

SETTLEMENTS, COMMUNITIES, CROSSINGS, JUNCTIONS, HAMLETS AND THE ONE VILLAGE OF ROSELAND WHICH HAD THEIR BEGINNING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH

THESE ARE NAMED AS: FAIRPLAY OR BETHEL COMMUNITY AS IT WAS SOMETIMES CALLED; FAROUGH SETTLEMENT OR GRAVES CORNERS; MAIDSTONE CROSS; OLDCASTLE; PAQUETTE STATION; PELTON JUNCTION; JACKSON'S CORNERS WHICH BECAME ROSELAND AND THEN FOLLOWING AMALGAMATION OF SANDWICH EAST, SANDWICH SOUTH PORTIONS INTO THE CITY OF WINDSOR IN 1966, THE TECUMSEH HAMLET SPRANG INTO BEING.

#### FAIRPLAY & BETHEL COMMUNITY

FAIRPLAY COMMUNITY received its name by a Mr. Robert Hurst who started a Post Office in the year 1897 located at the home of Mr. Dennis Perrin. Mr. Hurst was an uncle of Mrs. Ray Ure (Elizabeth Shuttleworth) and named the Post Office "Fairplay" giving the surrounding community a name. The mail was picked up at Tecumseh every Tuesday and Friday and taken to the Post Office and delivered by Mr. Perrin until the year 1909 when the post office was moved to Mr. Sam MacKenzie's home and from there the mail was delivered by a Mr. James Quick. This continued until Rural Mail Delivery was started from Maidstone Cross around 1912. This first Post Office in Fairplay was opened Sept. 10th, 1897 in Mr. Perrin's home. Fairplay is located in the northern extremities of Sandwich South Township between the Maidstone-Sandwich South Townline on the East through to Walker Road on the West; from #98 Highway (now County Road #46) on the South to #2 Highway and adjacent (now County Road #42) on the North. One of the best known connecting roads was known as the Baseline.

We are indebted to Mrs. Jean Hill, wife of William Hill of the community for the early history of Fairplay. In January, 1951 she wrote and compiled a history with the kind assistance of Miss Jessie Ure, Mrs. Fred Frith, Mr. D. Ure, Mrs. Ray Ure, Mr. James Battersby, Mr. Jos. Perrin, Mrs. John S. Plant and Mr. John McAuliffe, then Clerk of the Township. The others were all pioneer descendants of the original founders of the community and those who weren't were residents for several years.

Mrs. Hill started with Fairplay School or S. S. No. 2. This particular school was originally School Section #13, Sandwich East, and was built by a Mr. Sedgewick of Kingsville, in 1881. In the year 1895, the name was changed to School Section No. 2, Sandwich South. The Township of Sandwich South became into being when it was separated from what they called "The Sandwich Townships" in 1893. The school was practically the same in 1951 as when built.

There was a platform in the centre front for the teacher's desk, with two arm chairs. Original desks were bought in 1882, which were mostly double desks and these remained until the present seats were put in about the early 1940's. The stove was a box type with a metal frame around the outside, installed in 1915 (could find no record of previous stove). About 10 or 12 years before 1951 it was replaced by a newer type, and in 1949, the present oil-burner was installed. There was a board fence put up at the time the school was built, which had a stile to get into the school yard, it remained until the year 1911 when it was replaced by 40 rod of Sarnia fence, costing \$13.00.

The first secretary was Mr. Dennis Perrin, who lived where Mr. Gordon Battersby now lives (1951). He kept this position until March, 1908, at which time Mr. James Quick was appointed and he carried on until the year 1919, when Mr. Wm. Nagoreson took over.

Mr. Charles Dixon dug the well in 1881 (An uncle of the Ure's)

In 1882 a strap was purchased for .10¢ and a visitor's book for .15¢. Board walks were put down in 1882, made of pine plank and set on oak blocks.

In the year 1919 the school board was instructed to take out a tornado insurance policy.

So much for Fairplay or No. 2 School, now we will go a way back to 1862, and start with a log school built across from Nelson Ure, on No. 2 Highway in Sandwich East (now County Road #42), where they used benches for seats with nothing for the children to write on. The girls sat at the front and the boys at the back. Mr. William Ure, grandfather of Elmer, used to tell the story of he and George Hurst being punished. The teacher would ask how they would like to be punished, by a strapping or sitting with the girls? Mr. Hurst said that he would sit with the girls and Mr. Ure said he would be strapped. In as much as Mr. Hurst was quite a ladies' man, the teacher just reversed the punishment.

There wasn't any more detail of this building, but on the site of the present school, No. 1, there was a frame building almost identical to No. 2 with centre platform and a porch across the front of the building, built in 1877 which was 74 years before 1951. Mr. William Ure was secretary-treasurer for 40 years.

In 1905, Mrs. Fred Frith, the teacher at that time had 69 pupils in a building this size and approximately 15% were colored. The salaries in those days ran around \$350.00 to \$400.00 per year. If you boarded out the rate was from \$1.60 to \$1.75 per week. In music the Singing Master used tuning forks, they were metal forks with two prongs.

Now, as all school children, our wish was that the school would burn down, and it did happen to us just before Christmas in 1919, but we still had to go to school, it was held in a hall, called "The Independent Order of GOOD TEMPLAR'S", which stood at the back of the BETHEL Church. In 1920, the present brick school was built by Ebert Bros. of Windsor.

In 1946, the Junior School was moved from Belleville, Ontario, where it had been used by the Army, to accommodate the increase in our rural population.

In the early 1900's and even later, the big event was the community spelling bees, and sparrow matches, which ended with an oyster supper, put on by the losing side. (Note from this curator: they also had these oyster suppers after chivaries in the communities following local weddings, and the writer remembers one such affair. They also had summer kitchens which were located separately from the homestead kitchen just beyond the back door. Those planning one of these oyster suppers brought all the food to be prepared and stored it in the summer kitchen of the residence where the young couple were staying and while the family was out doing the milking of the cows, someone came along and purloined the oyster supper supplies).

The transportation in those days was something to think about, if one could call it that, you either walked or depended on horses, until the automobile and bicycle came along, but of course, there was no worry of flat tires, or running short of gasoline, and you could depend on the horse taking you home. This led me to wonder which was invented first, the automobile or the bicycle? By checking our Encyclopedia, I found that the bicycle was first, built in America in 1890, but in Europe the first one powered with a gasoline engine was built in 1885. In 1895 in America, creditable gasoline engine vehicles appeared, and by 1903, the automobile industry was beginning to grow rapidly.

The first church built in 1850, was a log building on what is now #2 Hwy., later to become County Road #42, between the 9th & 19th concessions. Then, in 1865, a frame church, painted red, was built on the 9th concession across from Ray Ure's home. It remained until the year 1888 when the present church was built on the Baseline Rd. The first church had been named Bethel Church, and hence Bethel Community as it was sometimes called and still is. The present church was remodelled in 1940-41 by putting in a basement and lengthening the building to add the choir loft and a new kitchen. At the back of the church property there was a wooden drive shed, built when the church was built and remained until around the early twenties. When the buildings that were built in those days and are still standing, and are so substantial, it is surely proof of the quality of lumber used and the construction work that was done.

And, speaking of lumber, some years prior to 1885, Charles Plant's grandfather started a sawmill on his property, located just north of their present barn. It was operated by Mr. Plant to the year 1896, at which time a Mr. Charlie Hare rented it and continued running it until the year 1899, when Charles' father, Mr. John S. Plant took over operations, and continued until it was destroyed by fire in April of 1911.

You all know Little River, which runs along the Base Line. In the 1800's there was a log to walk over it and people used to carry a torch at night to get across. Then there was a plank bridge built, and in 1905 a cement bridge was constructed by a Mr. McGill of Harrow, at which time he built others. They remained until just within the last three or four years or the middle 1950's when the present ones were constructed.

Going back again to the 1800's a cheese factory was built on the corner of the Fairbairn property and the Maidstone-Sandwich South Townline. It was built in 1895 and called "The Union Cheese Factory". The first shipment of cheese in 1907 sold for 7 3/4¢ lb. In the Essex Free Press files of May 30th, 1902, it was reported that Kerr Brothers had purchased the cheese factory at Fairplay, and in the June 19th, 1908 edition it stated that the cheese factory had been re-opened after being closed for two years (1906). A Mr. Wood was president and Mr. Dennis Perrin, secretary. The milk was hauled in 20 gallon cans. Imagine the weight of these cans to be hand handled. It was torn down in 1927 and a Mr. Dave Robinson purchased the lumber and built two houses out of it in the Robinson Sub-Division. In 1901, Stephen & John Kerr bought the Cheese Factory and named it the Kerr Cheese Factory.

There used to be a chartered Co-Operative at Fairplay, "The Patrons of Industry", founded by Mr. Robert Hurst, who lived on the property where Mr. Nelson MacKenzie now lives. The meetings were held at No. 2 School, where orders for different merchandise were taken from a catalogue put out by the Wilkin's Company of Toronto. Then the shipments were sent to Tecumseh, perhaps in much the same way as the T. Eaton & Robt. Simpson Mail Orders are handled today. (At this time of writing, Jan., 1980, the T. Eaton Co. have discontinued its Mail Order Business along with the Catalogue).

The old church hall was the old "Temperance Lodge" on the 9th Concession. It was sold to Mr. Watson and a house built out of it.

In 1903 at the 12th Conc. & No. 2. Highway, the Klondyke Hotel stood. It burned down.

About 1913, a Mr. Thomas Fairbairn willed one acre of land to Sandwich South Township for a cemetery. The township didn't want it and Bethel United Church took it over and many of their older parishioners and other township residents have been buried there. Every once in awhile you see in an obituary column where another old resident is to be interred there, so it is still being used in 1980. It is situated on the Baseline Rd.

Several residents have Crown Deeds to their lands and some of the properties have passed into the fifth generation, one of these Harold Robinson on the 8th Concession.

Oct. 14, 19, 1927 - A. N. Ure, of Fairplay was chosen one of three out of a list of 35 to exhibit his honey at a British Dairy School in London, England.

## FAIRPLAY COMMUNITY (CONT.)

The municipal telephone was installed in 1910-1911 with several of the homes still having the original phones in the 1950's. The Bell Telephone System took over on March 30th, 1957. For further history on the telephone system in Sandwich South see Vol. No. 2 and Supplement on "Municipal" in the Oldcastle W.I. Tweedsmuir History Books.

Lighting previously was by candles, kerosene, gas, then some homes had a Delco lighting system, where a machine made a gas from carbide and water, which burnt much the same as natural gas. Then there was the Alladin lamp and lantern, but in 1926, the big event was the coming of hydro power, which was quickly installed in most of the homes, although there was the exception where a small percentage of folks did not want anything to do with the new fangled contraption. One farmer would have no part of it, as he said, those who took it would be broke in a year, which as we all know was and still is far from a fact. Anyone following a sudden blackout of electricity proves just how lost we would be without this most valued convenience.

In the early days, the only paper was a weekly one, the "Family Herald", which up until the early 1970's was still in business, then amalgamated with the Winnipeg Free Press; then, the Windsor Record, which was also a weekly and until the rural mail routes started, then it became a daily paper. And, of course, the weekly "Free Press" out of Essex, which has been in publication since 1896. In 1971, a new weekly began publication, called "The Essex Times", which has since moved to a new facility located in Sandwich South Township on Halford Drive. Now, in 1980, we have the Windsor Star, a daily paper coming to some by mail, paper boy and most recently dropped off by car delivery route system.

April 21st., 1905 - A gas and oil well was struck on the Ed. Dunn farm on the 11th Concession at Fairplay, also on May 19th, 1905, gas was struck on the John Hayes farm, Canal St. Fairplay at a depth of only 123 feet.

Many people in Fairplay community remember Louisia Payne. The old log house where her parents came to live in Sandwich South was built around 1807 on the east side of the 9th Concession between the school and Raymond O'Keefe's. After she died it was bought by Alex. Taylor of the Robinson Subdivision and fixed up for a residence. Louisia Payne lived with her parents as slaves in the United States, until they were freed when they came to live here in Canada. After her parent's death, she stayed on where she spent the rest of her life. She died at the age of 97 of pneumonia in the hospital in Windsor in the year 1937 and was buried in the Fairbairn Cemetery. She did not live alone, as a relative, by the name of John Wilson, stayed with her and worked the farm. She grew beautiful flowers and although the house and surroundings were just ready to topple over she was always ready to show the school children passing by who stopped to chat with her often, these lovely things and perhaps give them a rusti-coated apple and let them play with the many dogs and cats around. She was a big person and had a heart and voice just as big. She lived her last years in poverty but she had some of the most beautiful things stored away. Some of her costumes she had stored away were given to ladies of the community, Mrs. Ray Ure, Mrs. Jonathon Graham and Mrs. Elmer Ure were among those who had access to them and used them for period plays and pioneer sing-songs and they had been loaned to church groups putting on plays some distance afar.

Back in pioneer days potash was farmed on the farm of Robert Watson. There was not many commercial projects being carried on in this community as yet, but in 1953 there Dominic Cocine, who processed pickles and horse-radish to supply Windsor stores as well as local residents; St. Louis Vinery, where green peas were brought from the area farms and it was a loading station for Fine Foods, Ltd., Tecumseh, Ont., a near-by canning factory; it was located on the 12th Concession; An Apiary, owned and operated by Nelson Ure, sent honey out of the district; The Skyway Drive-In Theatre, built in 1946 by Famous Players, Manager - R. H. Manley. It was located on No. 2 Highway, one mile east of Walker Road. The two acres was purchased from Fred Ure and had been a part of his farm. It was the first drive-in theatre in Sandwich South and the Windsor District. It eventually was purchased by the Dydzac Enterprises who later built the Windsor Drive-In Theatre on Walker Road at Oldcastle. There became a string of industries and commercial projects along No. 2 Hwy. and surrounding area which are listed under "industries & Commercial" and the coming of the "Industrial Park" to Sandwich South Township, all covered in Municipal Vol. 2 Supplement of the W.I. Tweedsmuir History.

In March, 1947, the United Neighbors Group was organized, composed mostly of young married women in the community who belonged to Bethel United Church but not entirely. Their chief object being charitable projects, helping needy area families and sociability. They presented several "nursing" scholarships to graduated nurses from the locality. They were organized while Rev. Norman Pick was minister at Bethel United Church and Mrs. Wm. Hill was their first president; Mrs. Elmer Ure, Vice-president; Mrs. Jack Herdman, secretary; and Mrs. Edna Wilson, treasurer. This group were very active and were credited with many good works, some of which, when they used to visit Homes for the Aged and Nursing Homes and put on programs to cheer the senior citizens and inmates. They had a wheel chair and a hospital bed which they either loaned or rented to anyone needing it. The community was much better for their being in our midst but they eventually had to phase out in March, 1965 but continued for some time as a social group.

Some of the pioneer names in this community were and still are: Ures, Frith, MacKenzie, O'Keefe, Plant, Battersby, Perrin, Lavin, Ferry, Marshall, Fairbairn, Hurst, Quick, Croft, Nagoreson, St. Louis, Watson, Hill, Mooney, Copeland, Libby, Jobin, Hayes, Purser.



## BETHEL SETTLEMENT AND FAIRPLAY

### BETHEL C HURCH (UNITED)

The first church, built in 1850, was a log building, located on what is now No. 2 Highway, between the 9th and 10th Concessions. Then, in 1865, a frame church, painted red, was built on the 9th Concession, across from Rayn Ures's Homes. It remained until the year 1888, when the present church was built, and in 1940-41, it was remodelled by putting in a basement and lengthening the building to add the choir loft and kitchen.

At the back of the church property there was a wooden drive shed, built when the church was built and remained until around the early twenties when it was torn down.

The present minister is Rev. N. C. Anderson, who has charge of what they call the Maidstone Circuit, comprised of Maidstone and Bethel Charges. He resides with his family in the Parsonage on No. 3 Highway at Maidstone, almost directly across from the Maidstone United Church. Other Ministers who have had charge of Bethel United Church have been:

Rev. J. C. Nethercott  
Rev. James Livingston  
Rev. Mr. Heddle  
Rev. Mr. Chant  
Rev. A. Thibadeau  
Rev. James Sutcliffe  
Rev. John Reynolds  
Rev. Geo. Gray  
Rev. J. W. Kennedy  
Rev. Chas. Clarke  
Rev. G. C. Corneille  
Rev. Richard Williams  
Rev. William Patterson  
Rev. F. Kyle Simpson  
Rev. David Wren  
Rev. Wm. Darling  
Rev. J. R. Peters  
Rev. Wm. Pomeroy  
Rev. S. Pentland  
Rev. Fred Stride  
Rev. J. Champion  
Rev. G. Whaley  
Rev. C. L. L. Cousins  
Rev. Jas. Husser  
Rev. H. Creasey  
Rev. J. E. Curtis  
Rev. P. E. James  
Rev. Norman Pick

The present officers of The Women's Association are:

President: Mrs. Wm. Hill  
First Vice President: Mrs. Geo. Law  
Second Vice President: Mrs. Douglas McKenzie  
Secretary: Mrs. Lloyd Little  
Treasurer: Mrs. Wm. McKenzie

The present officers of the Women's Missionary Society are:

Preseident: Mrs. Clifford MacKenzie  
First Vice President: Mrs. Wilfred Libby  
2nd Vice President: Mrs. Nelson MacKenzie  
Secretary: Mrs. Douglas MacKenzie  
Treasurer: Mrs. Elmer Ure

Directors of the Church are: Mr. Steve Watson, Mr. Charles Frith, Mr. Ray Ure, Mr. Elmer Ure, Mr. Wilfred Libby, Mr. Leonard Phillips and Mr. Wm. Sales.

