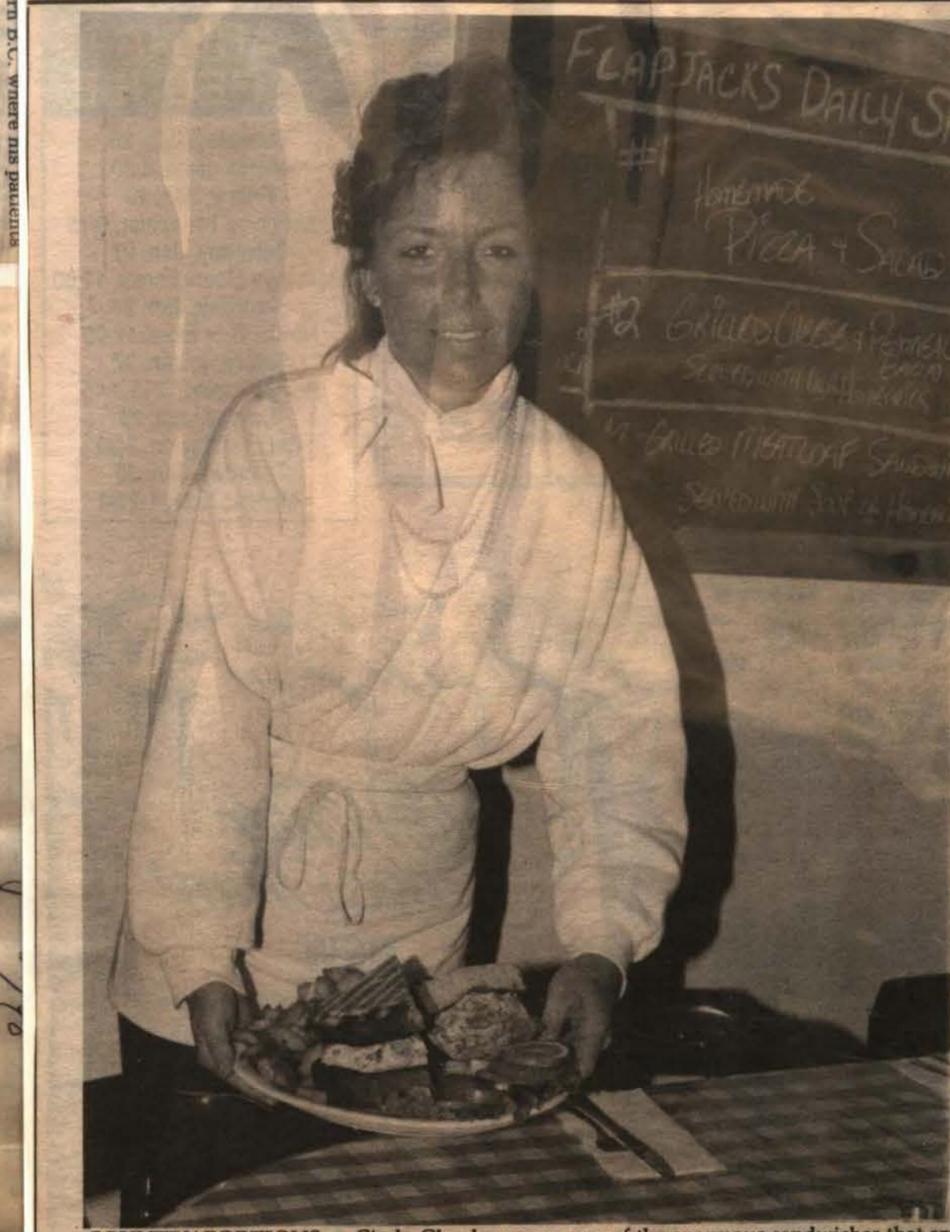


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COUNTRY PORTIONS — Cindy Glenday serves one of the enormous sandwiches that are the Flapjacks menu. The new restaurant specializes in country cuisine.

WELLESLEY — The hungriest lumberjack or threshing hand wouldn't need another nibble after a meal at Flapjacks.

The restaurant, owned and managed by Cindy Glenday, opened a few weeks ago.

It specializes in generous servings of country cuisine — farm-kitchen favorites that don't stint on fresh butter, cream and eggs. Local fruits and vegetables and choice meats are featured too.

"Everything's homemade; nothing's canned, frozen or packaged," Ms. Glenday says.

Many recipes she uses were originated by her great-grandmother, 93-year-old Beatrice Donell of Perth.

The flapjacks, concocted with 35 per cent cream and eggs aplenty, couldn't be lighter. They're served with heated homemade preserves a la great-grandmother Donell, butter and

syrup, and, if you like, are heaped with whipped cream.

Customers who've skipped breakfast can make up for it later in the day. Flapjacks is open Thursday through Sunday from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. and breakfasts are available from morning until evening. Selections include omelets, or eggs with thick slices of peameal bacon.

Homemade bread is used for toast and sandwiches and it comes in slices an inch and a half thick.

There are full lunch and dinner menus as well — old-fashioned meatloaf, for example. Pizza fanciers can have theirs made to order. Hamburgers are served on homemade buns.

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The oven at Flapjacks also produces deep dish pies — cherry, blueberry and Dutch apple — and enormous cookies, double-fudge brownies and muffins. The latter almost fill

the 14-inch plates from which customers tuck into hearty Flapjacks meals.

Children's portions are available, not only for youngsters but for adults with smaller appetites and those who want

This is Ontario's second Flapjacks Restaurant. Ms. Glenday's parents opened the original in Caledon 15 years ago and it's become a local landmark and tourist attraction. A few years ago, Flapjacks I was featured in a Toronto Star article and it's attracted hungry celebrities, among them John Candy.

Ms. Glenday began working at Flapjacks I "almost as soon as I was out of a crib."

A few years ago she decided to open her own restaurant.

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Like doctor father, like doctor son!

by Mary M. Cares

Dr. Brian Finn has been working with his father, Dr. John Finn, along with Dr. Clayton Sellers, for the last three and half years in their general practice office in Wellesley village. The medical trio average about 150 births yearly — and have seen over 6,300 patients since last June. But these numbers don't stop the country doctors from providing personal care for each of their patients.

The three doctors still assist on their patients' medical operations. They also alternate schedules in calling on each patients during their hospital stays at Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital. The two senior members of the practice still perform tonsillectomies for their patients. And all of the doctors still perform house calls for the elderly patients in the area.

Dr. John Finn and Dr. Clayton Sellers have served the community since 1952. Three and a half years ago, Finn's son joined the practice. Dr. John Finn said, jokingly, of the younger doctor, that "When he came in, I told the nurses, 'Now, you can look at him but listen to me!'"

Actually, the senior Finn does enjoy working with his son, and he admits he is very proud of him.

"He's added five years to my practice. He brings all sorts of new ideas, concepts and energy to the practice." Dr. Brian Finn was raised in Wellesley and attended Elmira High School. He continued his education at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts. While in his second year he decided to enter the medical field. He completed his internship in British Columbia. Prior to joining the Wellesley practice he maintained a general practice while in the military. He was stationed in a remote area of Northern B.C. where his patients



The doctors Finn

Dr. Brian Finn and his father, Dr. John Finn share a Wellesley general practice with Dr. Clayton Sellers. Brian Finn regards the elder doctor's experience a valuable asset which enhances his medical knowledge.

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consisted of members of the navy forces and their families — as well as the native population.

He is happy with his decision to join the practice. He likes working in a small community and notes that he is more involved with his patients' care than he could be if he were a city specialist. He said a general practice does require "a broader base of knowledge to keep up with." He added that the practice does utilize the specialist through the hospitals, and would not hesitate to consult on a case if necessary.

Does working with Dad have any disadvantages? Not according to the son. Dr. Brian Finn finds working with the two senior doctors very educational. "The experience is of great benefit. Having been in the practice that long, both my father and Dr. Sellers have seen a lot. They probably have more experience in obstetrics than some obstetricians," he said.

Dr. Brian Finn is quickly gaining his experience — besides his medical practice he currently serves as St. Mary's Chief of Medical Staff, and was the Vice-President last year and the Secretary the year before that. He also sits on the hospital's Board of Trustees as the medical representative. He sits on two committees as well; the Joint Credential Committee serving the K-W and St. Mary's Hospitals and the Quality Assurance Committee serving St. Mary's.

Finn admits that his busy schedule doesn't leave much time for his personal life. He plans to take fewer committee responsibilities next year in order to spend more time with his wife, Felicity and his three sons. He told the Independent many of the patients like to tease him about following in his father's footsteps, and are sure a fourth son will be coming someday, since his father had four.

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Old school for sale *Jan 31/90*

by Mary M. Cares

Wellesley township council has decided to accept tenders on the old schoolhouse located on Henry Street in Wellesley Village. The building now for sale currently houses the Regional library for the township, which is in desperate need for more space than is available in the current location.

Richard Lichty, Wellesley councillor, told the Independent that the 900 square feet devoted to the library is not enough to accommodate the needs of the township. The regional library provides services to the township but it is the responsibility of the township to provide the library with facilities.

Council was first approached last year in May, as representatives of the regional library raised concerns about the crowded quarters of the library. Karen Manley, with the regional library noted, "The problem has existed for quite a while. It is extremely crowded, there is no study space and the library program has been hampered," she said.

She added that even the access point is difficult and extremely awkward for library patrons. The washroom is inaccessable, she said. She mentioned that the Wellesley library users weren't getting the service that Ayr users were getting. The Wellesley library is the main branch for the other libraries in the township.

Last spring, the regional library approached council about their space problems and council discussed their options over the summer, said Manley. It was agreed that it was crowded and no longer met the needs of the community. She said a feasibility study was going to be conducted but since the provincial government no longer had any grant money available the idea was put on hold.

"We've talked about it for a long time with council. We believe council is working on the problem the best they can," she said.



For sale

Wellesley council has decided to sell the old schoolhouse, but the sentimental feeling about the building among the residents will be respected, according to Councillor Richard Lichty.



In memoriam *May 23/90*

Pastor Lloyd Reaney of Wellesley Holiness Church, spoke at a memorial tree planting, held at the North Easthope public school. The four evergreen trees were dedicated to the memory of four students who died November 10, 1989. Remembered were Kevin Sherk, Steven MacKenzie, Jeremiah E'Silva and Emmanuel E'Silva.

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PHARMACY

Ruth Leis, Wellesley Citizen of the Year

Feb 10 1990

by Mary M. Cares

Ruth Leis was named Wellesley Citizen of the Year by the Wellesley Board of Trade last Saturday. Leis has served her community for many years by helping those who needed it, said Verna Metcalf, last year's recipient, who presented Leis with an engraved silver tray as a memento of the occasion.

Leis has been a resident of Wellesley for 43 years. She is an active member of the Wellesley Mennonite Church. She has served many seniors in the area working through a combined church organization called Food and Friendship. She was also involved in the church's refugee assistance program and consequently invited a 15-year-old Vietnamese boy to reside with the Leis family when his family relocated from Wellesley. The boy lived under her care for five years and he now resides in Toronto but still refers to her as "Mom."

Leis has generously offered her hospitality to others as well. Among those was a 57-year-old mentally handicapped man. Leis assisted the man in obtaining a job so he could gain a degree of independence. The Leis' maintained responsibility for him, in and outside of their home for 13 years until he died at the age of 70.

Leis also hosted a University student from Barbados, in the early 1970s. That student is now regarded as "part of the family," according to her daughter, Sandy Poole. Poole admits her mother was always a busy lady. "Her house was always open to anybody who needed help, or a meal or a bed," said Poole.

Along with these accomplishments Leis also had to endure the life of a fireman's wife; Harold, her husband of 43 years, recently retired as Fire chief of Wellesley. They have four children, Gary, Ron, Judy and Sandy. Leis is also grandmother to 11 grandchildren.



Citizen of the Year

From left to right, son-in-law and daughter, George and Sandy Poole; Wellesley Citizen of the Year Ruth Leis; husband Harold Leis; and daughter, Judy Johnson.

Books are available at the store and Cook's Wellesley; the Variety Mill and Hawkesville; the Stationary Store; Cornerstone Books; local A&P stores; bookstore in Waterloo; Park Mall and other; Stratford, St. Jacobs; they retail for \$2.95

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a major part of this expenditure. According to Carlos Ventin, architect specializing in restoration of old buildings, the "Old School" is structurally sound. Even though LACAC has consulted with experts regarding building renovations and their estimates for old buildings is considerably lower than new construction costs, the deciding factor should be PUBLIC SENTIMENT. Debby Kroetsch, Chairman of LACAC for Wellesley Township stated at the February 20 Council meeting that "The building represents community pride and how do you place a value on this?" The only designated areas of the building are the wainscoting, which can be moved and re-assembled, the hallway ceiling, and the staircase. None of these would interfere with the Library addition and in fact, the LACAC grant (of one-third of total cost) could benefit the Township in resoration costs. This is a very cost-effective approach.

Your third option was a new Library. By bypassing the Library Feasibility Study, questions regarding size, costs and occupancy still remain uncertain. Citizen representatives were solicited by Council to form a Library Feasibility Study Committee which was to determine the needs and wants of the community, regarding Library services. Why was Priority and Finance making all the decisions regarding the Library's future instead of the Library Study Committee which was set up by Council for this purpose?

Numerous residents, including firemen, have expressed concern over the "horseshoe pit" location. This area is already overly congested. Emergency vehicles from the Fire Hall would make it extremely unsafe. Noise and traffic from the ball games, Community Centre and Arena functions, make the location unacceptable both for the Library and the Preschool. The noise intensity level experienced in the "Old School" seems extremely minor in comparison to the proposed site. Since the groups will be housed together again at the new location, we fail to see what you will have accomplished.

According to your letter Council stated that: "With these

to the interior and front concrete steps was not considered entrances. Washrooms could easily be added. The maintenance provides handicap access to both the Preschool and Library Ontario Building Code requirements. The ramp already existing cost \$75,000. It would include proper exits to meet current one story addition to the back of the existing Library would dated January 22, 1988, an additional 800-900 sq. foot, to the report issued by Swain and Ruppnow, Consulting Engineers, as being extremely expensive on a per sq. foot basis. According to the rear of the existing building. You cite this option Council's second option was the construction of an addition would only cause the eviction of the Preschool. It into the other half of the main floor is not suitable. It We agree that option 1, which is expanding the library, is

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'Lions' Jaws'
Donating toward equipment

March 1990
by Mary M. Cares

"Without the Lions Club, the purchase of the Jaws of Life would not have been possible," said Wellesley Fire Chief, Ron Futher. The Chief accepted a cheque for \$1,000 donated by the Wellesley and District Lions Club to assist in upgrading the life saving equipment.



Jaws of life
Wellesley Lion's Club President, Gerry Bowes (right) presents a cheque for \$1,000 to Fire Chief Ron Futher.

Futher accepted the donation on behalf of the fire department at the club's 15th anniversary dinner last Saturday evening at the Wellesley Community Centre. The club had been sponsored 15 years ago by the Milverton Lions Club, and have served their community in many ways since.

The charter president in 1974 was Bob Jutzi. Of the original charter members, eight are still active in the club; Earl Coxon, Dan Gascho, Bill Futher, Ron Futher, Fred Kaufman, Doug Kelterborn, John Paff and Dave Templeman.

The current president, Gerry Bowes told the Independent, "With the support of the Wellesley community our club has been able to donate over \$100,000 towards community projects such as the Wellesley Arena Building Fund, the Jaws of Life for the Wellesley Fire Department, bleachers for the ball park, a 'Lazy Susan' (playground equipment for park), and a fountain for the parks and recreation, local needy families, wheelchairs and artificial limbs for local handicapped, senior citizen trips, K-W Hospital Catscan, dialysis and building fund for local hospitals, minor sports, Wellesley Public School public speaking, the Ar-

thritis Society and the Wellesley Apple Butter and Cheese Festival."

Wellesley Mayor Albert Erb was one of about 200 people in attendance at the dinner. He thanked the club for their contributions. He noted that the club has continually served the community unselfishly in many ways - and that the many area residents were probably not even aware of all the club has contributed.

Erb also thanked the club for maintaining the water fountain, which they had installed in the park last year, and for a recent \$1,500 donation to the K-W Hos-

pital's Catscan program.

The club's District Governor, Larry Wainwright was the guest speaker at the dinner. He spoke of the importance of Lionism to the community.

The Lions Club's upcoming fundraiser events include the operation of a food booth at the Elmira Maple Syrup Festival, a food and beer garden at the Wellesley Home and Garden Show in early May, and the clubs' Annual Spring Chicken Barbecue and Dance in June. The club relies on the community to support their service organization, and hope the public will continue with their generous support.



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School sale riles Wellesley residents

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By Jim Newton
Record correspondent

CROSSHILL — Despite pleas from Village of Wellesley residents to reconsider its intention to sell their unofficial community centre, Wellesley Township council has accepted the lone purchase offer of an interdenominational church group.

The group plans to turn the Victorian schoolhouse on Henry Street into a 12-unit seniors apartment complex.

A marathon public meeting in township council chambers earlier this week drew an overflow audience of 80 residents, many of whom stood throughout the four-hour debate which featured calls by council for fiscal restraint and accusations by residents that the sale was being rushed.

Coun. Dan Bisch, who along with Coun. George Ottman, opposed selling the 92-year-old structure for \$5,000 to the group of six area arches, said the township acted in

bad faith by rushing through the sale, first tendered on Jan. 18.

"The last opportunity to bid on the building was Feb. 12, giving local organizations neither the time to tender a bid, nor provide input to council on the advisability of the sale," Bisch said.

More has been auctioned off than just a local landmark with a lot of sentimental value for former students, Bisch said, adding that the outrage felt by the majority of villagers over the sale is justified.

"Imagine what would happen in St. Clements if the municipality arbitrarily decided to put the arena there up for sale; there would be all-out war, and yet in this village of Wellesley, we're supposed to take this lying down," he said.

But Coun. Jim Wideman said the township acted on behalf of all township taxpayers in pressing ahead with the sale.

"Not only has the way been cleared for the municipality's first

non-profit housing project, the Village of Wellesley will receive a new library at absolutely no cost to the taxpayer," he said.

In fact, Wideman said the township should come out with a \$29,000 surplus after government grants and accrued interest on the sale are applied to the \$280,000 cost for a new library facility.

But the fiscal argument advanced by council at the beginning and the end of the public meeting received an unsympathetic hearing from residents.

Resident Ron Kropf, a Waterloo County board of education trustee, said council erred in not seeking public input to determine if alternatives to selling the schoolhouse existed.

"As a trustee, it occurs to me that the township might have considered relocating the library from the old schoolhouse to the Wellesley public school, which is due for an expansion," he said.

In turn, a spokesman for the four tenants — the library, preschool, historical society and the arts council — took pokes at councillors for proposing the sale.

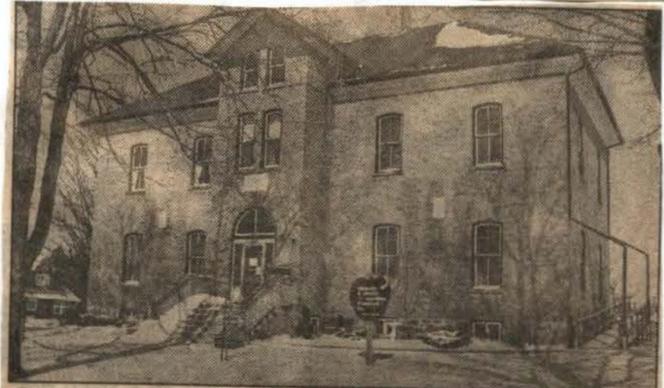
Debbie Kroetsch, Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC) chairman, said there is to guarantee the church group will respect the heritage designation placed on the central staircase of the schoolhouse.

But township planner Susan Duke said the township intends to include "a restricted covenant" which will force all subsequent owners to abide by the designation.

Speaker after speaker reiterated the same concern, namely that council chose to ignore what the people thought.

It wasn't until resident Ron Hackett spoke that the obviously weary and frustrated group of residents caught a glimpse of a compromise.

"Why not leave the schoolhouse with its tenants in place and have



Many Wellesley residents feel betrayed by township council's sale of the 92-year-old village school.

the seniors complex join them on the 0.44-hectare parcel," he said.

Mayor Albert Erb said the church group would be willing to discuss the compromise solution, "since they are all reasonable people."

Lewis Nafziger, a spokesman for the church group, said his committee

would consider discussing sharing of the property with the present tenants.

"Obviously, the church group will have to consult with our solicitor to determine what impact a shared facility arrangement would have on ownership of the property," he said.

books are available at the store and Cook's; Wellesley; the Variety Hill and Hawkesville; the Stationary Store; Cornerstone Books; local A&P stores; bookstore in Waterloo; Park Mall and other; Stratford, St. Jacob; they retail for \$2.99

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Hyperactive child is spark for Wellesley writer's book

Published author

Glennis Koenig of Wellesley is shown here with her two published books. Both are available in local stores. (Photo by Kelly Daynard)



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Glennis Koenig is an expert in making lemonade when life dishes out a lemon of a deal.

As a young child growing up in Hawkesville, she says it wasn't unusual to have a neighbor seated at the family dinner table, coffee cup clutched between his or her palms, pouring out problems and asking for advice.

"There was a lot of goodwill," Koenig recalled during an interview in her home. "Sometimes we were the givers; sometimes the receivers."

Decades later, it was Koenig's zest for people that compelled her to write a children's book based on the true life of a Waterloo Region adolescent who had experienced difficulties as a hyperactive child.

Illustrated by Waterloo County board of education trustee Ronald E. Kropf, *Solution for Randy's Problem* (Carlton Press Inc., New York, \$8.50 Cdn), tells of Randy, a boy with blond hair and expressive eyes, who has a speech impediment and has difficulty learning as quickly as the other children in his neighborhood.

"I knew the child and was familiar with the struggles the family was having," said Koenig, a mother of three and a former volunteer assistant in the public board's special education classes.

In an imaginative and informative style, the book explains how Randy's mother manages to help her son overcome his speech and learning disabilities with the

support of his friends. Koenig captures a period in life when normal youngsters are receptive to understanding and helping others less fortunate than themselves.

"The story has a philosophy of life which I learned as a child," Koenig said. "The best way to be happy is to find ways to make others happy and also to do the best you can with what you have."

The hard-cover, 31-page book does not reveal Randy's real identity. Rather, "I added a wee bit of imagination to basic facts for added spice," she said.

Koenig wrote the book in 1982, but had no success in finding a North American publisher, so she shelved it until 1989 when a sister and a few friends encouraged her to wipe the dust off the manuscript and try again.

Kropf had heard of the New York-based publishing house through the school board and Koenig submitted her work in May 1989. Carlton Press agreed to publication a month later and *Solution for Randy's Problem* rolled off the press in February.

Koenig has approached the ministry of education in each province to market the book in Canadian schools and Waterloo region libraries have expressed interest in placing Koenig's first literary endeavor on their shelves.

"I think it is a good book for all church libraries as well as in homes because it has such a positive, human relationship story," she said. "I hope it will be in every school library in the area."

Koenig's book is intended for children between the ages of five and nine and is available in area bookstores and gift shops.

Koenig holds her newly published children's book. Mirko Petricevic, Record staff

Wellesley woman writes second book for children

by Kelly Daynard

Wellesley - There's a story in everyone, and the stories that Glennis Koenig tells not only have a plot, but they have a special purpose. Two of these tales have recently been published and are now available in paperback form for children to read.

Koenig, of Wellesley, said that she has always enjoyed writing. As a child in elementary school, English was always her favourite subject and as she grew older, she began writing freelance creative works for the occasional magazine.

She especially enjoys writing adult poetry and said that the long walks that she frequently takes often act as an inspiration for a "spurt of creativity."

Locally, her books are available at the Olde General store and Cook's Pharmacy in Wellesley; the Variety stores in Crosshill and Hawkesville; Millbank Interiors; the Stationary Store in New Hamburg; Cornerstone Books in Tavistock; local A&P stores; Provident Bookstore in Waterloo; Coles in Fairview Park Mall and other stores in Waterloo, Stratford, St. Jacobs and Elmira. They retail for \$2.95.

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She writes books for the children



They were immediately interested in bringing the book out in its new, colour photograph, soft cover version. They also wanted to bring out a second book with it.

Goodbye for Now, Grandpa

It just so happened that Koenig had already completed the manuscript to her second book, "Goodbye for Now, Grandpa", a book which is now being sold alongside her first endeavor on store shelves.

The inspiration for her second book came at the time that her father died. Koenig said that while there are books to help adults cope with their grief, she couldn't find anything to help children. In this second book, a young boy has a wonderful relationship with his grandfather. After grandpa's death, the boy refuses to cry or discuss his feelings until his mother helps him work through the various stages that accompany grief beginning with non-acceptance and anger.

Modelled on father

Koenig explained that the grandpa in her book is modeled off of her own father, Orville Martin of Hawkesville. The book's artist had a copy of a photograph of her mother and father and used this while designing the pictures.

One of the rewarding parts about writing the books was being able to work with two top local artists. Ron Kropf of Wellesley drew the pictures for the first book and New Hamburg artist Patricia Ramseyer, worked on the second. Koenig said that she had known Kropf previous to writing the book and when it came time to illustrate it, Kropf was quite interested in the project. The two of them spent a lot of time talking about the possibilities that the pictures could include and which pictures would best depict the ideas that she was trying to get across. Kropf then took Koenig's ideas and transformed them into bright, colourful

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wants books to help

Koenig has also always liked writing for children but her books have a special difference. Not only do they tell a story that a young person can understand but her books help that child to work through a specific problem that they might have.

Her first book, "Solution for Randy's problem" was written about ten years ago, but like most aspiring authors, she had problems getting it published. Out of frustration, she shelved it for a while and it was only on the encouragement of her family and friends that she brought it out again. It was finally published in 1990 in hard cover, with black and white pictures, by an American company.

"Solution for Randy's problem" is the story of a lonely little boy who has learning disabilities. Randy is constantly teased by his peers until his mother establishes a special coaching program that the children can assist with - along with Randy's doctors and therapists.

When her contract with the American publishers was about to run out, Koenig took the hard cover version to Cornerstone Books in Tavistock. There she met John Giognocavo, general manager of Blue Ribbon Publishing.

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pictures. Koenig said that when the book was first published, she was disappointed that it was in black and white because the illustrations were not as catching as they could have been. With the second publication, the book is more how she first envisioned it.

Both artists enjoyed their work with Koenig. Kropf said that it was an interesting task to try translating Koenig's ideas into pictures. He added that he is currently working on another of her manuscripts.

Building block

Ramseyer, who is in her final year at Sheridan College, taking an illustration program, is 21 years old. She said that working on "Goodbye for now, Grandpa" was an excellent experience. Said Ramseyer, "I sort of look at it as a building block. I learned a lot from it."

Koenig said that all of her stories are success stories that show children working through sensitive problems that are not often dealt with in literary texts. She is currently working on several other manuscripts including one that deals with adoption and racism, one on street proofing and one that combines alcoholism, physical abuse and the separation of parents. The publisher is currently waiting to see how

her first two books do before they release the rest of the manuscripts.

For all of her books, Koenig does extensive research on the issue at hand by talking to teachers, police officers, therapists, staff from the Children's Aid Society or by reading books on the matters. Many of these groups have also expressed interest in the finished products and are using them in schools or special sessions as a wholesome way of helping. As one example, St. Jude's private school in Waterloo is now using the book as a teaching aid.

Proud family

Koenig said that her family, including her three children aged 23, 21 and 19, are all extremely proud of her accomplishments. She said that they like to see her doing something she likes to do. Besides her writing, she also works part time for the Red Cross.

MIGHTY MAPLE FALLS AT LAST

Stump of 400-year-old tree might yield clues to climate

shaking his head. "It must have been a terrible crash when it came down. It was a fierce wind. It just snapped him right off."

All that's left standing is a three-metre stump. "It's almost like losing someone you have known for years and they pass away," Merlau said.

But the farmer's loss is science's gain. Now University of Waterloo scientists are eager to study the ancient 36.9-metre tree, hoping it yields clues about climate.

Centuries of rain, ice and wind wore the tree's bark into bald patches and lightning blistered its branches. By cutting through the trunk and examining the rings, scientists hope to discover information about climate patterns in this part of Ontario.

Meanwhile, Merlau wants to salvage some of the tree for lumber and make some into furniture "for a keepsake."

Canadian Press
WELLESLEY, Ont. — Nobody heard the 13-storey sugar maple tree crash to the ground after 400 years.

Not even the farmer and woodsman whose family guarded the giant for three generations. "It makes you realize the brevity of life," Henry Merlau says.

"You take a blade of grass that grows for a season. This was a herb created too, and it's come to its climax."

The tree that had taken root during the days of Shakespeare and the Spanish Armada was one of the last remnants of the primeval forest in southern Ontario.

Despite good offers from lumber companies, three generations of Merlaus protected the tree. But last month a gale tore through the countryside and when Merlau tramped back to the bush to see what damage was done, he saw that several trees were ripped out by the roots. "He was gone," Merlau says



Henry Merlau, left, describes the grandeur of old tree to scientist Tom Edwards. CP photo

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Award winner

Todd Futher, of Wellesley, was presented with a plaque by the Wellesley Lions club for placing well in the club's public-speaking contest. Lions president Gerry Bowes (left) presented the award. Futher spoke on cerebral palsy, a disease that affects him. *June 12/90*

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James Perry Brobacher was born in 1913 in
Cincinnati, Ohio. He was active in the Sunday
School and church choir and
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Todd Futher receives a memorial fund grant



Todd Futher

*Sometimes I think, Feb 20/91
what happened?*

By Todd Futher

The letters CP aren't two letters that you hear about every day, and, believe me, I don't think you would want it. CP stands for cerebral palsy.

There are seven parts to the brain; and if you had CP, one or more parts of your brain would be damaged. But, luckily for me, only one part of my brain was damaged and that was my balance.

