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We are all interested in the round
the world tour of our Queen & her
husband. They are now in Australia, at
this time of the year enjoying summer
weather.

Prime Minister San Laurent - has
started his round the world tour, when
he will visit Great Britain France Germany
Italy - India & Korea. The object of his
trip is to foster good will with the
countries of Europe & Asia.

Here at home —

Mrs Wm Hamilton, one of the oldest ^{troops}
residents of the village died last week
at the age of 95:

The annual 6 week Bible School of the
Amish Mennonites is being conducted at

Kernals Hall.

Mr & Mrs Bachler are spending a month in Florida. Annual meetings of the Agricultural Society - the Public Library & the school area have been held during January.

Mrs Chalmers

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1954—SECOND SECTION

Ice Coats Ruins of Fire-Charred Wellesley Store



Ruins of Arthur Reiner's store, destroyed by fire at Wellesley, are framed by icicles here. Firemen fought the blaze in below zero temperatures.



Twisted remains of a television aerial covered by ice hangs between two buildings at the scene of the blaze. (Photos by Free Press Stratford Bureau).

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Martha Stahle

Mrs. Martha Stahle, 70, of Wellesley, died Friday at K-W Hospital, Kitchener, following a short illness. Born in Wellesley, daughter of the late Mrs. and Mrs. William Meyer, she lived there all her life. Her husband, Edward Stahle, died in 1946. Mrs. Stahle was a member of First St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wellesley, where she was active in the Ladies' Aid. She was a member of the Wellesley Women's Institute, also. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Robert (Paula) Warne, Wellesley; Mrs. Robert (Ruth) Heimbuch, Tavistock; Mrs. Carl (Gertrude) Lautenschlager, Petersburg; two brothers, Harry and Charles, Detroit; one sister, Mrs. Harry Ardis, St. Petersburg, Fla., and four grandchildren. Rev. Walter Heinze conducted the funeral service Monday afternoon in First St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

In Memoriam
2 min. silence for memory
of Mrs. Stahle
Her charming ways and smiling
face
Are a pleasure to recall.
She had a kindly word for each,
And died beloved by all.
It's hard to think of sunset,
Of the glory of the dawn,
It's hard to smile with courage
When one you love is gone,
And yet if silent lips could speak
Our hearts would be at rest,
For she would say be comforted,
God's loving will is best.

- Current Events March 1954
1. Rumors the last couple of days were that the Queen's visit to western Australia might be curtailed because of the outbreak of polio.
 2. A family known as "Palmering the House" has been shot down in front of their Ballerina valued at £50.
 3. A Miss Shirley tried to run a little lorry of Hollister on Feb. 11 destroying the G.H. Service block. Three local fire brigades came to the rescue and spent a hard cold night - work at 15 below zero. Though credit is due to the local police force for saving the second building.
 4. Francis Hyland a 17 year old girl has been assigned to appear opposite James Mason Festival for the Shakespearean festival in 1951 or next year. The following Tuesday a flood broke out flooding some roads & cellar. Mrs. Chon
 5. A 1951 model car stolen from a car in mid town. The following Tuesday a

DAY, AUGUST 26, 1955



LAST-MINUTE HUSTLE—Wellesley fall fair directors making last-minute plans are (left to right) women's President Mrs. Clayton Spahr, President John Albrecht, Vice-President Henry L. Neeb and children's supervisor, Mrs. Earl Denstedt.

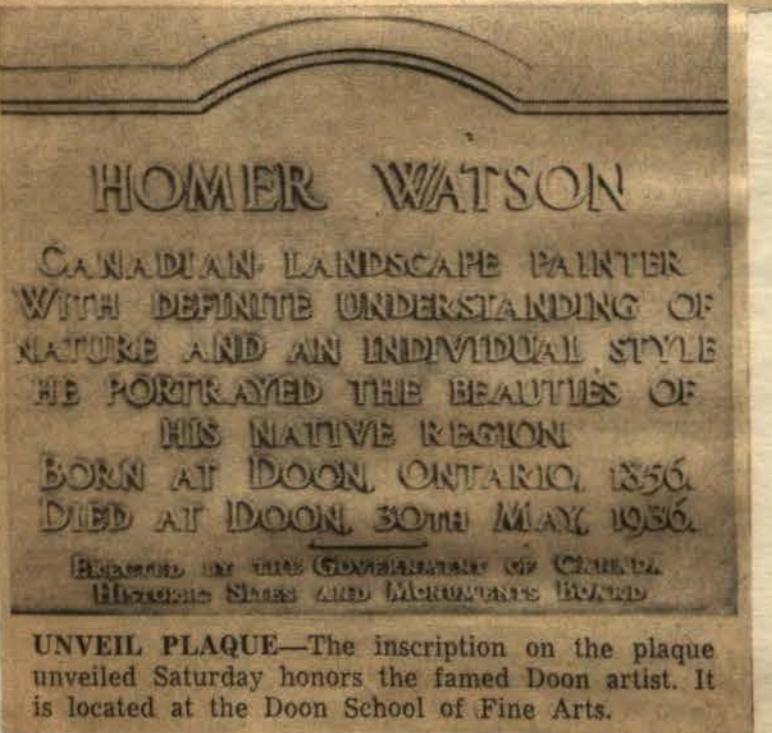


Cast of the playlette "The Pirates" given at the home of Mrs. Ed. Stahle, Institute meeting March 10, 1931
L to R: Mrs. Esther Faulhafer, Mrs. H. Witzel, Addie Ratz, Mrs. Ed. Stahle,
Mrs. Albert Bensent, Doris Fleischauer, Mrs. Herb Kaufman



OFFICIATE AT DOON—Dignitaries who assisted at the unveiling of a plaque honoring the memory of Homer Watson at Doon are shown in Watson's studio. They include (left to right) Dr. Frederick Landon of historic sites and monuments board, London, Ont.; Clare Bice, curator of the London Art Museum; F. E. Page of New Dundee, vice-president of Waterloo County Historical Society, and R. M. Meyers, MPP for Waterloo South, who unveiled the plaque. Standing at rear is Rev. Dr. F. G. Stewart who gave the dedicatory address.

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Emile Dionne one of the famous Dixie Calander Out-died on Aug 6th 20 years old laid to rest at Cobalt Cemetery.

Sgt. Gerald Kish, ~~died~~ died in Korea recently. He served in the 2nd Canadian Battalion Queen's Own Rifles.— Memorial services were held at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Aug 15th.

The Duchess of Kent accompanied by her daughter Princess Alexandra on their visit to Canada arrived at Toronto Aug 26, where the Duchess officially opened the Canadian National Exhibition.

The A. W. Reiner & Co 5610 Stree wheel was destroyed by fire in Feb. has been rebuilt into a modern Stree was opened for business on Sept 2/54.

Quite a number of new books have been placed on the shelves of The Public Library for circulation.

Sept 7 Wellesley Public School opened its door for the Fall term with a complete new staff.

Mrs. Elliott, New Hamburg, Mrs. Grace Hart Wellesley and Mr. Kenneth Williams Waterloo as Principals. 25 new pupils were enrolled. Grade I

Thirty-seven persons met violent deaths over

The Labor Day weekend in Canada.

Elizabeth Wilcox

Wellesley Current Events -

Sept & Dec 1954

Marylyn Bell, 16 year old High School girl Toronto - was first person to swim across Lake Ontario she covered 40 mile distance in 20 hrs + 56 min.

Wellesley Fall fair Sept 17th suffered under heavy rains had a fair crowd. The float-made by the Wellesley Public School children, Farmer in The Dell, led in the Parade.

Mrs Herbert Berg was engaged as fourth teacher in the Public School in late Sept. Total enrollment now 120.

The Womens Institute had a refreshment Booth at the fall fair also a Bazaar at the Memorial Hall with supper served to a large crowd. on Oct 2nd.

members of the Womens Institute lent a helping hand at serving refreshments at the International Ploughing match held a Brulaw on Oct 11-15. 1954

Mrs. C.B. Barbour and Mrs. C. Speahr attended the Womens Institute Convention at Guelph Oct 7-8.

The members of the Womens Institute were invited to attend the Opening of the covered bridge at West Montrose Oct 6th which had been repaired recently the bridge spans the Grand River.

Elizabeth Witzel

Ontario's Last Covered Bridge Back in Service



REOPEN WEST MONTROSE STRUCTURE—One of Waterloo county's best known links with its early history, the 73-year-old covered bridge at West Montrose was officially reopened yesterday by Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter of Owen Sound, president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. The structure had been closed temporarily for repairs. Built in 1881, it is the last of its kind in Ontario. (Story on Third Page).

The old Montrose bridge, built in 1881 by John and Benjamin Bear for Woolwich Township Council, and known as The Kissing Bridge, came under the jurisdiction of the Waterloo County Council and Department of Highways when the Kitchener - Elmira road was taken over as King's Highway 86.