Organist: Mr. Jon Graham

Janitors: Mr. & Mrs. Jon Graham

Sunday School Officers: Supt. - Mrs. Wilfred Libby, Secretary - Miss Eleanor Libby, Treasurer - Mr. Wayne Little, Ass't. Supt. - Mrs. Elmer Ure and Mr. Gerald Watson.



Union

CHEESE FACTORY, situated on the North West corner of The Base Line and the Town Line between Sandwich South and Maidstone Townships. It was built in 1895 and torn down in 1927. Mr. Dave Robinson bought it and built two houses out of it in the Robinson Sub-division.

The old log house in which ~~Louisia Payne~~ Louisia Payne, who came to Sandwich South out of slavery, resided, was built around 1807. It was on the O'Keef farm on the 9th Concession. After she died it was bought by Alex. Taylor of the Robinson Sub-Division and fixed up for a residence, which is still in use. Louisia Payne lived with her parents as slaves in the United States until they were freed, when they came to live on the 9th concession here. She died at the age of 97 and was buried in the Fairbairn Cemetery in 1937.

About forty years ago, around the year 1913, Mr. Thomas Fairbairn willed one acre of land to Sandwich South for a cemetery. Sandwich South didn't want it and Bethel United Church took it over and many of their older residents have been buried there. It is situated on the Base Line

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The old Church Hall was the old Temperance Lodge on the 9th concession. It was sold to Mr. Watson and a house made out of it.

Several residents have Crown Deeds to their lands and some have passed into the fifth generation. One of these is Harold Robinson on the 8th Concession.

#### UNITED NEIGHBORS GROUP

This group was organized in March, 1947 and is composed of mostly young married women in the community who belong to Bethel United Church. Their chief objective being charitable donations, helping needy district families, and sociability. Their charter members named Rev. Norman Pick as their Honorary President; Mrs. Wm. Hill-President; Mrs. Doris Ure-Vice President; Mrs. Florence Herdman-secretary; Mrs. Edna Wilson-treasurer.

Their present 1953 officers are as follows: President - Mrs. Harvey Washbrook; Vice President - Mrs. Lloyd Little; Secretary - Mrs. Geo. Hepple; Treasurer - Mrs. Douglas Watson; Executive - Mrs. Frank Gullick, Mrs. Harvey Washbrook and Mrs. Lloyd Little.

#### S. S. No. 1 and No. 2 Home & School Association

Organized in 1948, with Mr. Ray Ure as its first president, bringing a closer relationship between the parents, teachers and children of these two community schools. This combined Home & School functioned for five years together and celebrated their fifth anniversary with Mrs. Wilbert Snyder as president. They then disbanded.

#### FAIRPLAY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Organized in May, 1953, when Mrs. Percy Miller of Chatham, District Chairman for the Ontario Federation of Home & Schools presided. The following officers were installed: Mrs. W.S. Snyder, president; Mrs. Frank Gullick and Mrs. Hemen St. Louis, Vice presidents; Mrs. Harry Battersby, secretary; Mrs. Lloyd Reeb, treasurer. They will meet the second Tuesday of each month.

#### INDUSTRIES IN THIS DISTRICT

Dominio Cocine processes Dill Pickles and Horse-radish to supply Windsor stores

St. Louis Vinery, where peas are harvested for Fine Foods Ltd., Tecumseh, Ont. This is located on the 12th Concession.

An Apiary owned and operated by Nelson Ure, sends honey out of the district.

Back in pioneer days, potash was mined on the farm of Robert Watson.

SKYWAY DRIVE-IN THEATRE - Built in 1946 by Famous Players - Owner and manager: R. H. Manley. Located on No. 2 Highway 1 mile East of



SKYWAY DRIVE-IN THEATRE - (Cont.) - The land comprised of 2 acres was purchased from Fred Ure and was a part of their farm. This drive-in theatre was the first in the Windsor district.

### S.S. NO. 7, (ST. MARY'S SEPARATE) or RAGTOWN AND COMMUNITY

Located on No. 3 Highway and Sexton Sideroad (NortheastmCorner), S.S. No. 7 Separate School, in the early days prior to the 19th century was a log building. It was situated across the road from the present site. This school became unfit and a new two room school of frame construction was built on the property now occupied by the McLean family on No. 3 Highway. Mr. John McAuliffe attended this school in 1877 and in 1892 went back to teach there. He is one of the areas early pioneers, is over 80 years of age and resides in the village of Maidstone today. This was a public school section and converted to a separate school in 1902. The present school was built in approximately 1901 and a second room added in 1918. The school was completely remodelled and modernized in 1951. Two of the early trustees were Eugene Sullivan and Bob Halford, who were pioneer families in the district and many of their offspring are still resident in the area.

Early teachers of which we have record and who taught many years besides Mr. McAuliffe were Miss Nellie Moynahan, who taught for many years, over 35. She also taught in other schools in this area, during the 1920's at the Six Corners School or No. 5 and 8. She taught at S.S. No. 6 Sandwich South and away back in the early 1890's taught the writer's father in S. S. No. 8, Maidstone Township. Another teacher who was here for many years was Miss Agnes McLaughlin, who also taught at S. S. No. 6. Maidstone and Sandwich South Separate Area System became ineffect in Dec. 1945 and was named Separate School Union Area. Since that time, the three separate schools which comprised this area system, S.S. No. 2, Maidstone, S. S. No. 5 & 8, Maidstone and S. S. No. 7, Sandwich South, have had Nuns, the Sisters of St. Joseph teach in this area. They are housed in St. Joseph's Convent House at Maidstone and transported by bus each day to the schools. The Sisters began to teach here in Jan., 1930

For many years the District School Fairs were held at Ragtown, as it was known or No. 7. Quite a bit of rivalry developed between the different schools in public speaking. Miss Agnes McLaughlin when she taught there, captured with her pupils many trophies.

Public Speaking has become a looked for event once again in this area, and is sponsored by The Essex County Ratepayer's and School Area Boards. S. S. No. 7 captured the trophy in 1952, when it was won by Charles Durocher. He is presently attending Assumption University, but is the present caretaker of the school here. A Record Player was purchased for the school in 1950; the piano in 1943. Hydro was installed around 1941 or 2.

### Community Highlights

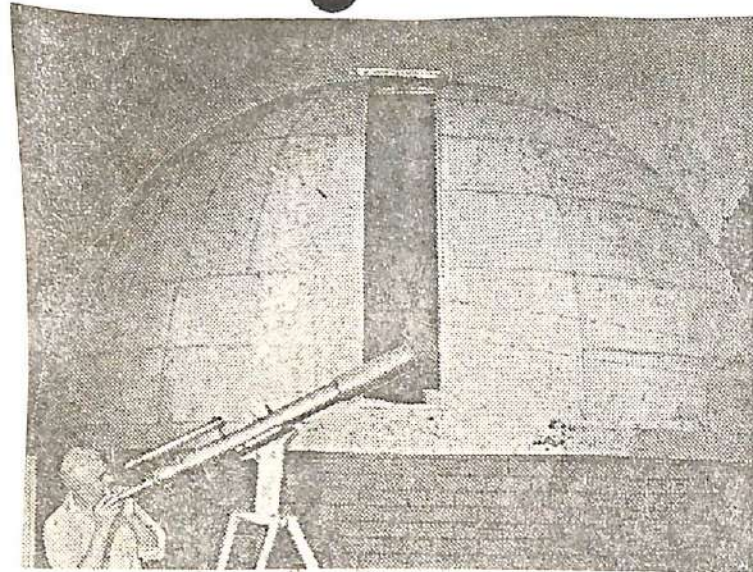
The transmitter station and radio towers for CBE Radio Station were erected on No. 3 Highway on the Robert Halford farm property in the year 1949.

A local lass has gained reputé in the person of Miss Dorothy Jobin, daughter of the late Clarence Jobin and Mrs. Vincent (Spin) Brown. She won second in 1951 and came back to win first in 1952 in the Miss Western Ontario Beauty Contest sponsored by the Windsor Firemen. She reigned that year as Miss Western Ontario and turned over that title to Miss Connie Durocher of Windsor in Sept. of this year (1953). She was employed at Hiram Walker Distillers, in Walkerville, but resides here on No. 3 Highway with her family.

One of the early veterinarians in this area was a Dr. Jordon, who treated his farm animal patients by horse and buggy, as early as 1904.



# Home-made Observatory, Powerful Telescope Bring Stars Close to Windsor



Here, Mr. Bawtenheimer looks through a 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " refractory telescope which is also a part of his equipment. He is standing beside his observatory, which has a circumference of 42 feet and is 14 feet in height.

## REALIZES BOYHOOD DREAM

Furniture Salesman builds observatory, probes sky with W.O.'s strongest telescope. The observatory situated a short distance from the Eastern limits of Windsor and within striking distance of the Windsor Airport houses one of the largest telescopes in Western Ontario. It is on Baseline Road of Sandwich South Township. The small aluminum domed building was designed and built by a self patterned astronomer, Daniel Bawtenheimer, a furniture salesman for Baum & Brody Furniture Co., Windsor. He started on his hobby as a young boy over 25 years ago. At that time he was shown some of the planets and the Milky Way through a small telescope while a member of a local Boy Scout Group. Mr. Bawtenheimer says he was so enthused he started mapping constellations in the skies, and as he memorized those, his curiosity mounted. After completion, the equipment was used annually by members of the Windsor Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society who gather at the Bawtenheimer residence in full force each June. He has become a member of the Society. Fans were increasing rapidly and astronomy was becoming more popular with residents of this area every day.



Outside the eastern city limits, near the Windsor Airport, stands a small astronomical observatory which contains a reflecting telescope more powerful than the eight-inch refractory telescope at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ont. The home-made, yet intricate, observatory was constructed and is owned by

Mr. Daniel Bawtenheimer. At left, Mr. Bawtenheimer stands on a mobile staircase which is used to allow him to peer through the 10-inch reflecting telescope at difficult angles. The telescope consists of a one-inch mirror, a prism and an eyepiece. It can magnify an object about 2,500 times. The photo at right gives a

closeup view of Mr. Bawtenheimer as he looks through his telescope. Inside the casing, at the rear, is the 10-inch custom-ground mirror. Inside the frame in the foreground are the prism and eyepiece. The telescope has a 54-inch focal length.

(Star Staff Photos.)



## Officials, Contestants at Essex Public Speaking Contest

THE WINDSOR DAILY STAR, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1953



The Essex County School Trustees and Ratepayers' Association had its annual public school speaking contest at the Essex High School last night and chose a pupil to represent the county at Chatham next month when pupils from Southwestern Ontario will seek higher honors. Left to right are: Mr. A. L. Code, public school director, handing out the prize to the first contestant, Judith

Monk, 13, who spoke on "What I Like in a Teacher." Third from left is Stuart Quick, Sandwich South, who spoke about his favorite story. Next is Maureen Helfrich, of Anderdon, who discussed conservation, and at the extreme right is Mr. Hugh Ellis, president of the trustees and ratepayers organization.

(Star Staff Photo)



"JESSIE URE NIGHT"

THE WINDSOR DAILY STAR, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1951-

# Room 207 at Dougall Miss Ure's for 30 Years

By BETTY WAMSLEY

Room 207 at Dougall Avenue School holds many, many memories for Miss Jessie Ure, for 30 years of her 37-year teaching career at the school were spent in this room.

Miss Ure, who retired in June of this year, was a first form pupil at Patterson Collegiate when the school was built in 1905, and her highest ambition, even then, was to teach at Dougall Avenue School.

Miss Ure received her early education at S.S. No. 1 in Sandwich South, where she was born and raised. On completion of her high school education, she spent four months in a model school which was on the site of Tuscarora Street School. This model school afforded her a third class teaching certificate.

## IN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Two and a half years were then spent teaching in county schools before Miss Ure went on to London Normal School. After her graduation, she finished the necessary five years of teaching experience in Sandwich South and Essex before starting at Dougall. The teaching staff was complete when Miss Ure first sent in her application, but when the school opened a new class on the first Monday of December, in 1913, Miss Ure was given the teaching position.

Even though she has retired, Miss Ure is still very active, and finds that her leisure time "seems just like a long holiday." She enjoys traveling very much and spent a month in California this fall with friends. "It is pleasant to be able to take a walk while the sun is still out instead of waiting until after four," says the retired school teacher.

Miss Ure watches The Star to keep caught up on the news of former pupils, and says that she has taught many second generation of the school. During the



MISS JESSIE URE

war, many of her former pupils who were in the service visited her when they were on leave, much to her delight.

Tuesday evening, the school staff, pupils and Home and School Association will sponsor "Jessie Ure Night" commencing at 7:30 o'clock. Miss Ure is looking forward to seeing many of her former pupils and friends at the reception and looks forward to the night as "something pleasant to look back on in the future."

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Ure Family Celebrates  
Birthday of Farm Home

Seventy-nine descendants and relatives of the late William and Margaret Ure (nee Little) gathered at the home of Ted and Arlene Ure on the Baseline Rd., in Sand. South on Sun., Oct. 10 to celebrate the 100th birthday of the family home which was built in 1876.

William Ure moved into his new home with his bride on Dec. 12 of that year.

Four generations of the Ure family have lived and raised their families here. William David, Elmer and at the present time Edward (Ted).

An outside picnic had been planned for the occasion but the weatherman did not co-operate, so everyone gathered inside the house for a smorgasbord dinner.

Miss Jessie Ure, daughter of William and Margaret Ure and Mr. Ray Ure, both gave interesting talks and reminisced on happenings of days gone by.

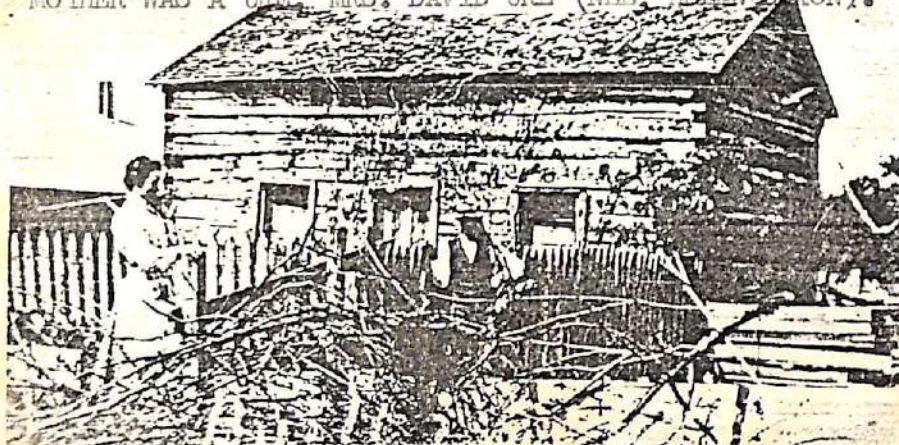
Jessie had prepared a photograph album in the form of a family tree with pictures starting back with the original families, right up to the present day which was very interesting to everyone.

Among some of the older guests present were Mrs. Frank Little (Elinor) of Michigan, Ray and Lilly Ure of Maldstone, Mrs. Margaret Stephens and Miss Jessie Ure of Windsor.

Other guests travelled from Michigan, Sarnia, Woodstock, Toronto, Brampton, Chatham and Hamilton, besides the local area, to attend the celebration.

## MORE MEMBERS OF THE PIONEER URE FAMILY SHOWN BELOW

PICTURED BELOW IS DAVID URE SHOWN WITH THE HOUSE HE WAS BORN IN BORN 1853. HIS SISTER, BESSIE WELLS, HIS OLDEST SISTER WHOSE MOTHER WAS A URE. MRS. DAVID URE (NEE HELEN DIXON).



THIS BUILDING WAS LOCATED JUST A BIT NORTH AND EAST OF THE URE HOME THAT RAYMOND AND LILY LIVE IN, NOW 1980. RAYMOND IS A SON OF THIS PIONEER FAMILY. PICTURE TAKEN IN 1883.

There were nine children in this family: 4 sons, -William Dixon Ure, Charles, Raymond and Nelson; five daughters - Mrs. Harry O'Neil (Eunice); Mrs. Ernest Hibbard (Jennie); Mrs. William MacKenzie (Hattie); Mrs. Nelson MacKenzie (Clara) and Mrs. Harry Powell (Florence)



Miss Jessie Ure was born and raised in Sandwich South Township, sister of late David E. Ure and Mrs. Bernice Frith. Daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. David Ure, a prominent Sandwich South Farmer, who died June 9, 1933 at the age of 79 years. Brother-David E. Ure

Monday, May 12, 1980

THE WINDSOR STAR

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SISTER - Mrs. Bernice Frith.

# 4,000 Dougall fans cheer school's 75-year history

More than 4,000 graduates, teachers and just about anyone who had anything to do with the Dougall Avenue Public School got together Saturday night for a 75th anniversary celebration.

The building itself is 75 years old but Don Cadwell, superintendent of operations at the Board of Education and a former graduate himself, said Dougall Avenue School is more than the building.

"The school is the people in it," he said.

Jessie Ure, 90, who retired from teaching at Dougall almost 30 years ago, is one of those people.

She even remembers when the school opened in 1905.

"I was at the opening of the school," she said, "and right then I knew I wanted to be a teacher at Dougall."

"The height of my ambition was to get into this school," Miss Ure said.

Miss Ure grew up "a mile or so from the airport" and while attending Windsor Collegiate (Patterson) and boarding at a house on Dougall Avenue she had to pass the school every day.

After high school she went to teacher's college in London and then went to work in an Essex County school.

It was hard to get a teaching job at Dougall back then, she said, but after five years experience she was given a position in 1913.

When asked what she remembered most about her 38 years at the school she said it was the co-operation she got from all her pupils.

"I just think of the happiness I had," she said.

And happiness was the mood Saturday as the three floors of the school overflowed with graduates renewing acquaintances.

Bob Field, director of the Windsor Board of Education, said "when I look at this group I realize what a tremendous impact a school has on a community."