I was born four months premature, rushing my mom and me by ambulance to McMaster Hospital in Hamilton where I was born on Friday, Dec. 15, 1977 at 8:15 p.m. I weighed two pounds three ounces, and they wouldn't let me out of the hospital until I weighed five pounds. Which did not happen until late February.

On that big day I was transferred to St. Mary's Hospital in Kitchener until my lungs developed and stabilized. The doctors didn't think I would make it. They gave my parents a 30 per cent chance and told them to expect the worst.

For the next few days I was struggling for my life. After 10 days, hope seemed to come. Tick, tick, tick, went my little heart, but thud, thud, thud, my undeveloped lungs just wouldn't kick in. Tubes were attached to my head, and every day they would shave another patch of hair (that is only one thing that I did have a lot of) making me look like the now-days greebos.

Finally I got to go home, and my two brothers, Trevor and Troy, were waiting for me. And from what I've heard, they were hoping they would get another brother, and that's what they got.

Now I'm 12 years old and I have another way of getting around besides using my wheelchair and that is my sloat cycle. It's like a bike but you control it with your hands.

Here's an interesting fact, there are about 26,000,000 Canadians and more than 900,000 of them have CP.

Some days when I'm looking through the photo album I have with all my baby pictures in, I take a picture out, go over to the mirror and compare myself to the picture, and then I think, What Happened? Some days I get mad at myself and think, of all the people in the world, why do I have to be one of the kids in a wheelchair?

But sometimes I think it's a benefit because I hardly have to do anything around the house. I've been in a wheelchair for eight years, and sometimes people tell me they would like to be in a wheelchair too. Well, let me give you some advice. You might like it for the first week or two, but if you have been in a wheelchair as long as I have, I don't think you would like it any more. So those of you who didn't know why I was in a wheelchair, now you know.

Todd Futher, 13, of RR 2, Wellesley, has received a \$2,000 grant from the Youth Memorial Fund of the Mennonite Conference of Eastern Canada.

The money will assist with the purchase of a new wheelchair and portable ramps to enable Todd to enter the homes of friends and relatives.

Todd has suffered from cerebral palsy from birth. As a rapidly growing teenager, he will require a new wheelchair every two years until he is 18 or 19 years old.

He lives with his parents, Bill and Elayne Futher, on the edge of Wellesley village in a home that has recently been renovated to provide some of the physical accessibility that makes life easier for those restricted to a wheelchair.

The memorial fund was established in the aftermath of a tragic hayride accident near Elora in 1984. Killed in that accident were Barry Freeman, Bryan Martin, T. Scott Wideman and Michael Wilson.

Editor's note:—This was the award-winning speech Todd Futher made last year in a competition sponsored by Wellesley Lions Club.

New business in Wellesley

by Mary M. Cares

Two Wellesley residents have opened a bulk supply store in the village. Margaret Wagler and Joy Gerber officially opened "The Bulk Pantry" on September 7.

Gerber was born and raised in the Wellesley area. She and her husband, Mel, recently moved into the village from their Wellesley farm. While Gerber is busy at the business her husband, Mel, will continue driving truck for

J.M. Schneider for the past 17 years.

Wagler and her husband, Raymond have lived in the village for 22 years. Wagler also drives school bus for Shantz Coach Lines. For the past 19 years, Wagler shared ownership of Ann Mar Catering. She has also done lots of baking at home.

The partners offer a large selection of items for sale. All of the bulk goods are prepackaged.

Some of the items available include jams, syrups, cereals, candies, numerous baking supplies, spices and herbs, chips, peanut butter, pasta, dried fruit, tea, and much more. They will also be carrying frozen items in the future.

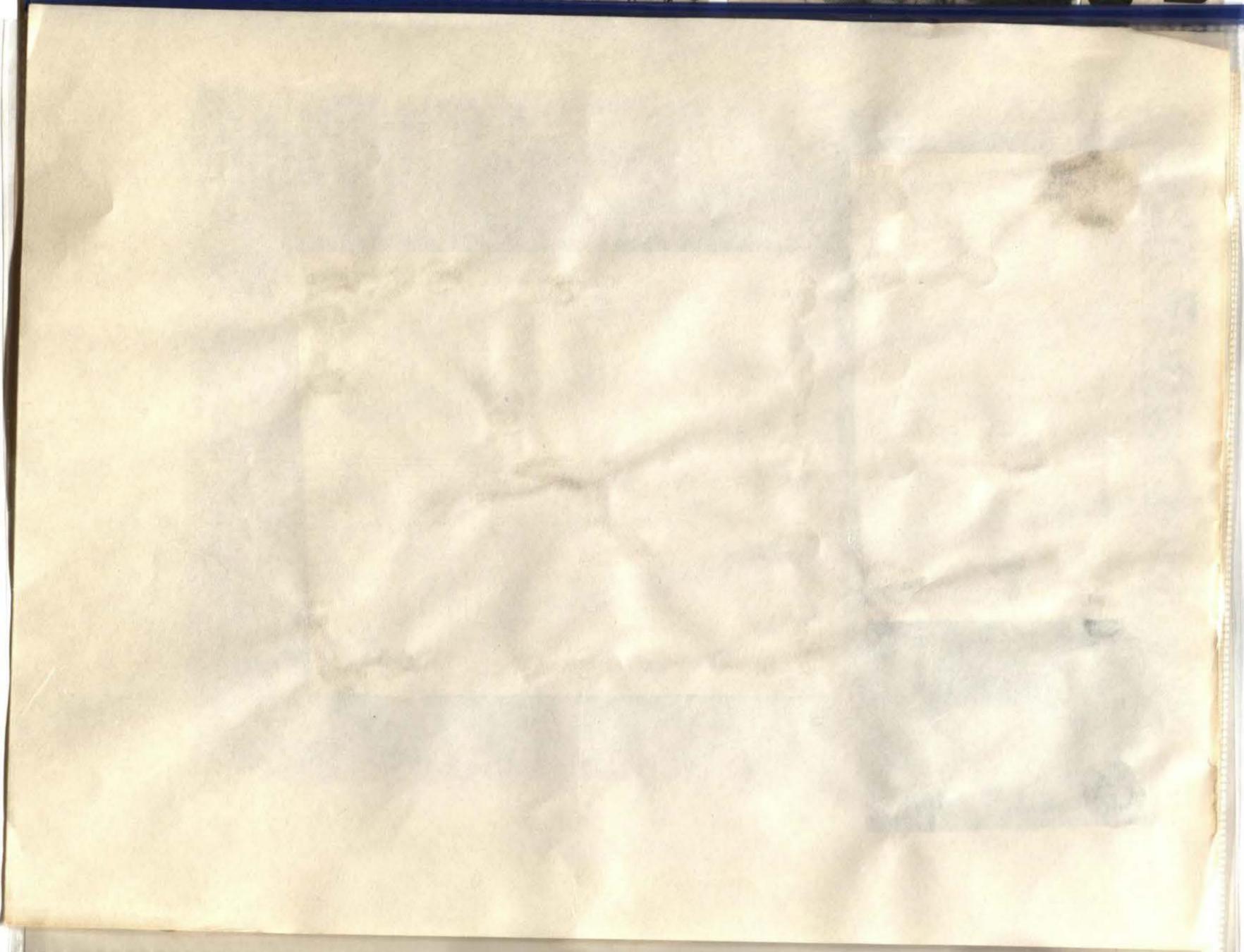
The store has had lots of visitors since opening. Business was "pretty good" during the first week of opening, they said. The Bulk Pantry is located at 2 Queen Street in the village of Wellesley.



Bulk business
Longtime residents Joy Gerber and Margaret Wagler are open for business. Sept 19/90

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Wellesley Home Support honors volunteers

by Mary M. Cares *Sept 26/1990*

Many of the 37 volunteers delivering noon-time meals to Wellesley township seniors live in or around Wellesley village. September 23-29 has been proclaimed Meals on Wheels Week, a time to show appreciation to those volunteers who make the program successful.

There are currently 40 clients receiving meals from the Woolwich Home Support Services Group, Inc., in Wellesley township. "The volunteers are the ones that make the program possible," said Pam Williams, coordinator of the Meals on Wheels program.

"Without these people volunteering their time, we wouldn't have a Meals on Wheels program," she added. Williams arranged for the Independent to photograph some of the volunteers so that they might be publicly recognized for their contributions.

The volunteers involved in the program must pick up the meals at a certain time each week day. The meals are then delivered to the client or to a relay station, where the meals are picked up by another driver, who delivers them to the clients. Delivering the meals often involves a bit more time than a normal delivery, as many of the volunteers are seen as valued visitors to the senior.

"We would like to say thank you to each one of the volunteers," said Williams.

Nancy and Darlene Steckly, Anna Mae Wagler and Ella Mae Wagler.

The meals for the program are paid for by the clients which is used to pay the restaurant for the food. However, the \$4 per meal fee doesn't leave a lot of profit for the restaurant owner, confirmed Williams. The meals for Wellesley are provided by the Schmidtsville Restaurant, operated by Reta Steinmann.

"There isn't a lot of money involved, it's more of a social service. Rita Steinmann is really doing it out of the goodness of her heart," said Williams. Assisting in the preparation of the meals are Marilyn Lichty and Mary Jane Falk, both employees at the restaurant, who work very hard to get the meals out on time, confirmed Steinmann.

An open house is planned at the St. Clements Community Centre on Wednesday, September 26, 1-3 p.m.. Anyone wishing to learn more about the program may visit the open house, enjoy a beverage and get a chance to win a prize in the draw. For more information about Home Support Services for Wellesley phone 699-4902.



Community-minded people

Volunteers honored in Wellesley included, from left, front row: Ella Mae Wagler, Esther Jantzi, Wanda Wagler and Annie Jantzi. Middle row: Eileen Stroh, Eva Gerber, Elaine Hammer, and Bernice Coxon. Back row: Sol Gerber, Hilda Koch and Dr. Earl Coxon.

The following people have worked as volunteers with the meals on wheels program in Wellesley: Eva Albrecht, Violet May Erb, Mary Ellen Gerber, Solomon and Eva Gerber, Esther Jantzi, Mary Ellen Jantzi, Kathryn Kuepfer, George Ottman, Eileen Steinmann, Viola Wagler, Connie Yantzi, Anna Brubacher, Linda and Allen Erb, Joe and

Esther Gerber, Elaine Hammer, Laura Jantzi, Verna Jantzi, Marie Leis, Marcella Steckly, Eileen Stroh, Wanda Wagler, Dr. Earl and Bernice Coxon, Brenda Gerber, Patricia Gerber, Annie and David Jantzi, Linda Jantzi, Hilda Koch, Harold and Ruth Leis,

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Two tots escape from burning home

WELLESLEY (Staff) — Two tots escaped unharmed from a burning century-old stone house Tuesday afternoon at RR 1, Milverton.

When fire erupted the youngest of Ruben and Irene Zehr's four children, two boys ages two and 3½, ran from the house to the barn where their parents were working, Wellesley Fire Chief Ron Futher said. The other two children were not at home.

Damage to the two-storey house has been estimated at \$85,000 — \$70,000 to the structure and \$15,000 to the contents.

The fire broke out in a main floor bedroom and it is believed it was started by the children playing with matches, Futher said. The boys' mother left the house to help her husband in the barn just 10 or 15 minutes before fire broke out.

"Miraculously they (the two boys) got out and ran to the barn. The youngest started to cry and their father suspected something was wrong. When he looked out, he could hardly see the house for smoke."

Futher said the fire was confined to the main floor, although the second floor had minimal fire damage.

Wellesley and Linwood firefighters answered the alarm just after 2:20 p.m.

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WELLESLEY apple butter & pie

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First Wellesley Brownies hold enrolment ceremony

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ALL TOGETHER — The first Wellesley Brownie pack is, from left: front, Amanda Pembroke, Kathryn Neigh, Melissa Glauser, Kristen Massel, Megan Nowak; middle, Stephanie Hogenkamp, Jennifer Scott, Jenna Loftin, Heather Clark, Kate Nowak, Christine Kirby; back, district commissioner Phyllis Sisco, leaders Joanne Milne, Barb Nowak, and Betty Ann Glauser. (Photo by Vonnie Haner)

by VONNIE HANER

In an enchanted forest amidst the sound of chirping birds, a pond, and a toadstool, 11 Brownies of the 1st Wellesley pack promised to do their duty, help other people, and obey the Brownie law.

This forest was situated in the gymnasium of the Wellesley public school.

The pack's Grey Owl, Betty Ann Glauser, told the parents of the "Tweenies" that the program stresses imagination. "We try to make it a fun time," said Glauser.

The Brown Owl, Joanne Milne, led each of the little elves to the mirror pond, after they announced that they wish to become Brownies. The elves then made their promises before receiving their pins and badges.

The 1st Wellesley pack received its official registration from Wilmot district commissioner Phyllis Sisco.

Wellesley comprises one of ten units under one of the eight districts in the Waterloo division, said Sisco.

The Wellesley Optimists were thanked for their "healthy donation," which was instrumental in getting the group started, said Sisco. She said that the New Hamburg unit was "in financial trouble" without the help of such groups.

Sisco said that she still would like to bring Sparks into the Guide movement in Wellesley. The program is geared for girls age 5. Milne said that they are looking for two leaders and girls that will be in kindergarten next year so that the program can get off the ground next September. Sparks did not run this year due to lack of interest.

Sisco also thanked the leaders for "taking on the challenge and getting started," using their own funds for the initial setup.

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Wellesley Scouts to sell Christmas trees downtown

by VONNIE HANER No 120/90

The 1st Wellesley Scouting movement, consisting of Beavers and Cubs, will sell Scotch Pine and balsam trees for Christmas. The first shipment of 35 trees will be available in front of Pym's Village Market, in Wellesley.

The Scouts will sell the five- to seven-foot trees for \$25 each. Anna Fierling, a member of the fundraising committee, said that the money raised will cover past and current expenses.

The trees will be sold on December 1, from 2 to 5pm; on December 6, from 6 to 8pm; on December 8, from 2 to 5pm; and on December 13, from 6 to 8pm.

Fierling thanked Keith Milne, of Wellesley, for initiating the project and locating the trees.

The Beavers meet every Wednesday evening between 5:45 and 6:45. The Cubs meet from 7 to 8 the same evening.

Present Beaver leaders are Pat Whyte, Ron Palmateer, Herb Cassel, Peter Vander Maas, and Bob Lindsay.

Cub leaders are Martin Nykilchuk, Betty Ann Glauser, Norma Searth, and Stephen Massel.

At present, there are 28 Beavers and 18 Cubs. Anyone interested in joining should contact the leaders.



SELLING CHRISTMAS TREES — The first Wellesley Scout troop is selling Christmas trees at Pym's Village Market in Wellesley. Standing by the sign is, from left: Joey Clark, Jamie Harthung, Brian Whyte, and Jason Zurell. (Photo by Vonnie Haner)



Wellesley Citizen of the Year

Norman Jaques (centre) was named Citizen of the Year, Saturday, by the Wellesley Board of Trade. He was honored for his contributions to the village, and his promotional efforts for the Wellesley Apple Butter and Cheese Festival and the Board of Trade. Present with Jaques was his wife, Velma. Bob Hammer (right) also presented Jaques with an honorary life membership to the board.

Identify one person shown in the photograph. If you can help with identification, write P.O. Box 65, Wellesley, Ontario N0B 2T0.

STAPLES

Wellesley in the Edwardian era

by Denise Moberly, Wellesley Historical Society

The Edwardian Era started in 1901, with the death of Queen Victoria and the succession to the throne of her son King Edward VII and the end of the Boer War in 1902. It ended four years after the death of Edward, with the start of the First World War, in 1914.

We could imagine a conversation sometime during this period over tea at the corner hardware store or at a family gathering. I like to picture the conversation in the parlour over a wintry Sunday tea. The participants would be sitting with their backs straight, cups in hand and following an etiquette that may have been as much as a product of clothing fashions as the mores of time.

The men wore their Sunday suits (usually wool), stiff cotton shirts, and heavily starched collars (encouraging that straight neck and stiff jaw look) and starched cuffs. The women with high-necked blouses, trimmed with lace, embroidery, and/or beads, lace cuffs, corsets that made slouching painful if not impossible and long skirts that made walking a skill as well as an art. Of course, socializing wasn't always formal. Fans and parasol could be fun accessories, as displayed by the three friends, Lizzie Stahle, Annetta Ottmann and Eulalia Becker.

Skating on the pond was a favorite winter pastime. Annetta Ottman's skating outfit is typical of 1910. The weight of the clothes and the cumbersome skirt would seem to display the strength and agility if not determination of the weaker sex.

At the turn of the century, women and children weren't considered people. Although women didn't get to vote in Canada until 1917, attitudes and realities were starting to evolve. At this tea, we will suppose that it was no longer impolite for men to discuss current events and politics in front of women and that the women kept up with recent events and participated in discussions.

Of course there was always talk of who had just been married, who died and who had a baby. But then, discussion would move on to the newly formed Women's Institutes in North Waterloo and in Wellesley, with their dual functions of education and community works. The first president and secretary were Mrs. Henry Hostetler and Miss L. Bellinger (daughter of the postmaster). Ed Faber just finished building the arena across the stream from the feed mill.

To keep up with the news there was also The Wellesley Maple Leaf that had formed in October, 1900. It may have run an article on the decline of fortunes of the local telegraph office since the increased popularity of the telephone. And what about the conditions of the roads? They may question when and who would work on them, for local volunteers would build and maintain the roads in the area until 1915.

Tea cups refilled and sweets passed, the talk might then include national politics like the imperialism and nationalism debate. Laurier still maintained the political ties with Britain, but others such as Henri Bourassa were espousing a stronger nationalism. Did the Wellesley community feel that maintaining the existing British ties very important? Or were these opinions differing among those of British heritage and those of German heritage?

Later in the decade, the Laurier government announced a proposed agreement for trade reciprocity between Canada and the U.S. People were concerned about lost jobs, companies closing and American aspirations of swallowing Canada, as demonstrated by the Canada-Alaska boundary decision in 1903. How would Wellesley's lumber, flax mills and other businesses fare with the flood of products from across the border? This issue was buried (for the time being) with the 1911 election of Robert Borden as Prime Minister.

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Wellesley ladies

Shown in all their Edwardian finery are Lizzie Stahle, Annetta Ottmann and Eulalia Becker. (Photo courtesy Wellesley Historical Society)

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On ice

Annetta Ottmann is outfitted and ready for an afternoon on the frozen pond. (Photo courtesy Wellesley Historical Society)



Quiet moment

These Wellesley residents relax on a now-demolished wooden bridge. In the background are steel beams, believed to have been used in the steel bridge that replaced the wooden structure. (Photo courtesy Wellesley Historical Society)



Flood waters

Parts of Wellesley turned into a pond, during this flood, in 1938. (Photo courtesy Wellesley Historical Society)



Wellesley business

This shingle mill stood on what is now the location of Futher's Furniture Store in Wellesley. (Photo courtesy Wellesley Historical Society)

"YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE" Feb 26/91

Spicer commission in Wellesley due to protest

by VONNIE HANER

At the end of last October, Judy Nykilchuk, of Wellesley, became so angry over the state of the country that she decided to do something about it.

Last week, her efforts resulted in Wellesley being chosen by the Spicer forum as the only rural area in the region to host a broad-based public meeting with a commissioner in attendance.

Nykilchuk has appeared in numerous newspapers all across Canada, and on television for her "Impeach Mulrone" button. To date, said Nykilchuk, 4,000 have been sold.

She receives letters from all over Canada, including one from Niagara Falls. In part it read, "Living so close to the border, the opportunity to impeach is more in our vocabulary than in most people's inland, but it was refreshing to see it in print. With the present prime minister's ability to misuse the constitution to his best advantage, and not to ours, maybe some lawyer (that we have plenty of in Ottawa) could find a like loophole in our constitution that permits impeachment when its need is so apparent."

Other comments included:
— "Westerners fully support you."
— "Write the words 'Impeach Mulrone' on every letter mailed in Canada."
— "Way to go, right on, keep up the good work."
— "Throw the bum out"
— "That scum bug Mulrone needs to be brought to his knees, and soon."

Some people promised to wear their button faithfully and Nykilchuk was thanked "for being a light in the dark days."

Nykilchuk said that she really enjoyed getting her mail each day. She has received about 400 letters to date. She said that she was surprised that so many came from doctors, lawyers, and heads of companies.

Nykilchuk said that her anger grew over the summer and fall with the Meech Lake Accord; Mulrone "going fishing" when there was "a near civil war in Oka"; the already apparent effects of free trade with job losses and companies closing down; the GST; and stacking the senate. She is also upset with Canada's role in the Gulf war, which further shows "we're just a puppet of United States."

Nykilchuk decided to take the advice of so many of the people she spoke with. "I phoned my MP," she said.

Nykilchuk expressed her concerns to Harry Brightwell, MP for Waterloo-Wellington-Perth. She said that "he almost had me convinced" about the benefits of the GST and free trade. But when she hung up, Nykilchuk realized that she was still unhappy about the way the GST rebates are calculated.

"It made me angry," said Nykilchuk, "that students were getting rebates while living at home, while I am in a low-income bracket and raising three kids, and I get nothing."

Nykilchuk called Brightwell's office again. She said that she talked with his secretary. She said she was a "really nice person" and they discussed views in a very friendly manner.

However, Brightwell telephoned back, and according to Nykilchuk, said, "Don't ever call my office again. I have no intention of ever representing you. I find you are too difficult." She said, "I'll never forget those words."

Nykilchuk said that she said, "Paradon?" Brightwell apparently repeated the statement.

Nykilchuk said that she replied by saying, "You don't mind if I go to the papers with that, do you?"

She said that Brightwell responded by saying, "Not at all." He also informed her, said Nykilchuk, "that I was the only one complaining."

She spoke with two people who told her that she does have a say; that "you can make a difference." She was encouraged to "go out and speak your mind." A New Democrat said that the "only hope is if every Canadian got



IMPEACH MULRONEY — Judy Nykilchuk, of Wellesley, with 4-year-old son Bradley, looks over the 400 letters she has received from across Canada in response to her "Impeach Mulrone" button campaign.

together and did one thing and accepted the consequences."

Because of these words of encouragement, Nykilchuk's idea of an "Impeach Mulrone" button was born. She thought that if everyone who is upset by the present government in Canada wore a button, she could announce a date when everyone could send their button to the government instead of having to take time off work and go to Ottawa to protest.

Although Nykilchuk said that she did not have the money to order her first 250 buttons, the company making them said that it would let her pay after they were sold. Nykilchuk said that she is not making money from the buttons after expenses including tax and mailing to points across Canada.

She was sent a \$25 cheque by someone wanting to donate to the cause, but she telephoned him to say she would not cash the cheque. She has filed it with her display of letters. Nykilchuk said that the idea was done as a protest and not to make money.

She said that she has had only "two complaints." A priest who supported Mulrone thought she was doing it for the money, but changed his mind after talking to her.

Nykilchuk, who worries about the security of a home and income in Canada today, said, "I'm a woman; I'm pregnant; and I drive a school bus. That's why I did it."

Nykilchuk concluded the interview by saying, "We have to get involved, or we shouldn't be a Canadian."

The more Nykilchuk discussed the problems of the country with other people, the more she realized that everyone was feeling the same frustrations. Nykilchuk said that she lives by the philosophy, "Never say never, where there is a will there is a way." She was determined to "do something about it."



Friends know — Earl and Bernice Coxon chuckle Friday over the 125 pink and white balloons and two-metre sign they found outside their home in Wellesley. Anonymous friends left the decorations to mark the couple's 50th wedding anniversary, but retired veterinarian Earl said he suspects who had enough hot air to pull the stunt.

Robert Wilson, Record staff

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Women's Institute centennial to be celebrated in many ways

D2 Kitchener-Waterloo Record, Mon., July 29, 1991

Lifestyles

No one knows the Women's Institute better than Margaret Zoeller of 6 Willow St., Waterloo, who is chairing the centennial committee for the organization's 100th anniversary in 1997.

The first WI was organized at Stoney Creek Feb. 19, 1897, by Adelaide Hunter Hoodless and Erland Lee — a rural movement which spread around the world.

When at the age of 45 Zoeller became the youngest-ever Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario president, she was heralded as "the new image of the WI member."

Later she became the voice of the WI for eight years as editor of Home and Country magazine. "This showed me the other side of the WI," she commented.

Life memberships in her own Haysville branch, the FWIO and the Associated Country Women of the World (the international organization which grew from the WI) recognize her outstanding contributions.

She attended seven ACWW triennial conferences around the world, assuming various leadership roles.

As convenor of the centennial committee — an eight-year commitment — she's not content to proceed under the banners of tradition. Rather, cognizant of the changing face of the institute, she dares to innovate.

Typical of her approach as head of a committee she characterizes as "progressive, aggressive and full of ideas" was the suggestion to look at Toronto's SkyDome as the venue for the 100th birthday party.

"I'm a bit disappointed that our committee is not going to be planning the big event," she admitted. The final decision will be made by FWIO which will host the national convention in Toronto in 1997.

This animated, petite woman, so familiar to WI audiences for more than 30 years, loves to talk about the centennial projects, some of which are already under way.

In keeping with FWIO's emphasis on the environment in this decade, the first was the blue cloth grocery bag proposed by Pat Salter of Alma.

It bears the institute name and, as I found out almost immediately, sparks questions about the WI and its activities.

The first sales of blue bags were at Haysville's 75th anniversary celebrations in 1989. Proceeds have been financing the work of the committee ever since.

The Laura Rose branch near Cambridge — which has two Master Gardeners among its members — is working on the development of a yellow rose named Laura, honoring Laura Rose Stephen.

Stephen's influence as the first lecturer to WIs and organizer of the most branches across Canada would be fittingly recognized by the naming of the rose. Stephen suggested the motto, For Home and Country, and designed the WI badge, using the royal colors of blue and gold, from her own signet ring.

The Trent Valley-area WIs developed the anniversary logo which is being used.

And a competition for a WI plate — a limited edition of 2,000 which will probably sell for \$50 each — has been organized by London-area WIs. Three or four entries have been received.

FWIO approval will be sought next month for a quilt competition under the aegis of another area. It is suggested that in the summer of 1995, the quilts would go on display at the Ontario Agricultural Museum, Milton, and Ontario's 20,000 branch members would be invited to a barbeque to mark the event.

"Events are planned to come on stream gradually," Margaret explained. "We don't want the celebration peaking too soon."

The first priority was to approach Canada Post for a WI stamp in 1997, but they were advised to make the request closer to the anniversary.

The firm of E. D. Smith is working on a promotion with the WI. A song competition and production of high-quality mementos in various areas of the province are also being investigated.

The project closest to Margaret's heart was mentioned last. A coffee-table book to be released at Christmas 1996, is targeted "not only inward, but outward as well, to tell the world what we're all about."

Titled Home and Country, it will feature three homes — those of Adelaide Hunter Hoodless, Erland Lee and Canadian Mrs. Alfred Watt, OBE, who organized the WI in England — and chapters on women's activities.

I asked this third-generation WI member, "What is the voice of the WI in 1991 as the countdown continues to 1997?"

"The voice of the WI today is for women and their families," she replied.

"Adelaide Hoodless started with a concern for the health of children. Things that we never dreamt of happening to us in smaller communities have become our concern — family violence, battered wives, single parents, AIDS, abortion. Life has changed... so has the WI."

This is the last in the series of weekly Party line columns which Kathryn Hansuld has written for the Record since 1951. This final story is a fitting end to a tradition — her first interview 40 years ago was with Margaret Zoeller's mother.



Margaret Zoeller holds the WI blue bag.
 Dwight Storrington, Record staff

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The institute continues to com-

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Institute work worth millions

When a monetary value is placed on the work of the Women's Institute for the people of Ontario and the communities they live in, the figure is at least \$6 million. Last year, the Women's Institute donated half a million volunteer hours to various causes (e.g. 4-H, Agriculture in the Classroom, local fairs, and nursing homes and wherever else they are needed.) Statistics Canada stated the 1987 average wage was \$11.7 per hour — thus the \$6 estimate.

Women's Institute members realize the importance of their communities and they are prepared to donate time to assist others. As well, they donated over a half a million dollars to help others in the community.

All this information was part of the report given by the FWIO Public Relations Officer, Geraldine Campbell, at the annual meeting of the FWIO, (Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario) held recently in Guelph.

Next time you buy a cake at a WI bake sale or attend one of their fund raising functions, be thankful that there is a rural women's organization that cares enough about their communities to do something about them.

As you travel Ontario, you will notice about 90 communities where the WI hall is the link that holds the community together. Many other branches actively support their local community centres by doing small things like buying the cleaning equipment, as the Palmyra Branch did, to putting on fund raising meals to help pay for improvements such as the TyConnell branch did.

However, WI is not only about money and volunteer hours, it is also about resolutions. When 20,000 rural women speak as one voice as they do when a WI Resolution is passed, action will happen. After all, Brock University is there today because of a Women's Institute resolution.

This year, 12 out of 18 resolutions presented by Joan Law, Resolutions Convener, to the FWIO annual meeting were ratified. With a theme for the decade of Women and the Environment, it is natural that many resolutions would be on that topic.

Many briefs were presented to local councils on environmental issues and as a result, action has happened at a local level.

WI would like to see the Ministry of the Environment pass legislation to make manufacturers and distributors pay refunds for the return of bottles and cans of soft drinks and juices.

A bag containing broken balloons found on the beach, in the Kingston area, aptly demonstrated to the members the need to ask for legislation to be passed banning the launching of balloons into the atmosphere.

The dumping of hazardous wastes into landfill sites resulted in the FWIO asking that regulation 309, 1.27 be changed to prohibit all hazardous wastes from being disposed of at a sanitary landfill site. As well, they would like legislation enacted requiring all sanitary landfill operators to provide facilities for the collection of household, commercial and industrial hazardous wastes at the sanitary landfill sites, and for the transportation of such materials to hazardous waste treatment facilities.