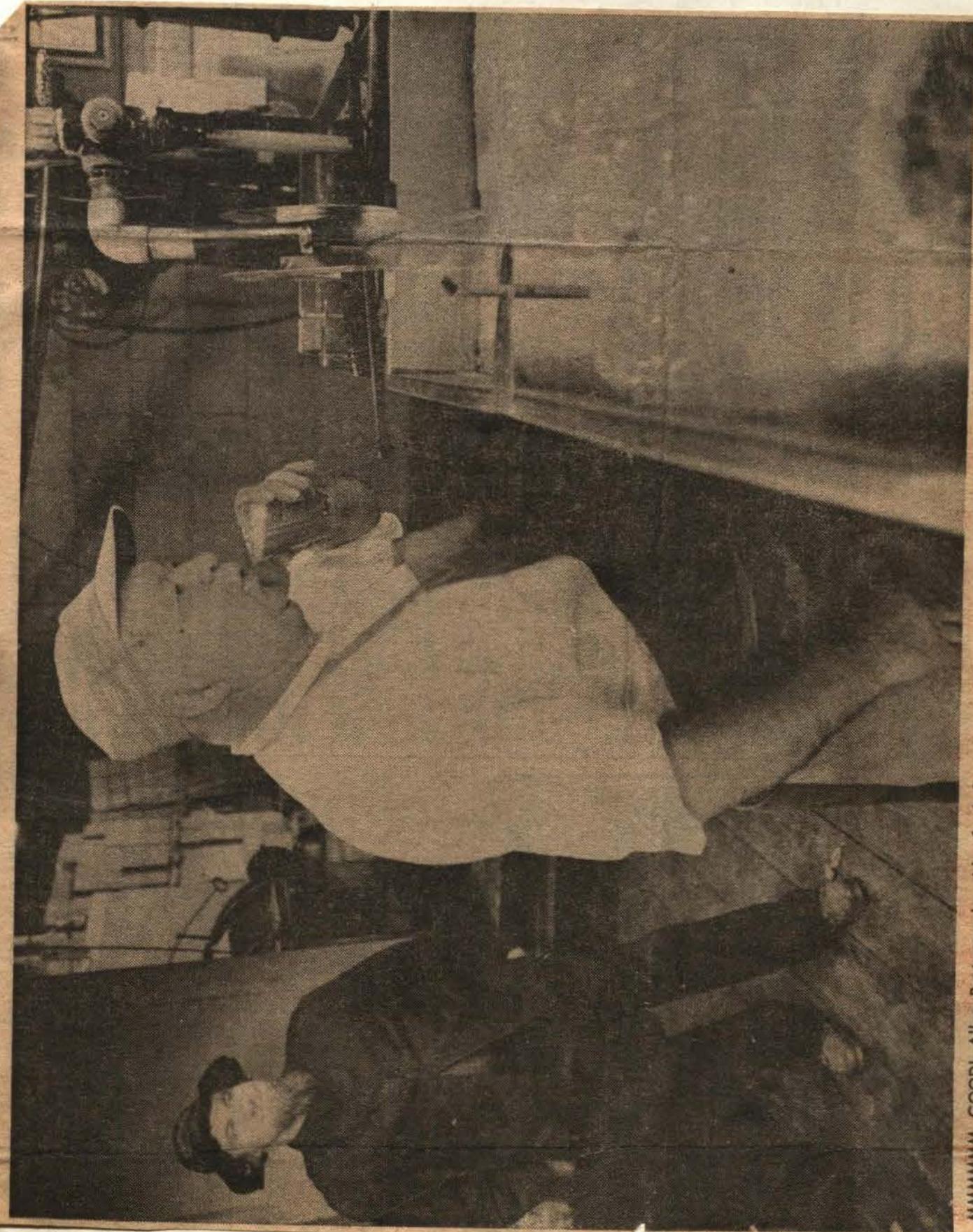
The bridge is 196.5 feet long and the covered portion extends for another six feet at either end, making a total length of 208.5 feet. The substructure now consists of concrete wing abutments at either end and a stone centre pillar. An interesting feature of the rebuilt bridge is the new lighting, electric bulbs in old-fashioned barn lanterns spaced at 40 feet on either side, recalling the fact that West Montrose citizens of early years used to hang up lanterns in the bridge to light latecomers on their way.

OCTOBER 7, 1954



At the Wellesley Fall Fair, in the top picture North Easthope tug-of-war team on the right defeats the Detroit Police team. In the second top row, girl dancers entertained and other girls enjoyed the midway. In picture row second from the bottom, Harvest Queen Dennise Harmer, of Stratford, just after her coronation, and at right, Fair president Walter Cook (right), chat with Mayor Bob Gramlow and a visitor. Mrs. Doris Foster, of Linwood, at the flower display. Immediately below this picture, Mrs. Phyllis Kitchen and Marne Goodyear, 10, of Wellesley prepare for a puppet show. Also in the show, though not shown in the picture, was Theresa Pietrich, of St. Clement's, also 10 years old. In the bottom pictures, left, Paul Schmidt, nearly 12, of Gad's Hill, and Bruce Cook, 8, Gad's Hill, enjoy the pets in Old MacDonald's Farm. The "farmer" was George Buchheit.

KITCHENER, ONTARIO, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1975



MMMM, GOOD!—Allan Bast samples cider fresh from the press at the Wellesley Cider Mill, the only remaining mill in Canada that produces apple butter. Much of the work at this time of the season is

custom-pressing apples for either cider or apple butter, mainly for Mennonite customers in the area, although some people drive more than 100 miles to Wellesley to have Ralph Jantzi serve them.

Record Photos by Gerry Bookhout

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Wellesley is apple butter

By JIM ROMAHN
Record Staff Writer

WELLESLEY — The last plant producing apple butter in Canada is going full blast this fall.

The Wellesley Cider Mill, owned by Ralph Jantzi, is busy because there's been a bumper crop of apples in Ontario, because it is now the only plant that will custom produce apple butter and because there's a growing demand for the product from specialty retailers.

Orders for custom work are booked until mid-November, and people often line up to the bridge — about 50 yards away — to get apples custom-pressed into cider.

The demand for custom-produced apple butter is so great that it is done by appointment only, but pressing for cider is done as customers arrive.

And that means the Jantzi family is often busy from 6 a.m. until well after dark, especially if the weather is rainy and unsuitable for farm field work.

About a quarter of the plant's work is now serving individual customers. The other three-quarters is producing and selling apple butter commercially, either under the Wellesley Cider Mill name or under a host of other company names. Among the clients are Laura Secord candy stores, Eaton's specialty food counters and similar outlets.

The potential demand is staggering, and has brought Mr. Jantzi to a crossroads decision.

He can either greatly expand his commercial production of apple butter, serving retailers from coast to coast, or stick with his current mix of both commercial and custom work.

He has not yet made a final decision, basically because he

hates to turn away the people who depend on his rapidly-expanding plant as the only remaining source of apple-butter production.

During the busy season, he produces about two tons of apple butter daily.

Two years ago he also started to sell commercial apple cider, sticking to a narrow segment of the market for the non-pasteurized, natural product.

Apple cider is made by pulping the apples, then squeezing them under 120 tons of pressure.

Unpasteurized apple cider is growing in popularity with local customers, many of them from Kitchener who buy it by the gallon to ferment into wine or hard cider.

Amish Mennonites, who at one time made hundreds of

gallons of hard cider each fall, apparently are making less, according to plant employees who handle the press.

Old Order Mennonites will not drink alcoholic beverages, but are still regular customers for fresh cider. Many preserve it by canning, but freezing is becoming more popular. The product emerges from the freezer with a fresh-made taste.

Pumpkin-filled apple butter is lighter in colour and taste.

The Wellesley Cider Mill product is made only from apples, most of them supplied throughout the year from farm co-operatives in the Norfolk and Oxford area. They are bought and processed as apples are removed from controlled atmosphere storage and graded.

Only hand-picked apples are used, and only from orchards that have been sprayed to

control pests and diseases. It's a self-imposed quality standard that Mr. Jantzi has adopted.

capital

His plant is regularly inspected by federal government inspectors, who Mr. Jantzi said are more interested in the processing facilities than in the quality of the raw product.

The Wellesley Cider Mill was started in 1922 by A. W. Jantzi, who retains a small financial interest in the limited company. Mr. Jantzi concentrated on a farm-machinery dealership he established in 1930, and his son, Ralph, is expanding the apple company.

Ralph bought the mill from his father in 1960, one year after a three-storey machinery and wood-working part of the plant was torn down. It has been replaced by a cement block addition.

The plant uses water power, supplemented by a steam generator to cook the apples or pumpkins.

Mr. Jantzi said he has made trips to the major apple-producing areas of the Okanagan Valley in British Columbia and the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia, and has found no other apple butter plant in the country.

Among the plants that have disappeared through the years have been ones at New Dundee, Tavistock, Milverton, St. Jacobs, Floradale and Mildmay.