Alderman Ron Wagenberg, representing Mayor Bert Weeks, said the school is in the heart of the city but not just geographically. He said Dougall Avenue School represents what all Windsorites are proud of.

Nancy Allen, a teacher at the school for 14 years, a 1957



Photo by STAR STAFF

Jessie Ure autographs program for graduating Darryl Atkinson

graduate and co-chairman of the anniversary organizing committee, said the night was a complete success.

And if the fact that everyone seemed optimistic about a 100th anniversary party is any measure of school spirit, then the year 2005 isn't too far away.

Miss Jessie Ure, at the pioneer age of 90 years is one of this community's V.I.P.'S. teaching school for 37 years and is so honoured in the article below.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1951 - Star

## 400 Pay Homage to Miss Ure at Reception

More than 400 friends and former pupils of Miss Jessie Ure honored her for her 37 years as a teacher in Dougall Avenue School, when they took part in singing 10 songs suitable for the occasion at a program in the school this week.

In the reception line with Miss Ure and the school principal were Miss Jean McKercher, representing the staff, Mr. P. P. McCallum, chairman of the Windsor Board of Education, Mr. T. C. White, superintendent of schools, and Mr. C. R. MacLeod, inspector of schools.

A program followed in the school auditorium, and after the singing of "An Apple for Teacher," Miss Ure was presented with a big red apple from each member of her 1951 class, which provided a

choral background for the evening.

Mr. McCallum read the tribute to Miss Ure, and Miss Marianne Mason read a poem, "Tribute," written especially in her honor. Mr. William Clements, president of the H.-S. Association of the school, made a presentation to her. She also received a variety of gifts and a substantial cheque. The staff of the school gave her a bouquet of red roses while the choir sang an adaptation of "Give Me Red Roses."

In the program Miss Mildred Bamsey presented a picture study, and the ensemble sang "O Holy Night," led by Patty Clements, and "O Come Immanuel," featuring Donald Gall.

Piano and violin solos were presented by Mr. Fred Harding and Mrs. Frank Meadows, respectively, and Miss Mason gave two more readings.

### MESSAGES RECEIVED

Messages of congratulations for the guest of honor came from Mr.

Don Brown, M.P., the Hon. Paul Martin, minister of health and welfare, the Hon. W. J. Dunlop, Ontario minister of education, Mr. George Pearson, director of elementary education for Ontario, Mr. Bob Mason of the University of Western Ontario, Mrs. Marion Smith Knause of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Dorothy Redeker Howard of Vancouver, and Mrs. Mary Moxley Symons of Ste. Eustache, Quebec.

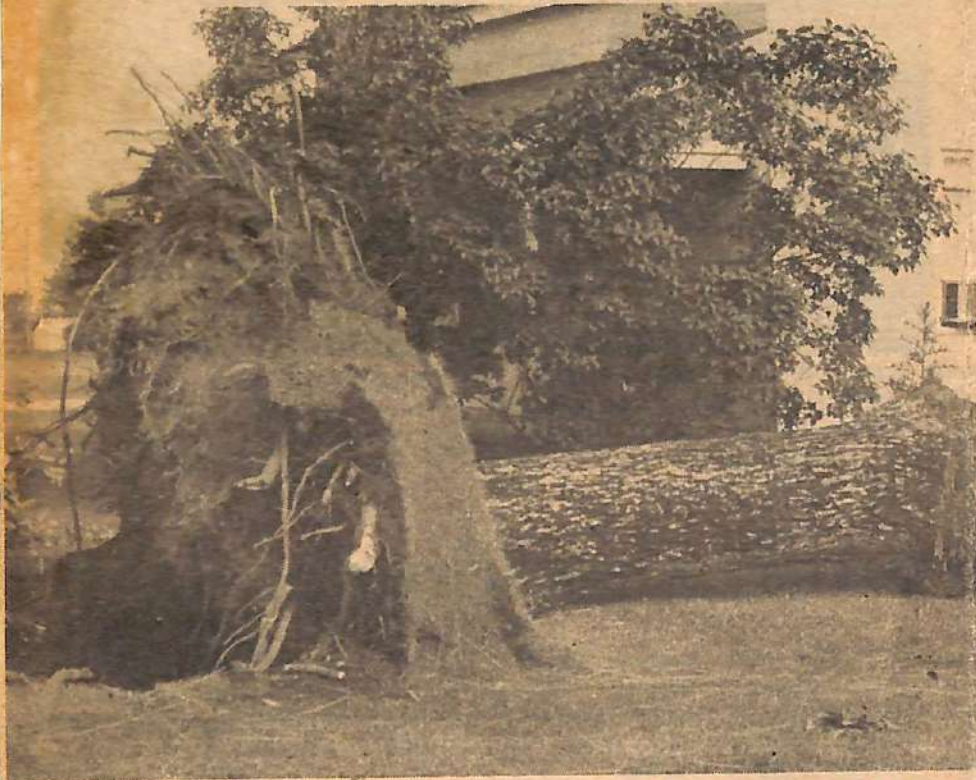
Among those present was Miss Ure's cousin from Sandwich South Township, Mr. Ray Ure. He was a link with her very first efforts as a teacher, when he was her first pupil to be graduated as entrant to high school. Others present from distant points were Miss Nell Farrell of Flint, Michigan, and Mr. Elmer Wackley of Springfield.

Former teachers, Miss Emma Clemen and Miss Tena Beaumes, who are now retired, were present to represent the staff when Miss Ure first entered the school in December, 1913.



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# Record Storm Rips Across Essex A



This tree was uprooted by the storm and fell right beside the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hartigan near the tracks in Oldcastle. The tree landed right beside their house but no damage was done to the building. Several other trees in their yard were torn up by the wind storm.



This is part of a tin roof from a barn or machinery shed which is lying in a field along 98 highway. The rubble was deposited in the field by Tuesday night's storm.



Another view of a cement block building blown down during the Tuesday night wind storm. This building is on the Gord Jobin farm concession 9 Sandwich South. Mr. and Mrs. Jobin were in the house at the time of the storm, but damages to the house were less severe and no injuries were reported.

## Phillips - Hicks Nuptials

Of interest was the double-ring ceremony, in Bethel United Church, Maidstone, at which Rev. N. Anderson recently united in marriage Miss Doreen Elizabeth Hicks, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hicks, of Tecumseh, and Leonard James Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Phillips, of Maidstone.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was lovely in a gown of imported white Chantilly lace over satin, fashioned with a fitted bodice having a coachman collar and a full skirt forming a long train. Her finger-tip length veil of nylon net was held to her head in a heart-shaped crown of seed pearls, and she carried Talisman roses.

Mrs. Dorothy Rochemont, as matron of honour, and Miss Geraldine Ure, as bridesmaid, were in sky blue nylon net frocks over taffeta, featuring full skirts. They wore tiny nylon net capes and picture hats to match, and carried yellow roses.

James Stitt assisted the groom as best man, and Douglas MacKenzie was the usher. Mrs. Gordon Saylor played the wedding music, and Mrs. Eddy Lemire sang "O Promise Me" before the ceremony, "The Lord's Prayer" during the service, and "Because" at the signing of the register.

A dinner for 100 guests followed in the lower auditorium of the church, the bride's table being centred with a three-tiered wedding cake in a bed of tulle, flanked by burning white tapers in silver holders and bowls of summer flowers. Mrs. Hicks wore for her daughter's wedding a navy sheer frock with white accessories and Talisman roses, while the bridegroom's mother was in a yellow and white flowered nylon, and wore white accessories with Talisman roses.

A reception was held in the evening at the home of the bride's parents, following which Mr. and Mrs. Phillips left for a trip through the Southern States, the bride travelling in a navy and white ensemble, and wearing a white lace straw picture hat trimmed with navy and white, and Talisman roses. They will live in Maidstone.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding included Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rowe, of Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hicks, Helen and Bruce, of Sarnia.

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## Maidstone Teacher For 31 Years Is Honored



Students, former students and friends gathered in Maidstone United Church Tuesday evening to honor Miss Elsie Shuttleworth, R.R. 1, Maidstone, teacher at School Section Number 5, Maidstone, for the past 31 years. The above photo shows Miss Eleanor Campbell, secretary of the public

school area, presenting a gift to Miss Shuttleworth on behalf of those present. Left to right are seen Miss Campbell, Mr. Arnold Axcell, school board trustee; Miss Shuttleworth and Mrs. Edward Croft, party convener.

(Star Staff Photo.)

## Elsie Shuttleworth Dies

JULY 23, 1954, ESSEX F.P. Elsie Agnes Shuttleworth, aged 56, passed away, in Grace Hospital, Windsor, on Sunday, following many years of ill-health.

Born in Sandwich South, April 20th, 1898, daughter of the late Joseph Shuttleworth and Mary Plant, she taught school for 32 years, one year at Harrow and 31 years at No. 5 school in Sandwich South Township. She was a graduate of Essex High School.

In 1950 she was forced to retire on account of ill-health.

Surviving are two sisters, Mary, of R. R. 3 Maidstone, and Mrs. Margaret Farough, of R. R. 2, Maidstone; four brothers, Edward, Joseph and Harry, all of Windsor, and Sidney, of Sandwich South.

Funeral services were held from the E. J. Hicks' Funeral Home, on Wednesday, in charge of Rev. N. Anderson, and burial was in Greenhill Cemetery, Kingsville, the pallbearers being six nephews, Jack, Bernard, James, Joseph, Dale and Harry Shuttleworth.

June 16, 1961 - The United Neighbor's Group went on a tour this past week to Detroit and visited Saunder's Candy Making Plant and bakery.

An autographed quilt is being made by the group which will be given to some lucky winner in the Fall. In the absence of the president at the last meeting, the Vice-president Mrs. Jim Weston chaired the meeting at the home of Mrs. Elmer Ure. The Club planned to visit the "Homestead" on the 5th of July and entertain the residents with a program made up of local talent in the community.

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## Married 50 Years Ago Today



Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Watson, who were married 50 years ago today in Maidstone, are celebrating at a family dinner at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hill, in Maidstone. Other members of the Watson family are Mrs. Forest Little of Ruthven, Mr. Gerald Watson and Mr. Douglas Watson of Maidstone. There are seven grandsons.

## Celebrate Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Watson, of the 10th Concession, Sandwich South, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Wednesday, June 4th, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. W. D. Hill, Maidstone. A family supper was served Wednesday evening, with Mr. and Mrs. Forest Little and sons Kenneth, Philip and Jimmie, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Watson and sons Wayne, Gary and Ricky, Gerald Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hill and son Billie, and Mrs. Elizabeth Fairbairn present.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson's sisters and brothers, with their husbands and wives, called one each afternoon, from 3 to 4, during the week, Mrs. E. B. well coming on May 31st, Mr. and Mrs. James Battersby, on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frith on Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collins on Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Frith on Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. George MacKenzie on Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frith on Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. David Ure on Monday, June 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson received many beautiful gifts and numerous cards of best wishes.

## WILSON-Margaret (Daisy)

95 Years. Died April 9, 1984 at Huron Lodge. Beloved wife of the late Robert Wilson. Dear mother of Frederick Wilson, Windsor. Dear grandmother of Paul Wilson, Mrs. Herb Samek, (Sylvia) Windsor. Dear great grandmother of Gregory and Veronica. Dear sister of Alex Craig, Toronto and the late Mrs. Cyril Wilson (Ailsa) Ipswich, England. Visiting in The Walter D. Kelly Funeral Home 1969 Wyandotte St. E. after 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Funeral service in The Chapel on Wed., April 11, 1984 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Gerald Laverne officiating. Interment Victoria Memorial Cemetery. Apr. 9/84

May 23, 1974 - Jill Robinson, Maidstone, graduated from the University of Windsor in the Bachelor of Education Section. May 11, 1962 - The regular meeting of Bethel United Church Women's Organization was held in the church parlour on Wednesday, May 2nd. The Bake Sale held at the Essex Laundromat on April 21st, was a great success. At the meeting Mrs. Chas. Frith was presented with a life membership in the new United Church Women. Mrs. Frith was an original member of the former Bethel United W.M.S. and also a very faithful member of the WA of the church. The Mother & Daughter Banquet is May 18th at the church. Dinner will be served at 6.30 p.m. by the men of the church. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Ray Nicholson, a former parishioner and now a missionary



Jan. 10, 1974 - We extend the sympathy of the community to the family of the late Mrs. George MacKenzie (Annie Frith), age 85 yrs. of the 11th Conc. of Sandwich Sout Twp. who passed away Dec. 29th, 1973. She leaves to mourn her passing her four sons, Kenneth of Maidstone, Douglas and Murray of Sandwich South and Stewart of Windsor, one daughter, Norma, Mrs. Robert Lehrbass, of Florida, her twin sister, Mrs. Amy Collins of Maidstone. Her husband George predeceased her in 1962. Her sister Amy lived another six years, passing away Jan. 25th, 1979.

July 18, 1975 - Mr. Gordon Saylor of this community will celebrat his 79th birthday on July 21st and will be joined by his daughter and husband, who will be celebrating their 26th wedding anniversary the same day.

June 18, 1976 - Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Saylor of R. R. 3, Maidstone, or Fairplay Community, attended graduation ceremonies of their two neices, Karen Marr of Stephenville, and Christine Sider of Wellandport, from Niagara Christian College, last week. Also while there they attended the opening ceremonies of Ridgeway Battlefield Hospital Museum commemorating the Fenian Raids of 1812.

- Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Saylor on the occasion of their 52nd wedding anniversary on Friday, Sept. 6th. (Nellie) Saylor being born in the ninth month, nineteenth day, year 1900, will have a birthday soon. She is a retired telephone operator, for both Sandwich South & Maidstone Townships and is well known.

Oct. 1, 1976 - Roger and Joy Ure had an Art Exhibit and Collage in the Fairview Mall, Pointe Claire, Quebec which was noticed by Gerry and Iris McLean, formerly of Maidstone and Gerry is the son of Mrs. Bernadette McLean of the Village. On visiting them and admiring their work, the McLean's found out Roger was the son of Elmer and Doris Ure, well known Sandwich South Councillor. When the Ure's were in Quebec City at a Mall, they also met Peter W. and Rosemary Halford, also former Councillor of Sandwich South and spending a year in Quebec.

March 29, 1974 - Mr. & Mrs. Ray Ure take this opportunity to thank their friends for their many expressions of good will on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding Anniversary

- Mrs. Dorothy Croft has returned home by air, from Ottawa, where she was a delegate at the recent general meeting of the Progressive Conservative Party held at the Chateau Laurier Hotel.

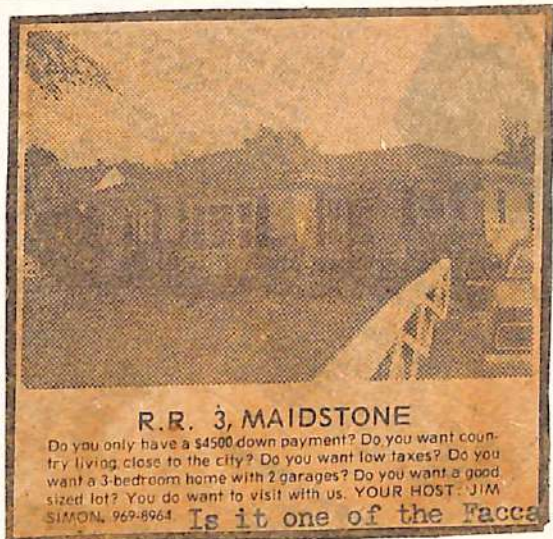


LOUISA PAYNE - The old log house built about 1807 and sided over where she lived until she died in 1937 at the age of 97 from Pneumonia in a Windsor Hospital. Buried in Fairbairn Cemetery. She grew many flowers which the school children loved when they stopped to visit her.



ROX ANN AND JAMES LESPERANCE, 9 years R.3, Maidstone

When we were very small we never were apart but now James plays a lot with his older brother. Our mother was a twin too and so was our aunt. It's fun being a twin because you have always somebody to play with. We are in grade 4 and always were in the same classroom. Apr. 25, 1974 THE ESSEX TIMES



R.R. 3, MAIDSTONE

Do you only have a \$4500 down payment? Do you want country living close to the city? Do you want low taxes? Do you want a 3-bedroom home with 2 garages? Do you want a good sized lot? You do want to visit with us. YOUR HOST: JIM SIMON, 969-8964 Is it one of the Facca

Oct. 31, 1924 - Essex Free Press: James Croft built a new brick home on his farm in Sandwich South.

Dec. 24, 1937 - E.F.P.- A fire did over \$4000 damage to Ray Ure's Brooder House.

Dec. 1, 1944, E.F.P.- O. Laurendeau sold his farm in the 10th Conc. Sandwich South to Wm. Moynahan for \$10,000. Sept. 8, 1916 - Nelson MacKenzie and Clara Ure were married.

March 24, 1922, E.F.P.- Frank Jobin paid the top price of \$238 for a pure bred holstein cow at Bert F. Taylor's disposal sale. Frank bid on five cows at the sale.

Back about 1920 farmers began hauling milk into the city dairies - James Croft was one of the earliest, putting the eight and ten gallon cans in his Model T. Car at first, then by trailer attached behind the car to Valentine Dairies. Roy Russette succeeded him.