At many functions, you notice plastic foam products being used, so all WI members at all levels have been asked to refrain from using such products as they are "environmentally unfriendly."

Instead, do as many do, "lug-a-mug."

Last year, WI passed a resolution providing for the legal enforcement of a Living Will. With the work WI did with the organization, Dying with Dignity, this resulted in a private members bill to the Ontario Legislature. With the election call, this bill died on the order paper, so they are trying to get a bill passed providing for the legal enforcement of the Living Will. The importance of this resolution was shown to the members when one of the board directors spoke on how hard she had to work to enforce the Living Will her mother had signed.

As an organization that has been around for over 90 years, the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario is not afraid to tackle issues that are important to its members.

FORMER "VILLAGE SHOPPE"

New bakeshop opens in Wellesley village

Aug 12/91

by VONNIE HANER

"It schmecks good." With a recommendation like this coming from Dave and Susan Hammer and their two daughters, Nichole and Missy, of Wellesley, prior to the official opening of The Corner Bakeshop on August 6, this new enterprise is bound to be a success.

Located at the former Village Shoppe at the corner of Queen and William Streets in the village, Wellesley's newest business is owned and operated by Cornelius and Alvina Dueck, of RR1 Wellesley, and their second daughter and son-in-law, Kevin and Erna Huber, of Amulree. Kevin will be teaching at Cornerstone Christian Day School this fall.

The premises are being rented from Greg James, who has recently moved to Kitchener. The second half of the building is being rented to Margaret Wagler and Joy Gerber, who operate the Bulk Food Store. The apartments upstairs have been vacated and have not yet been rented.

Alvina said that, although Cornelius works full-time for Sittler Excavating in Elmira, "he was always interested in opening a bake shop; Kevin was too. This opened up for us and a lot of people around here all encouraged us because there was not a bakery" in the village.

The Duecks have 10 children, including two sets of twins. The first set of twins, Marvin and Marles, both married, live in Pennsylvania, as does another son, Gerald. Their oldest daughter, Dolores, resides in Manitoba.

Still at home are the second set of twins, Leighton and Leon, age 10; Jessica, 15; Twyla, 14; and Arlena, who "loves to bake" and is also working at the bakeshop. Cor-

nelius and Alvina are the other prime bakers.

The bakeshop's prices are very reasonable — with soups, including vegetable, chicken noodle, potato, tomato and more, all made from scratch, selling at \$1.65; doughnuts and muffins (they even make zucchini muffins) are 55 cents each, or \$4.50 a dozen; tarts cost 75 cents each, or \$5.75 a dozen; and bread sells for \$1.25 a loaf. Cream buns

have been added to the list because of the known demand for them in Wellesley.

Cake decorating should also prove popular, and orders for cakes will be taken.

Erna said that she is enjoying the new experience, and is excited about the enterprise. In order to make it successful, Erna added, "It will take some dedication, I'm sure."



FAMILY BUSINESS — Erna and Kevin Huber, and Arlena and Alvina Dueck are some of the family members whose faces are becoming a familiar sight at Wellesley's newest business, "The Corner Bakeshop." The shop opened officially on August 6.

During a tree-decorating event...

Senior citizens' home
by Vonnie Haner

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Roy and Anna (nee Haas) Battler of Wellesley will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday, October 22. An Open House in their honor will be held Sunday, October 20, 1991 from 2-

4:30 p.m. at the Wellesley Fellowship Hall, Henry St. E., Wellesley. Best wishes only please. Love from Ruth Ann and Bob, Ken, Roger and Bonnie and grandchildren.



A Great Storyteller

Wellesley mayor Albert Erb was at the Wellesley branch of the Waterloo regional public library on November 6 to read three books to the children in celebration of Book Week. The small-fry enjoyed Erb's sense of humour and storytelling ability. He chose "A Story of Jean," by Susan Gaitskell and Laurie Lafrance with a foreword by Jean Little; "Once Upon a Golden Apple" by Jean Little, Maggie De Vries, and Phoebe Gilman; and "Horace" by Holly Keller. Nov 11/91

(Photos by Vonnie Haner)



"Would you like a cookie?"

Melissa Glauser, right, serves goodies to some of the residents at the Wellesley senior citizens' home during a tree-decorating event held December 9, 1991

(Photo by Vonnie Haner)

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New shop grows from old

by Jana Miller

At least part of Wellesley's Mill End store, which will close soon after nearly 45 years in the village, will live on after it.

Part of the old Mill End Store was recently turned into Fabric Plus, a shop which will continue to sell sewing notions, assorted fabric, yarns, surger thread, embroidery floss, trim, buttons and lace. This store fills a need in the community which will be left when the Mill End Store is closed for good, by owner Beatrice Leis, sometime in 1992.

Leis, who is wishing to retire after more than 40 years with the Mill End Store, was going to close her shop at the end of 1991. The going out of business sale is still on and Leis still hasn't closed, though it could be in the near future as inquiries have been made by other businesses who are interested in the space. "When someone commits to taking the space, then the store will probably close," said Leis. Until then, she continues on with the Mill End Store and with helping the new family business, that now occupies one half of her store, to get on its feet.

Not only will Fabric Plus take over the sale of some of the goods that once filled the shelves of the Mill End Store, but once again it will be a family business, not run by Leis alone. Brenda Sparks, Leis's daughter and Leis's niece, Donna Nafziger, have opened Fabric Plus together. So the business will "stay in the family" and Beatrice Leis herself may even help out from time to time even after the Mill End Store closes.

Sparks and Nafziger opened the store after hearing feedback from Wellesley residents who were unhappy that the village's only fabric store (the Mill End Store) was going out of business. Sparks and Nafziger are hoping that good business sense runs in their families, since neither has owned a business before.

"We've never had our own businesses but our parents have been in business for more than forty years," said Sparks, adding that both she and Nafziger are glad to be in business in Wellesley, where they both have grown up and currently live. Both have small children attending school in Wellesley also and they say that this makes it much easier on



Entrepreneurs

Brenda Sparks (left) and Donna Nafziger recently opened Fabric Plus in part of Wellesley's old Mill End store. (Photo by Jana Miller)

the whole family, now that they are both around all the time. Both Nafziger and Sparks were previously registered nursing assistants in Kitchener.

Fabric Plus opened on February 1, although much of the store's contents were still in cardboard boxes waiting to be unpacked. "We were supposed to open in January, but we didn't quite make it," laughed Sparks. So far, both Nafziger and Sparks agree that they have had lots of help and lots of good response from their community. Some of that response is evident in their window display which consists of several items made by local residents and held by the pair on consignment in the shop.

Perhaps as a way to give something back to their helpful com-

munity, the pair have designed crafts classes and beginner sewing, knitting and crocheting classes. The first class, a beginner sewing class will begin on Monday, March 2 at the shop. Currently, there are still spaces left and six are needed as a minimum for a class. Other classes in knitting and crocheting will be coming and will be taught by those in the know, along with some help from Sparks and Nafziger themselves.

If anyone would like more information on the crafts classes or consignment, call Fabric Plus at 656-3540 or stop by at Wellesley's Mill End Store location. Fabric Plus is open from Tuesday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



At the ABC

Vera Becker, a volunteer at last year's Wellesley Apple Butter and Cheese Festival, kept her audience interested with her traditional art.

Meals program needs help

Since 1989, the Wellesley township Meals on Wheels program has delivered 5,871 meals to local residents who may have problems cooking for themselves. They would like to be able to deliver an even greater number of meals in the next few years — but they need your help.

Wellesley Meals on Wheels co-ordinator Caroline Kenny said that they are in need of more local volunteers to help get the meals out to the 20 to 25 local residents who use the program daily. Presently they have about 15 regular volunteers, but would like to

have about ten more.

The meals go out between 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Volunteers pick them up from the Schmidtsville Restaurant on William Street in Wellesley and then deliver them to the clients. Said Kenny, "It's a nice thing to do and it's quick. You get to meet the people." She added, "It's rewarding for the volunteers."

To offer your services to this worthy program, contact Meals on Wheels co-ordinator Caroline Kenny at 749-0784.

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Eileen Stroh honoured for volunteer work, named 1991 Wellesley citizen-of-the-year

by VONNIE HANER

"Why me?" was Eileen Stroh's first thought when she realized she was about to be formally named Wellesley's 1991 citizen-of-the-year. The award was presented by Adolf Hafemann, past president of the Wellesley board of trade, at a banquet on February 15.

It was an emotional affair — Stroh and Hafemann exchanging hugs, tears, and memories. "I was overwhelmed," she later added.

Hafemann cited several volunteer positions held by Stroh as reasons for her being chosen. These include church work, volunteering for the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival; working at the Mennonite Self-Help store in New Hamburg, as well as giving her time to help at Nithview, Anselma House, and Meals on Wheels.

Stroh (nee Pehlke) grew up in Monkton, is married to Harry, and they have two sons — Don and Bob, of Wellesley — and two daughters, Sandy, married to Ronald Bast, of Wellesley; and Deb, married to Rick Boerner of Elmira.

"I was wondering — Why do we do this?" asked Hafemann. He said that even though it is not necessary, "we kind of get caught up in international and national affairs, with all the bad news, forgetting about our own little town or village and all these people living here."

Hafemann described Wellesley as a "good place to live" because of caring attitudes, friendly neighbours, common goals, as well as the volunteers such as firefighters, as well as others who plant trees and flowers. "These things don't just happen," said Hafemann. "It takes volunteers like our recipient."

Hafemann became very emotional as he told a story while Stroh held the silver plate.

"On the 23rd of November, 41 years ago, a young man stepped off the train in Monkton in a two-foot-deep snow drift ... I didn't have any

boots on; shortly after that I was picked up by my employer, and taken to a farm near Monkton and shortly after that, I put my boots on, which I brought along in my little suitcase, and I went into the barn and helped with chores. We had supper and I cleaned up a bit and my employer told me we're going to visit the neighbour. So we arrived at the neighbour ... I was scared but we stood in front of this house and the door opened and there was a little lady in front of me, and she was like a queen — all that was missing was just a crown — but she didn't need it. Her skin was like milk; her hair was white as snow, and her eyes sparkled. And I wasn't scared, anymore. She received me like her own son. That was Eileen's mother." He

added, "Eileen's mother spoke my language [German] and that meant a lot to me."

The head table included board of trade members Larry and Elsie Lantz; Wellesley-North Easthope fair queen Brandy Runstedler and her escort, Chris Ferguson; guest speaker Susan Cook-Shierer and her husband, Roger; and Adolph and Emily Hafemann.

Councillor Ross Kelterborn spoke on behalf of Wellesley township council. He brought greetings from mayor Frank Friedmann "who happens to be in a little warmer climate; he's vacationing in Florida. I've got news for Mr. Friedmann; we are sharpening our pencils very sharp for budget time," Kelterborn quipped.



WELLESLEY'S 1991 CITIZEN-OF-THE YEAR — Eileen Stroh of William Street in Wellesley was honoured as the 1991 Citizen of the Year and received a silver plate from Adolf Hafemann, past-president of the Board of Trade. (Photo by Vonnies Haner)

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Harvest Queen

Cindy Lichti and Dawn Middleholst, the two other contestants for the crown as this year's Wellesley-North Easthope Fall Fair Harvest Queen, and Brandy Runstedtler, the 1991 Harvest Queen, congratulate Jane McMillan (front), 18, of RR3 Gadshill, the 1992 Queen. McMillan is the Fair's 25th Harvest Queen. (Photo by Jana Miller)

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LIONS CLUBS EAGER TO HELP

Special transit coming to Wellesley?

by HARRY ALBRIGHT

Wellesley township is the area's only municipality in which there is no special transit service available for the disabled or the elderly.

That may change soon. Wellesley's planning committee decided to proceed with a budget analysis for such a service after hearing that the cost of a bus would be funded half by the province, and half by the township's Lions clubs.

The committee also learned that the operating costs will be partially subsidized by the province.

The idea is not new. The Lions clubs had approached the previous council in June 1991 with the offer to partially fund a van. However, no action was taken before the November municipal election.

So, the Lions decided to try again with the new council.

Gerry Bowes, a member of the Wellesley Lions club, was at the September 29 committee meeting to "reacquaint you with our proposal, and give you some updated information."

Bowes, who was also representing the Linwood and Paradise clubs, said the Lions would fund 50 per cent of the van's cost, and that provincial grants are available for the other half.

A 10-passenger accessible van would cost about \$50,000.

FOR SENIORS AND THE DISABLED

Bowes said, "There is a pressing need for this type of service."

Veronica MacDonald, of Woolwich Home Support Services, told the committee that the service "enables seniors and disabled adults to remain independent in the community."

MacDonald pointed out that only 33 per cent of women over 65 own vehicles. "Women living alone, many of whom never learned to drive, are at the greatest disadvantage."

MacDonald said the province is placing a new emphasis on independent living, rather than institutionalizing people, and that special

(MTO), said there are 176 municipalities in Ontario offering special transit, a number that has doubled since 1990.

He said that most of the municipalities that have started special transit in the past two years are rural, or have populations under 10,000.

English said that 14 per cent of the population is disabled to some degree, and 11 per cent is over 65.

He said the MTO "has a guideline as to who can use the service, but the interpretation is left up to the municipality. The MTO does not come out and audit and see who is riding the system."

However, special transit is "targeted toward frail, elderly, and disabled persons," English said.

The committee was about to defer the matter to the 1993 budget, but some councillors were more impatient.

"Why wait?" asked councillor George Ottman, who was on the previous council when the issue first arose.

Some councillors thought they could not do anything this year, because the money has not been

budgeted.

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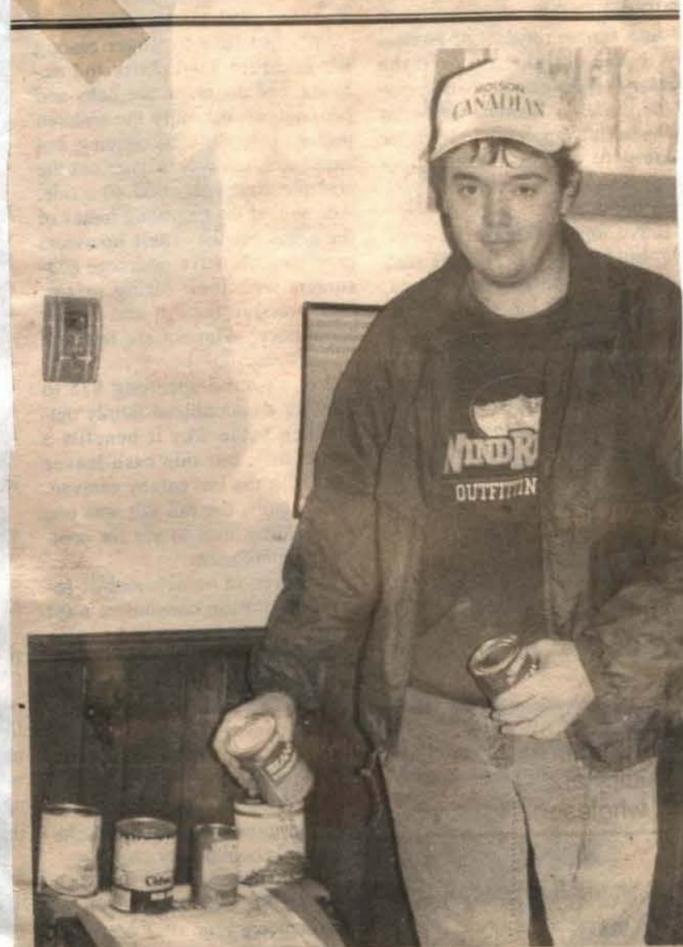
Planner-administrator Susan Duke pointed out that purchasing the vehicle will cost the township nothing (half paid by each of the Lions and the MTO), and that there will be no operating costs until next year. Those costs could be budgeted for, she said.

Councillor Ross Kelterborn, who moved the motion to defer the matter, said his only concern is the cost, and that he wants to see a budget before he decides on the issue.

Councillor Dennis Weber said that council can certainly come up with a budget, but that it should also move on applying for the grants.

"They said \$7,000 for operating costs," said Weber, indicating he was satisfied with that "ballpark" figure.

There was general agreement that the special transit service is needed in the township, and council will discuss the matter at a future meeting.



Food for thought

Rick Brenneman, recently hired by Wellesley township to perform custodial duties at the old school in Wellesley village, boxes canned goods that overflowed the container in front of the Wellesley library room. The Waterloo regional library has declared amnesty week for tardy book returners. Over the next two weeks, a can of food will replace the library fine for over-due books. The food will be given to the regional food bank.

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OLDEST SERVICE CLUB IN WELLESLEY

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OLDEST SERVICE CLUB IN WELLESLEY

Wellesley women's institute celebrates 90 years

by VONNIE HANER

The rural-based women's institute in Wellesley has plenty to brag about. It is celebrating its 90th birthday, and can boast that it is the oldest service club in Wellesley.

The group is also the only organized women's group within the village.

Joanne Milne, assistant secretary, hosted the Feb. 9 meeting at her Queen-street home.

The guest was Tom Reitz, curator of Doon Heritage Crossroads, who gave a slide presentation of photos taken in Wellesley in the early 20th century.

The internationally-connected institute has several organizations in Canada and Ontario. The umbrella organization will celebrate its 100th birthday in 1997.

It was founded by Adelaide Hunter-Hoodless, of Brantford. Her child died when given unpasteurized milk, and she instigated the introduction of pasteurized milk.

The Wellesley club is planning to hold a public meeting at Wellesley school on May 11, to celebrate its 90 years of service to the community. Various service clubs and church groups, as well as members of the public, are invited.

EXECUTIVE

The executive for the 1992-1993 term includes past-president Zerine Hammer, president June Sellers, first vice-president Zerine Hammer, second vice-president Alice Delay, secretary-treasurer Ivy Mohr, assistant secretary-treasurer Joanne Milne, district director Zerine Hammer, alternate Ivy Mohr, public-relations officer Nellie Cutler, and Tweedsmuir history curator Alice Delay.

The institute continues to com-

pile a local news file. The Tweedsmuir historical data has proven invaluable, and is used extensively by historians and heritage groups.

Unfortunately, explained June Sellers, the first 15 years of Wellesley's minutes were accidentally thrown out when someone cleaned her attic.

The minutes date to 1922, confirmed Milne. Records are stored at the Wellesley library.

FIRST RECORDED MEETING HELD AT BERDUX HOME

"Sixteen ladies" were present on Oct. 12, 1922, as Miss Berdux hosted the Wellesley Women's Institute meeting. Mrs. Heipel, read the minutes; they were seconded by Mrs. Kathleen Graham. A letter had been received from Mr. Putman asking if a nurse was wanted to give a course in first-aid. They decided to wait until they could find a suitable place and the weather was warmer. The institute decided to help the fire victims in Cobalt. They were going to contact Mr. Hartman so that an announcement could be made at the school that anyone wishing to donate clothing or money could bring the donation to the Berdux home by the following Monday.

A halloween social would be organized as a fund-raiser and the young people were to provide the program, and charge 25 cents admission. They would serve coffee and pumpkin pie after the program. They were pleased that Mrs. Fleischauer could be at their meetings again. They had a flower collection, and Mrs. Kropf "favoured the ladies with several selections on the Victrola after which a dainty lunch was served."



OLDEST SERVICE CLUB CELEBRATING 90 YEARS — Members of the Wellesley Women's Institute will be celebrating their 90 active years. The Institute members include, from left: front, Sophia Roeder, Zerine Hammer, Emma Ditner, Olive Roth, Joanne Milne, special guest Tom Reitz, curator at Doon Heritage Crossroads; back, June Sellers, Nellie Cutler, Mary Cook, Agatha Wagner, Alice Delay, and Ina Faulhafer.

(Photo by Vonnie Haner)

Mrs. G. Hammond, Miss Ratz, A.E. Reiner, Mrs. Herb Kaufman, Mrs. Dewar, Mrs. Wilson Omand, Mrs. W. Dingwall, Mrs. Hammer, Mrs. E. Stahle, Mrs. Witzel, Mrs. Gingrich, and Mrs. A.J. Saunders. John Erb, Mrs. Fleischauer, Mrs. Ed Faulhafer, Mrs. Ida Forler, Mrs. S. Faber, Mrs. M. Futher, Mrs. P. Graham, Mrs. R. Hammer, Mrs. H. Hammer, Mrs. G. Huras, Mrs. H. Kaufman, Mrs. I. Lichty, Mrs. J. Leis, Mrs. G. Lichty, Mrs. J. Miller, Mrs. Alf Margetts, Mrs. Martin, Miss Mabel McRae, Mrs. Omand, Mrs. Ratz, Mrs. Saunders, Miss Mary Saunders, Mrs. C. Spahr, Mrs. Ed Stahle, Mrs. C. Stahle, Miss F. Stahle, Mrs. Schliemann, Miss L. Taylor, Mrs. H. Witzel, Mrs. Alex Dewar, Mrs. G. Berdux, Miss Jean Leis, Mabel McRae, Mrs. Earl Kelterborn, Mrs. Pauli, Mrs. Pehkle, Miss Fenn.

By June 1928, the meetings were held in the Wellesley village town hall.

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Butter and Cheese Festival and is active in the Big Brother's Association. Cook is shown receiving his award from 1991 Citizen of the Year, Eileen Stroh, and Board of Trade president Joe Nowak. (Photo by Kelly Daynard)

HOPE TO BE RECOGNIZED

According to Milne, the group hopes to have its longevity recognized by other service clubs, and to see its name added to the Board of Trade sign at the edge of the village, as an active service club.

The institute would like to attract members of all ages.

The group was responsible for purchasing the ovens at the community centre, and has raised funds through catering to support groups asking for donations.

Start-up money was given to the Wellesley Cooperative Preschool by the institute.

The group recently gave \$100 to purchase material for clothing after a rural family's home was destroyed by fire.

An annual program, Spring Flowers for Shut-Ins, has been popular. A plant is given to members of the community by a visiting committee.

The institute will re-establish its booth at the Wellesley fall fair, selling barbecued hotdogs. They have regularly sold apple pies at the apple-butter and cheese festival.

Zerine Hammer is the representative for the institute to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind campaign.

FUNDS RAISED FOR FIRE RELIEF, LIBRARY

At the following meeting in November, the institute reported that it raised \$21 for the fire relief, and a cheque was given to the library for \$12 from the proceeds of the halloween concert. A bazaar was to be held at Mrs. N. Fleischauer's home. Admission would be 15 cents. Coffee, sandwiches, and cake would be served. A talk on How to Entertain was given by Mrs. N.S. Fleischauer. A paper on "our home fair" was presented by Mrs. Huras. It was reported to be very interesting and "showed us we stood shoulder to shoulder with the directors and managers of the fair instead of standing back and pitching faults that it could even be a better success and how we would miss it providing it was dropped."

In Feb. 1923, the institute reported that a letter was received from the "ratepayers" association regarding a subscription to their journal; also a delegate to their convention to be held at the end of March."

The minutes state, "Both subjects, the meeting thought best to drop."

STILL FAMILIAR NAMES IN WELLESLEY

Several names mentioned in the first minutes include Mrs. W. Berscht, Mrs. M. Kropf (Croft),



Richard Cook (left) was honoured as Wellesley's 1992 Citizen of the Year at the annual Valentine's Ball held recently. Cook is a past president of both the Wellesley and District Board of Trade and the Wellesley North Easthope Agricultural Society. He also organizes the vintage car show at the Apple

Citizen of the Year

Butler and Cheese Festival and is active in the Big Brother's Association. Cook is shown receiving his award from 1991 Citizen of the Year, Eileen Stroh, and Board of Trade president Joe Nowak. (Photo by Kelly Daynard)

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ESTIMATED 45,000 IN WELLESLEY

Apple-butter and cheese festival a huge success

By 7:30am Saturday, it was obvious that the 17th annual Wellesley apple-butter and cheese festival was going to be a huge success.

Not only did the threatened rain not materialize, but visitors had also been coming earlier than ever.

"We were parking cars by 6am," said Earl Steinmann, one of the festival's many volunteers.

Also by 7:30am, the line up for the traditional sausage-and-pancake breakfast extended all the way down the Queen-street mall to William street.

"I've never seen a line-up like this," said former mayor Albert Erb, who was helping at the breakfast booth. The line did not dwindle until after 1pm.

The day started off sunny, and then clouds moved in, but there was no rain. Seasonal tempera-

tures made for a very enjoyable day.

There were steady line-ups for the cider-mill and farm tours. Visitors could tour a dairy farm, a mixed farm, or a quarterhorse farm.

The annual horseshoe tournament attracted many entries, as did the miniature boat races.

The farmers' market and craft booths attracted large crowds, as did the regional library's book sale.

Visitors also enjoyed the various entertainment offerings.

Ron Hoy and his honky-tonk piano entertained those waiting for the tours. Square-dancers and various bands entertained the crowds on the mall.

There were also puppet shows for the children.



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PONY RIDE — This little girl got some help from her father, they both seemed to really enjoy the pony ride.



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\$876.46, the wet booth with and improved heating system into the
\$1,906.72, the apple fritter sales with community centre.



TAKING A BREAK — Regional police sergeant Roy Bowman took a quick break from organizing police coverage of the festival to enjoy a burger. The police work hard to ensure the village of less than 1,000 can cope with an influx of 45,000.

show began.



HAY WAGON RIDE — These festivalgoers enjoyed a free hay wagon ride between the main festival venues and parking areas.



BRENT DAVIS, RECORD STAFF
Verna Metcalfe and her colleagues at Wellesley Brand Apple Products are gearing up annual Apple Butter & Cheese Festival in the village, just west of Waterloo. The cider mill will be open for tours during the Sept. 27 event.

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Board of Trade honors local 4-H Club members

WELLESLEY BOARD OF TRADE NEWS

by Kelly Daynard

Wellesley — At the November meeting of the Wellesley and District Board of Trade, members and leaders of two local 4-H clubs were recognized for their achievements. Both the Wellesley Dairy Club and the Wellesley-Wilmot Rabbit Club are sponsored by the Board of Trade.

In the rabbit club, leaders Wendy Richardson, Barb Bearinger and Pat Snyder handed out achievement awards to their 20 members. Youth leader awards were given out to Andrew Bearinger and Laurie Richardson.

Erik Wiegand received the award for the Best Buck. Second place went

to Laurie Richardson with honourable mention being given to Andrew Bearinger.

Tiffany Bearinger was the owner of the Best Doe. Rebecca Ferber took second place in this category with honourable mention going to Matt Wagler. Wagler also won a trophy for the Best of Show at St. Jacobs.

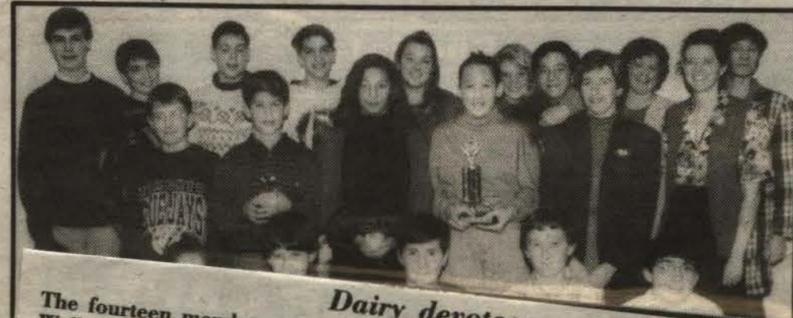
Daniel Clarke was recognized as top in Showmanship for his efforts. Erik Wiegand and Mark Lebold placed second and third respectively.

Members of the club were Meaghan Bearinger, Tiffany Bearinger, Andrew Bearinger, Daniel Clarke, Melissa Ferber, Rebecca Ferber, Brittany Keenan, Mark Lebold, Terry Lebold,

Laurie Richardson, Christine Snyder, David Snyder, John Snyder, Luke Snyder, Angela Vandergaag, Marcus Wagler, Matthew Wagler, Kerilyn Whittaker, Lloyd Whittaker and Erik Wiegand.

In the Wellesley Dairy Club, leaders Brian Jantzi and Paul Albrecht presented the award for top points in the club to Jeff Jantzi. Philip Gerber received second place.

Members of the Dairy Club this year were Brad Brenneman, Mike Erb, Patrick Erb, Jonathan Gerber, Philip Gerber, Tim Gerber, Cory Jantzi, Jeff Jantzi, Jeremy Jantzi, Rick Koch, Brad Lichty, David Snyder, Luke Snyder and Steven Snyder.



Dairy devotees
The fourteen members of the Wellesley Dairy 4-H club, sponsored by the Wellesley and District Board of Trade, were honoured for their achievements recently. Shown with the members are leaders Brian Jantzi, (left) and Paul Albrecht (right). (Photos by Kelly Daynard)



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Business is cooking!

by Kelly Daynard

Wellesley — When you ask Rita Steinmann, of the Schmidtsville Restaurant in Wellesley, what is special about her establishment, she is reluctant to answer. But, ask her daughter and partner Sheila Jantzi and Sheila quickly replies, "her baking. Mom?"

Rita and Sheila took over ownership of the Schmidtsville Restaurant — "Schmidtsville" was the former name of Wellesley — and the adjoining Olde General Store about three years ago. While they had little previous experience in the restaurant industry — Rita had run a catering business and Sheila had worked in the local grocery store — their family seemed to think it would be a good idea. Both had also lived in Wellesley for years and thought it would be nice to run a business in their own home town.

Now, they're running the operation with the help of 11 employees, and are enjoying great success in both stores.

The Schmidtsville Restaurant has become well known for its home-made baking — and especially its butter tarts. Said Rita, "We try to make everything from scratch", which includes the dough used in the pastries, the specialty home-made soups and many of their other delicacies.