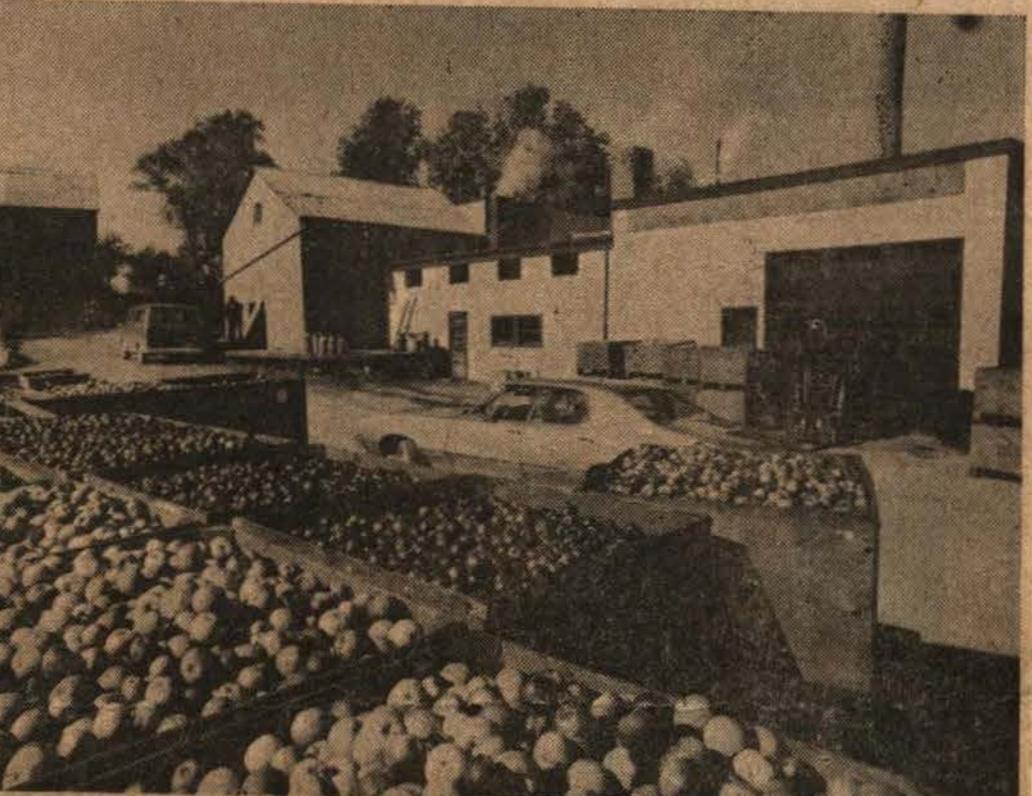
Mr. Jantzi bought the specially-constructed apple press from the Floradale plant when it went out of business six years ago. The Mildmay plant, one of the largest in Ontario, ceased production three years ago.

That leaves only the Wellesley mill in serious production, although there is one mill at Paisley which operates weekends only during the peak fall season.



DELICACY — Ralph Jantzi pours a batch of custom-made apple butter while his cook, Mrs. Sophia Roeder, beams.

Some farmers use pumpkins as a filler, others prefer apples, but either way the result is a local delicacy.



TONS OF APPLES — A couple of tons of apples are processed daily at the mill, with custom work accounting for most

of the volume in the fall. During the balance of the year, the mill processes stored apples for its own apple butter.

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FACTORY IN AN UPPER STOREY

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Though no stranger would ever guess it, there is a children's factory for making pants and jeans above the Mill End store in Wellesley. And when those same strangers buy pants or jeans in stores whose names are household words in Vancouver, Toronto or Montreal -- the product may well have come from Wellesley.

The pants and jeans are marketed across Canada under a number of labels, though the factory itself is called Conestogo Wear Corporation Limited.

The plant employs up to 15 people, plus 22 sewing who work in their homes and produces an average of 350 dozen pairs of pants and jeans a week with a maximum capacity of 500 pairs a week.

The Company is affiliated with Park Avenue Wear Ltd., of Elmira, owned by Earl Berscht, of Elmira; Harold Chapman, of Kitchener, and William Marklinger, of Toronto.

The Wellesley operation is owned and operated by the wives of two of the Park Avenue partners, Mrs. Frieda Berscht and Gloria Chapman, as well as William Marklinger, brother Bob, with Mrs. Beatrice Leis as manager.

Conestogo was started in 1964. Material is cut in Elmira and the garments are returned to Elmira for final finishing.

About 80% of the firm's business is in pants and 20% in jeans, said Mr. Berscht. Sizes range from two to twelve.

Top picture shows the pants and jeans factory at Wellesley, and in the lower picture is Mrs. June Koebel, floorlady (standing) and Verna Kuepfer, of R.R.I. Millbank, who is seaming pants.

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PARADE NEEDED UMBRELLAS



When it started to rain in Wellesley just before the parade got under way, some folk came prepared. Umbrellas, some of the ornamental type that fitted the spirit of the high jinx, solved the problem. (See pictures and story page 10)

1976 Fall Fair

Fall Fair Frolics

A lot of imagination seems to be going into this year's Wellesley Fall Fair. Even the catalogue is unique and worth keeping. The cover is a reproduction of the 1923 Fall exhibition.

The idea for reprinting the old, and still attractive cover, is credited to Roy Ehnes, the secretary.

The Fair gets under way with placing of exhibits Tuesday morning, September 14, and judging begins at noon. The official opening is Tuesday evening by Harvey Wood, president of the O.A.S. and Harvest Queen preliminaries at the Fire Hall. The same evening the hotly contested tug-of-war will take place and rumor has it that the champion North Easthope team isn't as strong this year... well, wait and see about that.

The big parade takes place Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. There will lots to see on the Fair grounds -- new machinery, cars, judging of light and heavy horses, judging of dairy and beef cattle, sheep and swine.

At 1.30 there will be a puppet show at the Fire Hall and a baby show at 2.30. At 3 p.m. there will be a pet show and practically anything might turn up -- dogs, cats, rabbits, ponies, birds, turtles and -- even, says the program -- worms.

On Wednesday evening there will be Harvest Queen finals and crowning, followed by a show with Paul Bros. and Shirley and a dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

There's a brand new midway on the grounds and lots of refresh-



Denise Harmer of Stratford was crowned Harvest Queen at the Wellesley fair last Wednesday night. Runners up were Lorie Schneider, left, and Mary McTavish, both from Gadshill. Miss Harmer won an assortment of prizes and is eligible to compete in the Sweetheart of the Fairs contest at the Canadian national exhibition next year.

Dan Schmidt bought the property in 1906 and in 1920 sold it to Solomon Bast. Both Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Bast took the cider across the river to Conrad Backer's sawmill where there was a small building in which they boiled the apple butter.

When Aaron Jantzi purchased the cider mill in 1922 he made the same agreement with Backer's sawmill -- taking his cider across the river to be boiled.

In March of 1922 a severe ice storm destroyed the smoke stack at Becker's sawmill thus putting an end to boiling the apple butter there.

In order to hold his business Mr. Jantzi was forced to build the apple butter factory on his site. He started building in July of 1922 in order to be ready for boiling in early September 1922.

Aaron Jantzi retired in 1961 and the business was taken over by his son Ralph. One of the unique features of this mill is that it is still powered by water. This is one of the few apple butter factories in Ontario.

The mill employs 6 or 7 people in the busy season. Apple is boiled 10 or 11 months of the year and is distributed throughout the country as well as sweet apple cider.

Custom work is still being done and it is an interesting sight on a fall day to see farmers bringing their apples for pressing by horse drawn wagons to the mill.

The site of the J. M. Schneider cheese factory in Wellesley was originally owned by Dan R. Striecher. The factory was called Cedar Spring cheese factory and was operated by a farmers' co-operative. It was in existence at least as early as 1900.

Managers under the farmers' co-operative were



This is how the cider mill looked in 1922 when Aaron Jantzi purchased it.



In 1941, a new boiler was brought in to the Jantzi cider mill.

In the pages of history — Unique apple cider mill powered by water

by RUTH GRAMLOW

The apple butter and cider industry in Wellesley dates back to the 1800s.

John Weismiller from Germany started construction of the dam about 1867 to generate water power for the mill. In 1897 John Zehr purchased the property from John Weismiller.

The original cider press was built on site by John Zehr but in 1970 the old press was replaced by a hydraulic press.

The cider mill was originally used as a machine shop to repair farm machinery and also to press cider. Mr. Zehr lived in the upstairs of the machine shop and did not start to build the house until 1900.

Dave Brunk, William Vance and Chris Bergner.

Later the factory was purchased by Kraft and managed by William Ratz.

Lorne Schenck purchased the factory in 1929 and in April of 1945 sold it to Wellesley farm products.

Elmer Baechler managed the factory until 1968 and in 1951 J. M. Schneider took ownership. The present manager is Don Gormley. It is now a packaging and processing plant that employs 30 people.

George Bast, Sr., also started in the cheese business in Wellesley approximately 50 years ago. He purchased 40 or 50 90-

pound cheddars and cured them in his basement.

Mrs. Bast made cook cheese and also "ball" cheese. They attended the Kitchener market in the morning and the Waterloo market in the afternoon.

George Bast Jr. took over the business from his father in 1963 and still attends the Kitchener market. He also has a store at the Belmont plaza in Kitchener called The Kasemann and is presently building a cheese store on William street in Wellesley, which is being done in the Bavarian style.

George Jr. still uses the natural aging method of curing cheese as was done in his father's day.