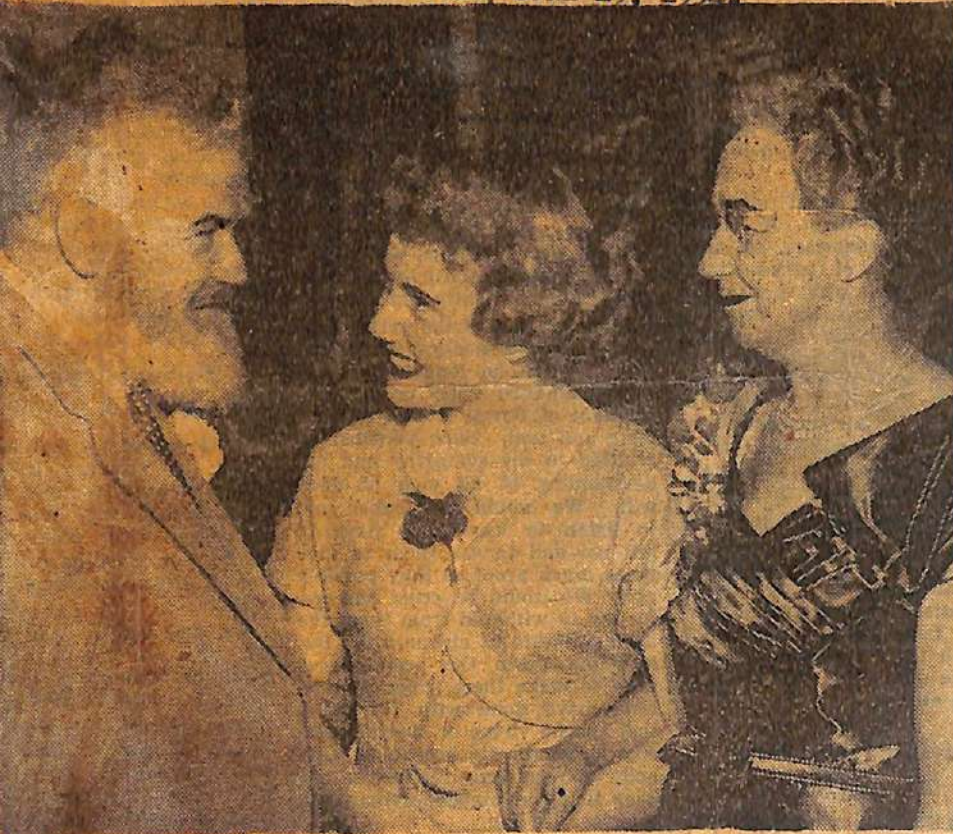


FAIRPLAY AND BETHEL COMMUNITY (CONT.)

Miss Jessie Ure was born and raised in Sandwich South Fairplay Community, and taught at Dougall Avenue School in Windsor for many years.

## Friends, Pupils, Teachers Combine to Pay Tribute to Retiring Principal Robert M. Fuller

THE WINDSOR STAR, JUNE 19, 1954.



Friends, former pupils and teachers from three Windsor schools combined last night to honor Mr. Robert M. Fuller, principal of Dougall Avenue School, who is concluding his teaching career at the end of the current school year. Principal Fuller taught at Assumption, Victoria and Dougall in his 32 years in Windsor. Feature at last night's testimonial was a "This Is Your Life, Bob

Fuller," presentation which portrayed the highlights of a 40-year teaching career. Every woman attending the party had to be sincerely welcomed by the affable Mr. Fuller. In the left photo, Miss Dolly McGhee, 712 Dougall, centre, offers congratulations while Mrs Fuller looks on. The presence of some of the guests had to be kept a closely guarded secret until they could take their

part in the surprise portion of the show. Centre photo, checking over the program, are, from left to right, Mr. J. Harvey Lynes, Toronto, who served with Principal Fuller with the 21st Battery, C.F.A., in World War I; Mrs. Edmund Erb, R.R. 2, Stratford, and Mrs. George Gibb, R.R. 2, Stratford, both sisters of Mr. Fuller. Dear to Mr. Fuller's heart is the ancient Baby House, located on

Pitt near Ferry. Right photo, a group inspecting an old homestead. From left to right are: Mr. George Gibb, Windsor historian and a friend of long standing; Mr. Robert Fuller, Jr., a son; Miss Jessie Ure, staff when Principal Fuller came to Windsor. Fuller, another son. (Star Staff Photo)



# Police Find Juvenile 'Gang'

THE WINDSOR STAR, MARCH 10, 1962

July 16, 1954 - Mrs. Sarah A. Lord of Windsor was entertained by her daughter, Mrs. Gordon Saylor on the occasion of her 81st birthday on Saturday at her home with a few relatives and friends in for cake and tea. Mrs. Saylor is Sandwich South Telephone day operator. Mr. & Mrs. Saylor and Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Lemire spent Sunday with a cousin Mrs. Nell Gillis at Kenwick-on-the-Lake, 16 miles north of Sarnia.

Feb. 19, 1954 - Mr. & Mrs. Wm. D. Ure are holding "Open House" at the home of their son, Melville Ure, Harold St., Ridgetown, on Wed., Feb. 24th., 1954, from 2 to 4.30 in the afternoon and from 7.30 to 10 in the evening, in honour of their 50th wedding anniversary.

May 7, 1954 - The Bethel W.M.S. and church families met in the church auditorium on Monday evening to honour Miss Geraldine Ure, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Ure, who is graduating from Grace Hospital School of Nursing on May 7th. Geraldine is going to a United Church missionary hospital at Matheson, Ont. Mrs. Wilfrid Libby, Mrs. Elmer Ure, Mrs. W. Hill, Mrs. Douglas Watson were in charge of entertainment for the evening. They formed groups of six and many a laugh was had by all watching the different games. After the games, Mrs. Clifford MacKenzie on behalf of W.M.S. and the gathering of friends presented Geraldine with a travelling clock and a camera, and with it all good wishes for her happiness and health in her chosen work. The Bethel-Maidstone Y.P.U. also presented her with a lovely gold compact. A beautiful lunch was served and Rev. Anderson closed an enjoyable evening with a prayer for Geraldine's health and happiness as a nurse in the far north.

Oct. 1, 1954 - Of interest to the many friends of Miss Beulah Fawcett and Gerald Watson, will be their marriage on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at the United Church with Rev. Anderson officiating. The W.A. will serve the dinner to the immediate families. Hearty congratulations from their host of friends to the happy couple.

Nov. 26, 1954 - Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. John Roberts (nee Mildred Shanahan) on the arrival of their baby boy at Hotel Dieu on Nov. 19th.

June 3, 1955 - Mr. & Mrs. Harry McLean and son Richard Marshall of Detroit, spent the long weekend with Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Marshall. Richard remaining for the week to visit with his grandparents.

Around the Fair Play school district the past week, no doubt, there are grumblings and a good reason, that will drive even the mildest pulpit minister to acts of violence. March 16, 1962

Some \$5,000 damage has been done by youngsters under the age of 16, who literally damaged one of Sandwich South's proud and beautiful institutions of learning.

All in the one weekend spurge of burning houses, damage to schools and township re-creation spots, all with no real reason to a tune of some \$10,000 deficit.

Parents of well behaved children this week are talking and talking very seriously of what can be done to curb this type of situation again. Is it the parents, is it the teachers fault, is it television or the trend of the teenagers suddenly gone mad in an age when respect for law and order has gone out the window.

What has gone wrong with the society of to-day and the modern home and education of our much needed youth?

For some reason or other law, church or education or parent teaching cannot reach some of the younger generation.

Times have changed when pop turned to the safety razor and the electric shave. No old fashioned strap is handily hanging on the hook on the kitchen wall. All modern furnaces and stoves do not use wood as a result no good hickory gads are handy for use. Even the old wood shed has been torn down.

Teachers cannot belt little angel "Johnny" and "Maria" any more or off to court they go.

When revolting "Johnny" gets to court a kind judge sends him to a nice warm, televised, balanced diet, reformatory to learn more of the same he stood in front of the judge for.

No teachers like "Nellie Moy-nahan" to crack your skull for skipping classes.

Maybe Communism is also seeping into our society and a scene like Krushchev banging his fists on a United Nations desk is the trend of the world.

What ever the cause of youth revolt is the world's responsibility in every corner of the globe. It is not just a local affair.

Probably if we look over our history books we can find generations of mixed up races, creeds, politics, wars and big time "Charlie" leaders and will find a secret that is getting late in an unsteady world of atom bombs that even youth feels insecure.

Watson's with 12 members present. Devotions were given on the Christmas theme by Joy Ure. It was announced that Cheryl Pickle would receive the Group's Bursary of \$100 this year at the Essex High School Graduation. The Christmas party would be at the Aberdeen Hotel at Essex, on December 14th at 7 p.m. Following the business session a rummage sale was held. The Jan. meeting would be at Rita DeKlerk's, 3070 Dandurand, in Windsor. There will be a jewellery demonstration and devotions will be taken by Marion Shuttleworth. Lunch conveners, Charlotte Phillips, Doris Phillips and Ethel MacKenzie.

Apr. 8th, 1955 - Deep sympathy to Stephen Watson and family in the loss of a loving wife and devoted mother and to her brothers and sisters. Mrs. Warson passed away Tuesday after a lingering illness.

## MARCH 9, 1962 4 Juveniles Missing

### Police Seek Boys For Vandalism

Four of five juveniles who disappeared earlier this week after being picked up by police in connection with last week-end's burning of two abandoned homes and vandalism at a school and drive-in theatre are still missing.

Police Chief Ford Thurston of Sandwich East Twp. said the fifth boy, a 14-year-old, turned up at his home Thursday afternoon.

"We think they must have jumped a freight train," he said. "We made a complete search of this area and went out as far as Belle River Thursday, but didn't find a sign of them."

Chief Thurston said the fifth boy's parents notified police of his return. Although police have not yet questioned him, he has apparently offered no explanation for his disappearance of more than a day.

The juveniles, two of them 13 and three 14, were picked up Monday following the previous day's burning of two abandoned houses located near Highway 2 and Pillette Rd.

Ontario Provincial Police said the same boys were responsible for the weekend's vandalism at Fairplay Public School and the Skyway Drive-in, which caused an estimated \$5,000 damage.

Chief Thurston said the boys were taken to their homes and questioned on Monday and left in their parents' custody. O.P.P. investigators took statements from them on Tuesday, and on Wednesday school officials informed police they had not shown up for classes.

Mar. 16, 1962 - The column to the left was written by Oldcastle's HighLight's Scribe, Carson Jessop who comments on the times.

Dec. 20, 1963 - The United Neighbors Group held their Nov. meeting at Elinor

## Piggy Bank Finances Puce Trip

### Officials Probe Vandalism, Two House Fires

Sandwich East Police solved the case of the missing juveniles Friday afternoon when they discovered four youngsters living on "piggy-bank money" in a cottage in Puce.

Five juveniles disappeared earlier this week after the police picked them up for questioning following a wave of destruction over the weekend.

Vandals caused an estimated \$5,000 damage to the Skyway Drive-in Theatre and Fairplay Public School and set fire to two abandoned houses on Windsor Airport property.

One of the teen-agers reappeared at home Thursday night. The others were captured during an investigation into complaints that cottages in Puce had been broken into.

The juveniles were living in one of the cottages. They told police they had obtained money for food by robbing their own piggy banks before leaving home.

Police believe the four are also connected with breakins in Riverside, which occurred while they must have been travelling to Puce.

Sandwich East Police had been told of one of the juvenile's parents that a neighbor owned a cottage in Puce and that the suspects might be hiding out there.

When officers of the Essex detachment of the O.P.P. were sent to investigate reports of breakins at three cottages in Puce, Sandwich East Police sent Const. Neil Lester and Const. Ernest Charette to see if the suspected vandals were there.

The two officers saw four juveniles walking along the railway tracks near Puce on the Highway 39 bypass. They picked the teen-agers up, found them to be the suspects, and returned them to their respective parents with instructions to keep them from disappearing again.

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FAIRPLAY-BETHEL COMMUNITY (CONT.)

Nov. 12, 1954 - Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Saylor and her mother, Mrs. Sarah Lord of Joy Road, 8th Concession motored to Lansing, Mich., on Sunday to attend the ninetieth birthday of Mr. Saylor's only living relative, his paternal Aunt Sarah, Mrs. Engle. There was "Open House" and over 100 called to offer hearty felicitations. Among the many gifts was a personal portrait of President Dwight Eisenhower, autographed. Mrs. Engle's father and the president's father owned farms across from one another in Aboline, Kansas, years ago and so were fast friends over the ensuing years.

January 28, 1955 - Joseph E. Lavin, aged 85 years passed away at his home on the 11th concession early Saturday morning. Mr. Lavin was one of the pioneers of Sandwich South, having been born and residing here all his life. Mr. Lavin was a farmer and was married to Vatherine Shanahan, who pre-deceased him in 1939. Also pre-deceased by a brother John and sister, Miss Madge Lavin, Mrs. Gordon Burke and Mrs. Frank Burke. He is survived by two sisters, Miss Ida and Miss Edna Lavin and three daughters, Miss Marjorie Lavin, at home, who was a constant companion to her father since her mother's death; Ann, Sister Ann Catherine of St. Joseph's Mother Convent, London; Miss Aileen Lavin of Detroit and four sons, John of Woodslee, Glen and Thomas of Sandwich South, and Pat at home. Mr. Lavin was a kind exemplary man and was held in high esteem by his neighbors and friends. He always took a keen interest in his ancestry and attended the annual family reunions. The funeral was held from the family home on the 11th Concession on Tuesday morning to St. Anne's Church, Tecumseh and burial in the family plot of the church cemetery. Mr. Lavin belonged to the Holy Name Society and League of the Sacred Heart, of St. Anne's.

April 29th, 1955 - Congratulations to our day telephone operator, Mrs. Gordon Saylor and her husband on becoming grandparents for the first time, when their daughter Eunice, her husband, Eddie Lemire, presented them with a grandson, Brian Wayne, at Metropolitan Hospital, Monday morning, April 35th.

May 27th, 1955 - Mrs. Gordon Saylor motored to Niagara Falls last week accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Lord, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Lord's sister. They will remain there a few days to visit with relatives. Mrs. Trimble, of Essex, the relief telephone operator, is working for Mrs. Saylor for two weeks.

June 10, 1955 - Bethel W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Frank Mills for their June meeting. Devotions were taken by Mrs. Wilfred Libby and Mrs. Ray Ure. Theme: "I am the True Vine". Mrs. Ure reported two boxes of food ready to send to England and a letter of appreciation read from the last one sent. An invitation was read to a Blossom Tea at Tully Hall, June 16th when Miss Eleanor Bowes would be the speaker. The United Neighbors are holding a bake sale on June 10th, at Libby's store. The president gave a report on the Presbytery when six of the members attended. Plans were made to decorate two rooms at the parsonage. There would be no August meeting. The July meeting would be on the 6th at the home of Mrs. Elmer Ure with Mrs. Leonard Phillips and Mrs. Douglas MacKenzie as lunch conveners.

July 8, 1955 - Mrs. Gordon Saylor, our day telephone operator and husband, of Ray Road, Sandwich South will hold open house on Sunday, July 10th at their home from 2 to 5 and 7 to 8 p.m. to honour Mrs. Saylor's mother, Mrs. Lord, on the occasion of her 82nd birthday.

July 22, 1955 - A number from this district (Oldcastle) attended the Fairplay reunion on Saturday, July 16th.

Aug. 19, 1955 - The banns of marriage were published in St. Mary's Church on Sunday for Pearl Marie Lavin, daughter of Glen Lavin and Mabel Pivard, and Roland Joseph Beausoliel, son of Louis Beausoliel and Elmiere Savoie. Also for Jean Quinlan, daughter of Edward Quinlan and Anna McCann, and Leonard Maitre, of St. Ann's Parish, Tecumseh.

Nov. 11, 1955 - Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Saylor motored to Lansing, Mich., on Sunday, to help celebrate the 91st birthday of Mr. Saylor's aunt, Mrs. Sarah Engle. Mrs. Engle is still enjoying life at this advanced age.

Nov. 25, 1955 - S. S. No. 1 Home & School Association's president Mrs. Shirley Williams reported on the Home & School Area Conference in Chatham, which she attended. She brought several booklets with her connected with the subjects under discussion during the day. The Windsor area had the largest representation, over 100. Mrs. Williams asked that some of our members make a special effort to attend the Home & School Council meetings, next meeting November 29th at King George School, Windsor 8 p.m. Teddy Ure and Stuart Quick are going to make posters for our card parties to be held on Nov. 21st and Nov. 28th.

Mrs. Hazard asked whether an intercom system for the teachers' use, from the junior to the senior rooms would be of use to the teachers if one was installed by the organization. The teachers did not feel that they would derive much benefit from such equipment. George Broad suggested that a sum of money be given to each teacher, instead, to be used as they see fit, subject to report to the organization. Mr. Broad, being a teacher, is in a position to know the things that are sometimes required and not available, which could be obtained by such a setup. This idea was favorably accepted by the teachers, Miss Kolpak and Mrs. Metcalfe. The idea was held over until next meeting. It was found that the framework was ready and the wire had arrived for the backstops on the school grounds. Mr. Ure, Mr. Sales and Mr. Wilson will try to get this job completed this weekend. Mrs. Ellen Wilson will phone Purity Dairy to see if milk delivery can be made to the school at noon or before as Borden's are unable to do so. A delegation would go to the School Board meeting to discuss the subject of a fire exit in the junior room. Mr. Broad, G. Pyfe, Mrs. M. Hepple and Mrs. B. Hazard did attend to find that the board had already been notified as to this need by the school inspector, and had decided to install the door. The next meeting will be in the form of a Christmas party. Don Webb, Dist. Scoutmaster Zone 6 defined the word "Jamboree", which was the subject of the colour films and slides he showed from the tent city of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Violet Libby and Mrs. Williams thanked Mr. Webb and Ralph Wilson.



March 2, 1956 - Stuart Quick, son of Mr. & Mrs. Guy Campbell, was the winner of the spelling bee for Sandwich South and Sandwich West. Carole Robinson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W. Robinson was runner-up. Both will participate in the inspectoral final spelling bee. Stuart and Carole both attend S. S. No. 1, Sandwich South. Their teacher is Mrs. Edith Metcalfe. Heartiest congratulations.