A full breakfast at the Schmidtsville Restaurant can be had for about \$3.25 while the average lunch runs for under \$5. Breakfasts and lunches are both busy times in the restaurant. Friday evenings are also popular for the weekly specials which feature beef, various types of pork and turkey dinners, on a rotating basis. Pan-fried fish on Thursdays is another crowd pleaser. The restaurant will also cater



Partners

Rita Steinmann, left, and daughter Sheila Jantzi enjoy a successful business partnership.

to various functions — where they can feed up to 300 people.

In the adjoining Olde General Store, customers can find a large selection of crafts — many which are made by local residents — dishes, towels, a Sears Outlet, and countless other treasures.

If the two partners weren't busy enough running the restaurant and general store, they are also responsible for preparing the many Meals on Wheels dinners that go out each day to residents in the area. They cook and package about 30 meals each week, which are picked up before lunchtime by various volunteers. While they find this job "busy", Rita said that

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She's beating the

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POSSIBLY FROM PROHIBITION YEARS

Aged-to-perfection wine uncovered in Wellesley

by VONNIE HANER

It was an incredible discovery for Michael Wagner, of Wellesley, when he located a secret panel above the basement stairs of his pre-1860 stone home, on Queen street.

Removing a press-in-place wooden panel that had been cleverly constructed long before the Wagner family bought the home in 1946, Michael was confronted with 12 bottles, a crock, and a half-gallon jug of well-aged homemade wine.

Wagner recently purchased the property from his grandmother, Agatha Wagner. The home is the only stone house in the village that is not covered over by either wood, stucco, or siding.

Michael's father, Wib Wagner, a garage-owner in Wellesley, shook his head and thought of the times he could have made use of the wine during his teenage years. His family never knew that the panel was not part of the stairway. It was stained the same colour as the stairs, and there was little light in the area.

Michael Wagner decided to remove the board so that insulation could be added above the stairs to correct a cold breeze. There were nail heads in the board, and he expected to pull hard to open up the panel.

It popped open so easily that he nearly fell over. There were only nearly fell over. There were only nail-heads on one side; the nails did not extend through to the frame.

The secret location of the wine leads one to believe that it is possible that it was placed there during

the prohibition years, when the adjacent hotel went "dry."

The house had been owned by the Berdux family, and the house was eventually passed down the family line to spinster Minny Berdux. The Wagners then purchased the property.

The Berdux home sat next to the Berdux Hotel, which was later the Royal Hotel, and is now the Wellesley Inn.

Peter A. Wagner's family had taken over the hotel in 1911. When prohibition cut into business, Wagner turned the stable into the beginnings of a successful garage business.

The only part of the Berdux property that was not purchased originally by the Wagners was the stone house. It was Peter's son, Joseph, who bought it in 1946.

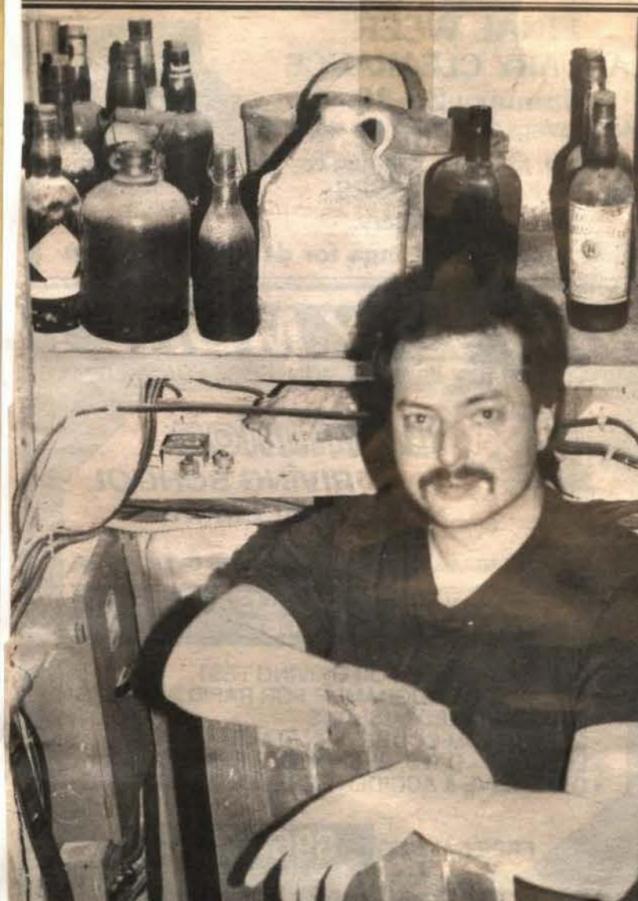
The wine, possibly made from rhubarb or dandelions, had not gone bad over the years, even though the wine was not placed on its side to keep the cork moist and the bottle sealed.

A variety of stoppers included a wooden cap with a cork, as well as wire wrapped around to hold the cork in place.

One metal cap also had wire wrapped around the bottle, and the half-gallon jug has a wooden handle with wrapped wire.

One of the wine-filled bottles has this label: "Teacher's Highland Cream — Perfection of Old Scotch — Pre-War Quality and Strength Whisky — 20 under proof."

The wine now has a brandy-like flavour and aroma, and the Wagners do not intend to allow their newfound treasure go to waste.



PROHIBITION-ERA STASH? — Michael Wagner, of Wellesley, uncovered a secret compartment above his basement stairs in the home he recently purchased from his grandmother, Agatha Wagner. He discovered a unique treasure — several bottles and a crock of wine, which are thought to have been placed there during prohibition in the early part of this century.

AGATHA WAGNER WAS PRESIDENT OF THE WELLESLEY INSTITUTE IN 1948

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Second librarian hired for Wellesley branch of Waterloo regional library

by VONNIE HANER

A second librarian has been hired for the Wellesley library. However, the Wellesley branch will no longer have a library supervisor. As of Jan. 1, when Janina Menkal retired, there are two library assistants. The second librarian is Ann Woodrow, of Milverton. She officially begins her new role on Feb. 16, and will train at the Elmira branch. Woodrow will take charge of the juvenile section in Wellesley on March 2. Regional library chief Karin Manley said that both assistants will switch back-and-forth between

the juvenile and adult sections, to gain experience in both areas. Woodrow met the qualifications outlined in a formal interviewing procedure earlier this month. She topped the list of 17 applicants, of which seven were interviewed. "She met the basic criteria and has a rural background," Manley said anyone applying from the village of Wellesley received an automatic interview. ***
RENOVATIONS BEGIN IN WELLESLEY LIBRARY
Carpeting, painting, and new shelving will spruce up the Wellesley library, at a cost of about

\$13,000, according to Manley. Money is coming from the regional interior-decorating budget. The additional shelving will allow the library to display the books properly, said Manley, and videos will be added. ***
LIBRARY CLOSED FOR TWO WEEKS
In order to allow the workers time to renovate the Wellesley library, the branch will be closed from Feb. 15 to March 2. The juvenile book room is under renovation, but the original library room in the old school will be open as usual until Feb. 12.



Canada 125 winners in Wellesley township

Earl Coxon, left, Stan Deckert, and George Ottman were presented with Canada 125 medals by Mayor Frank Friedmann at a special ceremony on Feb. 1. Coxon is a retired Wellesley village veterinarian, and volunteer firefighter. Deckert is a former Linwood councillor and volunteer firefighter. Ottman is the current councillor for St. Clements, and a former township fire chief.

Ninety years

of 1924 and a quilt sale in raffle in 1938 which netted \$31.90.

Supporting their community

These fund raising activities have enabled the Institute to support many community projects over the years - over and above what they have done for local youths. For several years in the early 1920's, the Institute members staffed the town library before turning this task over to the town. They were also great supporters of the Community Hall. In 1927 they installed a light in front of the hall as well as planting flower beds. In 1928, funds from a quilt raffle and play were used to buy a piano for the building. In 1929, the club made new curtains for the hall and they replaced the building's floor in 1931. More recently, they donated stoves and other kitchen items as well as money for landscaping to the new community Centre. They also donated to the arena fund. Once the new community centre was finished, the Institute turned their attention to the area between the Wellesley pond and the Nith River and the dump that was then located there. Today, Wellesley residents have the institute to thank for the beautiful park that has replaced the dump. Other causes that the Institute has supported include third world aid, disaster relief and war efforts such as knitting, making blankets and sending care packages to local soldiers. In 1942, a gallon of maple syrup was purchased to make candy for the Navy League of Canada. The club also continues to support the

Wellesley/North Easthope fall fair. They helped when the island was created in the pond and they donate to the Tree of Light. Members continue to canvass for the blind, which they have done for more than 40 years and future plans include supporting possible changes to the Wellesley branch library.

Despite all of their efforts over the past 90 years, the Wellesley Institute, like others in the district, has lost a lot of members over the years. Over 45 members were part of that first club but today, the Wellesley Institute only has about 10 members on its roster with most of these being over the age of 60. Sellers and Joanne Milne said that this is largely due to a changing society when more women are dividing their efforts between working and raising their families. As a result, they have little time for additional functions or commitments. This is unfortunate, said Sellers, and if they don't get more members, they may have to disband like other clubs have done. Said Sellers, "If we don't get younger members, it'll eventually fade out."

Today's executive consists of June Sellers as president; Zerine Hammer as first vice president; Alice Delay as second vice president; Joanne Milne as secretary; Olive Roth as assistant secretary; Ivy Mohr as treasurer; Zerine Hammer as District director and Nellie Cutler in the role of public relations. Alice Delay is Tweedsmuir Curator and branch directors are Sophia Roeder, Ina Faulhafer and Agatha Wagner. Members still meet on the second Tuesday of the month at each other's homes.

the W.I. for sponsoring the 4-H club. picnics, teas and socials were also popular. February 1924 minutes describe a button hole contest that was won by Mrs. Dingwall. In October of 1937, an old fashioned costume parade resulted in Mrs. E. Fleischauer being the prize winner in a wedding costume of 40 years ago.

Fundraising

Fundraising was also an important component of the Institute's charitable work throughout the years. In the early days, Institutes suffered from a lack of funds and to help with this problem, the Minister of Agriculture provided a grant of \$3 to each branch in 1904. Years ago, the Institute raised most of their funds by catering for weddings, Junior Farmer and Board of Trade meetings and various other community functions. Today however, because of a dwindling amount of members, this is no longer possible. Another big fund raiser was once the Apple Pie booth at the Wellesley Apple Butter and Cheese Festival. The group no longer does this either because, as Sellers said, they can't ask the older members to bake 10 or 15 pies each. Other fundraisers through the years include a pumpkin sale in October of 1937 and a home baking sale in November

WAGNER, Agatha K. - Passed away peacefully, at the Heritage Home in St. Jacobs, on Tuesday, Oct. 19. Agatha was formerly of Wellesley. She was the daughter of the late Charles Stoeser and the late Agatha Greyerbiehl. Loving mother of Wilbert (Wib) and Betty of Wellesley, Marilyn Mrs. Joseph Leveille of Raleigh, N.C., Joanne Brophy of Waterloo, Rosemary Mrs. Brian Joseph of Kitchener; by one brother, Charles and Rita of Waterloo. Survived by 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Predeceased by her husband, Joseph Wagner in 1985 and by one son, Paul in 1993; by four brothers, Otto, Edward, Alexander and Hubert; by one sister, Auline Hargott. Agatha was a member of the St. Agatha CWL and the Wellesley Womens Institute. Visitation will be at the Futherbos Funeral Home, 1172 Henry St., Wellesley on Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Rosary will be said at 3 p.m. on Friday afternoon. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday at St. Agatha RC Church at 10 a.m., with Father Charles Fedy officiating. Burial will be in St. Agatha RC cemetery. Donations can be made to the St. Agatha Church Building Fund or to the Carmelite Monastery. The family would like to thank the Heritage Home in St. Jacobs for their kind and loving care; also the Marian Residence in Cambridge.

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Home and Country for ninety years

by Kelly Daynard

Wellesley - The Wellesley Women's Institute has been looking after "Home and Country" for 90 years, and although membership is dwindling, the group is still an important part of the community.

Recently, 100 people came out to celebrate this monumental anniversary with the club and a narration, given by Kathy Sellers-Wentzell, Laurie Sellers-Zehr and David Wentzell, took the guests through the years and the many activities that have shaped the Institute's history.

The Wellesley Women's Institute was organized in February of 1903. Unfortunately though, the minutes of the first 16 years were destroyed so until 1919, there is not a complete account of the club's events. It is known, however, that Miss Laura Rose was the organizer and government speaker at the first meeting. The first president was Mrs. Henry Hostetler and the first secretary-treasurer was Miss Lucinda Bellinger. In the beginning, the club had about 45 members.

The Women's Institute has always been interested in educating its members and today, this focus still continues. Guest speakers attend the monthly meetings and discuss a wide range of topics - including gardening, history, current events, industry, authors, cooking, household tips and health to name a few.

In the early years, this emphasis was still the same. Educational short courses

were adopted by the Department of Agriculture in 1912 and many Institutes, including the Wellesley club, availed themselves of these opportunities for special instruction.

In March of 1919, Mrs. Dingwall spoke a few words on "A Week's Work for a Busy Housewife" and there was a discussion on how and when to plant raspberries. In 1944, a paper "The Fly seen as a villain in polio scourge" was given by Mrs. Barbour.

In the past year, speakers have included participants in a Canada-Thailand Canada World Youth Exchange, Doon Pioneer village's curator, the Wellesley/North Easthope fall fair queen and a local pharmacist.

The club is not just interested in educating its own members. It has also always been an active supporter of the youth - be it in the school or local 4-H clubs.

At a meeting in September of 1929, discussion on the prizes for school children brought about the decision to give \$2 and \$1 respectively as the first and second prize to scholars of each class with the highest percentage for the year. Over the years they have also given awards for public speaking, music recitals and cooking classes. They have assisted in the inoculation of children.

For many years they were also sponsors of a local 4-H club. The first such involvement appeared to have been in the 1920's when Garment Making Clubs and Garden and Canning Clubs

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Wellesley Women's Institute

Shown are current W.I. members, front (from left) Agatha Wagner, Ivy Mohr, Zerine Hammer, Sophia Roeder. Back row (from left) Olive Roth, Joanne Milne, Alice Delay, Ina Faulhafer, Nellie Cutler, June Sellers.



WELLESLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Wellesley Women's Institute meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P.M. Sept. to May in the homes of various members. This past May, the Wellesley Women's Institute celebrated our 90th Anniversary. We are eagerly seeking new members to continue our long heritage. This September we will have a hot dog booth at the Wellesley North Easthope Fall Fair. See you there - and bring your appetites!! For more Women's Institute information contact Joanne Milne, secretary, 656-3041; Zerine Hammer, 1st Vice President, 656-2237; Alice Delay, 2nd Vice President, 656-3299; or June Sellers, President. 9-1993

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More than 100 invited guests will help members of the Wellesley Women's Institute celebrate its 90th anniversary Tuesday evening at Wellesley public school. The women's institute is affiliated worldwide with the Associated Country Women of the World... 11-5-93



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The Wellesley Women's Institute holds meetings the second Tuesday of each month. ^{new info on} Health, education + home making tips + tricks are discussed. Visitors and new members are most welcome. Local meeting places ^{time of meetings vary with} vary and ^{and} afternoon meetings in the winter months but evenings for most of the year. For more information ^{call} phone 893 2619. June 656-2434 or Mae 656-3351

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Getting a kick out of animals

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Very active retirement

After being retired for 14 years, Dr. Earl Coxon is still remembered for the important role he played as the local veterinarian. Today, he continues to play a very active role in the community.

tural population, large animals seemed to be the only way to go. And, while he enjoyed working with all types of animals, he especially liked working with horses and "I got a kick out of little lambs."

The world of veterinarian medicine has changed drastically since the days when Coxon first began. When he

morning by a horse and cutter for the daily rounds and he often wouldn't return until late at night. At this time too, many people didn't have phones and the roads were often so bad that he couldn't get to — or sometimes home from — a call. In 1947, he recalls being storm-stayed in Millbank for a week before being able to

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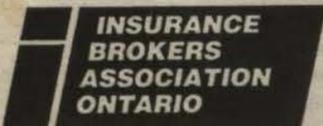
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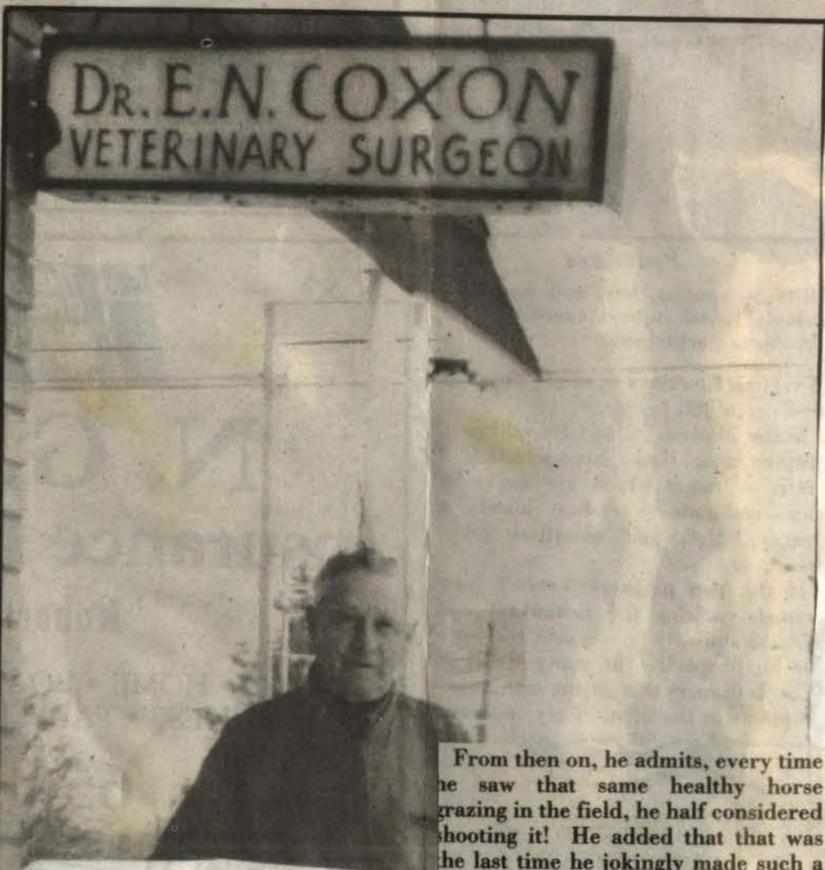
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active role in the community though, and was recently the recipient of the prestigious Governor-General's Commemorative Medal, marking Canada's 125 anniversary. Coxon was one of only three Wellesley township residents to receive the medal; one of only 40 in Perth County nominated through M.P. Dr. Harry Brightwell — who is also a veterinarian.

Coxon is also a past president of the Wellesley and District Board of Trade, the Wellesley Lions Club and the Wellesley/North Easthope Agricultural Society. He is past master of the Wilmot Masonic Lodge and a life member in the Ontario Veterinarian Association, and the Ontario Veterinary College at the University of Guelph. Coxon is also a past member of the American and Canadian Veterinarian Medical Associations.

In what free time he has left, Coxon volunteers for the local Meals on Wheels Program, is active at St. Paul's United Church in Milverton and still finds time to travel with Bernice, his wife of 51 1/2 years.

Their one daughter is married and lives in London with her husband and two children.

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She's beating the odds with faith and joy

by Kelly Daynard

Wellesley — It's been almost a decade. Ten years since a freak accident left Martha Bean of RRI Wellesley paralysed from the chest down. Ten years of incredible adaptations and changes and learning to deal with her new condition.

As a result, she is not only confident about her future, but her attitude could certainly be cited as a role model for others. Martha is living proof that just because she is paralysed, it doesn't mean that she can't live an active and productive life.

Martha was only 39 when her family — including her husband Ralph, her four children, mother and step-father — went camping on the August long weekend in 1983. During the night, a large tree was hit by lightning and it fell on the camper in which the family was sleeping. The tree struck the support bar of the trailer which came down and hit Martha on the head. This resulted in not only a head injury which required 25 stitches but also a permanent spinal injury.

Martha remembers little about the actual accident except for a strange sensation of floating, immediately after she was hit. She added that her youngest son Matthew — a baby at the time — was sleeping in a playpen on the floor of the trailer on which the tree landed. Only a miracle saved his life. The other children were sleeping in an added room and were not injured.

For the first year following the accident, Martha spent most of her time in the hospital. She was temporarily released in early January to return home to assist Ralph in their family-run tax business but her health soon gave out and she was returned to the hospital after developing pneumonia and serious breathing problems. She was able to return home again for six weeks before returning to the hospital from May until the end of September 1984 for rehabilitation.

For a few years then Martha lived a relatively healthy life until she developed pneumonia and went into respiratory arrest in 1986. She remained in a coma for 10 days and doctors had almost given up believing that she'd pull through but once again she survived the odds and today lives as happy and as normal a life as possible.

For the first few years, Martha admits that she went through a period of great depression when she found herself wondering why she was still



Finding the silver lining

Martha Bean was paralysed from the chest down in a freak accident almost ten years ago. Since then she has learned to live her life to the fullest with the help of her family, friends, and church. (Photo by Kelly Daynard)

she has gone through in the last ten years, she has come to realize that it really "is a miracle that I'm still alive." She also believes that it is maybe only after enduring an experience such as her's that one comes to appreciate life to the fullest.

When asked how long it took for her to accept the fact that she would never walk again, Martha said, "I don't think that it really hit me for quite a long time." She added that it still feels strange, knowing that her limbs are there but not being able to feel them. Occasionally, too, she will experience other sensations of aches and pains but these are very rare.

One of the biggest psychological problems that Martha had to face was

Martha still has problems believing the level of community support that was offered at the time of her accident — and which continues today. Thousands of dollars in were raised and throughout the years, her wheelchairs have been subsidized, a special portable lift was donated by a family who no longer needed it which helps to get her in and out of bed, and a special mobility van with an electric lift was also purchased by their church — Wilmot Mennonite — with the assistance of Expressway Ford.

Said Bean, "It was incredible the way the community rallied around us." Other unexpected help came in the guise of six children in Petersburg who organized a penny carnival complete with horse rides, crafts, a wheel of fortune and a fish pond with proceeds going to the Beans. Martha added that news of her accident reached a church conference in Pennsylvania in 1983 and later she heard that 5,000 people prayed for her there.

Two years after that fateful camping trip, the Beans received an insurance settlement of about \$800,000 — a large portion of which went to legal fees and the rest into investments. Martha feels sorry for people with similar accidents who aren't fortunate enough to have had insurance. A monthly income from the settlement she mentioned, has given them the freedom of hiring a housekeeper, and of being able to afford some of the extras that make her life more comfortable.

Martha finds it ironic that she has frequently been told by friends, "just don't know how you do it." To this she can only reply, "Well, what choice do you have?" and goes on with an optimistic attitude. Martha seems to live her life on two theories. The first is "God never gives you more than what you can handle." And the second is that when a door closes, a window always opens.

Her disability has opened her eyes up to the many services that are available to those with handicaps and as a result, she has also met many new friends — several of whom have also been either born with a disability or have had an accident. This informal support group meets frequently and friends to go out socially or visit each other's homes. Yearly they all have a weekend retreat at Hiddell Acres, which is co-sponsored by the campground and the Mennonite Central Committee. (continued on page

Beating the odds

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Martha has also served on the Board of Directors for the Independent Living Centre in Waterloo since 1985 and will be ending her term this year. Once she is finished there, she would like to get involved with some other organizations. Said this eternal optimist, "There are lots of opportunities, and handicapped concerns that I'm interested in and involved in."

Martha is also glad to see the amount of opportunities that are currently available for disabled people. Many businesses are now wheelchair accessible which makes her life so much easier. She emphasized, "The biggest obstacle I have to deal with are steps." While most stores in the area are not yet accessible to her, she carries a portable ramp — made from a sheet of plywood — with her that will get her up a couple of steps. She added that when many business owners see how easy it is to build a portable ramp, they realize that they could do something similar.

Martha has had very few occasions when she has felt discriminated against and said that most times "I feel most people bend over backwards to accomodate me." Their church has installed an elevator to make her life — and the lives of others with disabilities — easier and they are installing a wheelchair ramp in their hall in Baden to combat the same problem.

Doctors' appointments are still a regular part of Martha's life as are frequent trips to the chiropractor. Visits to this latter however are always encouraging as he has told Martha that he strongly believes that someday she may walk again. Martha explained that the doctors never determined whether her spinal cord injury was a complete or incomplete break. She does believe that there have been some changes and hopes that when she visits her doctor next, she will be referred to a specialist for further tests.

Said Martha, "Whether or not I walk again isn't important. I just hope I can feel productive in what I'm doing and enjoy what I'm doing."

Today, while Martha doesn't have enough use of her hands to complete income tax forms on her own in their family business, she is able to look over the work of their employees for final approval. She has enough movement to use a computer and is able to feed herself with a specialized cuff. Martha is extremely thankful that her mind wasn't affected with the accident and commented, "Just be-

cause you're paralysed, doesn't mean that you're no longer useful."

She also laughed as she emphasized that she is still capable of using her credit card. "I like shopping", she commented, and said that she frequently does so with her daughters.

She has also recently joined the North Easthope Klachan singers and made her debut performance singing in a concert in Crosshill on January 10. She said that they practice every Thursday night at North Easthope Public School and is enjoying the singing a lot. Another fact that she enjoys is despite the fact that she sits right in the middle of the group in her chair, she is not made to feel any different than the rest of the choir. One fun coincidence concerning the choir is that another member of the group was in a double trio with Martha when they were in grade three.

The few things that Martha really misses include the market gardening business that she and Ralph used to run. "I still miss selling pumpkins at market", she mentioned.

She added that she misses the freedom to travel more than anything. "I always dreamed of going overseas, to the Holy Land but now that's just not possible." There is still a lot of land travelling that they would still like to do though and this summer, they hope to take a family camping weekend — their first since August 1983. She commented, "It's almost taken ten years to get to the point where I can say, 'Hey, life is O.K.', and to continue enjoying life."

Martha believes that the whole experience has made their family — both their immediate family and their church community — grow closer together. The Beans have four children — Alan and Joanne, who live away from home, Janice and Matthew — all who have been extremely supportive throughout the past ten years. Said Bean, "the accident has not only brought together my immediate family but our church family who have embraced us so completely."

Martha concludes, "My accident happened and it was not only bad but so many good things have happened because of it. We've met wonderful people and heard incredible stories." And while such an obvious tragedy might have resulted in a loss of faith, Martha's seems to have only grown stronger, "I really believe that God is just wonderful. There are always two sides," she devoutly stated.

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Author finds growing fame in the clouds

by Jana Miller

Wellesley — Jane Urquhart usually has her head in the clouds — but that's her job.

Urquhart, a Wellesley resident, is fast becoming a well-known Canadian novelist — and the time she spends with her head in the clouds is time well spent she says.

"I spend a lot of time where it looks as though I'm doing nothing at all, but I need my mind to be free to think, and not be preoccupied with anything else," she says.

The Wellesley woman has written and published several books — three books of poetry, one book of short stories, and two novels — and has been published in four countries. Her third novel is due out next fall from Canadian publishers McLelland and Stewart, and she has almost finished writing it.

Urquhart, whose husband Tony is an artist and professor of fine arts at the University of Waterloo, has been published in Canada, the United States, Britain, France and she is just about to be published in Italy. And her first novel — called the Whirlpool — was recognized in France and was awarded the "Best Foreign Novel" award, a feat Urquhart can be genuinely proud of, since she was the first Canadian ever to win the award.

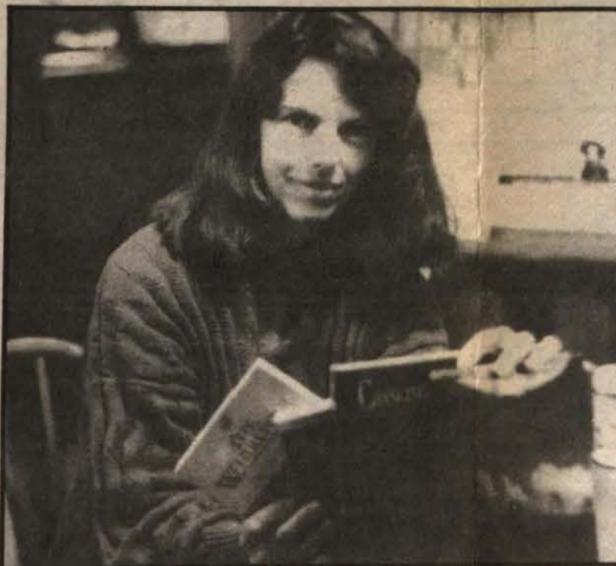
And even though she admits she was more than just very honoured to win the international award, it's still the experience of getting her first piece published, that stands out most in her mind.

And it wasn't a novel. "I felt great," she said. It was a poem that got published in a magazine put out by the University of New Brunswick that Urquhart remembers most. "I've had stuff published all over the world and I've never been as excited as when I got that little poem in," she laughed.

But poetry is no longer her focus. Today she is just finishing up her third novel, which has a title she's not sure she's going to keep yet. She has already published "Changing Heaven," her second novel, and "The Whirlpool," her first.

Asked where she gets the ideas for her books, Urquhart says she doesn't really have an answer for that, but in the case of her first two books, the ideas came from things that fascinated her as a child. "The Whirlpool", set in 19th century Niagara Falls, comes partly from her lifelong interest in Canadian history, and partly from her love of Emily Bronte. Bronte appears as a ghost in her first book, which has sold the most copies.

But Urquhart adds that she never has a full storyline written in her head before she starts the book. In other words, when it starts, as that one idea, she never knows how its going to end. "It's sort of a leap of faith," she laughed. And when she writes, she totally immerses herself in the landscape of the book, often travelling to where the book is set, spending weeks at a time getting a feel for the area.