Mrs. Fred Kaufman, Wellesley, will be exhibiting plants for which she is well-known at the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival. In spring and summer her garden of wild flowers is especially lovely. But she also grows many other plants indoors, some of which are in her kitchen window, above. She loves improving. She's holding a plant grown in a teapot but uses many other unusual "plant pots" and somehow the effect is always artistic.

Wellesley's Apple Butter and Chhese Festival is definitely aimed at early risers -- though there's lots to do for those who get up later too.

It kicks off with a pancake and sausage breakfast in the street mall at 7 a.m. and a farmers' market at the same time at Fellowship Hall.

Sounds early for those coming from a long way? Well, it is, but worth it, if Wellesley's frenzied activities in preparation for the big event are an indication.

At the breakfast -- come hungry! -- you get a liberal serving of pancakes, sausage, apple sauce, juice and coffee.

Then off to the Farmers' Market, unless you want to go there first to get the pick of the crop. Larry Roth, in charge of concessions, says farmers will be offering garden produce, baked goods, honey, meats and cheese, as well as home-made sausage by the pound.

The Street Mall will be decorated with hanging baskets of flowers and there will be chalet-shaped booths along it. One booth, manned by Steve Campbell and Wayne Kaufman, will feature a vegetable display. A Lion's Club booth, with Fred Kaufman, will offer local cheeses, cut to the customers' specifications.

Mrs. Jean Horne will have a souvenir booth with T shirts, steins, mugs and buttons decorated with the logo of the Festival.

Other booths will sell home baked goods, homemade candy, leather articles, honey, and there will be a Women's Institute booth under the guidance of Mrs. Lorna Jacques selling homemade apple pie and cheese.

But all this is only a small part of the Festival. Five farmers, one specializing in honey, two in beef and two in dairy, are opening their gates to visitors and there will be free buses from the centre of the village to transport the sightseers. Accompanying them will be hostesses Christine Stroh, a former Fall Fair queen, Cathy Stiles, Sandra Buehl and Sandra Leis, the last three members of the 4-H Club. On his farm Jacob Lichti will demonstrate extraction of honey from the comb, and on another farm the owner, Kenneth Helpel, will demonstrate threshing with antique equipment and a tractor.

A display of antique farm equipment will on display at the rear of the Queen's Hotel.

Another popular tour is likely to be by h'wagon to the Wellesley Cider Mill to see fresh apple juice, apple butter and cider being made.

No one is likely to participate fully in all the events planned . . . a horseshoe demonstration by Elmer Hohl and his son Steven; a horseshoe pitching tournament; arts and crafts exhibits at the school; and an auction sale where antiques can be picked up by the collector. The auctioneer will be Murray Gerber.

Planning has been thorough. Mrs. Irene Jutzi says the women's efforts in providing food service, of which she is in charge, are remarkable.

A special food feature is the smorgasbord at the community centre starting at 11 a.m. Conveners of this are Mrs. Anna Mae Steinman and Mrs. Raymond Wagler. Foods will include many famous Mennonite dishes.

Mrs. Harold Leis and Jim Erb are in charge of special

events and report fine co-operation, and Mrs. Phyllis Kitchen, chairman of the Arts Council, says paintings and crafts will be available for sale at the school. Conveners of this event are Mrs. Irene Kennell, Mrs. Peggy Kaufman, and Mrs. Linda Gerber.

Parking is ample for 5,000 cars, says Lloyd Jantzi, who has been in charge of this arrangement. There will be an information booth on the Mall arranged by Heather Gramlow.

Wib Wagner is in charge of advertising and William Dietz is secretary-treasurer of the Committee, with Michael Kennedy the Chairman.

Apple pies and cheese, coffee and sweet apple cider will be offered by the Wellesley Women's Institute at their booth on the Mall during the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival.

The Institute will also have crafts in the Wellesley Fall Fair exhibiting quilting, ceramics, sewing, knitting, crocheting, macrame and copper craft.

At their meeting September 7 at the home of Mrs. Earl Kelterborn the group was asked to make hand-sewn quilt blocks of different designs for display at the Erland Lee Home at Stoney Creek, which commemorates the founding of the Women's Institutes. The home is open to the public weekdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. except in February.

The group was told that the Guelph Area convention will be held October 18-19 at Bingen Park, Kitchener.

Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Floyd Steinman and Mrs. Clayton Spahr.

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POODLE T-SHIRT



EVERYBODY GOT IN THE ACT -- Chip, wearing a Wellesley apple butter T-shirt does his bit to promote Saturday's festival at Wellesley. His mistress, 8 year old Elizabeth Grant thinks he's a great salesman.

Milverton, Perth County, Ontario Wednesday, October 4, 1976

FIFTEEN TIMES AS MANY VISITORS AS RESIDENTS

by Cliff Kenyon

Wellesley's 830 population was outnumbered -- joyfully -- by about 15 to one as visitors poured in Saturday to partake of the Village's first Apple Butter and Cheese Festival.

Mayor Bob Gramlow said: "Everyone who worked so hard for it should be congratulated and I think Council should pass such a motion."

Wellesley has been "put on the map" according to Mike Kennedy, chairman of the committee which organized this community's first apple butter and cheese festival held Saturday.

"It's more than our expectations," said Mr. Kennedy, estimating attendance at the one-day festival at between 12,000 to 14,000 persons. Intensive advertising and perfect weather, he said, contributed to success of the event.

Wib Wagner of the food services committee said just about everyone in Wellesley had a part to play in the festival.

Nigel Dezell, grounds committee chairman, said about half the community, about 450 persons out of a total population of 830, had jobs to perform on Festival day. Everyone in the community, he said, took part in the planning.

"We just hope we can shut down after one day," said Mr. Dezell gazing at the crowds browsing through the main street mall.

The festival began at 7 a.m. By 7:20, said Mr. Dezell, visit-



Bob Leis sells vegetables at the Farmers' Market at the stand operated by the Wellesley Men's Slow Ball League.

ors were lined up at the Board of Trade booth for a breakfast of pancakes and sausages.

"We were wiping frost off the tables this morning so people could eat," he said.

Harold Leis, chairman of the special events committee, said visitors arrived in a constant stream all day. Many, he said were former Wellesley residents.

"One fellow told me he never thought he would see this many people in Wellesley," said Mr. Leis. "I think it does a lot for the community."

Wib Wagner, market chairman, said free tours to local farms were most successful. Visitors, he said, weren't hurried and could inspect farms at a leisurely pace.

Larry Roth, in charge of food products and farmers' market, said visitors arrived in a constant stream all day. Many, he said were former Wellesley residents.

Mr. Roth said many items in the Fellowship Hall farmers' market were sold out early in the day: "Everybody I talk to is enthusiastic and tells us the festival is so well organized."

There was ample parking with volunteer fire fighters in charge of parking control.

Many visitors and children got their first hayride in years while travelling from parked cars or to tours in the cider plant or to visit the arts and craft show in the school.

Mr. Roth said part of the reason why the festival ran so smoothly is due to co-operation from Waterloo Regional Police. About 15 officers were on duty at the festival.

Visitors interviewed had

nothing but praise for festival organizers and workers.

"They say Wellesley will never be the same," said Irene Jantzi, chairman of the food committee. More than 150 pies were sold and the mammoth smorgasbord at the community centre which opened at 11:30 a.m. and closed at 2:30 p.m., sold out of food.

"Even if we didn't make any money, it's been a success," said Mr. Kennedy. "I'm already looking forward to next year's."

Proceeds from the festival go towards construction of an artificial ice surface. Mr. Kennedy estimated profits to be between \$5,000 and \$10,000 and an official figure will not be available until costs have been tallied next week.

Next year, he said, the festival committee should aim at attendance of 20,000 persons: "Now we know how to do it."

Reason for success of the festival could be the variety of events, demonstrations and displays throughout Wellesley. No one could take part in all events ranging from tours of local farms, horseshoe pitching competitions and displays of antique farming equipment.

Apple pies and cheese, coffee and sweet apple cider were offered by Wellesley Women's Institute on the street mall and Wellesley Slow Pitch Men's League.

Mr. Dezell said it is the first time every organization in Wellesley has taken part in a single event to make it a success.

HI - JINKS AT WELLESLEY



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APPLE BUTTER AND CHEESE FESTIVAL-- Picture top left shows Bob Leis selling vegetables at the Farmers' Market at the stand operated by the Wellesley Men's Slow Ball League. At top right Clara Snyder, of Waterloo, makes soap in a demonstration. Second from top on left are the Littlefolk dancers while the inset picture to its right proves it was a big day for horseshoe pitching in the Village. In the picture second from the bottom on the left John Paff sells cheese on the Shoppers' Mall, while at right Rick Nafziger, of New Hamburg, helps prepare apples for making cider. In the lower picture, left, is a general view of the Shoppers' Mall, and at right a typical hayride, one of the many that supplied free transportation throughout the village.

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NOVEMBER 17, 1976

NEWCOMER SAYS HE NEEDS TO DO RESEARCH

Conrad Rupnow takes Wellesley mayoralty by acclamation

Conrad Rupnow, a Bamberg resident without previous council experience, has been acclaimed as mayor of Wellesley township.

Mr. Rupnow said Tuesday that he was "very surprised to get in by acclamation". He added that "in a way, it was a great relief" to be acclaimed, although he would have liked an election campaign because it would have given him an opportunity to meet the people of the township.