June 22, 1956 - The United Neighbor's Group of Sandwich South held their annual bake goods sale on June 14th, at Libby's grocery store, corner of Pillette Rd., & No. 2 Hwy. The baked goods were donated by Mesdames Ann Libby, Ruth Battersby, Jean Hill, Lil Washbrook, Doris Ure, Val Campbell, Annie Law, Marion Hepple, Emma Little, Charlotte Phillips, Marcy MacKenzie, and Eunice Lemire. Mrs. Ann Libby and Mrs. Eunice Lemire had charge.

June 5, 1956 - A son was born to Mr. & Mrs. John Roberts (Mildred Shanahan) at Hotel Dieu, a brother for Charles.

Nov. 29, 1956 - Mrs. Gordon Saylor, our day operator for the telephone thanks all who sent her get-well cards and remembered her while she was off work for three weeks with whooping cough.

May, 1957 - Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Saylor attended the double wedding, on Saturday, May 25th of Mr. Saylor's two neices, Miss Dona Marion Saylor and Miss Kathleen Joan Saylor of Stevensville, Ont. The impressive ceremony was performed in the chapel of the Niagara Christian College, on the Niagara Blvd., Stevensville, Ont. Nov. 8, 1957 - The Saylor's and Mrs. Sarah Lord, who is 84 years old, motored to Lansing, Mich., on Sunday to help Mrs. Sarah Engle celebrate her 93rd. birthday. Mrs. Engle is Mrs. Saylor's aunt and despite her age has good hearing and eyesight but this year was bed-ridden for her birthday. - Nov. 15, 1957 - Sincere sympathy to Mrs. Gordon Saylor, in the sudden loss of her mother, Mrs. Sarah Lord, who passed away last week.

July 3rd., 1954, Windsor Star: Two Roseland women were hospitalized from an accident between a car and a truck which occurred at Baseline Road and Seventh Concession, Sandwich South, yesterday. Injured were: Mrs. Ethel Sales, No. 2 Hwy., suffering from a possible fractured pelvis; Mrs. Salena Graham, 86, also of No. 2 Hwy., who had a broken arm and possible internal injuries.

Nov. 9, 1956 - The Fall Sectional meeting of the Women's Missionary Society, was held, Wed., Oct. 31st., at Bethel-Maidstone Church. The morning worship service was taken by Maidstone Auxiliary on the theme "Jesus" Ideals for the World". We must make our own decisions and treat our neighbors as ourselves. Mrs. Elsley, Sectional president, presided. She passed along suggestions from the Presbyterian Executive that we pay more attention to our missionary for prayer. After reports were given from the Christian Stewardship Secretaries, the meeting dissolved into groups for discussion on ways and means of interesting our youth for church and missionary service,

The highlights of the meeting were talks, morning and afternoon by Miss Palethorpe, now retired missionary from Korea. She had spent 25 years in Northern Korea, remaining there until after the evacuation in 1941. Then after the war years she returned for three more years in Southern Korea at Pusan. She spoke of the large number of refugees coming down from the north to Pusan causing appalling conditions in housing, education and the lack of food for a mere existence. Korean children are hungry for education. They will deny themselves food in order to pay for education and as a result they frequently contract tuberculosis. Suicides also are common among teenagers. Clothing sent from Canada has been a great help to these stricken people. Milk sent from outside has made a marked improvement in the health of Korean children. Following the afternoon service taken by North Ridge Auxiliary, Miss Palethorpe continued her talk on Korea and the meeting closed with prayer.

March 4, 1955, The Windsor Daily Star: Demitru Cociuc, 63, of R. R. 1, Tecumseh, was instantly killed when struck by an automobile last night as he walked along Hwy. 2 near Lauzon Rd. He was walking on the pavement, and on the way to his son's home, about 100 feet from his own house when he was struck by a west bound car driven by Mrs. Doris Clickner, 29, of Emeryville. Mrs. Clickner was westbound and had pulled to the south side of the road to pass a pick-up truck which was stopping. Mr. Cociuc was walking on the south traffic lane about two feet from the edge of the pavement. The force of the impact sent him flying across the shoulder of the road and across a ditch into the edge of a field south of the highway. He died instantly. The body was taken to the Windsor Morgue where an autopsy revealed he died of a complete severance of the spinal column at the base of the neck. He also suffered a compound fracture of the skull and multiple fractures. He had left his home shortly after 7 o'clock to walk over to his son(s, Ejanie. He was clad in a black suit and visibility was slightly hazy. Mrs. Clickner was too distraught to be questioned. Provincial constables Henry Davis and Ken Money of the Essex detachment investigated. Besides his son, he is survived by his widow, Jaemmi. He and the son operated a fruit orchard and had a fruit stand at the roadside. Later the family owned and operated Dominic & Son Produce and Canning, Ltd. On Feb. 3rd., 1986, Anne Kociuk, wife of the late Louis (1962) died. Although there seems to be a different spelling of the name, it is believed they are one and the same family as it states in the death notice that Mrs. Kociuk was the owner of Dominic & Son Produce & Canning, Ltd.

Sept. 1, 1955, THE WINDSOR DAILY STAR: A new car which her husband had given her as a birthday present ironically brought death to Mrs. Raymond O'Keefe, 36, of the 9th Concession, Sandwich South. Mrs. O'Keefe died of injuries received Tuesday in a headon crash, near Malta, Mont. while returning home from a two-week vacation trip to British Columbia with her husband and two children. The Highway Patrol said Mrs. O'Keefe was driving her car with her husband and two children as passengers. The O'Keefe car and one driven by Walter Schoetke, 59, of Beloit, Wisc., met headon, as they crossed a bridge on U. S. Highway 2. Mr. O'Keefe and the two O'Keefe children, Michael 8, and Katherine, 5, are in hospital with undetermined injuries. Miss Eva O'Keefe, sister of the injured man was to fly to Montana today to bring the children back to Windsor. Mrs. O'Keefe attended Walkerville Collegiate where she received her senior matriculation. She then entered the Ontario College of Pharmacy, University of Toronto, and graduated in 1942. For seven years she was employed at Thompson's Pharmacy, Tecumseh Rd. E., at Pillette Rd. She attended St. Theresa Church where she was a member of the Altar Society and Catholic Women's League.

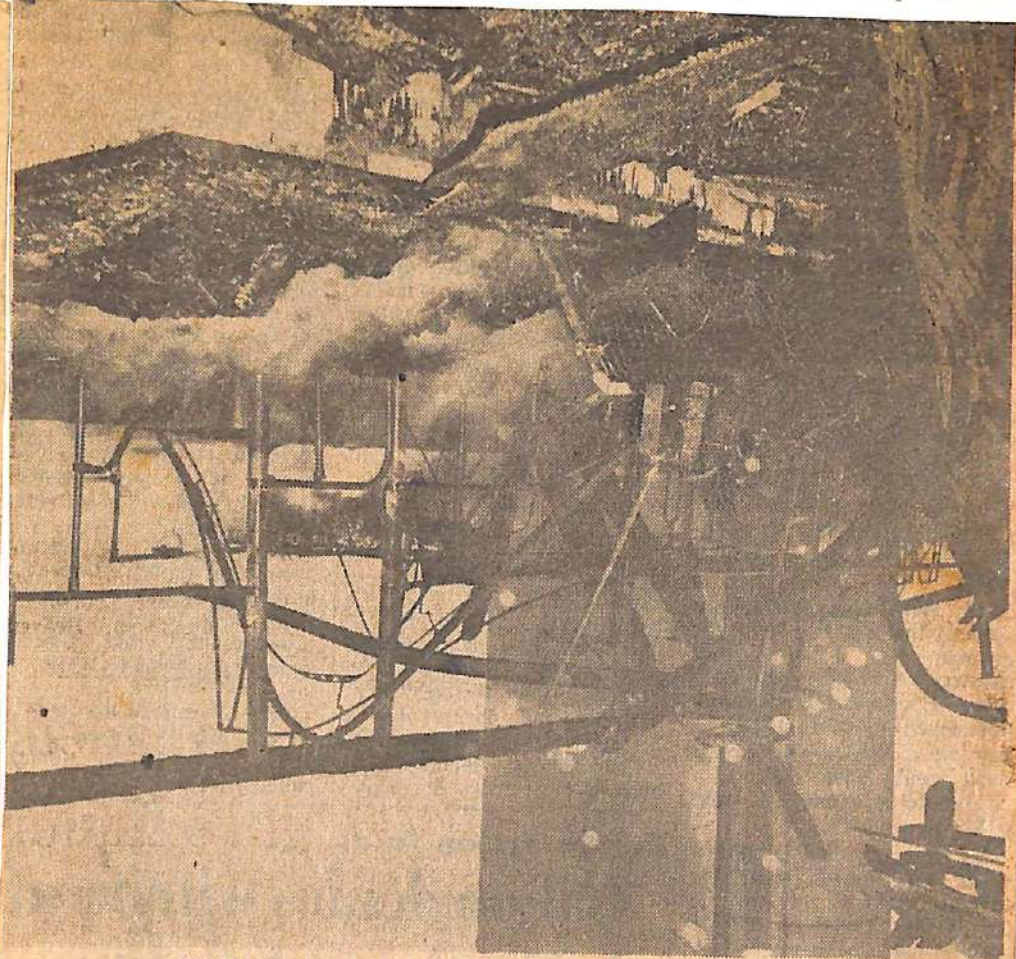


Sept. 1, 1955 - MRS. RAYMOND O'KEEFE, cont. - She was also interested in the Home & School Association activities at the rural school attended by her son, Michael. It would be S.S. No. 1. Surviving besides her husband and children are her parents, Mr. & Mrs. W. T. Gilbert, 3rd. Conc., Sandwich East; two brothers, George, Leamington and Bill of Windsor; and one sister (Mrs. Charles Warren) Jane, of Sandwich East. The Marcotte Funeral Home are in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Sept. 27, 1967- Star: Sandwich South firemen are still investigating the cause of a blaze early this morning that destroyed two large barns at the Raymond O'Keefe farm on Conc. 9. The fire is believed to have started in hay on the floor of one of the structures, and had spread to the second building before it was reported. Firemen from both Sandwich South and Sandwich West were called to the scene. They poured water on the structures for more than five hours to keep flames from spreading to the farm house and a number of nearby sheds. Total damage has been estimated at \$15,000. The blaze lit up the skyline and could be seen for several miles. This tragedy was a double blow to Mr. O'Keefe, as he lost his wife in Sept. 1955 in an accident coming home from a trip to British Columbia in a head-on crash in Malta, Mont. Mr. Raymond O'Keefe passed away in 1975.



NEAR-HURRICANE WIND PROVIDES CRUSHING FINALE AT SKYWAY THEATRE  
— giant screen topples on Highway 2, "delays" opening at drive-in  
THE WINDSOR STAR, APRIL 4, 1956.



SMOKING AFTERMATH OF SANDWICH SOUTH BARN FIRE  
THE WINDSOR DAILY STAR, SEPT. 27, 1967

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April 4, 1956 - FILM SCREEN DEMOLISHED ran the headlines: Winds of near-hurricane force swept over Southwestern Ontario Tuesday night, causing long power black-outs, levelling trees and power lines and sending the screen of the Skyway Drive-in-Theatre crashing to the ground. Greatest damage was at the Windsor area's Skyway where the huge screen was transformed into a heap of splintered rubble and the offices were crushed to kindling. There were no witnesses to the collapse, believed to have taken place about 10 p.m. Michael Micelli, manager of the Famous Players Theatre knew nothing of the mishap until he was told by reporters this morning. "We were going to open up on April 21st, but it doesn't look like we are going to make it now" he said. More than \$10,000 damage resulted when a big barn was blown down in Anderdon Township. Two horses were trapped in the wreckage one of them pinned under the main supporting beam of the barn. About 12 neighbors came to the aid of Ernest P. Laframboise, the owner and freed the horses after an hour and a half.





Teacher Cheryl Tofflemire plays with Tara Ure, 3, and Eric Doucet, 5

THE WINDSOR STAR, DECEMBER 18, 1980

# New day care a fulfillment of old dream

Story and Photo

By Rob Van Nie

Star Staff Reporter

Two county women are fulfilling a dream and saving a 92-year-old rural church building in the process.

Lynn Ure and Barbara Doucet are gambling that their day-care centre in the former Bethel United Church, at Base Line Road and Corr. 9 of Sandwich South Township, will be a success despite the current economic conditions.

Ure and Doucet didn't know what they were getting into when they decided to buy the country church just south of Windsor, and turn it into a pre-school for children aged two to five.

"We thought in two months we'd be ready," said Doucet.

"And with half as many changes," added Ure.

But it took six weeks after they approached Sandwich South council in June before the township gave them a legal opinion that a day-care centre would be allowed in a rural zone.

Then the building inspector told them a new roof would have to be constructed and fire regulations called for numerous changes to doors and stairways.

Standing amid the rubble from the old roof, which was piled on the church floor, the women used to joke that: "We thought we would start at the bottom, but we never thought we'd start this low," Ure said.

However, they didn't think of giving up.

Now stained glass windows look down on a play room in what was the church sanctuary and the basement is a kitchen and dining room.

Ure and Doucet worked together in Windsor day-care centres and jumped at the chance to open their own when the church became vacant.

"We decided it would be nice to have our own school and do everything we'd like to do," said Ure.

Ure lives next door to the church, while Doucet is from River Canard.

Bethel United has been consolidated with Maidstone United and a new church is being constructed in Maidstone.

The women are hoping the day-care centre will attract children of commuters who work in Windsor, as well as local children.

THE WINDSOR DAILY STAR, FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 1951



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT JAMES LEHRBASS

## Lehrbass-MacKenzie Wedding Solemnized at Bethel United

MAIDSTONE—Baskets of white and pink peonies and tall burning

tapers formed a lovely background in Bethel United Church, Maidstone, for the marriage of Miss Norma Constance MacKenzie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George MacKenzie, to Mr. Robert James Lehrbass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Lehrbass of Alvinston. The Rev. N. S. Anderson officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white nylon net over satin. The fitted bodice featured a sweetheart neckline with a nylon yoke edged in Chantilly lace. Tiny satin-covered buttons extended from the neckline to the waist in the back, and the full skirt extended into a cathedral train which was also edged with Chantilly lace. Her fingertip veil of illusion was caught in a Juliet cap studded with pearls, and she carried a white Bible with an orchid from which fell satin streamers studded with stephanotis.

### HIS COUSIN ATTENDS

Mrs. Harold Wackerle, cousin of the bridegroom, as matron of honor, wore a gown of yellow net over taffeta, fashioned with a fitted bodice and strapless neckline over which she wore a cape of matching net and lace. The very full skirt was of two tiers of net. She wore a picture hat of yellow net, and her colonial bouquet was of pale pink roses.

Mrs. Arthur Shuttleworth of Maidstone and Miss Daphne Baker of Detroit were bridesmaids. They wore identical gowns of mauve organdie over taffeta, fashioned with fitted bodices, and wore mauve boleros over the strapless tops. Their picture hats were of matching organdie and they carried colonial bouquets of yellow roses.

Ann Vair of Hamilton, niece of the bridegroom, as flower girl, wore white organdie trimmed with yellow velvet, fashioned like the bride's gown. She wore a bonnet of white organdie and carried a

basket of white carnations and pink roses from which she scattered rose petals.

Mr. Bill Lehrbass of Alvinston was best man, and Mr. Donald Lehrbass of Alvinston and Mr. Max MacKenzie of Niagara Falls were ushers.

The wedding music was played by Mr. James Graham and Mr. Nelson Shuttleworth sang "Because," "The Lord's Prayer" and "I'll Walk Beside You."

### RECEPTION FOR 90

A reception followed for 90 guests in the church parlors. The bride's table was centred with a three-tiered wedding cake topped with bells tied with a satin bow, embedded in white tulle scattered with orange blossoms and flanked by tall burning tapers. Mrs. MacKenzie chose for her daughter's wedding a dress of navy crepe with navy and white accessories, and a corsage of Talisman roses. Mrs. Lehrbass wore a dress of rose and beige lace with beige accessories, and a corsage of Joanna Hill roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Lehrbass left on a wedding trip to Quebec, the bride traveling in a rose suit, with navy and white accessories, and an orchid corsage. On their return they will reside in Sarnia.

Regular monthly meeting of Bethel United Church Women was held on April 4th in the church parlor with President Mrs. P. Phillips in charge. Arrangements were made for a baked goods sale which will be held on Saturday, April 21st, in the morning, at the Laundromat & Essex. All women of the church are asked to send baked goods. During the month of April the members of Bethel U.C.W. have a number of activities to attend. An auction sale is planned for April 17th in the church basement. Lunch will be served. Invitations were received to a tea at Redeemer Church on April 24th and a luncheon at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Puc on April 25th. Plans were made for the mother and daughter banquet which will be Friday, May 11th, at the church. Guest speaker for the event will be Mrs. R. Nicholson, a missionary, home on furlough from New Guinea.

April 13, 1962 E.T.P.