Novel ideas

Jane Urquhart, of Wellesley, has met with great success writing novels. She's published two so far and her third is due out in the fall of 1993. (Photo by Jana Miller)

She says that usually it takes about three years to complete a book and have it published, but also that she is always aware that there is a chance it may not be published. "You can't be into immediate gratification at all, in terms of a career," said Urquhart. "Even after you're finished the writing stage, it takes a long time

to get into print."

For Urquhart, writing means writing — by hand. That's a way of life for her, since she hasn't yet adapted to using a computer — or even a typewriter. Urquhart admits that her fears of the machines keep her in a life of writing novels by hand.

"I usually write the book out

several times by hand, then I type it once very badly, and then I give it to a typist, who types it once very beautifully," she joked. "The more times I write it, the more in touch I get with the characters."

Writing novels, and doing it by hand, she says, doesn't even seem like a task. When she was younger and had kids at home, she would allow herself so much time to write each day. "Well, if I just get this and this and this done, I'll let myself write for awhile," she says. "I used to let myself do it as a reward, so I really love it."

Urquhart does all of her writing in the sun porch on the upper floor of the home, what she calls "her space." Since she enjoys setting her novels in the past, perhaps if nothing else inspires her, maybe their home will, some day. The house that the Urquharts live in was once owned by the Becker family, who came from Germany in 1870 or so, and ran the sawmill on the pond in Wellesley. The home was built about 1880.

For now though, her next idea is just blossoming, she says, an idea that came from the time she spent at the end of 1992 as writer-in-residence at Memorial University in Newfoundland. "I got some pretty good ideas while I was there," she says. And because of the landscape there, she says her next book, will likely be set on the coast of Maine and above the north shore of Lake Superior. But nothing is definite yet.

Martha still has problems believing

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OLDEST SERVICE CLUB IN WELLESLEY
 Re-established in 1992, Canada's 125th Anniversary Year

Wellesley Women's Institute celebrates 90 Years
 Wellesley, Ontario, Canada — February 15, 1993

Members of the Wellesley Women's Institute will be celebrating their 90 active years. The Institute members include: special guest Agatha Wagner, curator at Doon Heritage Crossroads, back, June Sellers, Nellie Cutler, Mary Cook, Alice De- (Photo by Yvonne Haner)

The rural-based women's institute in Wellesley has plenty to brag about. It is celebrating its 90th birthday, and can boast that it is the oldest service club in Wellesley.

The group is also the only organized women's group within the village.

by YVONNE HANER

The minutes date to 1922, confirmed Milne. Records are stored at the Wellesley library.

Joanne Milne, assistant secretary, hosted the Feb. 9 meeting at her Queen-street home.

The guest was Tom Reitz, curator of Doon Heritage Crossroads, who gave a slide presentation of photos taken in Wellesley in the early 20th century.

The internationally-connected institute has several organizations in Canada and Ontario — the umbrella organization will celebrate its 100th birthday in 1997.

It was founded by Adelaide Hunter-Hoodless, of Brantford. Her child died when given unpasteurized milk, and she instigated the introduction of pasteurized milk.

The Wellesley club is planning to hold a public meeting at Wellesley school on May 11, to celebrate its 90 years of service to the community. Various service clubs and church groups, as well as members of the public, are invited.

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Martha still has problems believing

Business blooms for 44 years

by Kelly Daynard

Wellesley - Lantz Lawn and Garden in Wellesley has gone through many changes in its 44 year history but their commitment to service and to the village has remained the same.

Elmer Lantz was born and raised on a farm in North Easthope Township. He originally worked in a garage in Kitchener specializing in welding, body work and small engines. When he heard that the former owner of the Wellesley shop - John Wagler - was looking to sell the business, he decided to seize the opportunity. Elmer's wife, Dorothy, had also been raised near Wellesley and attended school in the village. Elmer admits that she was also a reason for the move to Wellesley. "This was her home town and that's maybe what brought us here more than anything."

Wagler specialized in sharpening old push lawn mowers and when Elmer took over the shop he began selling farm machinery as well as fixing engines and doing welding. They were originally located in an old barn-like structure which was situated alongside the current bridge on William Street. In 1954 they built the shop which they still use on the corner of Lawrence and William streets.

The first farm implement business that the Lantzes had was a Ferguson dealership. They bought into this in 1950 and had it until 1954 when the company sold to Massey. After this, they sold Oliver and later Cockshutt. They then took on David Brown equipment which later was sold to Case and, after a few years as the local Case dealership, this company was also sold and the Lantzes decided it was time to get out of the farm machinery business.

Today, both Elmer and son Larry look on the decision to stop selling farm equipment as a good one. When they started in the business, there were six implement dealerships in, or around the village of Wellesley. Today there are none. Elmer explained that with farms being both fewer and bigger, people are willing to drive much further to buy a piece of equipment. Like the farms, dealers have to have a lot of stock to be able to survive. Elmer added, "Things have changed so much that you have to be a millionaire to run a farm machinery business."

After discontinuing their sales of farm implements, the Lantzes got into the sale of lawn and garden equipment full time. Larry had worked part time for his father while he was in public school, and again in high school and joined the business full time in 1970. He mentioned, "I was down here since I was a kid. I always had my nose into the grease." He laughed as he added, "maybe sometimes I was in the way!"



Elmer (left) and Larry Lantz

Elmer and Dorothy also have three other children - two daughters and a son, all who live in the Region of Waterloo.

Today, Larry is president of the business which became a limited company in November of 1988. Elmer continues to serve as vice president and while he is officially retired, he still continues to spend each day, every day at the store. This is especially true in the busy summer months. Today, Larry's wife Elsie is the company's bookkeeper but Elmer's wife,

Dorothy served in this role for many years.

The lawn and garden operation has really taken off for the Lantzes. In the summer months they find themselves busier than they really want to be. Sales of riding and push mowers, weed trimmers, snow blowers, chain saws and rototillers dominate business but the Lantzes also spend much of their time repairing small engines for the community. They also sell parts and currently have more than 1,000 parts available in their catalogues.

Both Larry and Elmer take refresher courses each winter through the many companies that they deal with. This enables them to keep up to date on the newest technology and equipment that is available.

The Lantzes have been dealers of Lawn Boy products since 1954 and have recently taken over the sale of Yardman products as well. These are similar to the White equipment but are the newer, more up-to-date models. In 1991, they also began selling Shindaiwa chainsaws and trimmers and their sales in these two divisions have increased 400% since the acquisition.

The father-son partnership has worked extremely well for both Elmer and Larry. Larry said that neither of them tells the other what to do, "we just do it" and this theory seems to have worked well. Larry added that even though they could likely both be making more money working elsewhere, it is nice to have a family business and he likes being his own boss.

The Lantzes have been involved in the Wellesley and District Board of Trade since its beginning and today Larry serves as the board's secretary.

As for a third generation taking over the business? While Larry and Elsie have children, he says that it is too early to know what they may want to do.

Lantz Lawn and Garden Ltd. is open Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays until noon.

Friday, Sept. 10, 1993

Survey shows many in Wellesley want to preserve old schoolhouse

By Vonnie Haner
Record correspondent

WELLESLEY — While two people want to demolish Wellesley's Victorian schoolhouse so the bricks can be used for the village intersection, many residents want it saved, township officials have learned.

Most respondents to a municipal survey favored its preservation as a publicly owned building for continued use for arts, culture and community activities. And 61 per cent said would support a fund-raising drive to assist in its preservation.

The survey results were released this week at a meeting of the library steering committee, set up by Wellesley Township council to study the future of the building and deter-

mine the best headquarters for the township's library.

The fate of the building became a hot political council when the previous township council sold the building and property to a private group that planned to build apartments for seniors. The Wellesley Township Ratepayers Association forced council to reverse its decision by obtaining a Supreme Court ruling that residential development could not be built on an institutional property.

The building currently houses a library, the township's historical society, the township arts council and a teen drop-in centre.

The survey was sent to 5,000 residents. About 32 per cent of the 587 respondents indicated that they use

the Wellesley library and about 40 per cent of respondents favored maintaining the old schoolhouse as the best site for the library. Another 40 per cent favor a relocation to Wellesley public school, but there was little support for spending municipal tax dollars at either location.

The schoolhouse received a professional appraisal Aug. 19 and a detailed report will be forthcoming, LACAC chairman Pat McKegney told the library steering committee.

Ian Woods, chartered surveyor for I.K. Woods and Partnerships of Markham was impressed with the remarkable condition of the building, said McKegney, and it appears the structure is "more valuable than we thought."

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For Ross, life is a carnival... in miniature

by Kelly Daynard

Wellesley - To the majority of people in the village of Wellesley, Ross Kelterborn is their representative on township council. He is also the person who has the rather unusual lawn ornament - an actual, working carousel.

What most of these people don't know, though, is that Kelterborn is also an artist. Housed in his basement is a magical group of creations that any child - or even child-at-heart - would envy. Kelterborn has built a miniature working midway in his recreation room - complete with two carousels, a ferris wheel and a "swinger".

As a young boy, growing up in the Wellesley area, Kelterborn was always interested in horses. When the fair came to Wellesley each fall, Kelterborn recalls "being flabbergasted by the beautiful horses on the carousel."

Each year, he remembered, the Joyce Brothers would bring their midway rides to the fairs at Wellesley, New Hamburg and Tavistock. He can even picture where the rides would sit on the fairgrounds and how he felt when he rode them.

Occasionally, though, the Joyce Brothers were unavailable for the fall fairs and a replacement exhibitor would bring his carousel in. Kelterborn remembers these years as well - because the carousel, which was a little less spectacular, would be set up in a different location for those fairs.

This interest in carousels grew as Kelterborn grew older and he never forgot the intrigue that he felt as a child, riding those magnificent horses.

Eventually, Kelterborn decided that it might be fun to have a carousel of his own. After travelling across Ontario and the northern United States looking for the perfect acquisition, Kelterborn was notified, by some family members, about a carousel in London, Ontario. He became even more intrigued with the merry-go-round when he discovered that it was this very same carousel that had been used in Wellesley during the years that the Joyce Brothers weren't available. The last time this carousel was at the Wellesley fair was about 1952 or 1953.

Kelterborn said that the carousel - an Allan Herschell model built between the years of 1930 and 1940 - hadn't been used in about 20 years. Many pieces were missing or in disrepair. The horses had also all been sold.

Kelterborn could see its potential though and purchased it. At this point, the project took on a greater spectrum. Students at North Western Secondary School in Stratford, where Kelterborn teaches, also got involved. Students in the machine shop, as part of their course, learned how to repair the crank shafts and gears while the art students appreciated the chance to create beautiful murals on the top of the carousel, on the rounding boards, depicting various types of carousel horses complete with the name of their designers.

Kelterborn then had to start hunting for horses. He purchased all new aluminum ones, which, although they don't have the



Life is a merry-go-round

Ross Kelterborn of Wellesley grew up admiring the beautiful horses that graced the carousel at the Wellesley fairs. Now, he not only has his own carousel, but he builds miniature ones as well. (Photo by Kelly Daynard)

antiquity that wooden ones do, "still give as good a ride." Along with the help of his daughter Kim, Kelterborn then began painting the magnificent creatures so that they would look like the original wooden ones once did.

For some, rebuilding an entire carousel might seem like challenge enough for a hobbyist, but this was only the beginning. About eight years ago, Kelterborn decided to try building a carousel in miniature - using only scrap materials and wood. This is now only one of a group of miniatures that he has since created - replicating the entire midway which once graced the Wellesley fair grounds.

Kelterborn laughs when he mentions that he didn't use any plans or photographs for his projects. He simply relied on the memories of the times he spent riding the rides to recreate the miniatures. Today, he has the two carousels, one ferris wheel and a ride called "The Swinger" in his basement. All four run just like their life-sized counterparts, and have actual riders, working

year, the event was held in Binghamton, New York. What makes this place unique, Kelterborn explained, is that during the 1920's and 1930's, a man bought eight carousels and put them in the city's parks. All that was needed to take a ride was a piece of litter. Today, this tradition has continued with the six remaining carousels and is so popular that there is never any litter in the parks. The remaining carousels have also been restored to their original splendor and are absolutely spectacular, Kelterborn commented. He added, "The painting on them was just out of this world."

Kelterborn has also become very knowledgeable, through his extensive research, on the different types of horses that are used on carousels. Looking at different horses now, he said is like differentiating between types of vehicles. "When you get to know carousel horses, you get to know them like a Ford, or Chev, or whatever."

Many of the horses made by these different carvers are represented on his miniature creations. In explaining the finer points of his rides, Kelterborn points out horses in the Stein and Goldstein tradition, horses by John Zalar, Allan Herschell and others. His favourite carver, said Kelterborn, was Gustave Dentzel, whose horses looked extremely pleasant and had great muscular detail. Kelterborn added, "He was just a better carver."

Kelterborn gets great pleasure out of working on his projects but said that nothing is more rewarding than seeing a child's face when they take a ride on the carousel in his yard. Each year, Kelterborn gives rides on his carousel during the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival and has hosted birthday parties, benefits, and graduation parties for the Wellesley preschool classes. Said Kelterborn, "I enjoy seeing young people enjoy it." He added that their reactions mirror his as a young boy. When they get on, and sit down, they immediately look up to see exactly how the horses are run. As a young boy too, Kelterborn said that he never imagined ever being able to own one of the rides he admired so much. "I never dreamed that I would be able to do this."

It isn't just the horses that make the carousel. It's a combination of several key ingredients - the music, the people, the children, the up and down motion of the horses and the actual carousel. Kelterborn said that it takes all of these components to make a carousel ride a success.

Owning and operating the carousel also wouldn't be possible without the help of family, friends and neighbours. It is his family, friends and neighbours, that helped him to build the beautiful creation that now adorns his yard. It is these same people that help staff the ride during events such as the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival. This year, about 1,500 riders took the opportunity with all proceeds being returned to the festival committee. As for his neighbours, Kelterborn said, "I hope they like it." (Continued on page 2)

Sisters of St. Joseph of Hamilton MISSION LEGACY AWARD

PURPOSE

This prestigious award recognizes key individuals who have contributed to the health care ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Hamilton, St. Mary's Health System (SHS) and/or St. Joseph's Resource Development.

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Caring, healing and helping for

by Kelly Daynard

Wellesley - "To cure sometimes, to relieve often, to comfort always".

While Doctor Sellers of Wellesley isn't sure where this motto came from, he has always used it as a way to run his medical practice, during the more than 40 years he worked in Wellesley.

Dr. Seller's retirement as of September 1 will leave a hole in the Wellesley community that will be hard to replace - although daughter, Dr. Laurie Sellers; his former partner, Dr. J.H. Finn and Finn's son, Dr. Brian Finn are certainly going to do their best.

Sellers, an only child, was born in Huron County where his father was a school teacher. After grade nine, his family moved to Breslau where he attended Kitchener Collegiate Institute until 1945.

While in high school, he met his future wife June, from St. Jacobs. The two were married in Sellers' last year of medical school, in 1950.

After high school, Sellers entered a two year pre-med course at the University of Waterloo. In high school, he said that he had taken a lot of sciences which had oriented him towards a medical or engineering career.

After much thought, he decided to enter medicine adding that, "I wish I could tell you that I wanted to be a doctor since age five but that's not true."

Dr. Sellers graduated in 1951. He interned at KW Hospital in 1951 and 1952 and while there, was asked by Dr. Verville, the Wellesley doctor to temporarily fill in for him.

The move to Wellesley

Sellers worked in Wellesley for a few weeks and found himself liking the small town. When Verville left Wellesley, Sellers along with a fellow medical student and friend, Dr. J.H. Finn, decided to re-establish the practice.

In those early years, the doctors' office was located in the building on the corner of William and Queen Streets, where Cook's Pharmacy is now located. The C.I.B.C. was housed in the front, with the doctors occupying three small rooms - a waiting room, examining room and dispensary - at the side.

At the same time, they opened up clinics in Millbank and St. Jacobs so when the one partner was working in the small Wellesley office, the other would be visiting one of the other locations.

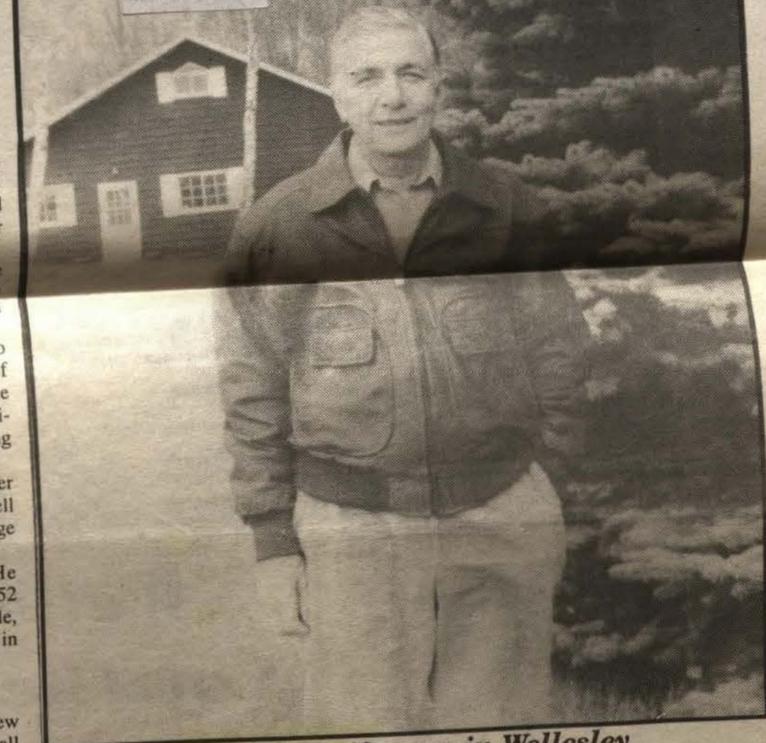
After about nine years of working in that arrangement, the two built their present office in 1961 which had room for both of them working at once. They were then able to close down the two smaller clinics.

There was also one of the first modern clinics in the area. At that time, many doctors had their clinics in their homes.

This new clinic, with its 1,600 square feet of space, had six examining rooms, two

Dr. Clayton Sellers*

Dr. Sellers held medical privileges at St. Mary's General Hospital from 1952 - 1993. He practiced medicine at St. Mary's in a manner that embraced the Hospital's values by living his motto: "to heal sometimes, to comfort always." He emulated the example set by the Sisters, caring for indigent patients before the introduction of universal health care in Ontario.



More than 40 years in Wellesley

Dr. Clayton Sellers has recently retired after serving as one of Wellesley's family practitioners for more than 40 years. He plans to fill his retirement by spending time with his family and enjoying his many hobbies. Here, he is shown with one of his hobbies, the trees that he loves to plant.

consulting rooms as well as a dispensary. Before the drug store came to town, Sellers explained that they dispensed much of their medicine themselves.

The practice has also undergone a lot of changes. Sellers said that it went from being "a busy one man practice to a busy two man practice."

Originally, the clinic was open from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 10 p.m. or often later. No appointments were necessary and the doctors were also on call for 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Said Sellers, "Not many communities had that kind of service." June often received phone calls at night asking about her husband's hours. She always replied in the same way telling these callers that, "they work until they're finished."

Useful telephone system

The phone service in Wellesley played a

unique role in the doctors' early business. The operator of the Wellesley telephone system knew the doctors and when they went away at nights, they could inform the operator of their location in case of an emergency.

One night, while June was sleeping, an emergency call came in for Dr. Sellers who had already been called out. Not knowing where he was, June contacted the operator who was able to recall where the last call had been from - and thus, where Sellers would be.

Sellers also noted the incredible changes that have occurred in medicine. Keeping abreast of these evolutions required constant reading as well as trips to medical conventions.

Newer diagnostic techniques have really aided doctors, Sellers said. Once exploratory surgery was a common method of determining what the problem was.



Stringing the lights

Wellesley held its annual Tree lighting ceremony on December 11. Prior to the ceremony, members of the Wellesley Lions Club - including (from left) Gerry Bowes, Gary Leis and Alan Jones - helped to string the lights and ready the tree. At the ceremony, students from Wellesley Public School sang carols, updates on the Meals on Wheels and Transit van were given and local residents enjoyed hot apple cider. To date, the campaign has raised about \$1,300. Christmas lights are on sale until the end of the year. See the January edition of On the Pond for photos of the event.

Eagle's Eye

by Brandon Leis

The following is the first of a series of monthly columns by Wellesley Public School's Students' Council president

Life at Wellesley Public School is rather exciting. The students enjoy most of the things that go on around here.

Our school has lots of neat things that we can do. Every lunch hour, something is happening. We have Intramurals for grades four and up almost every day. We have a three on three basketball tournament for grades six to eight.

We also have organized teams. From the end of October until Christmas break, we have volleyball. From the end of January until the middle of March, we have basket-

ball. A lot of students participate in these events.

We have one special day each month. So far this year, we have had "Spirit Week" and a "Dress-up Day". During spirit week we had fun-filled activities every single day of the week. On dress-up day, many wore fancy clothes. Mrs. Nowak even wore her high school prom dress! These days are always fun for us students.

The teachers here are really great, too. We learn a lot of things from them. (I guess that's what we go to school for!) With all the exciting things going on here, we sometimes forget we're made to go to school. All in all, this school is great.

Local 4-H Clubs recognized

The Wellesley and District Board of Trade hosted the Wilmot-Wellesley 4-H Rabbit Club and the Wellesley Dairy 4-H club for an annual awards banquet on November 3, at the Wellesley Community Centre. Guest speaker was Karen Howling, Ontario Dairy Educator and president of the Waterloo 4-H Association.

Twenty-three of the 25 rabbit club members were in attendance along with three leaders Pat Snyder, Dave Bearinger and Wendy Richardson.

Trophies were presented from the New Hamburg 4-H Rabbit Show at the Fall Fair in September as follows: best does - first,

St. Jacobs K-W Rabbit Breeder's show was presented to Melissa Ferber.

The rabbit club also extended a thank you to those people and businesses in our community who make these awards possible - Dr. Derek Emmerson, Leis Feed in Wellesley, Wilmot Agricultural Society, B-W Feed and Seed in New Hamburg and the Wellesley Feed Mill.

The dairy club, with leaders Brian Jantzi and Leonard Koch had ten members present at the awards. They included Patrick Erb, Tim Gerber, Seth Heintz, Cory Jantzi, Jeremy Jantzi, Ricky Koch, Brad Lichti,

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Mabel retires from Post Office

by Kelly Daynard

Wellesley - Wellesley residents are going to notice a big difference in their upcoming visits to the Wellesley Post Office.

After nineteen years of service, Mabel Raddatz has retired.

Mabel began working in a time when first class stamps cost eight cents and third rate mail cost six cents. She retired when the cost of these same stamps had jumped more than 600 per cent!

Raddatz, who grew up in New Hamburg, moved to Wellesley with her husband Alfred 25 years ago.

At the time that an opening came up at the Wellesley P.O., Raddatz was working in Waterloo on an electronic assembly line. She said that a friend convinced her to apply for the job and after much consideration, she did just that.

She chuckles when she remarks that if anyone had told her in 1975 when she started that she'd be here 19 years later, she would have thought they were crazy.



19 years of service

After a career spanning 19 years at the Wellesley Post Office, Mabel Raddatz has retired. (Photo by Kelly Daynard)

Raddatz retired on July 22 - 19 years and one day after she first began. She put in that extra day, she remarked, just to ensure that she made everything official.

Raddatz has enjoyed her years of work and said that her job has enabled her to get to know a large majority of the population of her home village. She not only learns about people and their jobs, but she has come to know their families, as well, over the years of service.

said that she has received some criticism over the postal service. In small towns though, she feels that there is less of this. Said Raddatz, "In a small post office, I think most people feel they get good service and we always try to do our best."

Raddatz said that she has been considering the possibility of retirement for several years; her husband is already retired. At one point she asked a friend how she would know when it was time to retire. That friend, she said with a smile, told her that "your body will tell you." And, while she insists that she still has plenty of energy for future endeavors, she did finally come to the realization that it was time to leave.

Raddatz said that the post office has provided her with a lot of enjoyment - and a few more dangerous moments. Her most memorable experience, she reminisced, was the time she almost set the post office on fire. She explained that at that time, an old oil stove heated the facility. One Saturday morning (when there was still Saturday service), she arrived, lit the stove and then promptly forgot about it.

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iting with them over the counter. This every-day contact with the local residents is also what Raddatz believes she is going to miss most, after walking out that door on her last official day.

Not that there has been a lot of time for visiting. Raddatz said that one of the most significant changes she has seen - aside from the soaring postal rates - is the amount of work that needs to be done in the small building.

A lot of this work, she said, has resulted from the growing size of Wellesley village which has increased substantially in recent years.

While Raddatz has always been categorized as a part time Canada Post employee, she said that she has been given a lot of chances to further her career - both in Wellesley and in other locations. She has been offered the opportunity of a transfer many times but she always turned down such requests in favour of staying in the familiar setting.

And, while in Wellesley, she has served as acting postmaster numerous times while postmaster was away. These opportunities, she said, have been enjoyable and educational.

When asked about people's reactions to her work with Canada Post, Raddatz

A little later, she looked up to see the stove pipe "red hot". Frantic, she ran next door to the implement dealer where she knew a volunteer firefighter was employed. They were able to get things cooled down but for a while, "the black smoke certainly rose from that building."

Said Raddatz, "I had visions of grabbing as much as I could and running out the back door." She added, "It was exciting. It really was."

And, while it was frightening at the time, she remarked with a chuckle, "We laughed a lot about it after."

Raddatz has no big plans for retirement. She hopes to do some travelling and she plans on spending some time with her family - including her son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren who live in Kitchener.

Before leaving, she was overwhelmed with a large surprise party, held at the home of the Wellesley postmaster. There, she said that she was surprised by her friends, family, neighbours and fellow postal employees. She added, "It was a shock. It really was."

With her warm smile and friendly manner in the post office, Raddatz will be missed.

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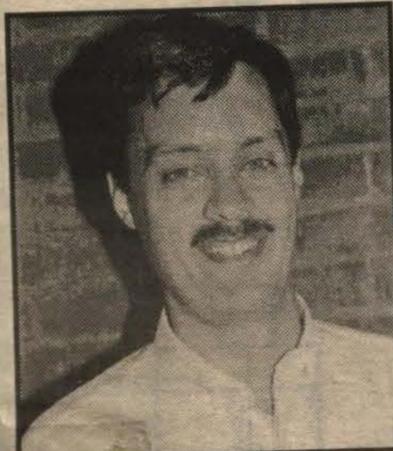
Wellesley/North Easthope Ambassador
Tracey Bender of Wellesley (front, left) was crowned the Fall Fair Ambassador of the Wellesley/North Easthope Agricultural Society. Shown with her are (front, right) 1993 Ambassador Melanie Gerber and (back from left) contestants Jenny Lets, Gretchen Hall, Heather Koch and Angela Buehrle. (Photo by Kelly Daynard)

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New Minister

Wellesley - St. Mark Lutheran Church in Wellesley has welcomed Pastor Rick Pryce into its congregation.

Pryce, who began his new place-



Rick Pryce

ment at the beginning of August, was installed on September 11, in a special ceremony. The Rev. Mike Pryce, Assistant to the Bishop, officiated at the service.

Pryce was raised in Michigan and moved to Canada in the autumn of 1982 to work as a youth minister.

In 1985, he entered Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and was ordained in June of 1989.

He then moved to Collingwood where he helped to establish a new congregation - a job, which he said, was both challenging and rewarding.

He worked in Collingwood until being offered the parish of St. Mark in Wellesley.

Both Rick, and wife Deborah who is self employed as a free-lance renderer, are looking forward to forming roots in the Wellesley community.

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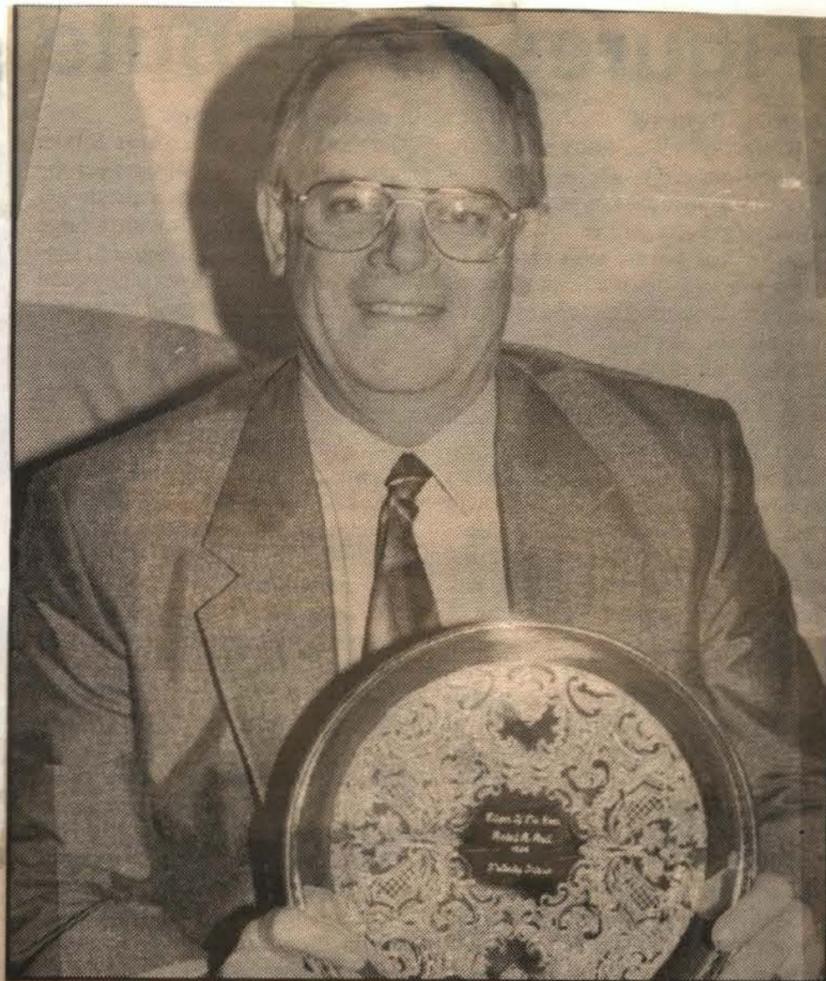


A Carousel creation

Wellesley councillor Ross Kelterborn brought his love of musical carousels into the straw hat decorating competition at the Wellesley Fall Fair recently. Here, he makes a final check on his hat - modelled by wife Marg, before presenting it to the crowd. The hat came complete with lights and musical accompaniment. (Photo by Kelly Daynard)

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Citizen of the Year

Bob Reid has been chosen as **Wellesley's 1994 Citizen of the Year**. He is shown here with the plaque he was presented with at the recent Valentine's Ball.