Earlier this month, Mr. Rupnow announced he would run for a ward two council seat.

He changed his mind, he said, because he was given "full support" from a lot of township residents, and "nobody discouraged me". Mr. Rupnow said that in deciding to run for the mayoralty, he was "assuming that (incumbent mayor) Bob Gramlow was not going to oppose me", and indicated that if Mr. Gramlow had decided to try for another term, he would have considered withdraw-

ing.

Mr. Rupnow said that he did not want to comment on specific issues until he was more familiar with them. He will be attending council meetings regularly until he takes office in January, he said.

Growth and development is "of extreme importance to the region and Wellesley township", Mr. Rupnow said, and council must determine what it wants and "establish a pattern". He said he has read the township official plan, but needs "to get a feel for the issues".

Mr. Rupnow is an engineering technologist with Swain and Rupnow Ltd., a firm of engineering consultants which has done considerable work in the area on behalf of both the township and private developers.

At present the firm is representing developers for three proposed subdivisions in the township: Voi-Gott in St. Clements, Linwood heights in Linwood and Wel-Delco in Wel-

lesley. Swain and Rupnow has acted on behalf of the township in the Kaiser subdivision in Wellesley, and has been involved in inspecting the old Wellesley arena and planning for the new one.

Conflicts of interest are bound to arise, Mr. Rupnow said, but he does not feel this will create problems because he is aware of regulations in the conflict of interest act and will not participate in council discussions on matters involving his firm.

These subjects are "a very small percentage of township affairs" he said, and he feels what he has to offer "far outweighs any problems that might arise".

In regard to closed meetings, Mr. Rupnow said that "the press and public should be welcome at any meeting. It is their right to be in attendance." He was not aware that some closed meetings have been held.

Mr. Rupnow said that he was aware that the involvement of the township in the



CONNIE RUPNOW

region had been a matter of controversy, but added, "I can't speak intelligently about the subject until I do some research." He said he would need "facts and figures" before he could comment further.

Mr. Rupnow and his wife Carole moved to Bamberg in 1972 from Kitchener. They have four children, Paul 13, John 10, Gayle 8 and Jamey 5.

Mr. Rupnow grew up in Bancroft, Ontario, and graduated from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto. He has been chairman of the Bamberg community centre board for two years.

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DECKERT AND DIETRICH ACCLAIMED IN WARD FOUR

Council elections to be held in three wards

Nominations closed in Wellesley township at 5 o'clock Monday, with several councillors on hand in the township office in Linwood to see the result: newcomer Conrad Rupnow acclaimed as mayor, and ward four incumbents Stan Deckert and Elmer Dietrich also returned by acclamation.

Ward one incumbent Albert Erb made a last-minute appearance to file his nomination, in spite of an earlier statement that he probably would not run. Also in the ward one race are incumbent Ross Kelterborn, and Steven Campbell, former principal of Wellesley public school.

Ward two candidates are Richard Lichy and Ken Heipel, both farmers, and housewife Phyllis Kitchen. (Mrs. Kitchen also filed papers for the ward three council race, but withdrew this nomination later.)

In ward three, incumbents Barry Hayward and Jack Lorentz will run against Jim Brenner and Mike Dietrich.

Incumbent mayor Bob Gramlow kept people guessing until the last minute by hints that he might change an earlier decision and try for a third term.

There was speculation right until five o'clock that he would appear with a nomination paper in hand.

Mr. Lorentz and Mr. Hayward had both indicated they might make a bid for the mayor's seat, but did not do so. Mr. Lorentz said that he felt because he is away a great deal on business he could not devote the time necessary to the mayor's job.

All candidates were asked by The Independent what issues they felt were important in the township.

WARD ONE

Mr. Kelterborn from ward one said he was concerned about providing

low-cost housing, but added that he did not feel the proposed development for Crosshill was low-cost. He said he was interested in a development he had heard about in Wilmot township where pre-fabricated homes (not trailers) were constructed on rented land.

Mr. Kelterborn is a teacher and has served two terms on council.

Ward one challenger Steven Campbell said, "The township has done well for me; I feel I should offer myself to do something for it." He said he would like more time to study the issues before commenting further.

He is principal of Smithson school in Kitchener and has lived in the township "for three or four years." He was principal of Wellesley school from 1966 to 1972.

The other ward two incumbent, Albert Erb, said he had "no platform other than trying to make the best of what comes along".

He said the council should "follow the normal trend developed over the years" and look after roads and recreation. Wellesley is not a big municipality with a lot of funds so cannot become involved in a lot of projects, Mr. Erb said. He added that he was interested in the Wellesley arena.

WARD TWO

Ward two candidate Richard Lichy said he felt planning and development in the township was very important. He said he favours slow growth and would like the small towns to stay as they are.

He is "very definitely opposed" to good agricultural land being used for development, especially as proposed in a large-scale development for Crosshill.

Budgeting is also a priority with Mr. Lichy. He feels he has spoken out on many issues during the past two years and made his position clear. "I

haven't changed," he said.

Mr. Lorentz, a resident of the Paradise Lake area in ward two, will run again in ward three. He said he is concerned with "maintaining our unique township and not becoming completely inundated by the region." This has always been his concern and will continue to be, he said.

He added that "it is a good idea" for a candidate to run in the ward in which he lives, but he has always run in ward three because he is involved there through the church, recreation and the community centre.

Mike Dietrich has been a St. Clements resident for nine years. He was involved with the arena and community centre fund-raising committee for four years, two years as chairman and two years as head of the Flair committee.

He said he is "always interested in what's going on" and has "a personal feeling that some councillors could do a better job." He said he would not refer to specific issues or individuals because "I don't want to throw any dirty stones."

Jim Brenner is also a St. Clements resident and a former chairman of the community centre board.

He said he is particularly concerned about council's feasibility committee which has been studying how regional government affects the township. This is an important issue and he would like to see the study completed, he said.

Mr. Brenner also said that he felt council should continue a policy of spending restraint as it has been practiced in the past year, to provide "affordable rates" for the taxpayers. He said he would also like a review of the ward system, because he feels candidates should run in the wards in which they live.

by ELIZABETH MILLER

Will feasibility committee report in time for a new year's eve study party? Lichy asks

disappointed that the present council, which formed the committee more than a year ago, has not had a report on its findings.

He read the motion by which the committee was established to investigate the possibility of the township withdrawing from the region, and reminded council that the committee had been formed with the intention of holding a public vote on the issue in 1975.

Several heated remarks were exchanged at council Tuesday before councillor Jack Lorentz called a halt to the discussion.

Mr. Gramlow started the dispute by saying that a report by the committee would be of little use now, since there would not be sufficient time for the present council to study and act on it.

Mrs. Lichy suggested that the feasibility committee should hold a new year's eve party at which the report could be studied, since the committee has agreed to bring in a report at the end of the year.

Mr. Gramlow said he was

feasibility committee.

"Are a few comments permissible?" Mrs. Lichy asked. She then proceeded with her remarks without awaiting a reply.

She said that many people feel the committee is "shrouded in suspicion", and added, "I too have some suspicion at this point".

She suggested that perhaps the committee's findings were favourable to regional government and that was why no report had been released.

She said she wondered how the report would finally be made public by December 31 as promised, suggesting sarcastically that if no new year's eve party were called, perhaps the report would be given to the press on that date, or a special council meeting called the morning of December 31.

Mrs. Lichy said she did not know how much time

had been spent by township staff working on the study, but she had been asked many times why the township plumbing inspector spent so many hours at the committee chairman's place of business.

Clerk Russ Gohl said he spent about a half hour doing work for the committee.

"I would like to terminate this discussion," said Mr. Lorentz.

Mrs. Lichy said she had 18 pages of notes from an early committee meeting she attended, and although up to this point she had respected the committee's wish to keep its actions secret, her notes "would make very interesting reading for some people".

Mr. Lorentz said he was ending the discussion which was "a complete rehash" and he took "umbrage" at the suggestion that the committee is "shrouded in secrecy".

He said he urged the chairman of the committee to bring in his report at one of the two regular council meetings scheduled for December "so Dorothy won't have to come to a new year's eve party".

Councillor Barry Hayward said that there were "many instances" in which the committee had not acted in accordance with the municipal act, a provincial law which regulates how councils conduct their business.

He pointed out that Mr. Gramlow, an ex-officio member of the committee, had not been informed of meetings, as required by the act. Meetings are also to be held in the same place and at the same time unless members are notified properly "and this definitely has not happened with the feasibility committee," said Mr. Hayward.

Mr. Hayward made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lichy, that council not accept any report from the committee unless it is presented at a special council meeting called before the December 6 election. Mr. Gramlow and Francis Moser also supported the motion. Voting against it were Mr. Erb, Elmer Dietrich, Stan Deckert and Ross Kelterborn. Mr. Lorentz broke the tie by voting against the motion and it was defeated.

There was no more discussion on the issue.

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There was quite a crowd in Wellesley clerk Russel Gohl's Linwood office on Monday just before nominations closed. With the clerk, who is conducting his last election before retirement, are from left: candidate Phyllis Kitchen, retiring councillor Francis Moser, and councillors Barry Hayward, Ross Kelterborn, Albert Erb.