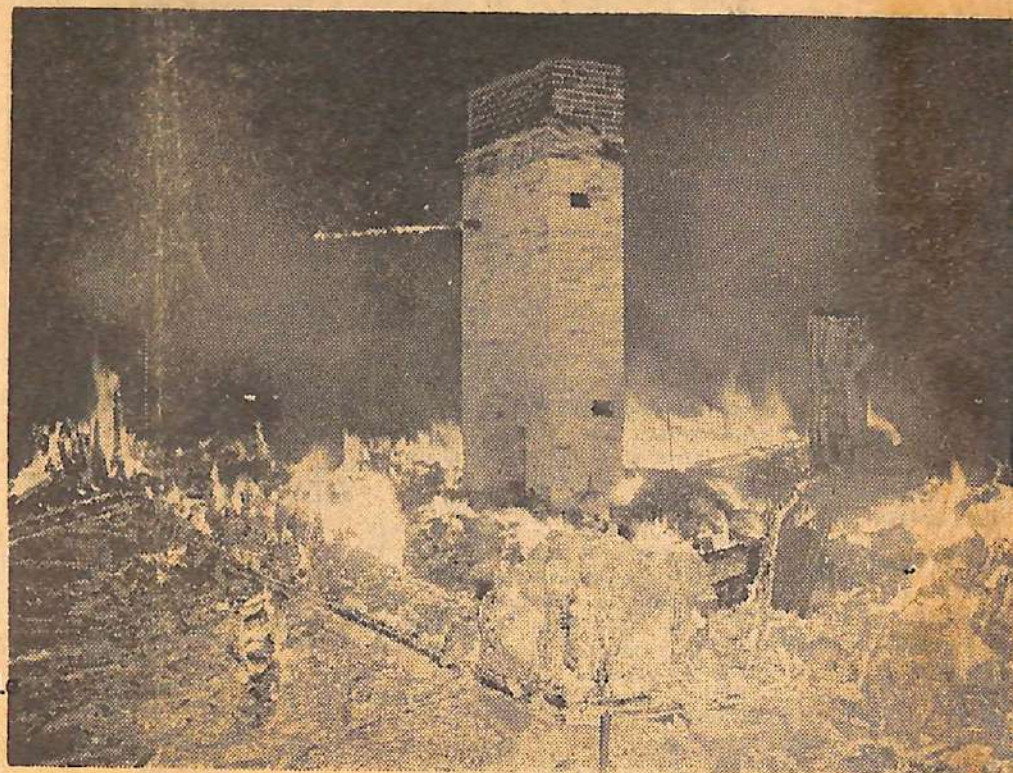
# Fire Destroys \$20,000 Home

THE WINDSOR STAR, JANUARY 17, 1963

## Family Absent Only Half-Hour

**Brick Chimney, Charred Wood  
Remain in Sandwich S.**

A brick chimney and a few pieces of charred wood were all that remained today following a \$20,000 fire which razed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Beaudoin, of Highway 2, Sandwich South Twp., Wednesday night.



**HOME DESTROYED**—Fire of unknown origin levelled a one-story frame house on Highway 2, Sandwich South Twp., about a mile and a half east of Walker Rd., Wednesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Beaudoin

were away at the time the fire broke out and their 7-year-old son was at a neighbor's house. Nothing was saved from the blaze. Here only a chimney section remains standing. (Star Staff Photo)

Oct. 26, 1956 - On Sunday, Oct. 14th, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Saylor accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Sarah Lord, who is 83 years old, motored to Brownsville near Ingersoll, to attend the centennial services of the Brownsville United Church. Mr. & Mrs. Lord settled in that district in 1904, where Nellie (Mrs. Saylor) first started school and until going to high school, when the family moved to Welland. Mrs. Lord, as the oldest lady and former member, was present at the afternoon service and was presented with a basket containing two dozen red roses and two dozen white mums with a streamer of white net ribbon with gold letters spelling "One Hundred". The choir leader, James Gay, a personal friend, had just completed 30 years as a choir leader. The organist since 1937, Mrs. Ormiston Smith, Nellie went to school with. The Rt. Rev. George Dorey, B.A., B.D., L.L.B. was guest preacher for all the services. Mrs. Lord and Nellie met many, many old friends and school mates, whom Nellie had not seen since, and meeting old school friends from London, Guelph, Hamilton and numerous other localities. They report a marvellous time, which could only happen once in a hundred years.

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No one was at home at the time the fire broke out and spread rapidly throughout the one-story frame house, destroying it and all its contents.

Fire investigators returned to the scene today to probe the ruins in an attempt to find the cause of the blaze and where it started.

Also destroyed in the blaze was \$450 in cash and more than 30 titles to cars owned by Mr. Beaudoin in his used car business.

"I had gone downtown to buy an automobile," Mr. Beaudoin said. "When I returned I saw flames and smoke coming from the roof."

"I ran around the house and tried to get in through the back but there was too much smoke. I thought my wife and son might be in the house. I called inside but there was no answer."

Mrs. Beaudoin had left the house on a brief shopping trip and had left their seven-year-old son at the home of neighbors. Neither parent was away from the house for much more than half an hour.

"It was too far gone when we arrived," said Eric Hooper, chief of the Anderson Twp. fire department, who was summoned when the blaze was discovered.

By the time the Windsor department arrived to offer aid the blaze had broken through the roof. Attempts to save the home were futile.

The large garage at the rear of the home was far enough away to escape fire damage.

Mr. Beaudoin built the house when he moved to the neighborhood five years ago. The house was located across the highway from the airport, about a mile and a half east of Walker Rd.

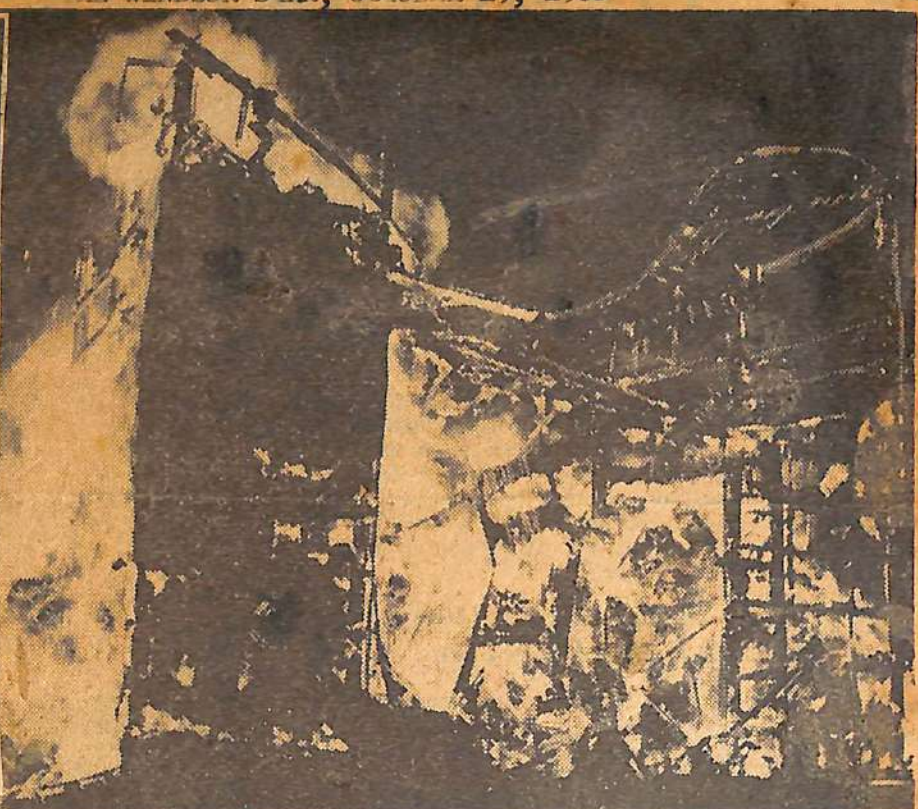
They had just purchased new furniture and were still working on the interior of the house, the owner said.





THE WINDSOR STAR, MAY 26, 1961

**HEIFER DIES**—An eight-month-old purebred Holstein heifer, mauled by a wild dog in Sandwich South Twp., died within 24 hours. The heifer, owned by Gordon Jobin, Con. 9, was found in Little River where she apparently floundered to escape the murderous attack. Water was too low to harm her. In addition to the huge chunk ripped out of her face she was covered with claw and bite marks over many parts of her body. Mr. Jobin shot at the dog but missed.



**\$10,000 BARN FIRE**—A spectacular fire destroyed a large pole barn, filled with baled hay and straw, on the farm of Douglas

Watson, Highway 401 at Con. 10, Sandwich South Twp. Flames shooting hundreds of feet into the air drew scores of cars to the scene.



THE WINDSOR STAR, OCTOBER 13, 1961

**FLIPS** — Sandwich South Twp. farmers examine the tractor which overturned and pinned the driver, George Bailey, 20, of 3331 Riberdy Rd., Sandwich East Twp., by the

right shoulder Thursday on the Baseline Rd. in Sandwich South. The Bailey youth is reported in "satisfactory" condition in Metropolitan Hospital. (Star Staff Photo)

## ★ ★ ★ \$10,000 Barn Fire

### Building Contents Go Up in Smoke

**MAIDSTONE**—Contents of a large barn destroyed in a \$10,000 fire on Highway 401 Monday night were still smouldering Tuesday, but were finally extinguished.

Cause of the spectacular blaze on the farm of Douglas Watson, corner of Con. 10, Sandwich South Twp., has not been determined.

Within 20 minutes after it broke out, the fire was at its peak with flames shooting hundreds of feet into the sky. Fanned by a brisk north breeze, the baled hay and straw in the barn burned rapidly, creating an intense heat which could be felt hundreds of yards away.

Firemen remained at the scene more than five hours.

The 30 by 60-foot pole barn, covered with aluminum sheeting, was built during the summer and had been completed by Aug. 1. It contained 5,000 bales of hay and 1,500 bales of straw.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson had gone to bed about 9:30 p.m. and 15 minutes later Mrs. Watson noticed a reflection in the sky.

All that saved the other barns and the house was the wind direction. Firemen would have been unable to cope with the results of a south-west wind. They concentrated their efforts on the nearby large open bunker silo filled with 250 tons of silage.

Anderdon Twp. Fire Department, with Donald Laframboise in charge, answered the alarm with a pumper and later a large tanker. Sandwich West Fire Department also sent a tanker. They remained on the scene until 4 a.m.

The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Oct. 26, 1960 - Sorrow is expressed to Douglas Watson in the terrible loss of \$10,000 in the fire that destroyed his new aluminum 30 x 50 ft. barn and contents of 5,000 bales of hay and 1,500 bales of straw. Anderdon Fire Dept. fought the blaze from 9:30 p.m. Monday until 4:00 a.m. and kept his house and other barns from being destroyed. The loss is only partially covered by insurance.

June 16, 1961 - The United Neighbor's Group would hold an old fashioned ice-cream social with plenty of strawberries at Bethel United Church, on June 21st, at 7 p.m. The fish pond will be in charge of Mrs. Elmer Ure and Mrs. Annie Law.

Mrs. Roger Ure is to be in charge of the Touch and Take table. There will be a free bean guessing contest with Mrs. Wm. Hill in charge. Ice cream, berries, cake, pie, coffee and lemonade will be served. Conveners for the social are Mrs. Jos. Phillips, Mrs. Jack Hicks & Mrs. Nellie Sattler.

The youth was hauling a load of straw on the Baseline Rd. from Con. 8 to Con. 11 in Sandwich South east of Walker Rd., shortly after 10 o'clock when the accident occurred. Police said the youth, eastbound on the Baseline Rd., was attempting to pass another eastbound tractor driven by Frank Bernard Jobin, of R.R. 3, Maidstone, when he lost control of the tractor. The tractor and trailer overturned. The youth was pinned beneath a rear wheel of the tractor and freed by two farmers.

Mr. Bailey was hauling the straw for Wilfred O'Neil, of R.R. 3, Maidstone.

A.B.C. Ambulance took Mr. Bailey to hospital. Constable Lorne McKenzie, of the Essex detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, investigated.

A 20-year-old Sandwich East Twp. youth who was pinned by his right shoulder when the tractor he was driving overturned Thursday in Sandwich South Twp., is reported in "satisfactory" condition in Metropolitan Hospital.

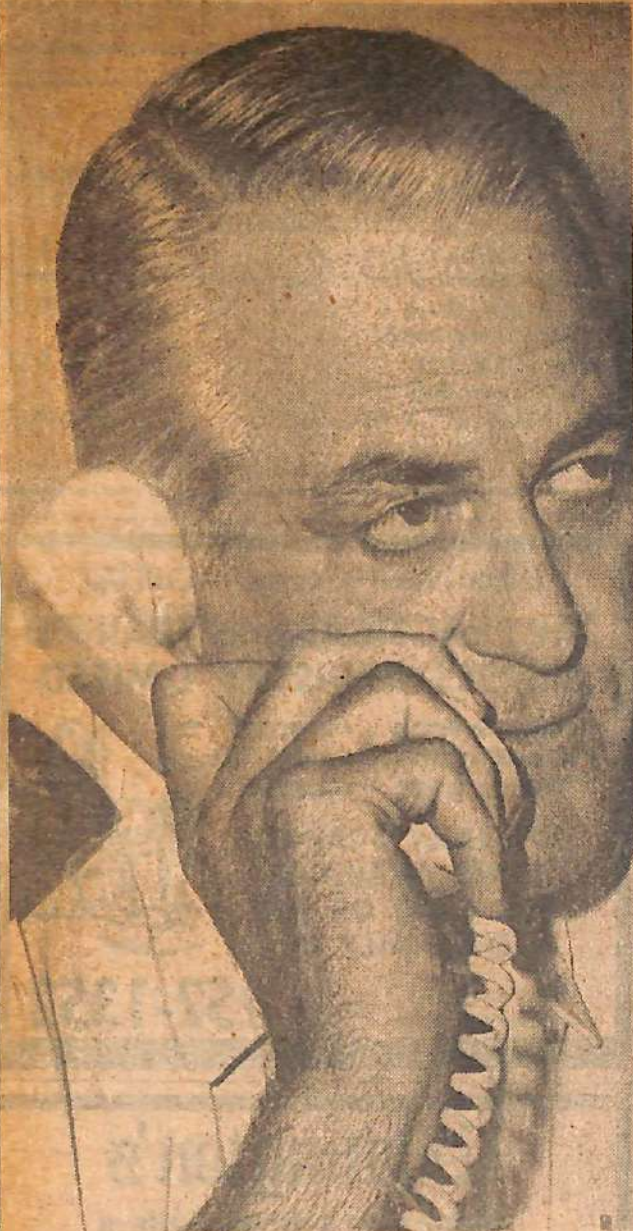
Hospital officials said George Bailey, of 3331 Riberdy Rd., may have dislocated his shoulder. He also sustained minor abrasions to his face, abdomen, chest and hands.

## ★ ★ ★ Tractor Pins Youth

### "Satisfactory" After Ordeal



THE WINDSOR STAR, JUNE 26, 1982



JIM URE...the quiet voice of reason Born and raised JOHN ST. AUBIN...makes them all accountable in Sandwich South, the son of Ray and Lily Ure.

# This pair is always in a festival mood

By Peter Robb

Star Staff Reporter

**J**IM URE is a giant of a man. Standing 196 cm (six foot, five inches), his size helps him carry out his duties as a Windsor police staff inspector.

John St. Aubin isn't as imposing physically but, when he opens his mouth and allows his financial training and expertise to come through, he can be just as overwhelming. It fits him well in his career as financial manager of Transit Windsor.

But both these men have something in common. They have used their skills to help Windsor's contribution to the International Freedom Festival gain financial responsibility. And, because they are volunteering their time, they typify the nature of the Windsor side of the festival.

**THE WEEK-LONG** extravaganza now into its 24th year simply couldn't exist without volunteers.

They fill the booths, bid welcome to the visitors and ensure that everything unfolds as it should.

In the past the Windsor half of the festival has not fared well, hampered by bad weather and some financial mismanagement. But recently things have begun to pull themselves together thanks to the commitment of the 15 people making up the executive committee of the festival.

Oct. 21, 1982, Windsor Star: George A. Broad passed away suddenly on Oct. 20th at IODE Hospital, late of Eden Drive. Beloved husband of Medessa (Bawtenheimer), dear father of Daniel, Richard, Becky (Mrs. Michael Beneteau) and John. Loving grandfather to 7 grandchildren. One was only 1 day old, (Shawna Marie Beneteau) born Oct. 19th, 1982 at Metropolitan Hospital. This was the new daughter of Mick and Rebecca (Broad) George was a school teacher at S. S. No. 1 Public School here in Sandwich South and became a professor of The Faculty of Education, University of Windsor and a member of the Board of Directors Teacher's Credit Union. Rev. D. S. Mannell officiating at Morris Funeral Home, on Sat., Oct. 23rd., at 1.30 p.m. Cremation to follow.

**Dec. 2/84 STAR**  
LAVIN -Eileen, 70 years, Dec. 1, 1984, late of Detroit and Sandwich South Twp. Miss Lavin was a retired Nurse. Dear sister of Sr. Anna Catherine (Anne), C.S.J., London, John, Belle River, Glenn, Emeryville, Thomas, Pat, Marjorie, Sandwich South. Many nieces and nephews also survive. Funeral was held Monday from the Marcotte Funeral Home, Tecumseh and St. Anne Church. Interment was in St. Anne Cemetery. Memorial offerings to the Pastoral Care Team at Hotel Dieu Hospital appreciated.

June 6, 1972, Windsor star: A sandwich South father of three who had been repairing an electric pump in a small crawl-space beneath his home was found dead Tuesday afternoon. Police said it is thought the man was accidentally electrocuted while repairing the pump motor. The floor of the crawl-space was covered with water. Dead is William Brown, 47, of Joy Road, R.R. 3, Maidstone. Coroner Dr. W. K. Rock, of Windsor, said cause of death will be determined by a post mortem today. The body was recovered by the Sandwich South Fire Department using a portable saw to cut through the floor of the home. It was determined by Crown Attorney E.A. Duchesne that no inquest was necessary. He is survived by his wife Mary, mother, children Michelle & Kathleen, Susan, Paul Dreiko, Mrs. J. Wood.