Bob Reid named Citizen of the Year

by Kelly Daynard

Wellesley - Bob Reid is Wellesley's Citizen of the Year for 1994. Reid received his award from the Wellesley and District Chamber of Commerce.

A resident of the community for 18 years, Reid is currently in his second year as chair of the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival Committee. He has been a member of the committee for about 16 years.

Reid is also president of the Wellesley and District Lions Club and has been a member of that association since he first moved to Wellesley.

Reid is also serving his second term as chair of First St. Paul's Lutheran

Church.

Sports are also an interest of Reid's who is an Executive member of the Wellesley AppleJacks Junior "D" team. At home games, Reid helps with time keeping.

In the past, Reid has served as hockey trainer for the local minor sports association; has played intermediate fastball; has played slow pitch and, last year, was assistant coach of the Wellesley Pioneers team.

Said Reid, "When involved with volunteer work, you're not generally looking for praise or thanks or anything like that but when they recognize you, it's always an honour."

Five generations of cheese fans

by Kelly Daynard

Wellesley - The saying "Cheese Please" could very well have been coined by George Bast. After all, Bast, and prior to him his father, grandfather and great grandfather, have all dedicated much of their lives to the cheese business - and a very successful business it has proved to be.

The family tradition first began in 1867 when Bast's great grandfather, Conrad Streicher, built a cheese factory on the corner of his farm, in the spot where the vacant J.M. Schneider plant is now located.

Streicher ran the factory for a number of years before selling it. It was only a few years later, however, that the new owner declared bankruptcy and Streicher regained ownership of the plant. From Streicher, management passed on to Bast's grandfather and finally his mother and father. Bast's parents, however, were not able to run both a successful farm, and the cheese operation, and so sold it. It later became the Wellesley Cheese and Butter Company, owned by J.M. Schneider.

Bast's parents were not ready to abandon the business completely. They began attending the Farmer's Market, selling cheese there on a regular basis. They aged cheddar and made cook cheese at home and bought the rest for sales at the market.

Bast began working at the farmer's



point, he was told that he would never walk or use one of his arms again. Today, he has defied the odds and is walking and using his arm.

In 1987, Bast's daughter Mary Jane purchased the business from her parents. She operated out of the Belmont Avenue location until moving to New Hamburg in 1992. With the move, the business was renamed Kasemann Curds and Whey. Since then, another of Bast's daughters, Sharon Hammer has joined her sister in the partnership. Another business, the Countryside Shopette, has also been added to the operation.

Bast's wife, Darlene, helps out in the stores on a regular basis. Bast is pleased about his family's determination to continue the family-run operation. He also helps out when possible.

On Friday afternoons, he has reopened the Wellesley shop and will do this until Christmas. He also enjoys his visits to the Farmer's Markets with his daughters. Mary Jane works at the Kitchener Farmer's Market while Sharon attends the Waterloo Market.

Son George Bast Jr. has also become involved, on his own, in the cheese business, wholesaling the product and selling at the Waterloo Market.

Three other children - Bonnie, Cathy and James and nine grandchildren comprise the remainder of the Bast family.

volunteers at nursing homes in Milverton and Brunner, playing the piano and visiting residents at both. She also plays the organ for funerals at Futher Bros. in Wellesley.

While she was still working in Waterloo, Koch also taught piano - having up to 26 pupils at one point in time.

And playing the organ and piano is far from all Koch does. She serves on the auxiliary of Nithview Home in New Hamburg, volunteers with her church at SelfHelp store in New Hamburg and serves on the Stewards of the Christian Home at her church.

She delivers Meals on Wheels and has done so for more than 15 years, is on the Arts council, the Wellesley Historical Society, the Wellesley Horticultural Society and volunteers for the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival each year.

In what free time she has, she helps with various catering services and still finds time to bowl on a regular basis with a seniors group.

In the fall, Koch enjoys participating in the Wellesley/North Easthope fall fair. She exhibits everything from antiques to flowers and said that she has competed in fairs since she was in school. The T. Eaton trophy on her mantle, dated 1935, attests to this interest. In 1935, she was the winner of the public speaking competition at their school fair.

One of her proudest wins, however, was actually that of her daughters who, in 1953 was chosen Baby of the Year at the local fall fair.

She is also active in other church and community organizations but finds it hard to remember them all.

In 1986, the Wellesley community recognized Koch's abilities by naming her Citizen of the Year. But even that night wasn't a vacation for Koch. She helped to serve the meal at the annual Board of Trade dinner and was shocked when her name was called as the recipient of the yearly award.

Family is very important to Koch. Her husband died about 20 years ago and Koch said that she, her children and their families are very close. Her oldest son, Rodney, lives in Saskatoon and works as a geophysicist and geologist. He is married to Pui Mun (Irene) who is a fashion designer. The couple have two children - Christine, age 11 and Kimberly, age 5.

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from many of the doctors' patients. Some want to visit. Others know that Koch can be called upon to offer rides or help with other errands.

While Koch knew that she'd miss the patients, she didn't realize that they would miss her as much as they do. Said Koch, "I didn't believe I endeared myself to the people like I did." Even today, she enjoys dropping into the office to visit her former co-workers and friends.

Retiring hasn't slowed Koch down at all. She has been the full time organist at St. Marks Lutheran Church in Wellesley for 36 years and served on a part time basis even before that. She

planned on working anymore, she was asked to work on an occasional basis at the C.I.B.C. in Wellesley. She finally agreed and began by working one day each month. This increased to two days each month, then once a week, twice a week, three times a week and finally full time hours.

In 1967, Koch was approached by Dr. Sellers in Wellesley about coming to work as a receptionist for him and Dr. Finn. Twenty-six years later, in December of 1993, Hilda retired from her work at the doctors' office.

Koch admits that she misses this work because she loved what she was doing. Even today, she still gets calls

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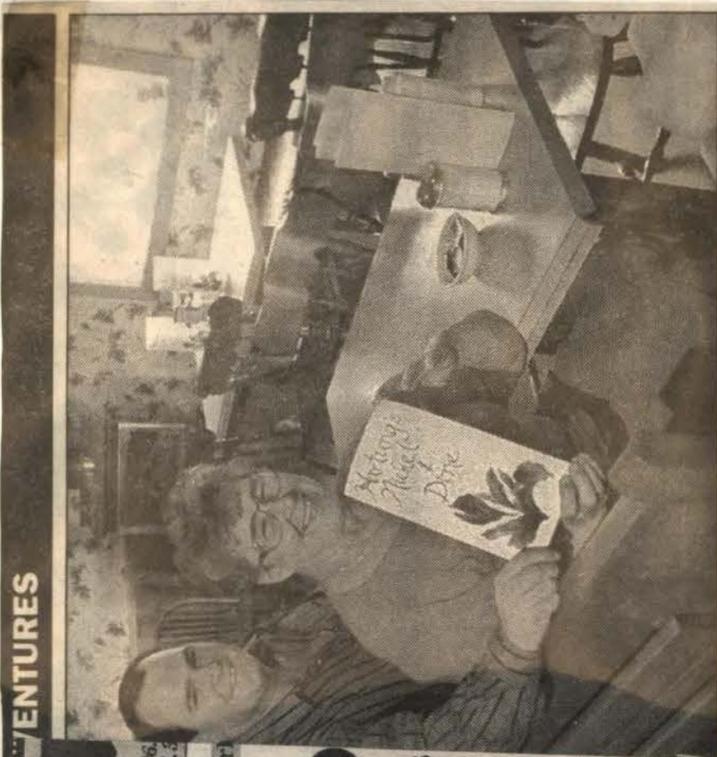
Coldwell Banker joined hands to form one of the country's largest real estate operations, with 5,500 staff and annual sales of more than \$5 billion. The local brokerage has three offices located in the Westmount Plaza in Waterloo, on King Street East in Kitchener, across from Rockway Gardens, and on University Avenue East in Waterloo at Bridge Street.

Staff grows

In October 1983, Canada Trust had 91 staff in five corporate offices in Kitchener-Waterloo and New Hamburg, while Coldwell Banker already had 46 sales staff in its two Kitchener-Waterloo brokerages.

Frances sit in the restaurant portion of the Nickel & Dine in Wellesley. arates the combination variety store and restaurant with brother Paul.

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get everyone talking The couple, who have lived in Wellesley since 52, have four sons between ages 36 and 44 and 22 grandchildren. Two sons live in Wellesley, one in Elmira and the other in Montreal.

**Tuesday Night
February 20.**

The draw was Saturday, but it wasn't until Sunday evening — as the couple watched the Super Bowl on television — that Helen decided to check their ticket against the numbers in the newspaper her husband was reading.

"I looked at it. I looked at it again. And I looked at it again."

Then she told her husband, "You might as well put the paper down. I've got something here you should see."

We'll earn and asked him to come over.

"I thought my eyes were deceiving me," she said.



John and Helen Finm of Wellesley hold their cheque for \$2,500,126 in Toronto on Monday after winning the Lotto 6/49.

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market alongside his parents when he was 12 years of age. Following high school, Bast attended teacher's college and continued in this career until 1963, teaching first in Ratzburg and then later in Hespeler and Bridgeport.

In the back of his mind, however, he always considered the possibility of opening up his own cheese shop. By 1963, Bast was helping his parents as well as teaching and decided to take a year's leave of absence from teaching to see if he could make a living selling cheese.

He never returned to teaching. It wasn't long before Bast opened his first cheese shop, on Lancaster Street in Kitchener. Lineups at the Farmer's Market had become so long that Bast knew there was a good market for such a store. And while opening the store didn't seem to increase the market's business, the shop was an immediate success. Expanding his business the Käsemann and Speciality Shop resulted in him realizing that the Bast Shop wasn't original enough

Lifelong Cheese Man

George Bast of Wellesley is the fourth generation of his family to work in the Cheese industry. Although he has since sold his business to his daughters, he still enjoys attending the Farmer's Market with them, to visit the many friends he has made over the years. He is shown here with some of the many cheeses, he still sells part time, out of his William Street location. (Photo by Kelly Daynard)

for a title. Käsemann, explained Bast, means "Cheese Man" in German and he still has many people refer to him as the Cheese Man when he is working at the market.

The store was located on Lancaster for five years until being relocated to Belmont Avenue.

In 1976, Bast and his wife, Darlene, built their original-looking, Bavarian-style home on William Street South, in Wellesley. Their home is located on the site of an old frame storage building, once used by the Wellesley Woolen Mill operation.

In receiving permission to tear the old building down, the Basts promised to rebuild a structure similar in appearance. As a result, their home and the front store area is the same size as the original, is three floors in height and stands on stilts.

They were also able to use much of the old structure in their new home. Huge wooden beams are used throughout the home - some of them signed by former employees of the mill - and wooden wainscotting, in the livingroom and dining room are made of barnboard from the old barn. Windows from the building were also turned into mirrors.

Upon completion of construction, the Basts moved into their new, and unique home. They also started up a cheese shop in the front of the building to cater to local customers.

In 1986, Bast learned that he had a brain tumour and was forced to close down his home business. He has since gone through five major surgeries and is awaiting his sixth.

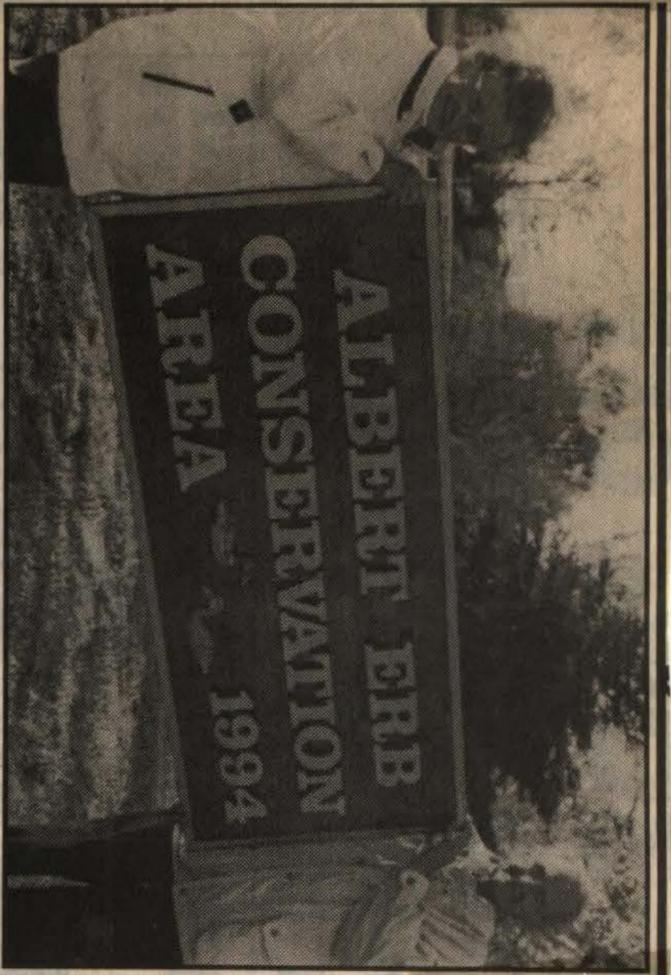
He has never been one to let adversity overwhelm him, however. At one

While Bast is no longer able to do a lot of work at the market, he enjoys the chance to maintain the many friendships he has made over the years. One customer has been a patron of their stall at the market for more than 30 years. When she is unable to get out, her daughter will shop there for her. Said Bast, "The relationship with the people has really been the best part." Customers, he explained, appreciate the one-on-one service. He added that many of them know his love of humour and make a point of providing him with new jokes for him to enjoy during their visits.

During his illness, these friends have also expressed sincere concern over his condition and he has reciprocated, in turn, when he has learned of a customer/friend's illness.

With his year's of expertise in the cheese business, Bast was asked what he considers to be the very best cheese on the market. "Old Cheddar", he immediately remarked.

"People come from miles around to get it."



A special dedication

In a special ceremony this month, sponsored by the Wellesley and Area Board of Trade, the park in Wellesley was named the Albert Erb Conservation Area. The dedication recognized Erb's years of work in beautifying the pond-side area. Here, an overwhelmed Erb, and his wife Irene, stand with the sign which will be mounted in the park. (Photo by Kelly Daynard)



New transit vehicle

Gerry Bowes, Co-ordinator of the Wellesley Tree of Light campaign, and Cheryl Fisher, Transit Manager, pose in front of the new Kiwanis Transit / Wellesley Township Specialized Transit Vehicle. The vehicle was on display at the annual Tree of Light ceremony, held on December 8 in extremely cold weather conditions. Money raised in the annual campaign, sponsored by the Wellesley Lions Club, goes towards the new bus. In recent years funds donated by the three township Lions clubs have purchased the new vehicle. (Photo by Jana Miller)

Community rallies around fire victims

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As parents or other caregivers came to the school to pick up their children, they were required to sign them out, giving the school an exact record of where each student was. This, said principal Gerry Peters, came in extremely handy because several distraught parents, not knowing about the fire, returned home to discover their children missing. Because of their lists, Peters said that they could tell these parents exactly where their children were. Said Peters, "They had a good feeling about how their children were being looked

after."
Remarkable community response
 The community response to the needs of the fire victims has also been nothing short of remarkable. Within an hour of the fire igniting, volunteers were on hand providing coffee and doughnuts to firefighters, fire victims and other volunteers assisting at the blaze.
 The Wellesley Lions Club, who had scheduled their Christmas dinner for that evening, cancelled their dinner and gave the meals to the firefighters who were busy

fighting the blaze. As a result, said Futher, each firefighter had a hot meal that night - something that was deeply appreciated.
 The Optimist Club and the Wellesley and District Board of Trade, as well as the local restaurants, also came to the cause immediately, donating funds to be used in the emergency. Wellesley Township also donated \$1,000 to be used for immediate use.
 Henry Brick, a spokesman for the many service clubs, said that by the end of the first day, \$1,600 had been collected for the fire victims. Said Brick, "We went home knowing that if people needed something, we could provide it."

Centre, the week of December 12 to 14 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 Building owner Ed Runstedler, speaking on the day after the fire, credited the community for coming to the aid of the fire victims so quickly and thoroughly. Runstedler described his state of mind at that time as being a "little bit stunned" and said that he and wife Marg have yet to decide what they will be doing. The couple are staying with neighbours for the current time.

Historic building
 The large structure, at 48 Queen Street east was said to be the oldest brick building in the township, dating from 1848. It was built by John Zoeger who operated it as the Wellesley Hotel and as a general store. The Georgian structure was also the village's third post office as of 1955 and, in more recent years was run as Kennel's grocery store and an egg grading station, before being converted to apartments. At one time it is also said to have been used as a church and an opera house.



Eagle's Eye

by Johanna VanderMaas and Anna LePage
 'Tis the season to be jolly. Many students here at Wellesley tuned up their Christmas voices for the Tree of Lights. Several students performed there on the evening of December 9.
 Another way Wellesley school has shown its Christmas spirit is by...

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THICK SMOKE — Thick, toxic smoke often drove firefighters back from the fire several times. The smoke was caused by the timbers, propane, and other materials burning inside the apartment building. The smoke could be seen for a distance outside of the village.

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Wellesley Township Mayor Frank Friedmann poses in front of his Linwood home, located across the street from the house he grew up in.

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Friedmann's forte is stability

Continuity. It's a good word to describe the life of Frank Friedmann.

The mayor of Wellesley Township resides right across the street from the Linwood house he grew up in and where his mother, Mabel, lives still. Friedmann and his wife, Florence, have lived there since soon after they were married in 1957 and, apart from a two-year stint in Alberta when Frank helped build the Trans-Canada Highway, the couple has always lived in Linwood. That commitment to Wellesley Township, located northwest of Kitchener-Waterloo, probably helped Friedmann get elected mayor, first in 1991, and for a second term in November. He decided to run for mayor after he was fired from his job as township road superintendent — a post he had held for 21 years. Friedmann said he was never given a good explanation for the dismissal, which he put down to a personality conflict with then-mayor Albert Erb.

“It was just politics,” he said. “I don't think I was popular with the politicians.” But Friedmann, 61, said his experience in municipal works has stood him in good stead during his term as mayor. He also served as a councillor and deputy-reeve in the 1960s. His father, Simon Friedmann, who died in 1981, held the same positions in Wellesley between 1945 and 1965, and his mother, now 95, continues to follow local poli-



tics with interest. While in office, Friedmann said, he has tried to restore stability to a township previously divided over the future of the Old Schoolhouse in Wellesley village. The building currently houses the township library, but there were once plans to sell it for use as seniors' apartments. That idea was dropped because of strong local opposition. Among the accomplishments Friedmann lists during the last term of council are the establishment of a water system in St. Clements, expansion of the sewage treatment plant in Wellesley village, and the completion of extensive road work in those two communities.

Because he is retired, Friedmann has time to devote to the mayor's post, which includes serving on regional council, five regional committees and the board of the Waterloo North Hydro Commission.

“I don't like to play political games,” he said. “I like to give what's on my mind as the answer.” “You've got to be able to bring a sense of humor to politics. You've got to be able to laugh at yourself once in a while.”

Friedmann is also a founding member and past-president of the Linwood and District Lions Club, which is currently raising money to replace the aging Linwood Community Centre.

The challenge for council in the next three years, Friedmann said, will be to maintain current levels of municipal service while avoiding tax hikes.

“It is a delicate balancing act,” he said. “We need wise spending and cutbacks in non-mandatory areas.”

One of those areas is recreation and the Lions fund-raising effort, he said, is an example of how recreation projects may have to be

- About Frank Friedmann**
- Favorite book:** The Wealthy Barber by David Chilton.
 - Favorite movie:** Home Alone. (“I watch it with the grandchildren.”)
 - Favorite food:** Steak.
 - Favorite music:** Everybody Loves Somebody Sometime.
 - Most admired person:** John F. Kennedy.
 - Pet peeve:** The NHL strike.

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Wellesley township is the home of oldest council chambers in region

by Kelly Daynard

Crosshill - In an era of rapid modernization; of old buildings being torn down and more contemporary structures erected, it is reassuring to know that some things have remained the same - for more than 140 years.

The Wellesley Township Council Chambers building, located in the hamlet of Crosshill, is one such example. Within the stone walls, council meetings have been conducted since 1855, under the authority of 22 different Reeves and mayors.

John Hawk, the founder of Hawkesville and one of the prominent early citizens of the township, was the first Reeve, serving from 1852 to 1853. At that time, in light of Hawk's political influence, meetings of council were in Hawkesville and that first council paid themselves six shillings, or three pence per sitting day.

In 1853, council was petitioned by John Greenwood and 34 other ratepayers who demanded that the Township

Hall be moved from Hawkesville to the more centrally located Crosshill.

Crosshill had been settled several years earlier, about 1846, by Hugh Hutchinson and William Hastings who had also done a survey of the village. Hutchinson named the village after his home in Ayrshire, Scotland and the village's situation, in a hilly area near the high point of the township, made its name appropriate.

In 1851, a census reports that a town hall, built of logs and twenty feet square, was already present in Crosshill and was used for a number of functions including religious services. It also likely served as a community hall for town meetings.

In the spring of 1853, during the reeveship of Adam Eschbach, council decided to auction the Hawkesville hall and build a new one in the geographic centre of the township, in Crosshill. Council minutes of Saturday, April 2, 1852, as documented in the Berlin Telegraph, state that a motion was



Oldest Regional municipal building

Wellesley Township's Council chamber, built in 1855 in Crosshill, is the oldest functioning municipal building in the Region of Waterloo. (Photo by Kelly Daynard)

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From encyclopedias to hamburgers

John Albrecht has lived his entire life in the Wellesley area first working as a farmer and later as a district representative for World Book Childcraft of Canada, selling the encyclopedia shown behind him. He is now enjoying a part time career as a customer service representative at McDonald's in Waterloo. (Photo by Kelly Daynard)

John Albrecht has roots in Wellesley

by Kelly Daynard

Wellesley - John Albrecht's heritage, in Wellesley township, goes back several generations. He was the third generation of his family to farm in Kingwood.

In fact, as he said in an interview, the first post office in Kingwood was run out of his grandparent's home. When the post office's grand opening was held, William McKenzie King, a young Member of Parliament for this area, was invited to cut the ribbon. Needing a name for the tiny hamlet in which the post office was located, community members decided to name it after the aspiring politician and thus, Kingwood was born.

Albrecht took over the farm from his father in 1957, working 100 acres as well as raising some pigs and a small dairy herd.

Before returning home to farm, Albrecht worked in Stratford, in the furniture department of Hutson's Department Store, a job he was pleased with.

In 1964, Albrecht met his future wife, Patricia, who had moved to the area from near Edmonton where she also grew up on a farm. The two were married the next year at First St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wellesley where they remained active members for many years, both serving on church council. Employed for many years as a Registered Nurse, Pat now works for a Rehabilitation company in Waterloo.

The couple have two sons. John, 28, lives in British Columbia where he is pursuing his education. George, 27, attends the University of Guelph.

In 1970, Albrecht sold the buildings and half his land and moved onto the remaining 50 acres where he continued to raise pigs.

At about that time, he also became interested in encyclopedias and since then, has been active in the World Book Childcraft of Canada company. He was employed as a District Representative for this company and still enjoys working with the business

on an occasional basis. Reflecting back on this career, Albrecht commented, "It was good to me."

While farming, Albrecht was also active as a 4-H club leader, teaching clubs in farm machinery, conservation and dairy and enjoyed his work with the local youth.

He was a member of the Soil and Crop Improvement Association where he helped organized the annual seed fair.

It was as a farmer that Albrecht joined the Wellesley and District Board of Trade in 1962. He served as secretary for a few years and is still a member.

Albrecht is also a past president of the Wellesley/North Easthope Agricultural Society and is a member of the Wellesley Horticultural Society.

The Albrechts are now members of the Waterloo Mennonite Brethren Church.

In 1983, Albrecht and his family moved off the farm and into Wellesley. Knowing that he wasn't ready to retire, Albrecht was soon employed, on a part time basis, at several different jobs. He worked at Pym's Village Market for several years, was the Wellesley Community Centre's custodian and maintained the grounds at the council chambers and council offices in Crosshill.

In 1989, Albrecht found a different job - one that he continues to enjoy. He works part time at McDonald's, in Waterloo, as a customer service rep and, out of all his previous jobs, he admits that this is about his favourite. "The nicest people eat there", Albrecht commented. Many of the customers are students from the local high schools and universities. Not only are they friendly, said Albrecht, but they always treat him with respect. Said Albrecht, "I think we shortchange our kids at times."

He also likes his co-workers and the food, he mentioned with a smile, is the best. Said Albrecht, "After eating there

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John Albrecht

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every working day for the last five years, I still enjoy the food!"

In his free time, Albrecht enjoys cooking, working around his home, gardening, and travelling. His favourite destination was Hawaii. The couple also enjoy dancing.

Albrecht believes that Wellesley is one of the nicest communities in Ontario. He wouldn't have spent his entire life in the area if he didn't hold that strong conviction.

Not only does the village have good stores, churches, a good school and excellent recreational facilities but Albrecht likes the mix between retired citizens and young people.

"There is a good mix of young with an element of retired people. We need to learn from each other and appreciate each other."

Said Albrecht, "It's a very friendly town," He added, "A lot of hard working people live here which makes for a good community."

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Wellesley artist Tony Urquhart was named as a member of the Order of Canada in a special ceremony in March at Rideau Hall, home of the Governor General. Wellesley Township Council recently recognized Urquhart's achievements by presenting him with this plaque. Urquhart (left) is shown with Mayor Frank Friedmann. (Photo by Kelly Daynard)

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WELLESLEY

Order of Canada a surprise for Urquhart

Being named to the Order of Canada has left artist Tony Urquhart uncharacteristically tongue-tied.

"I don't know what to say," Urquhart said over the phone from his Wellesley studio.

"Maybe I should prepare a press release or something," the affable artist and University of Waterloo professor added with a chuckle.

Urquhart, who looks much younger than his 60 years, joins a small, but distinguished, group of Canadian artists named to the order, including such prominent figures as Alex Colville and Christopher Pratt.

"I have to say it's very unexpected," Urquhart noted. "Most of the other artists have a much higher profile. I'm not exactly an Alex Colville."

The Order of Canada recognizes outstanding achievement and service in various fields, from sports

and the arts to business and politics.

Born in Niagara Falls, Ont., Urquhart became the second artist-in-residence at a Canadian university when he accepted a position in the fledgling fine arts department at the University of Western Ontario. While living in London, Ont., he became associated with a prestigious group of artists including the late Jack Chambers and Greg Curnoe, in addition to poet/playwright James Reaney.

He joined the fine arts department at the University of Waterloo in 1972.

Urquhart has established an international reputation with his drawings, paintings and renowned box constructions, all of which incorporate elements of landscape.

Urquhart is married to novelist Jane Urquhart, who recently won the \$10,000 Marian Engel Prize, awarded annually to a deserving Canadian writer in mid-career.

Urquhart is among the notable Canadians named to the order by Gov. Gen. Ray Hnatyshyn as one of his last official acts before stepping down.

Other well-known appointees to the rank of member, the order's lowest rank, include journalist/broadcaster Roy Bonisteel, CBC-TV reporter Joe Schlesinger and singer/songwriters Ian and Sylvia Tyson.

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OTTAWA Wellesley artist named to Order of Canada

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Promoted to the rank of companion were: Ellen Fairclough, Canada's first woman cabinet minister; Toronto arts patron Arthur Geiber and George Stanley, a former New Brunswick lieutenant-governor and the man who designed the Canadian flag.