BAGPIPER OF WELLESLEY



Ed Neigh in musical mood

Some think bagpipe music as beautiful as an angels' choir; others wonder glumly, when they hear it, which cat just got its tail caught in a door.

But E. D. ("Ed") Neigh, of Wellesley, is fast converting the community to a fondness for the pipes.

"They're getting used to them," he says with a knowing grin. "You see, pipe music is different. It's not like any of the usual European classical music. You have to develop an ear for it."

Wellesley is lucky. For Ed is one of the best bagpipers in Canada. He was the first to win a gold medal in Ottawa at a contest sponsored by the

Piobaireachd Society (the word refers to the classical music of the bagpipes) in 1972.

He also won the Dunvegan medal in a contest at Portree on the Island of Skye, in Scotland -- one of three top Scottish awards.

And this summer he is going to Scotland for a year, during which time he will compete for two other top honors in competitions in Oban and Inverness.

Curiously, Ed is not of Scottish ancestry, but a mixture of German and English. He took up bagpipes simply because he wanted to. He is an English teacher at Northwestern High School, Stratford. He is also the pipe major of the Guelph Pipe Band.

Most days when the weather permits, he strides up and down his back garden practising. Which is why Wellesley citizens are developing a taste for bagpipe music.

"I figured we had to, or move away," one of them said.

"I guess it's a tribute to Ed that the population is growing. He hasn't chased anyone out of town yet."

In winter, of course, it's a different story. Ed practises in the living room and his wife, Margaret says resignedly "It doesn't do much for our television watching or telephone calls."

But she shouldn't mind. Unlike Ed, she's of Scottish extraction. And their son, two years old, is named appropriately, Scott.

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Celebrates 90th Birthday

"Be honest, keep active, and don't hate anybody," is the advice of Abraham Siegner of Kingwood who celebrated his 90th birthday Sunday afternoon with a family gathering at Wellesley Public School.

Mr. Siegner's actual birth date was February 12 but the celebration had to be postponed because of the winter storms.

Wishing him well were his four sons, Aral of Millbank, Grant of RR1 Milverton, Clayton of London, and Maxwell of RR2 Wellesley with whom he lives. A fifth son, Franklin of Port Hope, died on May 20 of this year. Also extending best wishes were 12 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Mr. Siegner's wife, the former Alice Chalmers, of Honeygrove, whom he married in 1911, died in 1949.

Despite his age, Mr. Siegner enjoys good health and remains alert mentally. He still drives his Toyota Corolla and last fall took one of his twice-yearly trips alone to Sudbury to visit a friend.

And last summer was the first time in 25 years he hadn't driven out west to see his nephew.

"I had my eyes tested two weeks ago," he told The Sun proudly, "and I didn't need to have my glasses changed."

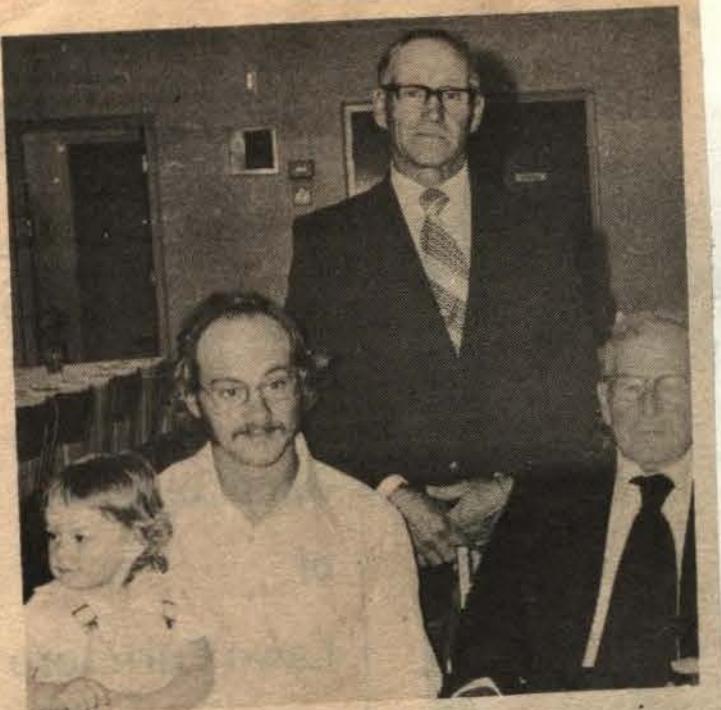
When he's not zipping around the country in his auto, Mr. Siegner tends a flock of sheep at his property at Poole, which has been in the Siegner name since 1850. He's also an avid gardener and this spring planted a one-acre garden all by himself. Besides this, he keeps a daily diary faithfully.

"The world has changed a lot since I was a boy," Mr. Siegner said, "and I don't think it's for the better. For one thing, cars are too fast. Horses and buggies are fast enough for anybody. And we had just as much enjoyment in 1908 as now. In those days Poole even had its own hockey and football teams."

"Things were cheaper then, too. A haircut was 15 cents, a shave 10 cents, and pigs sold for 4-6 cents a pound."

He recalls that the brick house in which he lives was built in 1900 at a cost of \$1900 and that the head bricklayer was paid \$1.25 per hour.

"Our house had one of the first bathrooms in the countryside," he said. "There were two others - one was Dr. Tye's in Milverton and the other was in Northeast hope."



Four Generations of Boys - Helping Abraham Siegner, right, celebrate his 90th birthday, Sunday, are, left to right, his great-grandson, Adam Siegner, his grandson, William Siegner, and his son Grant. (Sun Photo)

Coffee is another commodity that Mr. Siegner thinks is too high-priced. "If people keep buying it, it will keep going up," he said. "They should substitute barley, roasted with a little coffee to flavor it."

Mr. Siegner is a son of the late Jacob Siegner and Veronica Honderich and was born on the farm where he now lives at Lot 2, Con. 3 of Wellesley Township. With exception of nine years when he and his wife lived near Millbank, he had resided on the same farm all his life.

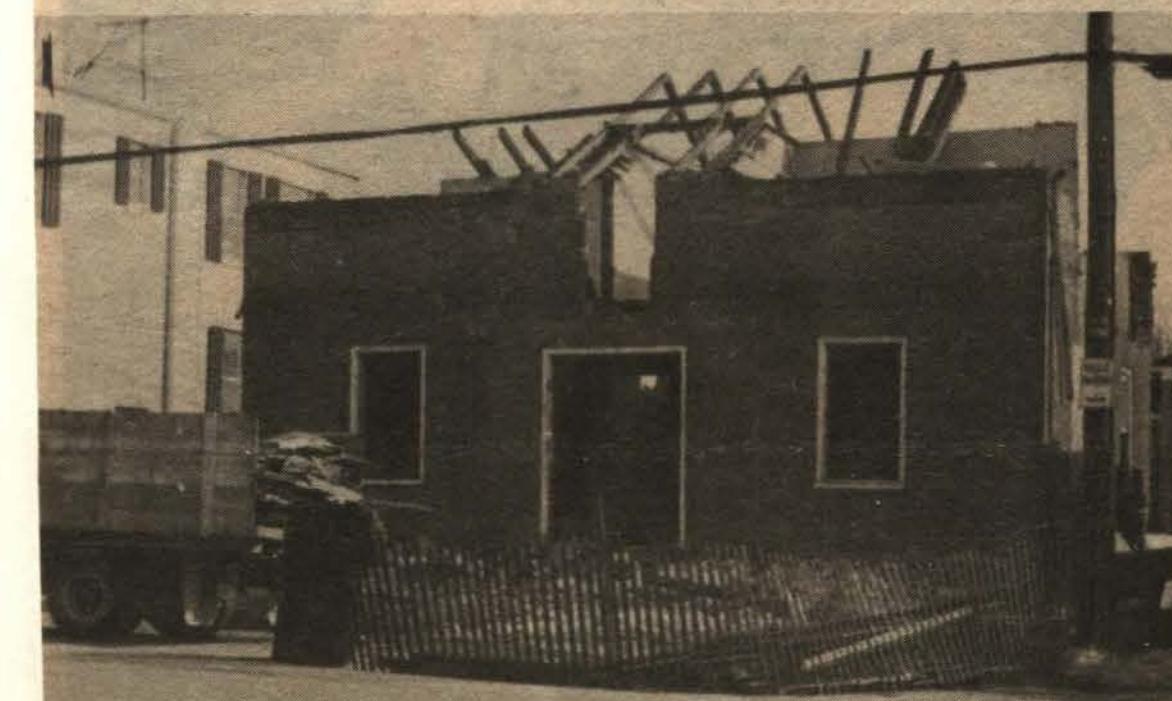
Mr. Siegner is undecided whether or not he will vote in to-morrow's election but he would support any party that would get rid of regional government. "It only makes everything more expensive," he said.

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This is the way the Ottman house looked in 1900, with the harness shop beside it, the Ottman family and employees gathered in front of the shop.



And the same house, being torn down last week to make room for a parking lot for Hafemann's store.
The old harness shop has been replaced by apartments on the left.
(Sun Photo)

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by Margaret Neigh

Louis Ottman, 92 Queen Street East, Wellesley, can remember as a small boy, when the first car drove down the Village main street. He and his brothers would run to the gate to see it.

