use it, and be grateful. Or you could take it to the EcoGarden at Maple Leaf Park.

But, you say, my yard is too small and my neighbour will object. You don't need a big yard, I say, and you should talk to your neighbour and find out what they would object to. A properly maintained compost pile will not be smelly; it will not attract insects or animals; in fact, it will not be objectionable in any way.

Sure, you say, "properly maintained": I don't have the time or the energy to be always fussing with a compost pile. Well, I'm here to tell you that a compost pile doesn't need much fussing. Compost will happen if you do nothing more than pile the material in a heap. If you put it in a container of some sort it will look neater, it will probably decompose faster, and the animals won't be able to get into it, but you don't have to. If you turn it over occasionally and mix the materials up it will work faster, but you don't have to. The secret to successful compost is knowledge, not muscle.

Organic waste generally is made up of nitrogen and carbon, and before you lose interest in reading further, I will simplify. Organic waste is considered to be either "green" or "brown". Grass clippings, kitchen scraps and other fresh materials are green; dried leaves, straw, and sawdust are brown. By mixing the two in equal parts and keeping it moist (just damp) you will create good compost without foul smells. If you have too many greens in your pile it will smell; if you have too many browns the decomposition will be slower. It is as simple as that!

Whenever you add a handful or a pail of kitchen scraps or grass clippings you must add a handful or a pail of dried leaves or sawdust to balance. Also, by covering the fresh materials you deny access to insects who wish to lay their eggs near a warm, humid source of food. Always bury food scraps in the centre of the pile with a thin layer of soil. Always cover the greens. (By collecting and bagging dried leaves in the fall, when they are plentiful,

you will have lots of brown material for next spring and summer when you will have a surplus of greens.)

There are refinements you can add to the materials or the process if you are interested, but you don't have to. Simply by diverting all your organic material from the garbage, and mixing equal portions of green and brown, you can create what gardeners call "brown gold" the finest soil amendment there is, and you contribute significantly to a reduction in garbage disposal costs both tangible and intangible.

Composters (3 kinds) are available at the Transfer Station for less than \$25. (The cost to the township of these units has been subsidised by the MOEE, believing that composting is a major effort towards waste diversion.) If you would rather not spend any money, there are many ways of constructing a unit from readily-available materials, and I have plans for several, ranging from absolute simplicity to elegant construction. Personally, I find the commercial units too small since I generate a huge quantity of leaf and yard material, but for small families, working families without a lot of extra time, seniors, and those who just like things neat and tidy, the commercial composters are great.

If you need help getting started or if you are having problems with your current pile, or even if you just want to know more, a compost demonstration area will be established at the EcoGarden this spring (national Compost Awareness Week is May 17, 1995), and there will be seminars and demonstrations throughout the summer. Watch for details or call me. If you can help in any way with the project, please let me know: I could use it. By assisting with demonstrations or by donating materials such as manure, chicken feathers, grass clippings (from unsprayed lawns only, please), or bags of leaves, or even finished compost you can't use, you will be contributing to an environmental benefit for all.

Richard Miller is a book artist, environmentalist, and Waste Management Co-ordinator for Cavan Township.

FINE LINES

Death in the Snow

by Clayton W. Thexton

Night in the forest, in cold winter time,
Moon shining silver, all starkly sublime.
Black stands the forest, broad meadows gleam bright,
Frozen to stillness, as still as the night.

Then, without warning, with wild rush of wings,
Downward descended this terrible thing,
Streaking like silver it plummeted down,
And made a soft "whoosh" on reaching the ground.

Then with great flurry it stabbed with its beak,
Causing a sudden and terminal squeak.
Just for a moment the grey shadow loomed,
Coldly observing, the Doom and the Doomed.

With ruffle of wings, with shuffle of feet,
With clacking of beak, his repast complete,
Then coldly he glared off into the night,
Smoothing his plumage; grey, glossy and white.

Then like a shadow aloft he did soar,
Leaving fur fragments and blood stains galore.
So ends the drama of death in the snow,
And hunger for meat at twenty-below.

When it's night in the forest and carnivores prowl,
There's none reap more quickly than Shadow, the Owl.



Do You Know?

by Peter J. Martell

Wood pile's going down,
Oil bills never stop,
Meters make you frown,
Spinning like a top.

Bare ground hides under white,
Drifts softly start to curl,
Plows and shovels begin to fight,
The blowing, blinding swirl.

Sparkling in the sun,
Bending branches on trees,
Children think it's fun,
Roads drift and freeze.

No school bus today,
Toboggan hill's the place,
Meet outside to play
Hidden all but face.

Winds blow fierce and raw,
Frozen cheeks aren't nice,
Toes ache when they thaw,
Winter fun has a price.

Shovel it, eat it, love it, curse it,
Pray for it, despise it,
Live for it, enjoy it,
Friend or foe?
You guessed it - SNOW!

Peace and Countryside

by Tammy Edgerton

On a dead of winter's day,
To hear a distant donkey bray,
The scent of sweet hay and mist,
Today I will forget my list.

To sit, to look, where beauty lays,
Sparrows feeding, making way,
Snowflakes huddle, slowly fall,
Feel the distance, silence calls.

Freshness fills the air so moist,
If everyday we had this choice,
To taste the newly fallen snow,
Rosy cheeks turn us aglow.

We are so very truly blessed,
As Cavan Township turns to rest,
Not a car or man in sight,
Oh, the beauty feels so right.

A little "peace and countryside",
A little "peace and countryside".

Meet the Challenge

by Peter J. Martell

Our lives are short,
In relation to-time.
Our gifts are varied,
As song or rhyme.

Each day we treasure,
As if our last.

The Ripple welcomes submissions of poems by readers. However, space constraints will dictate the printing schedule for poetry.

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Excel in the future,
Build from the past.

Too valuable to waste,
Is our time on earth.
Strive to succeed,
You won't be the first!