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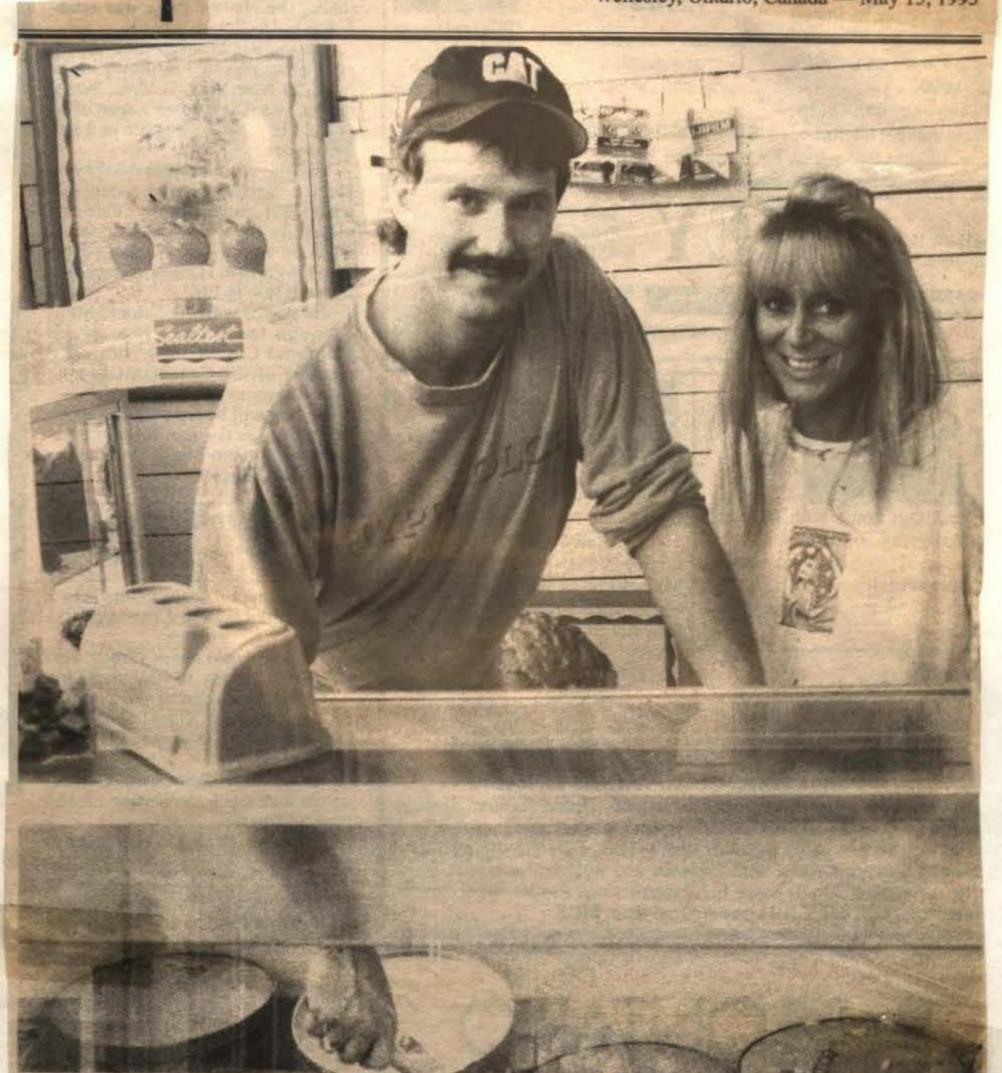
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OPEN LATE — Co-owner Paul Hartung, and Lynn Hewitt scoop up an ice cream cone at Hartung's Nickel and Dine in Wellesley. The store at 2 Queen Street East features a variety store and a restaurant. The variety store is open until 11pm, seven days a week.

HARTUNG'S NICKEL AND DINE

Wellesley variety store open late

Wellesley residents who need a late-night snack can drop by Hartung's Nickel and Dine, which is open until 11pm, seven days a week.

The store at 2 Queen Street East features a restaurant and a variety store. It is co-owned by Paul and Dale Hartung, both of Wellesley.

"It is something I have thought about for a long time," Paul Hartung said. "There was no variety store for people to go to in town. If they wanted something after the grocery store closed, they would have to go to the hardware store or the kitchen store."

Hartung said that business in the restaurant has picked up since the weather improved. The restaurant is situated in the back of the building, and has been extensively renovated.

Hartung said that he and Dale were both surprised at the amount of time required for a business. "You find out more as you go along," he said.

"Until you get into it you don't know what is involved."

Hartung is getting to know a lot of new people since opening in December. "I have never been that involved in town," Hartung said. "But now, with the business, I have met many nice people."

home. The restaurant is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 6:30am to 2pm; Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 6:30am to 8pm; and Sunday from 9am to 2pm. Closed on Mondays.

The variety store is open Monday through Saturday from 7:30am to 11pm; and Sunday, 9am to 11pm.

Hartung said that the store hopes to attract more customers now that baseball season has begun. Since most games end late at night, players could stop by the store on the way

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END OF AN ERA — Mervin and Lois Leis are retiring as custodians at the Linwood public school. Lois Leis wears the corsage presented to her by staff at a special breakfast on April 24.

WELLESLEY RESIDENTS

Couple retire after 26 years at Linwood public school

the first week in 25 years that his wife will not go to work with him.

Lois Leis retired Friday as a custodian at the school. Mervin will officially retire on June 30.

"It [working together] was great," Mervin Leis said. "We got up together, went to work together and went home, and we always got along well."

The couple, who live in Wellesley, were hired in 1969 as part of a plan by the board of education to hire spouses to work together.

They have worked with five principals; Doug Tanner, Dave Chalmers, Eldon Aldridge, Larry Hammond and Del Gingrich. Also, they are now seeing a second generation of students.

"You would need to go a long way to find a nicer group of students," Mervin Leis said. "This school stands tall in the community. It is like a home, and staff and the community work together."

An example Leis cited was a snowstorm, and the children were stranded at the school. Residents drove to the school on snowmobiles, picked up the children, and took them into their own houses for the night. The next day, a group of volunteers, including Lois Leis, made them food before they went home.

Although Mervin Leis has had numerous other job offers in Kitchener-Waterloo schools, he has remained in Linwood.

"I have no regrets in staying here," Leis said. "It's funny because when you are younger you dream of retirement and think it will never happen."

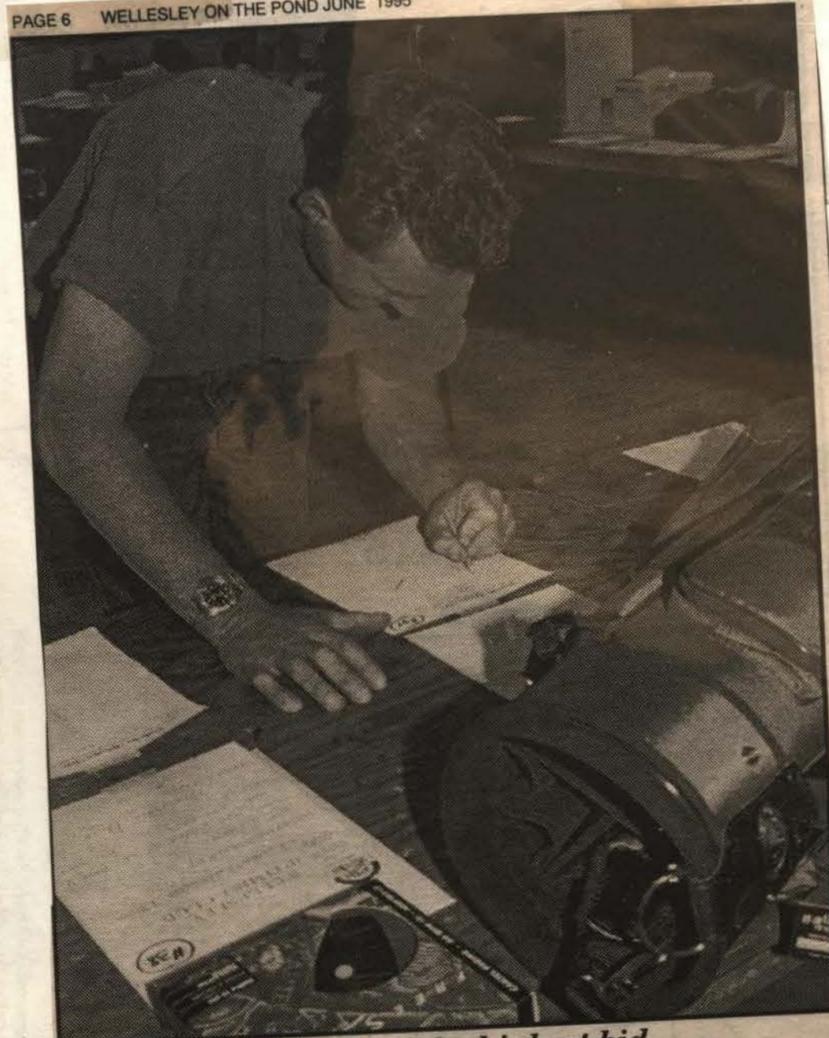
"But when it does, you learn you have to let go."

Lois Leis said that she will spend more time reading and knitting.

They have two sons and four granddaughters. Both sons have their father's interest in woodworking.

School staff held a farewell breakfast for Lois on April 24. An open house for the couple will also be held at the school from 2-4pm on June 11.

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Trying for the highest bid

Held on June 17 at the Wellesley Community Centre, the Optimist club of Wellesley's first ever silent auction and charity bingo night was a big success, raising \$4,000 for community projects. The Optimist club expressed its appreciation to the local businesses and residents who donated items to the cause and is planning a similar event for next year. Ray Jacobs, shown here, was one of the visitors to the auction. Here, Jacobs makes a bid for a golf bag. (Photo by Kelly Daynard)

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Instantly active in Wellesley community

by Kelly Daynard

Wellesley - Wendy Sauder has only lived in Wellesley for about three years but she has already become actively involved in the community and is pleased with the fact that she has come to know many of the local residents.

Much of this familiarity has come from managing the Wellesley Service Centre and getting to know the business's regular clients but she has also become an active volunteer on the Wellesley and District Board of Trade where she has helped to run many of the group's successful ventures.

She also volunteers part time at the local school.

Sauder, who was born and raised in Bridgeport, began working for Leis Feed and Supply in 1987, as manager of the Service Centre.

When she and her husband Brian bought into the business in 1991, they moved to Wellesley with their son, Jonathan, who is grade four at Wellesley Public School.

Although she didn't know much about the day to day operations of a community garage when she first began working in Wellesley, Sauder quickly took on the challenge and, eight years later, remains the manager of the busy business.

Looking back on what has become a full time career, Sauder said with a smile, "I love it... I still enjoy coming to work".

Much of the reason behind her enthusiasm is the staff of seven that



Wendy Sauder

work in the garage and gas bar. She said that all of the employees get along well together.

Sauder has also enjoyed getting to know the large client base that utilize the business.

There have been numerous changes to the garage business since Sauder took over management, not the least of which has been the rising price of gas. She has also noticed a change in people's attitudes towards their vehicles.

Many of the people who, several years ago, would have traded for new vehicles on a frequent basis are now trying to maintain their older cars longer. This, she said, is a direct result of the economy - and the rising cost of new

vehicles.

Of course, in maintaining the vehicles, Sauder said that one of her toughest jobs is trying to explain to people why repair bills are so high.

Said Sauder, "You try explaining that to a customer. It's pretty hard." However, she said, with new technology, even the smallest parts can cost several hundred dollars to replace.

It was soon after moving to Wellesley that Sauder joined the Board of Trade, representing Leis Feed and Supply. Sauder said that she welcomed this invitation because she saw it as "the best way to get involved with the town."

Now into her third year of membership, Sauder serves as chair of the 175 club and as publicity coordinator.

She has also helped to organize fundraising raffles, fish dinners and other events.

One of her most challenging projects was working with area artist Ron Kropf to design a sign for the Albert Erb Conservation Area - a project that, she said, was a first time venture, and a tough one at that.

But, as she noted with a grin, "I'll always attempt something, once!"

Sauder said that she has been impressed, over and over, with the caring nature of the people who live within the Wellesley settlement area. Said Sauder, "There's good people here. Until you're involved, you don't know how concerned the people are with their town."

STAPLES

Ninety-five years young Hard work equals long life for Heinz

by Kelly Daynard

Wellesley - Born in Kingwood on May 31, 1900, Hermina (Eydt) Heinz was born when Sir Wilfrid Laurier was the Canadian Prime Minister; when Queen Victoria was still on the throne and when the British and Boers were in the middle of the three year Boer War.

She was born three years before the Wrights made their historic plane trip; nine years before explorers reached the North Pole and 69 years before the first man landed on the moon.

She has lived through two great wars and countless other world conflicts; six monarchs and 14 prime ministers.

Heinz was the second youngest in a family of eight. Although many of her brothers and sisters have also lived to great ages, Heinz and her younger sister are the remaining members of her immediate family.

Longevity certainly exists within her family, however. One of her older brothers reached the age of 105.

Celebrating her 95th birthday

"I never get out of work!"

among family and friends recently, Heinz was treated to three different celebrations with her family and her friends at the seniors' apartments. After that, she commented, "That was the limit, I said!"

She attributes her long life, for the most part, to working hard. Said Heinz, "I never get out of work."

Even today, living in her own apartment in the seniors' complex in Wellesley, Heinz spends much of her time working in her small garden beside her patio.

Heinz has lived her entire life in Wellesley township. Born in Kingwood, she moved to a farm near Bamberg after marrying.

First meeting



Happy 95th!

Hermina Heinz, a resident of the Wellesley Seniors' Apartment complex, recently celebrated her 95th birthday at three separate events. Heinz attributes her longevity to "lots of hard work". (Photo by Kelly Daynard)

Heinz smiles as she recalls meeting her husband Oliver. He farmed near the home of her sister and, as she continued, she often visited her sister and there, the match was made.

It was through meeting Oliver that Hermina had her first experience with riding in automobiles.

While growing up, her family never had such a luxury but, when the young couple started dating, Oliver had a vehicle and that, said Heinz, took a lot of getting used to.

The two were married in 1917 before Oliver was scheduled to go to war. He never was called to active duty, however, being too busy caring for the many duties on the farm.

The two had one son, Lyle, who lives in Wellesley.

When Lyle and his wife took over the farm, Oliver and Hermina moved

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to Wellesley where she lived for 40 years.

Five years ago, Hermina moved to the seniors' apartments. She enjoys spending time with her son, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Heinz never expected to live to be as old as she is. Recently, after suffering a fall in her apartment, she recalled her first thought after picking herself back up. Chuckling to herself she remarked, "Well, they didn't get me yet!"

Numerous Changes

She has seen a lot of changes in her own life - the arrival of electricity and telephones into her home; the advent of space travel and even significant changes in the weather and she wonders what the future holds for this increasingly busy society.

Said this 95-year-young woman, "There's so much going on now today."

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Twentieth annual Apple Butter and Cheese Festival ready to go

by Kelly Daynard

Wellesley - Join Annie Appleschnitz and Fritz Kasebrocken at the twentieth annual Wellesley Apple Butter and Cheese Festival, on Saturday, September 30.

The two-decades' anniversary event will, once again, offer something for everyone.

The day begins at 7 a.m. with a pancake and sausage breakfast, in the downtown street mall area.

And the food doesn't end here. A smorgasbord dinner, served at the Community Centre from 11 a.m. will include many famous Waterloo County specialties including roast beef, pig tails, spare ribs, sauerkraut, salads and a variety of homemade pies.

A horseshoe tournament is open to all competitors from Canada and the U.S.A. Players must be registered by September 25 and must pay a \$5 registration fee.

A model boat regatta will feature numerous remote controlled miniatures as they race across the village pond.

Quilt auction

A quilt auction of masterpieces handmade by local church groups and clubs, in a variety of colours and designs, will also return this year.

In the Market, held in and around the arena, a wide variety of crafts as well as country style meats and cheeses, home baking, apple butter and cider will also please all shoppers.



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Street mall

In the downtown street mall and rest area, apple fritters, apple dumplings, apple pie and cheese, homemade sausage or schnitzel-on-a-bun and a chicken barbecue are but a few of the tasty treats available.

But of course, the food isn't the only reason to visit the festival.

Craft demonstrations will be held in various areas throughout the day. See a soap cooking demonstration as well as local women demonstrating the art of quilting.

A farm toy show and sale featuring intriguing miniature-scale farm toys and displays by local collectors will be held at the Wellesley District Public School.

Farm tours as well as visits to the Apple Butter and Cider Mill are always a popular aspect of the festival and these tours continue this year. Visit local farms, learn about a modern dairy operation and other mixed farming operations, and witness the process of apples being pressed into cider.

These tours leave continually from the sidewalk in front of Wagner's Garage.

An antique car and tractor display will be featured in a parade and subsequent showing beside the Fellowship Hall on Henry Street.

And of course, for children, there are stage coach rides, pony rides, clowns, a miniature tractor pull contest and entertainment by numerous local singing and dance groups.

All visitors will be eligible to fill out a ballot to win a \$1,000 travel voucher.

Proceeds from the annual festival are used for community improvements.

For further information or for trailer accommodation call 656-2400 or 656-2078.

For market vendor information call 272-0950.



Wellesley/ North Easthope Ambassador

Heather Koch, shown here in the annual Fall Fair parade in Wellesley on September 13, will serve as the Wellesley/ North Easthope Fall Fair Ambassador for 1995/96. (Photo by Kelly Daynard)

Heather Koch is Fair Ambassador

by Kelly Daynard

Wellesley - Heather Koch, 18, of R.R.#2 Baden, represents the Wellesley-North Easthope Fall Fair for 1995/96 as the fair's Ambassador.

First runner up in the 1994 competition, Koch was contacted by organizer Emily Hafemann to serve as acting Ambassador when last year's Ambassador, Tracey Bender, left for France this summer.

When no contestants came forward for this year's competition, Koch agreed to stay on for the coming year.

Hafemann said that this is the first year that they have not had any competitors for the competition. Next year, she believes that there will be several area youths who will be eligible to compete and she hopes, at that time, that they will choose to do so.

Hafemann added that she is pleased that Koch has agreed to take on the responsibilities, noting that Koch's capabilities

make her a worthy candidate for the position.

Koch, the daughter of Anne and Leonard, is active in the 4-H Clubs in the Region of Waterloo, has volunteered at a day camp at her church, and has played bass clarinet in her church orchestra.

This fall, Koch returned to Waterloo-Oxford for her OAC year. During the summer, Koch is employed at Kennedy's in St. Agatha.

Her farming background should also be an asset in helping her to promote agriculture. She also likes to work with people.

Koch's hobbies include listening to music, playing bass clarinet and piano.

At Waterloo-Oxford, she has been active in two choirs and the senior band.

Following high school, Koch plans on attending university for a future career either in music or children's work,

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Football player wins suit

For the first time, a Canadian football player has successfully sued an opponent for an on-field hit.

Wellesley native Rob Dunn, who played for the Carleton University Ravens, received an undisclosed settlement after a judge ruled opponent Mike Lussier showed "complete disregard" for the punt returner's safety.

Ontario Court Justice Douglas Cunningham said Lussier, a University of Ottawa linebacker, intended to level Dunn with as much force as possible in a game three years ago.

Dunn suffered a severe concussion and a broken jaw. The 22-year-old had a permanent metal plate inserted in his lower jaw to repair several damaged teeth.

"This was a violent, uncontrolled and undisciplined action with a clear intent to injure," Cunningham wrote in the judgment released Friday.

"At the very least, he was reckless." The parties have agreed to keep the

amount of the settlement private. "It's fair but he's not going to retire on it," said Dunn's lawyer, Howard Yegendorf.

Dunn said he was overwhelmed. "It feels great to win, but more importantly I'm just happy I can put this all behind me now."

The court, however, dismissed Dunn's actions against the University of Ottawa and team coach Larry Ring, who were also named in the suit.

Yegendorf said the settlement money comes out of the university's insurance.

The incident occurred in October 1992 during a game between the Ravens and the Gee-Gees, their cross-town rivals.

Lussier, a 5-foot-10, 225-pound linebacker, ignored the five-yard restraining zone on a punt return, levelling the

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Rob Dunn watches



Bruce Cole-Arnal, a professor at Waterloo Lutheran seminary and a minister, carries a placard at a vigil for

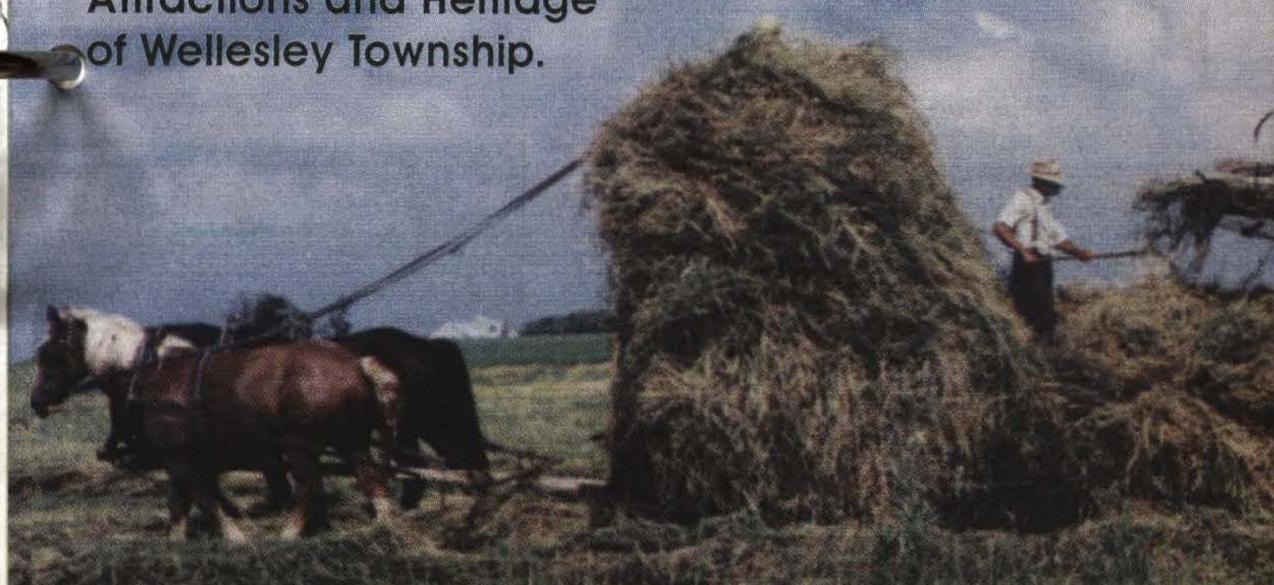


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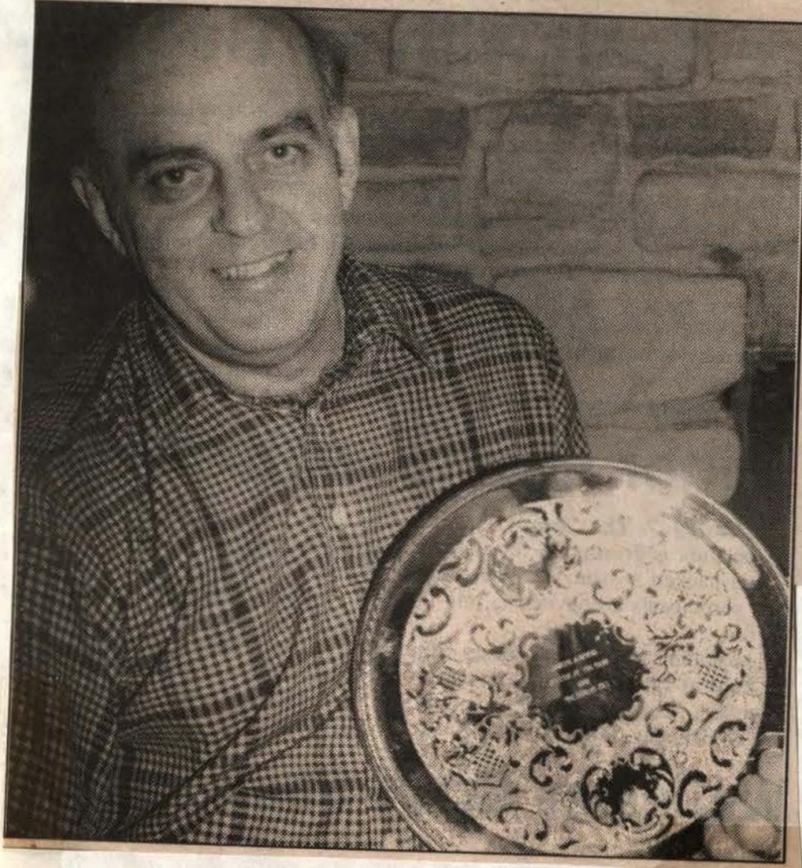
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Nowak named Citizen of Year

by Kelly Daynard

Wellesley - Joe Nowak of Wellesley has been named the 1996 Citizen of the Year for the Wellesley community.

Nowak received his award at the Wellesley Board of Trade's annual Valentine's Ball, held on February 10 at the community centre.

Nowak, the Board's current president, has served as president for about four years. He has been a member for the past 12 years.

Nowak also serves on the township's newly formed tourism committee, is a member of the township's Committee

of Adjustment and is currently working with the local Lion's club to establish a community walking trail.

Nowak was instrumental in helping establish the Wellesley preschool, serving as the board's first president.

He was also active in establishing "Wellesley On the Pond", this monthly newspaper published by the New Hamburg Independent.

In an interview, Nowak said that he was both surprised and pleased to have been named as the Citizen of the Year. Said Nowak, "It gives you a really good feeling".

Citizen of Year

Joe Nowak, left, was recently named 1995 Citizen of the Year for the Wellesley Community. He is shown here with his commemorative plaque

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Garlic business brings national nomination

by Kelly Daynard

Wellesley - Several years ago Lindsay and Parry Bast of Wellesley decided to find a way to earn money for their university educations.

Three years later, the two brothers have become successful entrepreneurs, growing and selling about 9,000 pounds of garlic each year to retail markets across Waterloo Region and beyond.

For his efforts, Lindsay, 19, has also been chosen as a finalist in the annual YTV Canadian Achievement Awards and will learn in March if he is the recipient of \$3,000.

More than 1,500 youth were nominated in 15 different categories.

Lindsay was one of 63 youth nominated in the entrepreneur category.

One of nine Canadian finalists

He recently learned that he is one of nine finalists - five of which are from Ontario. The winners will be announced in March.

Three years ago, the Bast Brothers, the name they market their produce under, began thinking about ways they could support their post-secondary education. They had worked on the family's home farm with their parents but were interested in doing something on their own.

It was the boys' father, Murray, who came up with the concept of growing and selling garlic.

The first year, after reading a lot of material on the crop and after attending a seminar on raising garlic, the brothers planted 100 pounds of cloves in a field at home.

Although garlic is generally planted in the fall, this first planting was done in the spring and was primarily a test to see if the oils on the Bast farm would sustain the crop.

Since then, the pair have



Strong smell of success

Lindsay Bast of Wellesley has been nominated for a YTV Achievement Award. He is one of 1,500 Canadian youth nominated in 15 categories. He is one of nine finalists in the area of entrepreneurship. Bast and his brother Parry have developed a successful organically grown garlic business on their home farm. (Photo by Kelly Daynard)

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Council defers decision on mixed-use cluster proposal

by Patricia Bow

Crosshill - Wellesley Council has deferred approval of the development of a 95-acre site specifically for people who use horse-drawn vehicles, until comments from all interested agencies have been received. The site, at Township Road 3 and Regional Road 5, would be zoned as a mixed-use cluster development, where residential, farm and industrial uses would be allowed together on small lots.

At a public meeting held in the township council chamber on May 28, neighbors of the site said they were worried that the noise of generators and the nearby presence of a growing community of small lots would devalue their properties.

Wellesley planning director Susan Duke told council the concept of mixed-use clusters is something the township has been exploring for four or five years. This development, owned by John and Sheryl Jantzi, has been in the works for about that long.

Since the Region of Waterloo legis-

lated restrictions on new residential development in agricultural areas, Duke said there have been some concerns about the future of the Amish and Old-order Mennonite communities in the area.

These groups generate their own industry and they also bring a substantial trade and tourism benefit to the area.

However, because of their traditional way of life they do not easily fit into modern communities, and at the same time their numbers are growing, Duke said.

In the next generation there could be 450 new households, and not all could be accommodated on farms divided from parental holdings. If they are not able to settle in the area they might leave, Duke said, and the old-order communities might eventually disperse.

Sam Head, a planning consultant representing the Jantzis, said the concept for the development is still in the planning stage. The owners wanted to be

sure of council's approval before putting in the expense of having detailed studies done. The next stage would be to have the bylaw amended, and if that happens, then questions of setbacks, noise problems and other details of concern can be dealt with, he said.

The cluster would consist of 10-acre lots with room for housing, farming and small industry. There would also be a place for a church and an expanded cemetery, Head said. The cluster would not, however, be a self-sufficient community, with its own commercial core, though there could be outlets for selling things made on premises.

Old-order tenants have been approached and have shown interest, but they are not ready to commit themselves until the project is further ahead. "It's a chicken-and-egg situation," he said. "They want to see the chicken before they buy the egg."

Resident Barry Roth of RR3 Wellesley said he owns land just north

of the site and he fears it might devalue his property.

Randy Wagler of Township Road 3 has a 50-acre farm just east of the site. He said he is neither for nor against the idea of the cluster development: he feels not much information has been available to this point. But he's concerned about the number of properties that will be located close to his farm, and especially about the noise of generators used to power the small industries. "They'll be pounding away 10 to 12 hours a day," he said.

Wagler suggested the people in the development be asked to hook up with hydro rather than use generators. "I think they (Old-order Mennonites) may be close to using hydro anyway," he said.

Duke responded that there would be strict regulations on generator use, to keep the noise muffled.

Other concerns that would have to be dealt with would be chemical waste, dust, nitrates and other farm and industry byproducts.

planted about 3,000 pounds of garlic each fall - which produces about 9,000 pounds of produce. The garlic is planted at a rate of 1,000 pounds per acre in 30 inch rows.

The brothers' first major purchase was a garlic planter. They obtained a bank loan for the investment which they were able to pay off within the first year.

Since then, they have also bought a mechanized brush which helps to clean the garlic after harvesting.

An old potato digger has been converted to do the harvesting. Planting is then done over the Thanksgiving weekend and, if all goes well, can be completed in the three-day period.

The garlic grown on the Bast farm is produced organically, without the aid of chemicals.

As a result, both Lindsay and Parry spend much of their summer months - about six hours daily - weeding their three-acre crop by hand.

Organically grown

Producing the garlic organically has also enabled them to sell their crop for a price marginally higher than would normally be paid.

At harvest time, they hire about five part time employees and can occasionally convince their parents - Murray and Florence - to help with the task.

Their parents have been extremely supportive in the venture, said Lindsay, helping out where possible.

When it came to selling their product, the two took samples to local supermarkets to show the produce managers.

Lindsay was pleased with the initial interest and said, "most of them, at least, gave it a try."

A visit to the head office of Zehrs Markets resulted in them speaking to a number of the local

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Positive response to proposed trails

by Patricia Bow

Wellesley - The first of a series of recreational trails may be built in Wellesley Village this summer. The Wellesley Community Trails Association hopes to some day see a network of paths where families can exercise together or just enjoy pleasant natural surroundings, without traveling far from the centre of town.

The group sees the trails also being used by walkers, hikers, cyclists, cross country skiers and horseback riders.