The Ottman family lived in the house next to what is now Hafemann's store, a house just torn down to make "a much needed parking lot, Mrs. Hafemann told The Sun.

Mr. Ottman was born in that house. He was one of twelve children, six boys and six girls. Mr. Ottman says only one sister and himself are still living. He was born in 1897.

The house was built by his grandfather "about 150 years ago", says Mr. Ottman. It was well-built, with triple brick walls.

Mr. Ottman's father, Charles F. Ottman, was a harness-maker for more than 60 years in Wellesley. His harness shop was latterly in

what is now an apartment building next to the site of the house.

Mr. Ottman worked with his father for twelve years. Then he took over the business and operated it for a further thirty years.

The house has changed hands several times since the Ottmans owned it. How many people can remember it as it was 76 years ago, with the harness shop next door?



Four generations of the Ottman family.

IN THE PAGES OF HISTORY — *October 1976* Wagner garage: Wellesley's oldest business

by RUTH GRAMLOW

Wagner's Garage in Wellesley is the oldest continuously owned family business in the village.

In 1911 Peter A. Wagner moved his wife and family to Wellesley from St. Agatha. He purchased the Royal Hotel and adjoining buildings at the rear which were the horse sheds and livery stables. Mr. Wagner built an addition to the hotel in 1914 which was used for a men's beverage room.

Prohibition came in 1916, so in 1917 the men's beverage room was converted to a garage and machine shop. In 1928 the garage was moved to the rear of the hotel in what had been the livery stable.

Clarence Wagner, son of Peter, became manager of the garage from 1928 to 1933. At this time Peter entered the political field first as a councillor, and later as reeve of Wellesley township. In 1936 he became warden of Waterloo county.

The hotels re-opened in 1934 and the converted garage was then returned to a men's beverage room.

Joseph P. Wagner, another son of Peter, worked in the hotel from 1926 to 1933.

He took over ownership of the garage in 1933. The hotel itself was sold to a new owner in 1943.

Joseph Wagner has also been active in the community for years. He was fire chief of the Wellesley fire department for 35 years until his retirement in 1968.

Many changes took place during his time as chief, with the addition of two new trucks and one used tanker, and also two new firehalls.

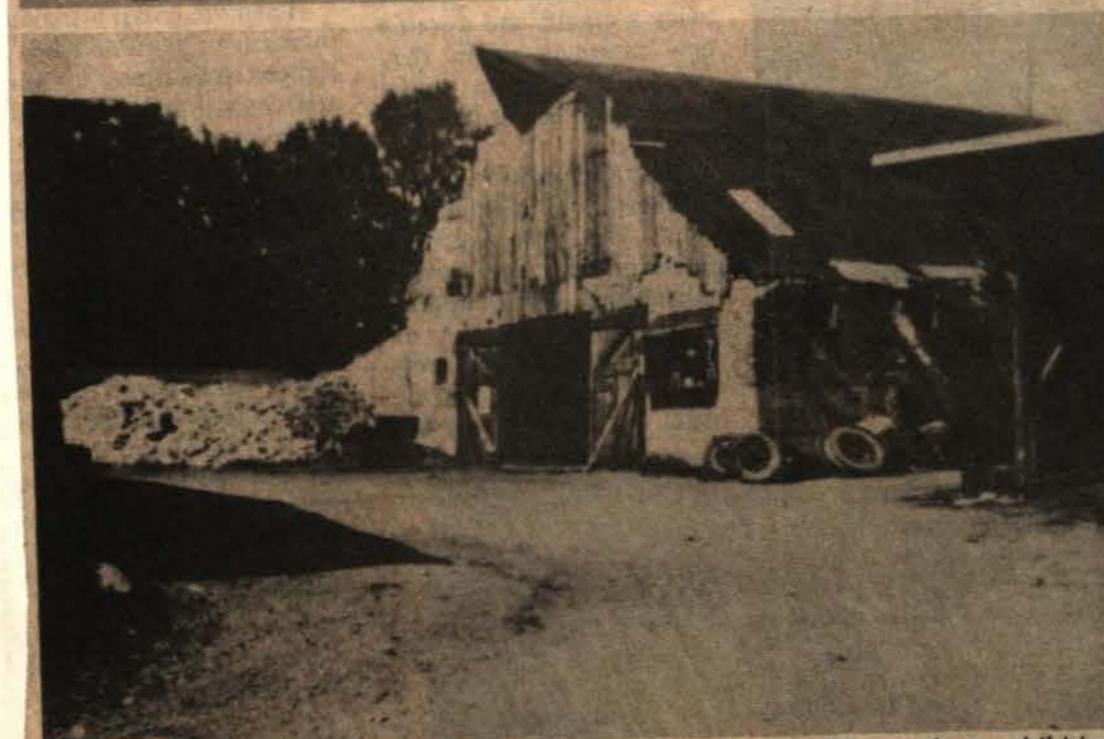
He has also been an attendant to the Hydro sub-station for the past 47 years.

The private water system on the east side of town was started by Joseph Wagner in 1948. At present he supplies 130 homes. There



The modern garage building was erected in 1952, fronting on William street, site of the livery stable.

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The Wagner garage business in Wellesley started in the Royal hotel after prohibition. The hotel building still stands at the northeast corner of Wellesley's main intersection. The garage business later moved to the livery stable at the back of the hotel.



Conrad Rupnow, who will assume his position as Mayor of Wellesley Township, posed for The Sun with his family. Carole, his wife and eight-year-old Gayle, (seated) on the left is John, 10; Paul, 13 (right) stands behind five-year-old Jamie. All are students of Wellesley District Public School. Although their father is an engineering technologist they do take an interest in the farming community raising beef cattle, rabbits and chickens. 'Connie' will be the second Mayor of the regional government which was formed four years ago. Bob Gramlow, who steps down this year as mayor served in that capacity for the first four years of the new region.

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WELLESLEY VILLAGE RESIDENT SUCCEEDS RUSS GOHL

Ludington is new township clerk

Wellesley village resident Gordon Ludington has been hired as Wellesley township clerk-treasurer. He will assume his duties January 3.

Russel Gohl, who is retiring from the position after 20 years, will work until the end of February to give Mr. Ludington a chance to learn the job.

Mayor Bob Gramlow said that there were about 20 applicants for the job with generally good qualifications.

Mr. Ludington is presently employed as a financial analyst with Raytheon Canada of Waterloo, an electronics firm. He is not a chartered accountant but has had "some accounting training", he said. He came to the area eight years ago from Moncton,

New Brunswick, and has been secretary of the Wellesley board of trade for four years.

He is also a member of the apple butter and cheese festival committee. He and his wife Barbara have two children, Michael, 6, and Michelle, 5.

Mr. Ludington said he is looking forward to his new position and feels it will be "a challenging job". He said the councillors will have to help him until he becomes familiar with it.

Mr. Ludington will receive an annual salary of \$17,160, plus mileage allowance, fringe benefits, and \$35 per meeting for special meetings he attends over and above the twice-monthly council meetings.

Mr. Gramlow said that

this salary is "right in line" with that received by Mr. Gohl, taking into consideration the six per cent annual increase allowed by the federal anti-inflation board.



GORDON LUDINGTON

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Ward 1 council candidates respond

to questionnaire

The following answers are printed in full as provided by the candidates.

Ward one incumbent Albert Erb received a questionnaire but did not submit answers in time for publication, even though he was given a greatly extended deadline.

Are you satisfied with the role Wellesley township is now playing within the Waterloo regional government? Are there ways in which this role should be changed?

STEVE CAMPBELL: At this point I would like to see the study of Wellesley township's role in the region continued and completed. After seeing a completed study I would then determine whether I am satisfied with that role.

ROSS KELTERBORN: I find your first question rather vague. Are you referring to the role of the mayor at regional level, and how he represents the council's views there, or

are you concerned as to whether we have enough representation, body-wise, at the regional level?

I will assume you want to know if I feel that the Wellesley council is able to make its own decisions with no interference from the region. Up to the present time any of the changes that have been made regarding recommendations from council have been in a constructive nature, in my opinion.

Land division decisions, on the other hand, in some cases are open to some question, although land division I realize is not any part of regional council, but we must remember was implemented because of the formation of regional government.

For better communication for township councillors I would like to see a brief written report to council for each regional council meeting, with matters relating directly to Wellesley township council, by the mayor of the township.



STEVE CAMPBELL

ALBERT ERB

ROSS KELTERBORN

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What salary should councillors be paid? Should committee chairmen be paid more?

CAMPBELL: Judging from the lack of concern by present councillors and the public it would appear that the present rate is fair.

KELTERBORN: Councillors should be paid according to the number of meetings they attend. Committee chairmen should be paid more than a councillor who has no chairmanship responsibilities. Councillors pay should be deducted for council and committee meetings missed.

What areas of municipal spending could be trimmed, if any?

CAMPBELL: Municipal spending should not be trimmed for the sake of trimming but reduced where there was waste or lack of real need.