CONTINUATION OF JIM URE FROM PREVIOUS PAGE:

July 1, 1966 - RAY D. URE, 96h Conc., Sandwich South and J. Gabriel McPharlin, Hwy. 98, Maidstone were Essex County representatives at O.A.C. Alumni Association at Guelph University Friday and Saturday of last week. They also attended the 1921 Graduate Banquet and Reception at H. A. Smallfield Ranch. Mr. & Mrs. Ure visited in Park Hill last week. One great interest to our community was their renewal of acquaintance with Mrs. D. McCormick, nee Effie McDonald, who taught school at S. S. No. 1, Sandwich South at the age of 19, years. She boarded at the Alex Jobin home. Her present age is 94 yrs and is hale and hearty, and keeps house for herself in Park Hill. She reminisced about pioneer settlers and later generations of this section and community. It included the ride by horse-driven vehicles to St. Mary's Church while living here.

In a way the two men represent the old and the new of the festival.

Ure, 54, has been sitting in various capacities on the executive for seven years. He's now the 1st vice-president. That role is important requiring him to sit in on meetings that president Hugh Naldrett can't make.

**NALDRETT CALLS** Ure, "the quiet voice of calm and reason on the executive."

But perhaps it was Ure's previous position with the executive that was more important.

He was the vice-president in charge of revenue events. These events are the major way for the festival to earn money. As a result the role played by the man or woman in charge of setting these up is critical.

Ure presided over the contracts with the Conklin Carnival midway and setting up the festival's Las Vegas Casino. That casino has been rated one of the best-run in the province by provincial officials, Naldrett said.

Both those moves were a major reason planning for this year's festival began with some money in the bank.

#### Mrs. Elizabeth Ure

Passes E.F.P.

Elizabeth M. (Lillie) Ure, 84 years, of R.R. 2 Tecumseh, passed away Friday, July 13th at IODE Hospital.

She was predeceased by her husband Raymond David Ure (1983); brothers Edward, Will, George, Samuel, Septimus and Nelson Shuttleworth, sister Mrs. Grace Greaves.

She is survived by her children, Donald of Troy, Mich., James of Sandwich South, David of Essex; 7 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren; sister Mrs. Edith Graham of Essex.

Funeral services were held from the Stewart L. Kennedy Funeral Home, Essex, on Monday to Bethel Maidstone United Church with Mrs. Jane Haas officiating. Interment at Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery, July 20/84.

**THE FREEDOM** festival budget stands this year at \$280,000; all of which is spent during the 10 festival days.

It's high powered and, says John St. Aubin, it calls on the same skills one would need working for a major corporation.

"One thing working on the festival does, it forces you to think on your feet and make the right decisions so quickly," he said.

And those decisions range from the simple, such as arranging a bank of portable washrooms, to the difficult task of allowing for the free and easy flow of thousands of people. But they are decisions that must be made.

St. Aubin, 32, has been treasurer of the extravaganza for the past three years. He also carries the title of vice-president in charge of finance.

He got involved while employed as financial manager for Bob Pedler Real Estate Ltd. Bob Pedler was himself an active member of the committee.

**NALDRETT SAYS** St. Aubin, using his expertise, has implemented business practices that were also critical to keeping the festival in the black.

"He's saved us literally thousands of dollars. He's become our comptroller," Naldrett said.

By a fluke he may be uniquely qualified to be involved in this largest international festival. St. Aubin was born at a baby shower in Grosse Pointe, Mich., and because of that chance happening he held dual Canadian-U.S. citizenship until he turned 21.

During the week before the festival the pressures start to build.

St. Aubin often spends six or seven hours a day working on festival business. That's after finishing up a tough day at the Transit Windsor office.

**HIS WIFE, LUCIA**, who is now expecting the couple's second child, and three-year-old son William don't get to see John much during these last hectic days.

The work can be draining but "it's a challenge" and that's why he has continued to come back to the task for the last three years. Another reason is the contact with the carnival has "left a little sawdust" in his veins. Many a young man has dreamed of running away with the circus, perhaps this is just another way.

After seven years Jim Ure still enjoys the work with the committee.

In a way it's as if he's presided over the growing pains of a troublesome child now nearing adulthood.

He became involved while he was the community services officer of the police force. In that role he was working on setting up arrangements like crowd control.

"SINCE THEN I've been through the bad years, the inexperience, the mismanagement and the bad weather. Through it all I've met a good cross-section of people and that's been very satisfying," Ure said.

Ure, a 34-year veteran with the police force, is also a lifelong resident of the area. He's married and has three children.

His wife, Lu, gets almost as involved in the festival as Ure does, working hard on the casino operation.

The freedom festival has become one of this country's major events. It has been ranked right up there with the Quebec Winter Carnival and the Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest.

But where does it go from here?

Both men have their own thoughts on that future.

**URE THINKS** the show needs a permanent place and, as it grows in size, a professional staff.

Both recommendations would ensure continuity of service and some continued growth, he said.

The committee is already planning for 1984, St. Aubin said.

As the festival grows, St. Aubin envisions the possible creation of a subsidiary to the present non-profit organization.

That subsidiary could work for a profit, money that could be invested in a permanent home for the festival and placed into improving the types of entertainment provided.

**BOTH MEN** have lived through criticism of the festival.

Last year attention was focused on garbage and noise caused by the crowds along the waterfront.

"I guess the first thing you've got to learn is not to react. Accept the criticism and try to correct the problems of the past. We have worked to get the Downtown Business Association with us and they are with us. That's how problems get solved," St. Aubin said.

And that's also how success stories are built.

The freedom festival isn't quite a full-blown success story, but with the help of volunteers like Jim Ure, John St. Aubin and others, from executive committee to festival-hostesses, the future looks rosy indeed.

Our sympathy to the family of Lillie Ure and her sister Edith Graham, the last of the Shuttleworth family.

Elizabeth Ure known as Lily or Lil was the mother of Jim Ure featured above.

**HAYES**-Lillian, 90 Years, Nov. 24, 1984. Late of Sandwich South Twp. Beloved wife of the late Roy Hayes. Dear mother of Edward, Florida; William, Mrs. Leo Mullins, (Rita); Mrs. Patricia Maitre, Tecumseh; Bernard, Leo, Harvey, Sandwich South; Mrs. Ray Tracey (Ursula), Woodslee and the late John, Leroy and Kathleen Reaume. Forty three grandchildren and thirty two great grandchildren also survive. Resting at The Marcotte Funeral Home 12105 Tecumseh Rd., Tecumseh. Funeral Wed., at 10:00 a.m. to St. Mary's Church, Maidstone at 10:30 a.m. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery. Prayers, evenings 8:00 p.m.

#### Richard Croft Passes

Richard Sterling (Duke) Croft, 59 years, late of Windsor, passed away August 16th at Hotel Dieu Hospital.

Dearest husband of Ruth (nee Pratt). Dear father of Richard Wayne, Windsor. Dearest grandfather of James and Dawn. Also survived by his brother Thomas, Maidstone and his sisters Mrs. William Gibb (Mabel), Mrs. Wallace Little (Margaret), both of Arizona and Mrs. Ruth Banwell, Essex.

Aug. 24/84  
Funeral services were held from the Anderson Funeral Home on Saturday. Rev. Walter H. Godden officiated. Interment was in Victoria Memorial Cemetery.

#### Mrs. Anna Belle Libby

Passes E.F.P.

Anna Belle Libby, 84 years, of Essex, passed away Thursday, August 16th at Windsor Western IODE Hospital.

She was predeceased by her husband Clarence (1980).

She is survived by her children Norman of Maidstone, (Hazel) Mrs. Bruce Bruner of Ohio; 5 grandchildren; brothers, Henry Loft of Toronto and Harvey Babcock of Kingston.

Funeral services were held from the Stewart L. Kennedy Funeral Home, Essex, on Saturday with Rev. Glen Ashford officiating. Interment at Victoria Memorial Cemetery. Aug. 24/84



# Brushes with death anger county road residents

Story and photo/Ted Whipp

Star Staff Reporter

Ten year-old Sonya Sartori nearly stepped off the school bus into a passing car.

Robert Mailloux once pulled his son back from the path of a truck going so fast it couldn't stop and was forced to swing around a school bus.

And Jean Pittao remembers how her son was blown back by the draft from a car speeding by a stopped school bus, and how she once narrowly escaped serious injury herself — from a piece of wood flying off a truck headed for the nearby county sanitary landfill.

Almost every resident on a dozen homes on County Road 42 between Lauzon and Banwell roads, east of Windsor Airport, can tell a tale about a brush with death.

They count themselves lucky and they say the number of near misses is increasing along with the traffic.

Sonya's parents, Gary and Lin Sartori, the Pittaos, the Mailloux and other residents along with Alex St. Louis, who has already approached Sandwich South Township, plan to take up a petition seeking to lower the speed limit to 60 km/h from 80.

Their concern has been building in recent years along with the number of homes on the strip between the airport and Checker Flag Raceway, says St. Louis, a dairy and cash-crop farmer who's lived here all his life.

He once farmed land that now sprouts suburban homes with long lawns. But now, he says, he can't even drive his tractor without creating a parade of traffic behind him.

And traffic is so heavy in both directions, "how are you supposed to turn into your own driveway?"

The residents wonder why the route — with the Highway 2 bypass to the north and Highway 401 to the south — draws so much traffic.

They are impatient with delays in building the final leg of the Lauzon Parkway south to Highway 401 from County Road 42. Its completion, delayed by tight government budgets, might divert some of

the traffic, they say — but then, that's what the Highway 2 bypass was supposed to do.

In addition to commuter traffic in and out of the city, County Road 42 handles a lot of truck traffic to city industries and to the county landfill site in Maidstone Township.

About 250 vehicles daily use the landfill and Landfill Supervisor John Mullins estimates 75 per cent of them are from the city. He says County Road 42 is the most convenient route for landfill traffic from the city.

And the residents believe some truckers use County Road 42 to avoid weight inspection scales on Highway 401.

Doug McGillivray, district inspector with the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, agrees County Road 42 offers some truckers easier access to city plants but he says enforcement shows no serious problem along the route.

However, Sandwich South Township Reeve Ray Robinet agrees with residents that something must be done and he suggested they put their concern in a petition the township can use to press for a speed limit change.

It's a county road, maintained by the city-county Suburban Roads Commission, Robinet said. He noted there is already a stretch of the highway with a lower limit further east, between the raceway and Manning Road.

In the meantime, provincial police will continue enforcement with radar units, Robinet said.

Mullins said residents complaining of litter from uncovered trucks can call the county, which helps administer the landfill. He said from time to time, city crews come out and pick up litter along the route.

Lin Sartori feels a ban on truck traffic is the only real solution but Robinet disagreed. "I don't think it's realistic."

Ellen Desjardins, one of four bus drivers along the route, says car drivers are a worse problem. A lower speed limit will slow truckers down, she agrees, but there's a greater need to crack down on motorists who pass buses stopped to unload children.

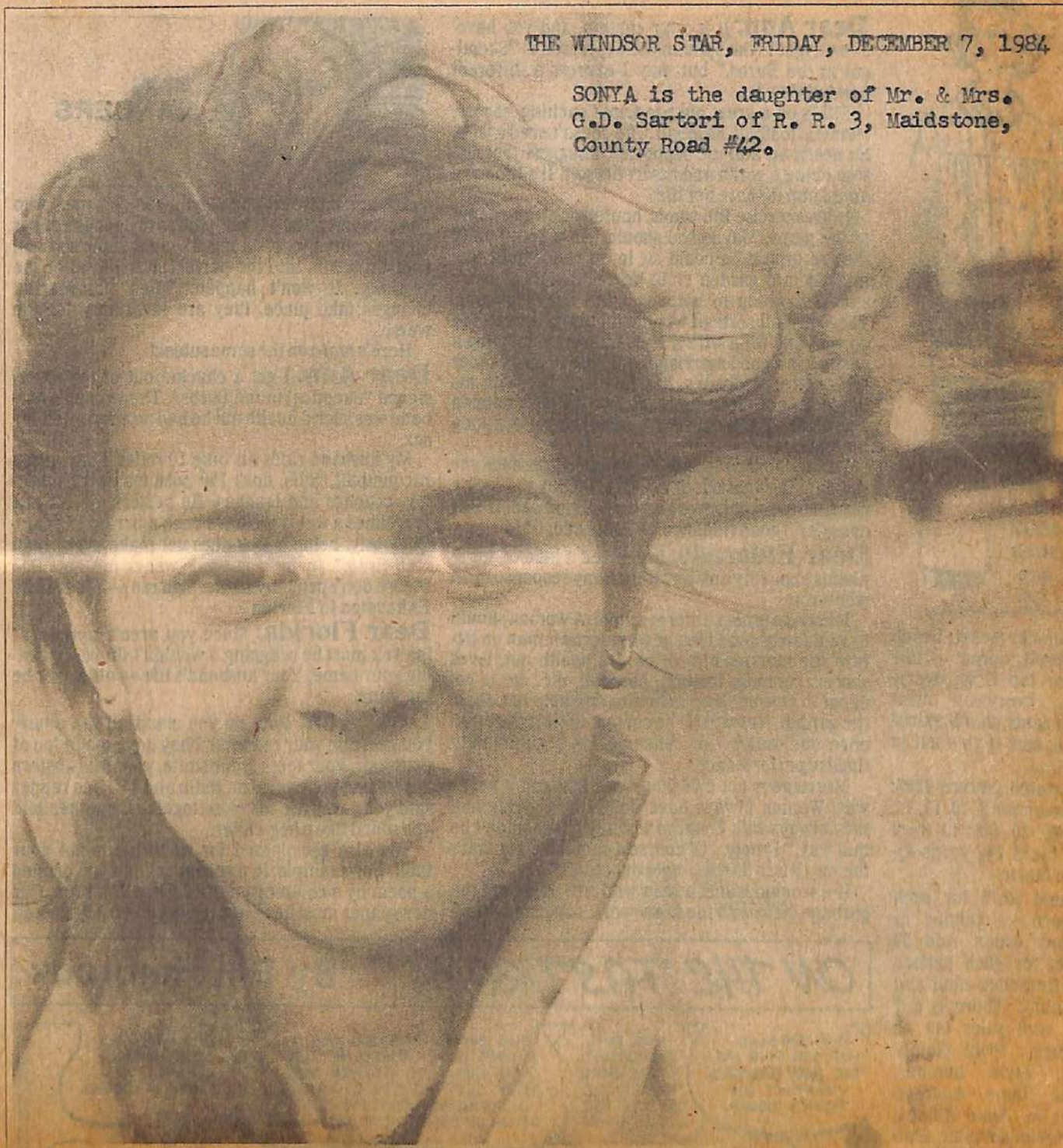
• Not a week goes by that a motorist doesn't slip past her stopped bus.

"It's kind of hairy at times," Desjardins said, and a problem for bus drivers all across the county. She was the bus driver involved in an incident recalled by Mailloux which resulted in an conviction. But the successful case has proven the exception.

Unless police follow every bus, she said, it's a problem that won't go away.

THE WINDSOR STAR, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1984

SONYA is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. G.D. Sartori of R. R. 3, Maidstone, County Road #42.



SONYA SARTORI 10 must cross busy road each day after getting off school bus



# ESSEX FREE PRESS, NOVEMBER, 1981 Local Champion Steer



The Champion Steer at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair came from Nostadt Farms, R.R. #3, Maidstone. It is shown with Judge Fred Noad, of Alberta and owners, John, Jack and Debbie Nostadt. The steer was champion among 23 entries in the Simmental classes with 8 in its weight classification.

## Nostadt Steer Sells For \$11,000 THE ESSEX FREE PRESS, SEPT. 18, 1981



Another Nostadt steer has taken top bidding in beef auctions.

John Nostadt, of Maidstone, sold his 1,130-pound Limousin-Angus for \$11,865 at the Western Fair Market

Livestock Auction.

A&P Food Stores paid \$10.25 a pound liveweight.

John sold his steer as the grand champion at Harrow 4-H auction for \$2.50 a pound or \$3,050.

His sister Debbie, whose steer was reserve grand champion at Harrow Fair, will take hers to the Royal Winter Fair.

the late Mr. & Mrs. John Shuttleworth of Sandwich South, North Talbot Road. Resting at the Stewart L. Kennedy Funeral Home, Essex. Funeral service, Monday at 1 p.m. with Rev. Peter C. Baldwin officiating. Interment in St. Stephen's Cemetery. The family was long time residents of the Bethel area and attended the Bethel United Church for many years.

NOV. 26/84 STAR

HAYES-Lillian. 90 Years. Nov. 24, 1984. Late of Sandwich South Twp. Beloved wife of the late Roy Hayes. Dear mother of Edward, Florida, William, Mrs. Leo Mullins, (Rita), Mrs. Patricia Maitre, Tecumseh, Bernard, Leo, Harvey, Sandwich South, Mrs. Ray Tracey (Ursula), Woodslee and the late John, Leroy and Kathleen Reaume. Forty three grandchildren and thirty two great grandchildren also survive. Resting at The Marcotte Funeral Home 12105 Tecumseh Rd., Tecumseh. Funeral Wed., at 10:00 a.m. to St. Mary's Church, Maidstone at 10:30 a.m. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery. Prayers, evenings 8:00 p.m.

June 30/84 Star

HOWE-Cyril "Bus", June 29, 1984, 66 years, late of Sandwich South Township, at Metropolitan Hospital. Beloved husband of Emily. Dear son of Mr. Wellington Graydon Howe and the late Mrs. Sarah Howe. Dear father of Mrs. Albert (Peggy) Lussier, London; Mrs. Patrick (Carol) O'Neil, Ottawa; Mrs. Larry (Lola) St. Louis, Strathroy. Dear step-father of Raymond O'Neil, Ottawa; Patrick O'Neil, Ottawa; Michael O'Neil, Amherstburg. 14 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren also survive. Dear brother of Warren, California; Glenn, Hamilton; Allen, Windsor; Jack, Sandwich South Township; Graydon, Florida; Mrs. Gilbert (Gladys) Robitaille, Emeryville; Mrs. Michael (Lola) Babechuk, Windsor; Mrs. Leslie (Shirley) Burgon, Windsor; and Mrs. Joan Roberts, Windsor. Many nieces and nephews also survive. Mr. Howe retired from Fords of Canada in 1977. He was Third Degree Knight at the K. of C. Riverside Council. Resting at the Anderson Funeral Home, 895 Ouellette Ave. FROM 6 P.M. SATURDAY. Funeral services, Monday, July 2, 9:30 a.m. at the Funeral Home to St. Christopher's Church, Woodward St. for 10 a.m. Interment, Fairbairn Cemetery, Sandwich South Township. Prayers, Sunday evening, 7:30 p.m. under the Auspices of the K. of C. Riverside Council.