First on the list is a "core" trail along the east side of Wellesley Pond. A small part of this trail already exists, running across the top of the dam.

The Wellesley Board of Trade has promised support for a trail between the dam and Queen Street. Later, an extension of this trail may be funded by the Lions. On the list for the future are more trail sections in town: one along the edge of the Pondview development, on the west side of the pond, and one further downstream along Firella Creek, southwest of Parkview Drive.

nect to one along the Campbell Drain; one through Wellesley Woods; one along the river south of the intersection of Regional Road 12 and Township Road 10.

Now is an opportune time to plan for hiking and biking trails, says Trails

trails and bicycle facilities on existing and proposed roads, utility corridors, parks and open spaces."

In January 1995, acting as a member of the Lions Club, Bowes approached Wellesley Township Council and won their approval for the idea of building community trails in the village. Township approval was a necessary first step before applying for funds from various federal agencies.

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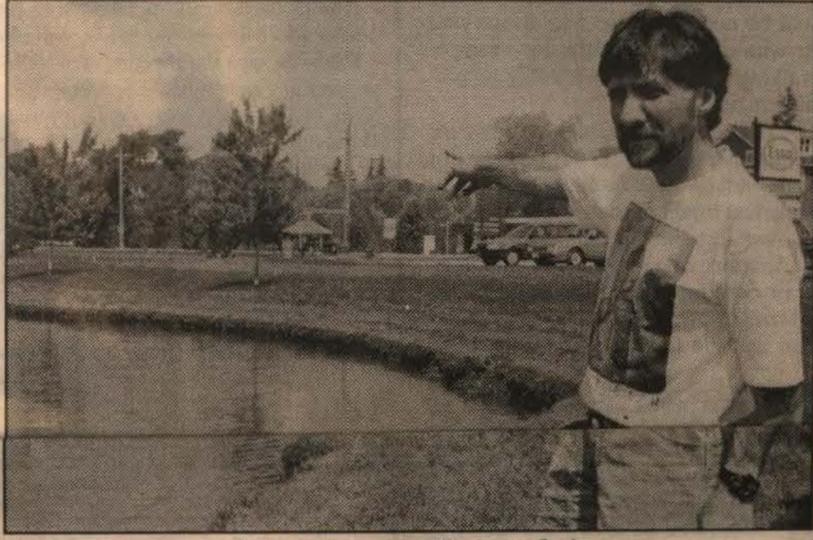
Building the actual trail is one of the smaller tasks. Much of the time will be spent in planning, gaining the approval of landowners and the support of the community at large, and taking all necessary steps to minimize liability. The trails in the areas around the perimeter of the village have been approved, but those in town, which may run along many property lines, are harder to plan.

will then be lined with filter cloth, filled with granular fill and finally topped with a 10-cm layer of stone dust.

In places where the trail will run along the edge of the pond, the bank will be built up with stone "rip rap" to control erosion. Where it runs farther from the edge, a border of grass will separate the path from the pond. On the other side, shrubbery will be planted to give privacy to property owners along the trail. Much less work than this would be needed to create the natural trails in wooded areas. Paths would have to be cleared, and the trail marked with blazes.

In wetland areas, such as exists in the east end of Wellesley Woods, a boardwalk might be built. This structure would have to be approved by the GRCA. It would make it easier for users to cross the wetland, and at the same time would protect the environmentally sensitive area of the woods where ephemeral streams flow in spring and rare plants and salamanders flourished 20 or 30 years ago by 4-H members, and traces of it can still be seen. Some of the original club members are interested in the current project, Bowes says.

Each trail, whether core or natural, would be given a distinctive name, one that reflects the geography and history



A trail runs through it

Gerry Bowes points northward towards Queen Street to indicate where the core trail will run, along the east side of Wellesley Pond. (Photo by Patricia Bow)

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Possible change in location for Carousel 2000 project

Crosshill - Organizers of the Carousel 2000 project would like to see a change in the proposed location of the carousel. At the township council's committee meeting of May 28, councilors learned that the Wellesley Board of Trade had sent a letter expressing a wish to see the project located on Queen Street, west of the Wellesley Service Centre on GRCA land. Carousel 2000 is a joint venture by the Lions, the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival, the township, the Board of Trade and other groups to erect a building to house a carousel featuring vintage horses in the village of Wellesley. The location in the original agreement is near the community pond has much in its favor. It's more esthetically pleasing and the location is more central and more visible to people driving through town, he said.

Another factor is that the board of trade is planning to build a wooden walkway along the east side of the pond that will emerge at the spot by Queen Street. They also plan to build up the shore in that area, Kelterborn said.

He also has a letter of support from the Lions, but so far the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival have not sent a written comment.

There are one or two problems with the proposed location, he says. It is on GRCA land and the land is in a flood plain. However, this need not be a crucial factor since the building is open and is expected to withstand some weathering.

It would also be necessary to ask the Wellesley Service Centre to donate some land to the project in this location. Parking space would be another problem, but Kelterborn said he hopes people could park in the GRCA parking lot and use the walkway to visit the carousel.

GRCA staff have shown some opposition to the location near the pond. Kelterborn said, however, that if enough support could be generated for that location, council could approach the GRCA on a political level.

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Association member Gerry Bowes. Wellesley is in a time of expanding growth, with residential developments sprouting up in several places around the village. It will be easier to work with developers to provide green space at this stage than to wait until later, when the developments are built, Bowes says.

The Waterloo Regional Official Policies Plan suggests the building of recreational trails in core areas, "to promote a more people-friendly, vibrant atmosphere." It also encourages all bodies involved in planning "to implement the greenway network through the provision of sidewalks, pedestrian

In the spring of '95, Bowes placed an ad in the newspaper to recruit other interested people. By fall the Wellesley Community Trails Association had shaken down into a nucleus of four: Wellesley Board of Trade president Joe Nowak, Henry Brick, Richard Garsten and Bowes. Over the winter they brainstormed their ideas, then contacted property owners to discuss the trails concept and enlist their cooperation.

At the end of April '96 Bowes attended the Ontario Trails Conference held by the Trails Study Unit of Trent University in Peterborough. He learned that creating a community trail can take

In-town trails will follow the edges of properties, not cut across them. It is necessary to gain the approval of all landowners involved. Even after their approval is won, it's important to keep in regular contact with them and make sure their concerns are dealt with, Bowes says.

Two types of trails are being considered: natural and excavated. The core trail along Wellesley Pond is an example of the excavated type. A bobcat will be used to remove about 405 tonnes of earth along a band 340 metres long, two metres wide and almost half a metre deep. The trench

of the area. Each would be identified by an interpretive sign. At the start and end of each trail a sign would also display symbols to show which uses are permitted, which not: this would be important for questions of liability as well as a guide to users. The cost of building the Wellesley core trail will be in the neighborhood of \$2,500. The bobcat's time is to be donated, but its fuel will have to be paid for, and a truck and loader must be rented to remove excavated material. Then comes the cost of materials to build the trail base, and the stones for the erosion control area. Finally, \$500 is estimated

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of Wellesley. The location in the original agreement is near the community centre. Acting mayor Ross Kelterborn said no final decision could be taken until more written comments have come in from the community, and that the preference of the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival and the community at large should have the most weight. "If there are enough requests, we'll do it," he said.

Kelterborn, who provided the horses for the carousel at cost and who has been one of the prime movers behind the project, said in a later telephone interview that the location near the

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Wellesley council briefs

Crosshill - Wellesley Councillors have resolved to keep financial loose ends in plain view. From now on, any expenses that have not been budgeted for will be recorded as information on the finance committee agenda.

Acting mayor Ross Kelterborn introduced the motion at the June 3 council meeting. At the previous meeting on May 28, council learned that a rise in insurance rates would cause the township to be over budget by about \$10,000. In addition, an unbudgeted expense of about \$500 was approved to buy trophies recognizing the achievements of the TwinCentres hockey teams.

Kelterborn said any such amount should be placed on the agenda as information, making it part of the public record.

The new heads of Wellesley Council committees for 1996-97 were confirmed at the council meeting of May 21. Starting June 1, the committee chairmen will be: Ross Kelterborn, planning; Chris Orford, road and bridge; Ron Hackett, personnel; Mayor Frank Friedmann, finance; Mike Edwards, recreation. The chairmen of the court of revision, a body which deals with municipal drains disputes, will be Chris Orford, John Fraser, Ron Hackett and Ross Kelterborn.

Dieter Kays is the only councillor not assigned to a committee. Mayor Friedman says the "cabinet shuffle" is a way of rotating councillors, since there are more people than posts. Last year Kays was chairman of road and bridge, while Orford did not have a committee assignment.

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION HELD Women's Institute Celebrates 100 years of promoting education and fellowship

by GAIL GARDINER

Women throughout the province gathered in homes and community halls this week to celebrate a significant event in Ontario history — the 100th anniversary of the Women's Institute (WI) in Ontario.

On Feb. 19, 1897, the organization that has as its ideal the fostering of individual growth and community spirit, had its start in a community hall in Stoney Creek, after a young mother, Adelaide Hoodless, suffered the loss of her infant son because of contaminated milk.

Hoodless decided that there was a real need to better educate rural women so tragedies like this one would not recur.

Since then, women from across Canada have joined the organization that has been instrumental in introducing changes to improve the safety and welfare of Canadian families. These changes include the standard pasteurization of milk, signs at railroad crossings, the wrapping of bread, clear markings on poison containers, and requiring T.B. tests for those who are handling food.

FIRST MEETING

The local chapter of the WI, the Woolwich Everfaithful Women's Institute, started less than 50 years ago, on Apr. 5, 1950. There were 14 women at the meeting, but the membership doubled by the time they met the next



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS — Marg Hatherton, Elinor Rau and Marg Bolender were a few of the women in Woolwich Everfaithful Women's Institute, who gathered on Feb. 19 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Women's Institutes in Ontario. Rau is wearing a dress that is based on an 1897 pattern in honour of the event.

Grace Scott, one of the original members of the Woolwich branch of the institute, said that more members would have attended the first meeting, but had to attend a funeral instead. In fact, Scott herself missed the first meeting of the group to go to that funeral and therefore considers herself to be not quite a charter member.

Over the years, the Woolwich branch of the institute has been involved in a number of issues, including the development of living wills, recycling and reducing waste (going so far as to purchase mugs for Woolwich township council to replace the

styrofoam cups they normally used in meetings), and sending aid to women overseas. One of the more recent projects has women in Ontario knitting 7 or 8-inch squares out of scrap wool. These squares are sent to Zambia, where women use them to make sweaters, blankets and purses. It provides both work and a sense of accomplishment to the women.

A SENSE OF BELONGING

Scott said that her involvement with the group has benefitted her in many ways. She has taken a number of courses through WI

including how to conduct a meeting, the art of bread-making, and the care of houseplants. As well, she has made valuable and cherished friendships with other WI members, not all of them in Woolwich. Scott said the one truly endearing quality of the organization is that everyone is made to feel welcome.

Scott used as an example a WI in England, with which the local chapter corresponds. The group welcomed some of the local members warmly when they took the opportunity to visit a few years ago. Scott said it was like she had never left home.

At the centennial meeting on Feb. 19, other members of the Woolwich Everfaithful Women's Institute shared the same feeling of belonging and friendliness. In fact, it is this friendliness that many members cited as being instrumental in their long involvement with the organization.

Marg Bolender, chosen by the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario as one of 100 outstanding members, said that it is this friendliness and openness that keeps her coming out to the group.

"I like the organization because race, creed, and all these things don't count. One person is like another — there is no rich or poor," Bolender said.

Elinor Rau, current president of the group, agreed.

"You can go to any women's institute and sit down and have people speak to you," Rau said.

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include sunny, mild days and very cold nights. Merlau said that much of the sea

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Women's institutes to honour their 100th anniversary

Local Women's Institute (WI) members and members across Ontario will light a candle on Feb. 19 at the beginning of their meetings, to honour Adelaide Hoodless, and celebrate the 100th anniversary of WI.

Most branches in Waterloo North will have a noon luncheon — sandwiches, salads, tea biscuits, and gingerbread cakes.

WI meetings:

Helena Feasby: Meeting at the home of Jean Steckle,

president. It is interesting to note that the very first meeting was held in the same home, when Steckle's mother, Mrs. John Steckle, was president.

Winterbourne: Meeting at the home of Klazina Wasylcia. Members will wear long skirts from yesteryear; president Grace Van Donkersgoed will preside.

St. Jacobs: Evening meeting; special meeting postponed until May.

Woolwich Everfaithful: Inviting former members; it

will set up a special display in the Elmira library.

Lexington: Afternoon meeting, showing a film from WI headquarters, Guelph.

Bridgeport: Noon luncheon, with guests: ward alderman, representative from Maple Lane Dairy, several local citizens, and special guest, 96-year-old Anna Noslik, one of original first members.

Bloomingtondale: Special evening meeting.

Wellesley: Supper meeting, 6:30pm, followed by program from headquarters.

The district executive met on Feb. 1 at Bloomingtondale United Church to plan for the district annual meeting on May 26, at Elmira Legion

hall. Hosting the event will be Woolwich Everfaithful, Elmira.

All branches are reminded to bring their history books to display.

It was reported that there are still 300 applications available for the Hamilton convention in June.

Squares for Zambia are still needed; the 7- and 8-inch squares are more useful for caps and scarves.

Dianne Orr, of Conn, Ontario, provincial board director for subdivision 10, said a secretary is needed at Guelph headquarters.

Members should promote breast screening for cancer, and the Lung Association.

The tartan plaid has arrived in 54-inch width; it will

be sold by the yard. This wool plaid was made in British Columbia, but the price is not yet available.

Orr also said members should be looking for someone to be the next president-elect at the provincial board.

The area convention will be held on Oct. 8 and 9, in Maryhill.

Ideas for a fundraiser should be submitted to WI presidents.

All branch members are urged to attend the district annual, and send their \$7 fees to Jean Ziegler, Elmira, by May 15.

President Margaret Bolender chaired the meeting.

Theme for the district annual is: "If your life is your day, WI is leading the way."



Richard Vollmer (left) has been named Wellesley's 1997 Citizen of the Year. He was presented with this silver plaque at the Wellesley and District Board of Trade's annual Valentine's Ball on February 13. Vollmer, who has lived in Lisbon since 1973, has coached baseball and soccer and now coaches the Twin Centre Pee Wee House League #1 team. He has also served on the executive of the local sports organizations and is a charter member of the Wellesley Optimist Club. (Kelly Daynard photo)

Wellesley Citizen of the Year

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The current sap season has been a slow one, Merlau says. Ideal sap conditions include sunny, mild days and very cold nights. Merlau said that much of the season's problems have been due to a lack of sunshine and temperatures too cold in the daytime to allow the...

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the daytime to allow the sap to run

Wellesley arena needs upgrades before fall season

by Kelly Daynard

Wellesley — A significant amount of work needs to be done to the Wellesley arena before it reopens this fall.

Henry Phillips, Wellesley township's Recreation Director, told members of the township's recreation committee that the arena recently underwent a five-year structural review by a local engineering firm.

Several items that were noted in the engineer's report, said Phillips, must be addressed before ice is put into the arena this fall.

First, a new roof must be put over the room that houses the compressor and flooding equipment. This roof is currently leaking in a few spots.

Reinforcements must be made to the mezzanine area and the fairboard room. A fire retardant wall must also be installed. This work, said Phillips, should have been done several years ago.

One of the back walls is also cracked and is beginning to

lean. The blocks on this wall need to be removed and redone. Phillips said that he is waiting to see whether the Applejacks Junior D hockey team will go ahead with a proposed addition to the arena before costing out the block work. If the addition was to be constructed, Phillips said that the repairs could be done in conjunction with the Applejacks' project, at a possible savings.

The other two projects will cost about \$5,850 — none of which is budgeted in the township's 1997 budget. A portion of the money will come from an equipment reserve. The remainder will have to be raised by Wellesley's community centre board.

Councillor Ross Kelterborn, a member of that board, said that it would be helpful if the reports were done before budgets were set for the year.

If the board had received the information earlier, Kelterborn said that they possibly could have included the expenses in their budget.

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Motto: Broaden your horizons
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Roll Call - What freedom have we
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Program - Olive Roth
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Team retires two sweaters

Wellesley — A large crowd of about 350 people watched as two game sweaters from the Wellesley Merchants hockey team were raised to the rafters, and thus retired, in a special ceremony on January 10.

The sweaters were those of Wilson Cook, #2 and the late Don Green, #1.

Ryan Baird, captain of the Merchants, presented both Cook and Green's children, Darrel and Lisa, with plaques honouring both players on behalf of the players both past and present. This plaque will be hung in the arena lobby.

Following the hockey game, which Durham won 9-3, a public reception was held at the Wellesley community centre.



Retired sweaters

The Wellesley Merchants retired two of the team's hockey sweaters in a ceremony on January 10. The sweaters were those of #2 Wilson Cook (second from left), and #1 worn by the late Don Green who was represented by his children Darrel and Lisa. They are shown here with team president Richard Cook, far left)

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Trees, said Merlau speaking from

The current sap season has been a slow one, Merlau says. Ideal sap conditions include sunny, mild days and very cold nights. Merlau said that much of the season's problems have been due to a lack of sunshine and temperatures too cold for the daytime to allow the sap to flow.

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Four generations of tree tapping in Nithburg

March 1998

maple syrup instead of blood running through his veins.

For Merlau, tapping trees isn't just a hobby, it's a way of life. "I've made syrup ever since before I went to school," Merlau explains. And before him, his father, grandfather and great grandfather did the same thing on the same property.

His great grandfather — Conrad Merlau — settled the 100 acre property in 1863. The farm has the distinction of being one of the few remaining original woodlots in Ontario that hasn't been cut over. Until the early 1990's, one of the maple trees in the bush was known to be one of the tallest of its kind in Canada. When it finally came down in 1990, it was measured at 130 feet tall and more than 13 feet around. Rings on the trunk determined it to be over 400 years old. Many other ancient trees still stand in the bush. Until the end, that tree was still producing good sap.

It was Conrad who began tapping the farm's trees — using what he made in his own home.

The tradition was carried on by his son Henry and then his grandson Wilhelm — Henry's father. Henry and Wilhelm also used the syrup in their own homes. When they had extra, it would be sold at market.

When Henry was a child, his father

the farm. He was allowed, now have the profits from the sugar bush. When he took over the sap business, he built the farm's first sugar shack in the bush.

Lumber for that sugar house came from the Jantzi sawmill that had burnt down in Wellesley. The Merlaus were allowed to take the lumber they needed, in return for cleaning up the fire site. Merlau recalls hauling loads and loads of timber home from Wellesley. Much of the lumber went into building the house. Wood that wasn't salvageable was used as firewood for the first evaporator that went in at the time the shack was built.

Now, Merlau has about 3,000 taps both in his bush and that of a neighbour. This number is actually down about 1,000 from a few years ago. Admittedly, it would take a long time to gather sap daily from these tree taps. As a result, approximately 30 miles of lines connect the trees in the bush. The taps carry the sap from the trees into small tubing which feed into a larger, main line. That line travels across farmland right up to a large holding tank outside the new sugar house built near the Merlaus' home in 1975.

Merlau's wife Nelma chuckles when she says that the current system "isn't quite as picturesque" as when horses



Made in Nithburg

Nelma and Henry Merlau are shown here in front of their sugar house on their farm near Nithburg with an assortment of the maple products they make. Henry is the fourth generation of Merlaus to tap the trees on the property and now has about 3,000 taps in total. (Kelly Daynard photo)

and butter himself. For most maple syrup producers, work begins in late winter and ends in early spring. For Merlau, however, his business requires a year-long commitment. Work begins in February when Merlau hires a group of young men to help him put up the lines in the bush and drill the taps into the trees. Trees, said Merlau speaking from

experience, should be at least a foot in size through the trunk before being tapped. Larger trees can sustain as many as three or four taps. Once the sap has dried up, Merlau is kept busy cleaning out all of the lines. Syrup canning is then a year-long process. The syrup is only canned as needed. The rest is stored in huge

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The current sap season has been a slow one, Merlau says. Ideal sap conditions include sunny, mild days and very cold nights. Merlau said that much of the season's problems have been due to a lack of sunshine and temperatures too cold in the daytime to allow the sap to run. He expects, though, that the weather may warm up enough to give them an extension on the short season. Ideally, sap should run for about six weeks. After more than seven decades of tapping trees, one might wonder whether Merlau's interest is waning. His sons Mark and Steve also grew up helping their parents in the bush but both have other jobs now. Does he have any plans for retirement? Absolutely not. Merlau said that "Just try and stop him," Nelma concluded with a chuckle. "Just try and stop him," Nelma concluded with a chuckle. "Just try and stop him," Nelma concluded with a chuckle.

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His products are sold across the province at area festivals and at health food stores. He has had requests, however, from as far away as Australia for Merlau Maple Products. School visits are also frequent occurrences at the company's farm.

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Celebration time

The Applejacks players as well as most of the executive members are shown here at the beginning of their celebration following their O.H.A. title win.



What a beautiful trophy!

Wellesley Applejacks Assistant captain Randy Bauman (back) and front (from left) assistant captain Mark Rowley, captain Kory Lorentz, goalie Brad Breneman and assistant captain Matt Kraemer accepted the O.H.A. Junior D trophy following a game seven win over Exeter on April 19. (Kelly Daynard photo)

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Pondview presented with township bill

by Kelly Daynard
Wellesley — The Pondview Seniors Development in Wellesley has been presented with a bill for \$11,844.17 from the Township of Wellesley.

The Township incurred the costs for legal and engineering work done for the project and expects to be paid in full.

A letter from Pondview's Board of Director's Chairman Harold Leis suggested that some of the fees might have been the result of the establishment of Township guidelines for such a development. Until now, there have been no developments of this type in Wellesley township. Said Leis in his letter, "It is the opinion of the Board of Directors that we should not be responsible for payment, to the Township, of any costs/fees associated with the establishment of any general guidelines that may form standardized criteria for other residential developments of this nature."

Planning Director Susan Duke said that in her opinion, she felt that the costs outlined in the Pondview invoice, should be the development's responsibility entirely. A note to council added that the costs wouldn't have been incurred had the development not been applied for. If no other developments take place, the standards won't ever be used again. The township will be requesting payment in full for the invoice. Councillor Ross Kelterborn declared a conflict of interest and abstained from participating because of his involvement in the Pondview project.

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Pondview seniors' development has official kick-off

by Kelly Daynard
Wellesley — A large group of interested people attended the official ground breaking ceremony for the Pond View Retirement Village on Queen Street in Wellesley. Although final approvals on the site have not yet been given by township council, construction is expected to begin within the next few weeks. Pondview, when completed, will be

an 11 acre community near the intersection of Queen and David Streets in Wellesley. The community will consist of an apartment building, town homes, garden villas and a small retirement home. A community trail system is being created which will pass through the village, leading throughout the town. In the special event last week, Master

of Ceremonies Albert Erb said that Pond View "is responding to a need that exists in every community." Others said that many life long residents of Wellesley were being forced to move to other communities because retirement facilities simply didn't exist in the township. Board chair Harold Leis described the construction project as a "momentous occasion in Wellesley", adding that even before the ground breaking, the group has been meeting for about 19 months. Victor Heinrichs, Architect and president of Community Management Services, the agency overseeing the project, said that Pond View responds not only to a need for housing, but provides social, recreational and health opportunities for its residents as well. Said Heinrichs, "It's the last place you want to live." Congratulations to the Pondview Board of Directors were given by

Wellesley township mayor Frank Friedmann and ward councillor Ross Kelterborn, who also sits on the Board of Directors. Remarks were also made by Richard Stevanus, president of Van Del Contracting Ltd., which will be overseeing the construction project and Glen Woolner, project coordinator. A prayer of dedication was made by Rev. Rick Pryce, chair of the Wellesley Ministerial Association. All members of the Pond View Board of Directors and those who participated in the opening ceremonies, assisted Leis in the ground breaking ceremony. The Pond View information and presentation centre is located at 20 Queen Street West in Wellesley. Final township approvals of the project are expected within weeks. Construction will then begin immediately. A similar project — Vesper Village — is currently underway in Baden.

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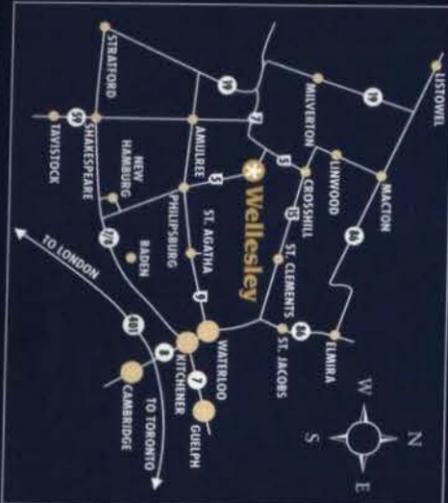
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It's pig-out time at Wellesley

By HARVEY CURRELL
Special to The Sun

Don't eat breakfast or lunch before driving over to the Wellesley Apple Butter and Cheese Festival this Saturday.

You'll want to save room for one of the greatest annual eating events in Ontario.

They close the main street to car traffic before 7 a.m. and Wellesley Board of Trade members immediately start cooking and serving an outdoor breakfast of pancakes, maple syrup and sausages.

At 8 a.m., Mennonite church members begin frying apple fritters (three for 75¢); two local Lutheran churches also swing into action with hot apple dumplings.

Optimist Club members open their booth with schnitzel on a bun, hamburgers, cider, pop and coffee. Just down the street, you can get locally made sausage on a bun from the ladies' slow-pitch baseball teams or a barbecued quarter-chicken from the Wellesley Lions Club.

Just to make sure nobody goes hungry, the Festival committee opens the community centre at 11 a.m. for an all-you-can-eat \$10 smorgasbord all-day dinner, offering pig tails, spare ribs and roast beef.

I have a tour guide friend, Marion Kiddell, who's a connoisseur of



GIDDY-UP ... Kids can get free stage-coach rides around town as part of the Wellesley Apple Butter and Cheese Festival this Saturday.

local festivals. She tells me that this is the best in Ontario.

Practically all of the village's 1,300 residents are involved in welcoming some 30,000 to 40,000 one-day visitors. Nobody gets paid and nobody makes a profit.

Over 23 years, the festival has

raised \$275,000 to help provide a park, arena, ball diamond and soccer field. Its current project is restoring and housing an old-time merry-go-round (aka carousel) to be ready for use by the summer of 2000.

For those who can tear them-

selves away from all the good eating, the Wellesley festival offers a whole day of free tours and events.

These include:

- A horseshow pitching tournament at 9 a.m.
- An all-day market at the arena, run by district service clubs and featuring arts, crafts, clothing, fresh and smoked meats, apples, cheese and home baking.
- Free bus tours to a typical Amish farm, a dairy farm and a ranch where they raise Australian emus.
- A tour, with free samples, to the A.W. Jantzi and Sons cider mill. The Jantzis are Ontario's biggest makers of apple butter, apple syrup and other apple products. They'll be selling from a booth on the main street, with profits going to the festival fund.
- Free rides for kids in a horse-drawn stage coach.
- A model boat regatta on the village pond.
- Craft demonstrations in the Mennonite fellowship hall, including bonsai, wooden rocking horses and a hive of live bees.
- A quilt sale at 2:30 p.m. on the main street.

While all this is going on, four musical groups, including the Kitchener Musical Society brass band, will perform throughout the village.

If you go, be prepared for some

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The Wellesley Maple

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Wellesley councillor determined to start amalgamation talks with Woolwich

by ANDY CAMPBELL

Wellesley councillor Doug Bergman has again moved for amalgamation talks with Woolwich, and council has again voted him down.

Bergman made his motion in light of the recent letter from regional chairman Ken Seifing, asking for provincial intervention in the regional reform debate.

"Every municipality where they've asked the provincial government to help, they've got one-tier government, except Haldimand-Norfolk," Bergman said, noting that areas that are able to find their own solutions have generally been able to escape that fate.

Bergman said that there would be significant savings in amalgamating with Woolwich, and Wellesley residents would have a stronger voice than they would with a single representative on regional council. Bergman said that Woolwich might not want to amalgamate, but it still makes sense to ask.

"At least have Woolwich come here to tell us we're sucking wind and we shouldn't be talking to them," he said.

Councillor Chris Orford, who seconded the motion, agreed.

"If we don't take the ini-



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— Doug Bergman



"I don't need Ted Arnott or Elizabeth Witmer to tell me what's good for Wellesley township."

— Ross Kelterborn

tiative, it will be taken for us," Orford said. Councillor Ron Hackett stood by his belief that no significant savings can be found in the townships. He maintained that savings from amalgamating the three cities would be much greater.

"I don't understand why we're so afraid to tell the cities to butt out of the townships and amalgamate with each other," Hackett said.

Mayor Frank Friedmann said that it is counterproduc-

ive. If the region acts on those recommendations, perhaps in conjunction with Hackett's proposal of joining the cities, Kelterborn believed the problem would be solved.

Kelterborn said that he wanted to keep Wellesley intact.

Bergman said that Wellesley is too small to stand on its own, and that Kelterborn's plan for centralized services was a step toward one-tier government. While he agreed that most savings could be found in the cities, Bergman said that Wellesley cannot tell the cities what to do.

Kelterborn said that a lack of leadership in this issue has been the problem from the beginning.

Bergman recalled moving to invite MPP Ted Arnott and others to speak to council about a strong two-tier government.

Kelterborn said that it was not the kind of leadership he meant.

"I don't need Ted Arnott or Elizabeth Witmer to tell me what's good for Wellesley township," he said.

Bergman asked for a recorded vote. The motion was defeated, with Bergman and Orford in favour.

Friedmann, Kelterborn, Hackett and Mike Edwards were opposed. Councillor Dusan Cizman was absent.

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stores. He has had requests, however, from as far away as Australia for Merlau Maple Products. School visits are also frequent occurrences at the company's farm.