KELTERBORN: Planning! We have a duplication of planning services. Plans of subdivision now appear before council, are given to the planning committee, who comment on them and return them to council. Council comments and usually sends them to our planner for comment, they return to council to discuss our planner's comments. If there is no change they are then sent on to the planning department at the region. The plans are then returned to council for comments on what the region has changed or suggested changed, council then usually sends these comments on to our planner, to comment on the regional planner's comments.

I suggest the elimination of the township planner before the plans are sent on to the region. As I see it, you have planners making comments on comments made by planners. This is a duplication of services. The township planner would only be needed to comment on the draft plan after being seen by the region planning department and township planning committee.

Township recreation could be trimmed if service clubs that are active in a community could be persuaded to use their profits to offset any operating deficits for arenas, etc., in their area.

What are your priorities for new or increased spending, if any?

CAMPBELL: Spending should not be increased unless

for a definite need and may be necessary depending on the rate of inflation.

KELTERBORN: I would hope there would be no new priorities for increased spending. Equipment used on roads should be retained in excellent operating condition and replacement bought when economically feasible, and required.

Under what circumstances do you feel closed meetings of council or committees are justified?

CAMPBELL: Closed meetings should only be held in matters pertaining to: (a) personnel; (b) legal action; (c) protection of individual rights.

KELTERBORN: Closed

meetings are not in abundance. What is built determines the future of the township.

KELTERBORN: Residential growth in ward one, village of Wellesley, should be controlled very closely so we know exactly how many homes can be added to the existing sewer plant. This of course must control the growth in my ward. The areas within the boundaries of the old village of Wellesley are the areas where growth should be allowed. It seems rather foolish to spend \$750,000 tax dollars on a sewage system and after implementation of the system allow the use of septic tanks and other types of sewage treatment methods, in and around the Wellesley village planning area.

Is it important for the township to find new sources of tax revenue? How can this be accomplished?

CAMPBELL: New sources of tax revenue should come as a result of the additional subdivisions already approved.

KELTERBORN: We've got enough taxes, we shouldn't be looking for any new sources.

Areas in which council has to do legal work, to establish a legal point (e.g., closing of an old street) must be charged to the people concerned. Charges should be levied to applicants submitting plans of subdivisions.

At the present time there is no charge for this service.

Should all committees be required to make a report every month, particularly the regional feasibility study committee?

CAMPBELL: All committees should be required to report according to the rule and procedures set by council.

KELTERBORN: Committees

should be requested to report to council at whatever periods are set out in the procedural bylaw.

What steps can council take

to ensure the preservation of class one and two farmland?

CAMPBELL: All farmland can be preserved if land development for subdivisions is restricted to the existing major centres in the township.

KELTERBORN: Enforce the township official plan. One of the main reasons for its implementation was the preservation of one and two classed farmland.

How much residential growth should be allowed in your ward and in the township as a whole?

CAMPBELL: Residential growth should be gradual; as well it must have a balance of the kind of housing so that low

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Rink condemned 1976

The Wellesley arena, closed earlier this year by the provincial labour department, may be re-opened temporarily for specific occasions. A complete renovation job to make the arena safe is not likely because the estimated \$75,000 cost is too high.



The Wellesley and district Lions club recently donated \$6,000 to the Wellesley arena fund. From left: club president Nigel Dezell, Lions zone chairman Robert Jutzi, fund-committee chairman Larry Roth and fund treasurer John Paff.

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Wellesley Public School singers entertain at the annual
Christmas concert (Sun Photo) *Dec 11 1976*



The 1976 Junior Girls Volley Ball Champions in Waterloo County, students of Wellesley Public School, are: (left to right) back row: Coach Tim Forler, Donna Doering, Sheila Brick, Sheryl Brick, Team Captain Tricia Leis, Pam Erb, Caroline Horst, and

Mrs. Judy Wherry, head coach. Front row, Jacky Gascho, Kim Erb, Chrissy Host, Tracy Dezell, Sandy Dietrich, Mary Jane Bast, Leisa Campbell and Caralee Roth. (Sun Photo)



Waterloo County Senior Girls Volley Ball Championship team
(1976) at Wellesley Public school are, (left to right) back row:
Coach Tim Forler, Lorie Steinman, Cindy Lichty, Linda Horst,
Barbara Omand, Kristen Culp, Mrs. Sandy Carroll, and Mrs.

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Helen Leis (team organizers), front row, Bev Searth, Debbie Dietrich, Wendy Erb, Team Captain Dianne Heist, Joan Gascho, Cathy Hammer, Ivy Frey and Julie Erb. (Sun Photo)

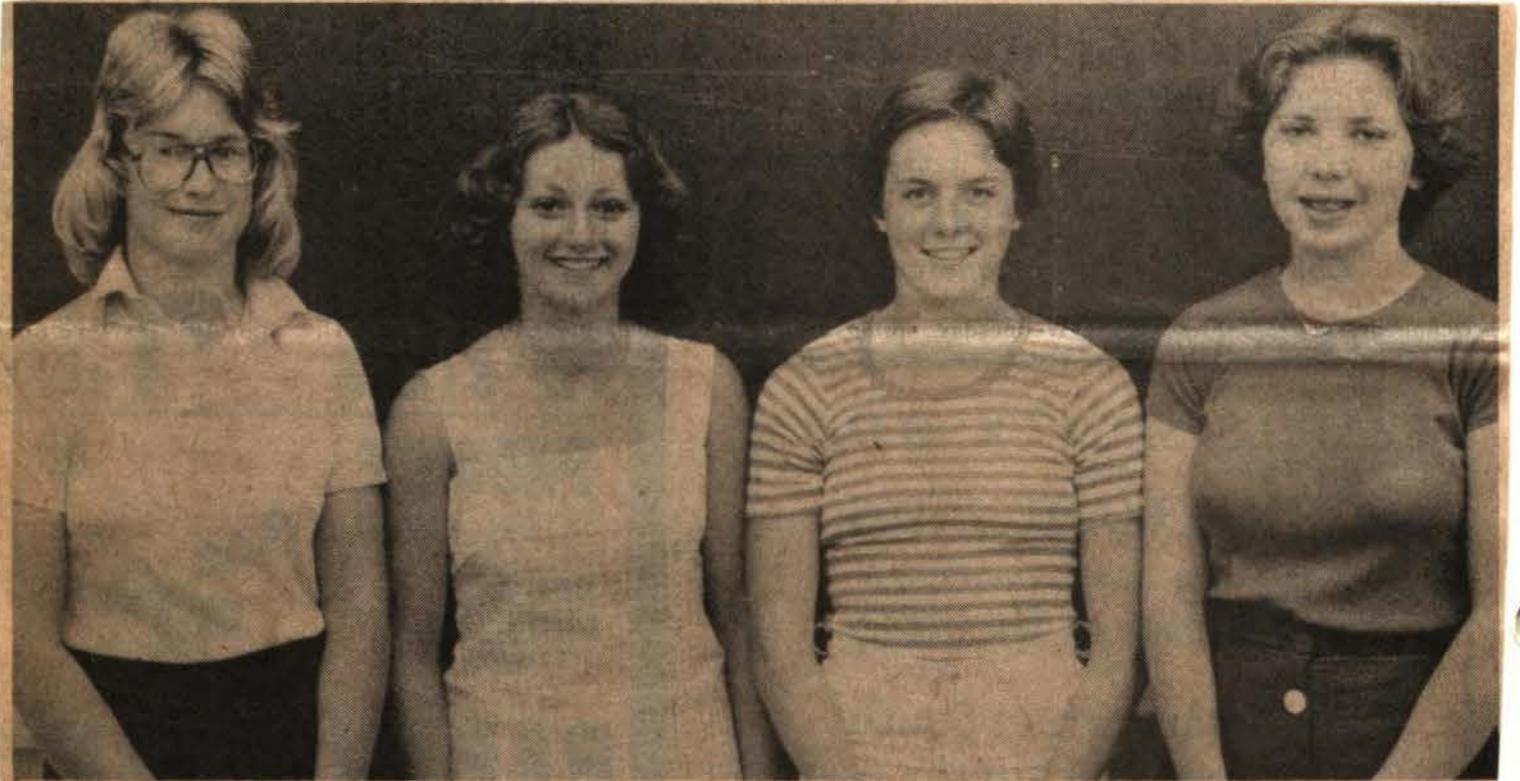
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These Wellesley boys became official eager beavers at a special ceremony at the Wellesley public school last week. Beavers are the newest and youngest level of the boy scout movement. The members of the new Wellesley beaver colony and their leaders are, from left: front row, Peter Heise, Paul Hergott, Dale Hartung, David Sinclair, Trevor Futher, Patrick Hergott, Ronnie Lehman and Randy Leis; middle, Lorne Castell, David Huehn, Stephane Leblanc, Daryl Detzler, Michael Ludington, Darrel Green, Jason Vollmer, David Haner, Stephen Garstin and Brian Gerber; back, leaders Richard Garstin, Paul Hartung, Theresa Knarr, Pat Castell, Vonne Haner and Frances Hartung.

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The EDSS relay team set a record of 52.9 seconds in the 4 x 100 metres at the district 11 meet last Wednesday.

From left: Deb Schaner, Beth Brohman, Sheila Forler and Laurie Sellers.

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