June 14, 1985- Star:

Died: Edith J. Graham, 83 yrs., at IODE Hospital Windsor, late of 111 Brien Ave., E., Essex. Beloved wife of the late Jonathan (1973). Dear mother of Jonathon Paul Graham, Orlando, Fla., dear grandmother of Julia. Dear sister of the late Lillie Ure, Grace Greaves, Will, George, Septimus, Sam, James and Nelson Shuttleworth. Daughter of



**JAN. 24/83 STAR**  
**URE** - Raymond David, 87 years, January 24, 1983 at Windsor Western Hospital, I.O.D.E. Unit. Late of 9th Concession, Sandwich South. Beloved husband of Lillie. Dear father of Donald, Troy, Michigan, James, Sandwich South; David, Essex. 7 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren. Brother of Mrs. Jennie Hibbard. Toronto and the late Will, Charles, Fred, Nelson, Mrs. Unis O'Neil and Mrs. Hattie MacKenzie, Mrs. Florence Powell and Mrs. Clara MacKenzie. Member of the 29th Battery, Canadian Field Artillery, World War I. Resting at the Stewart L. Kennedy Funeral Home, 128 Talbot St. N., Essex after 7 p.m. Wednesday. Funeral service from Bethel Maidstone United Church Friday at 1 p.m. Rev. Glenn Ashford officiating. Interment Greenlawn Memorial. Memorial donations may be made to the Bethel Maidstone United Church Building Fund. Central Lodge #402 A.F. & A.M. Service Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Jim Ure named in the above article is a Windsor Police Staff Inspector and resides here in the township. His picture is shown elsewhere in this volume as a Star feature.

Sept. 23, 1983 - E.F.P.-  
**A. & P. Foodstores** purchased the grand champion market steer exhibited by Murray Dobbin, Petrolia, and the reserve champion market steer shown by Jack Nostadt, Maidstone, at Western Fair, London. Picture of Debbie Nostadt and her steer with the caption "Nostadts Win at Western Fair" in Essex Free Press.

#### Nellie Reeb Passes

Ethel Nellie Reeb, 85 years, of Essex Nursing Home, formerly of R.R. 3 Essex passed away Friday, November 18th.

She was predeceased by her husband Edward Reeb and one son, George (1971).

She is survived by her children Mrs. Jim (Ella) McCrea of Mississauga, Mrs. Stanley (Edna) Vetter of Essex, Ivan Reeb, R.R. 3 Essex; brother Albert Wismer of Bradenton, Fla.; 9 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. **EFP.**

Funeral services were held from Leslie R. Dutot Funeral Home on Monday to Essex Gospel Tabernacle with Pastor Keith Gonyou and Rev. Rodger Jackson officiating. Interment in Woodlee United Church Cemetery.

Essex Times, Mar. 1, 1972 - Sandwich South firemen fought for more than a hour early Monday morning to save an abandoned house which broke out in flames about 3:20 a.m. at the corner of Hwy. No. 2 and Manning Road. Their efforts were unavailing, however, and the building was completely destroyed.

## Nostadt Steers Ontario's Best Again



Winner of the Royal Winter Fair Queen's Guineas, John Nostadt, does the chores in the cattle barn for a new shipment of beef cattle. These arrived Monday from western producers and were not yet in trim but you should have seen Caesar II, the steer with which John took the prestigious prize. John says he was as sleek as a teddy bear.

**ESSEX FREE PRESS, NOV. 26, 1982**

The Queen's Guineas came to an Essex County 4-H member for the second consecutive year in competition at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

John Nostadt, 17, of Nostadt Farms near Windsor, won the prestigious prize with his Limousin-Angus steer, Caesar II, over 215 other 4-H steers, 86 of them in his class.

Last year his sister Debbie took the coveted Guineas with her steer to be the first to bring the award to Essex County.

To compete for best steer award in Ontario a youth must have completed all phases of the 4-H calf club

project. A winner can not complete a second time.

Rules for the steer to qualify are as stringent. Starting with no more than 750 pounds by May 15th, 1982, John's Caesar II had to make an average daily gain of 2.3 pounds during the next 153 days. Achieving that goal requires vigilant care from the owner.

The Queen's Guineas are worth \$250 but the price the steer commands at the auction that follows is the real prize. Caesar II went for \$12.50 per pound on a bid from Dominion Stores. For its 1160 pounds that realized \$14,500 and that's about \$13,000 more than regular live weight prices, after John paid the auction fee.

The prize was created in 1861 by King Edward VII (Prince of Wales then) to develop agriculture in Ontario. He set up a fund from which the proceeds are provided in perpetuity.

The Nostadt duo has taken Harrow Fair 4-H champion-

ships since they became calf club members. Last year John sold a 1130 pound steer for \$11,865 after it was judged champion of the Western Fair at London.

Of course he hoped to win but John says he really didn't expect to do so. It was his first attempt and some 4-H'ers have tried in vain as many as ten times. Debbie completed twice to win.

Half of the points are won by appearance and performance in the judging ring.

"I trained it every single night all year (from the time he bought it as a calf to show time at the Royal). And grooming it counts, the way the hair lays. You brush it all the time. You should have seen mine. I had it looking like a teddy bear."

Debbie and John are expert showmen as well. Debbie took the reserve champion showmanship award this year at the Royal and both took a second in showmanship at the Western Fair.

Nostadt steers in other classes at the Royal took two firsts and three other awards. This year one of the family steers won a first at the Calgary Stampede.

Winning the Queen's Guineas may be the ultimate for 4-H competition but John plans to continue competing.

"There are lots of shows, open classes at the Royal, at Western and at Agribition in Saskatchewan."

**Nov. 25, 1983 E.F.P.**  
**Mrs. Nellie Reeb, (nee Wismer) was a teacher at No. 2 Public school in Sandwich South Twp. in 1917. Following her marriage she has lived at R. R. #3, Essex, in Maidstone Township.**

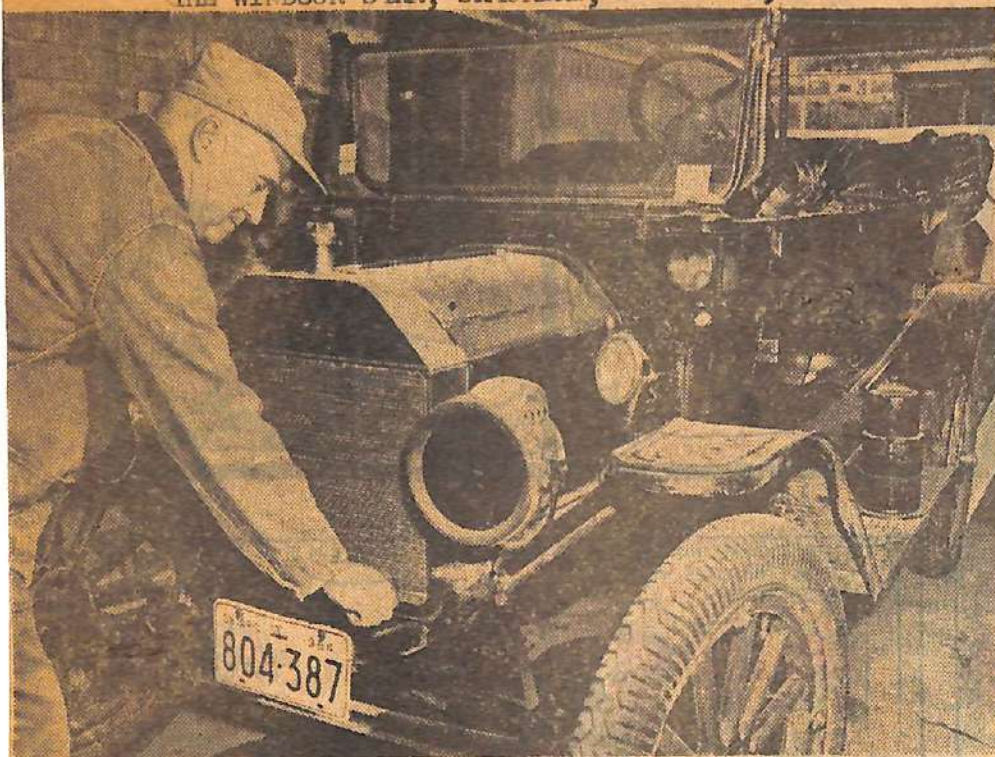
**LAVIN** - Mike and Helen (nee Keltika) are thrilled to announce the birth of Sean Patrick, weighing 8 lbs. 11 ozs. born at Met July 25, 1984. Brother for Lynn and Sharon. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Keltika and Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Lavin.

Whatever accomplishments may be ahead, John and Debbie went on record in the Royal Winter Fair's hall of fame. They set two records; being the first brother and sister to win the top prize and bringing the award to the same county in two consecutive years.



# Rare Relics Restored

THE WINDSOR STAR, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1964



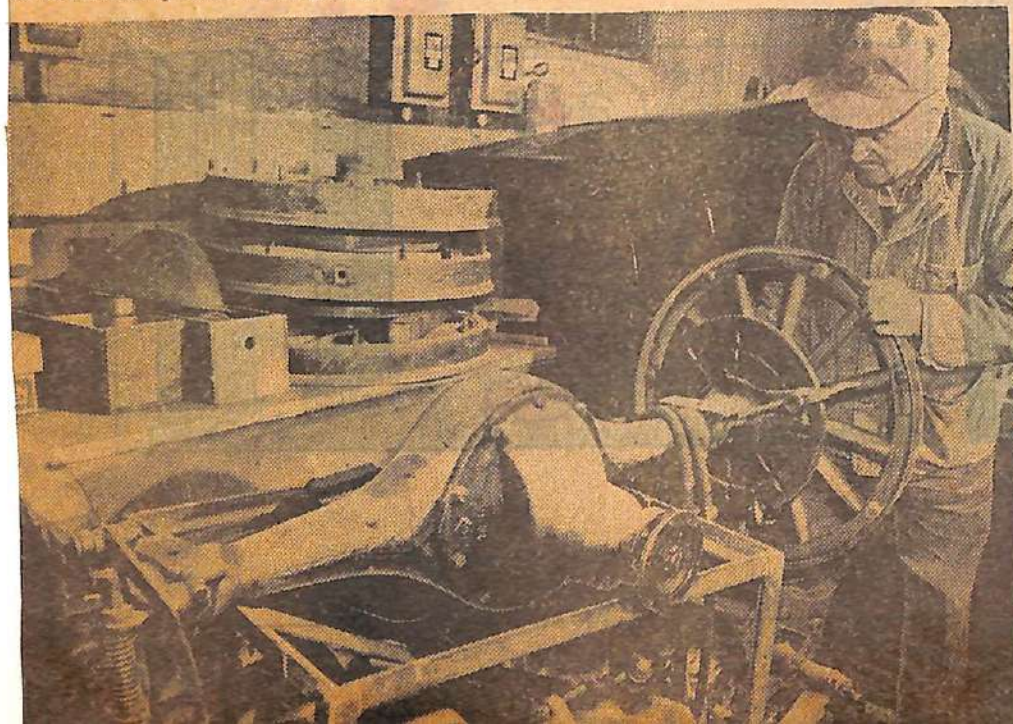
A rare collection of antique cars and carriages is one of the joys of Clarence Howling, of Highway 2 near Base Line Rd. Above, Mr. Howling is cranking up his 1914 Model T

Ford. This unrestored car, in near-perfect condition, passed provincial safety checks recently when Mr. Howling was driving in Windsor. (Star Staff Photo)



Above, Mr. Howling examines his seven-passenger 1916 touring Studebaker, which he occasionally drives at highway speeds. To

the left of the Studebaker is a 1924 Snowmobile, with tracks and skis. In left foreground is a one-horse carriage.



## Vintage Autos Survive

By MIKE MALONEY

The two great enthusiasms of Clarence Howling, 63, of Highway 2 near Base Line Rd., are his family and old cars—in that order!

"Family-wise, I'm a millionaire," says Mr. Howling, a sprightly little man with bright blue eyes and saggy white eyebrows, "and older cars are my hobby."

Actually, as a visitor soon discovers, Mr. Howling's interests are not confined to old cars. His three-acre property is a collector's delight, with four cars, a snowmobile, three buggies, farm equipment and shop machinery, all more than 40 years old and in working condition.

Gem of Mr. Howling's collection is a 1914 Model T Ford.

"This car won an award at a competition sponsored by the Michigan Antique Car Club," said Mr. Howling. "It is the oldest and most original car anywhere in this area."

"I took it in to the Ontario department of transport safety lane last May. Not only did it pass the safety check, but I had to take all the department people for a ride."

"Another time the Ontario Provincial Police stopped me on the highway. The car passed again with flying colors."

"A couple of old farmers bought the car originally in Madoc, Ont. I bought it from a salesman after they died—it was in nearly perfect condition, and with probably not more than 3,000 miles on it."

Mr. Howling was a charter member of the Windsor Antique Car Club. Born in New Dundee, Ont., he became interested in cars when he began driving his father's 1904 two-cycle Ford.

"In those days, we had fabric-lined tires, and blowouts were frequent. The early Studebakers used external brakes—instead of stopping on a dime, like now, you stopped on a quarter—or a half-dollar!"

Mr. Howling began collecting old cars about 10 years ago. His other cars include a seven-passenger 1916 touring Studebaker, a five-passenger 1918 touring Studebaker, and a 1925 Model T. Ford. Nearly restored is a 1918 Studebaker belonging to Mr. Howling's son Ralph.

A 1924 Snowmobile is an unusual item in Mr. Howling's collection.

"I bought it up near Simcoe about nine years ago," said Mr. Howling. "Doctors used to use them up north."

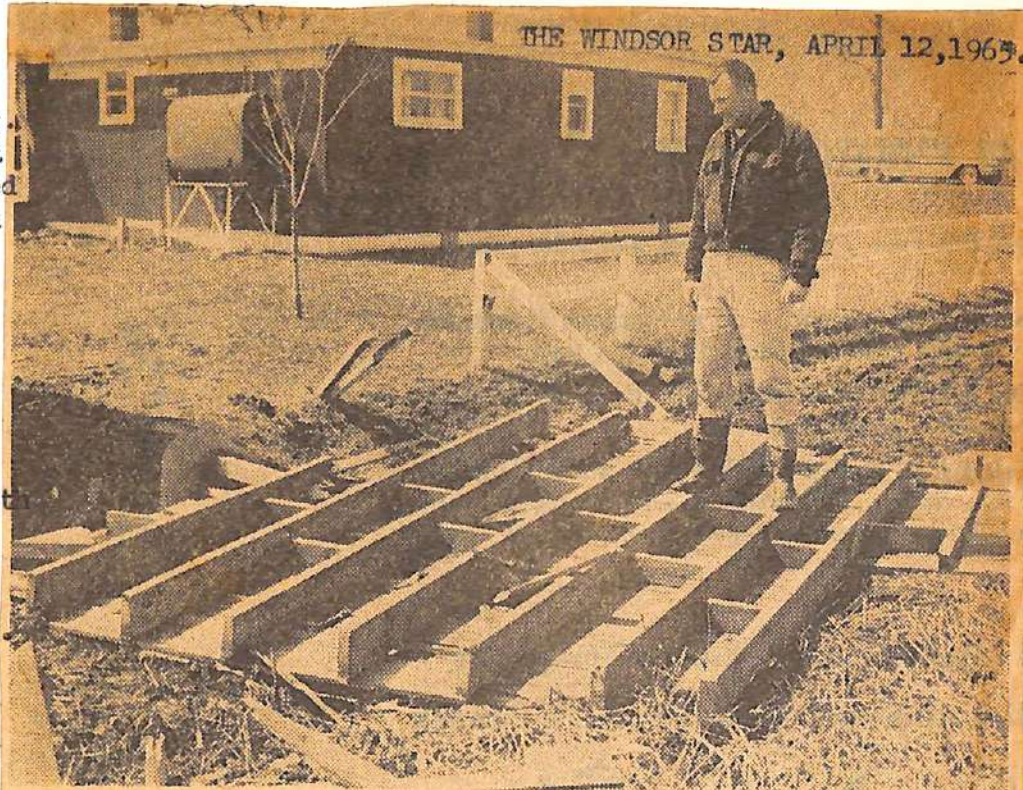
The Snowmobile was built by a manufacturer from a 1924 Model T one-ton truck. The front wheels were moved to the back, and a track was put around the double back wheels. Skis were put on the front axle.

"It only performs on snow, but it will travel at up to 50 miles an hour," said Mr. Howling.



Feb. 3, 1967- The Sandwich South Fire Dept. hurried to the scene of a fire at the home of Mrs. Nellie Hurley Monday morning. From reports quick work stopped a fire in an over-heated and blocked chimney at the Hurley home on 8th Concession near 98 Highway. Nellie wishes to thank F.W. Nostadt, the Sandwich South Fire Dept., and to Yvonne and Bob Hergott for their assistance in putting out the fire that threatened their home.

Nov. 5, 1968 - A Sandwich South family of 13 living in a school bus bought for \$75 after their home burned last June, needs a \$5,000 loan to complete a new home. The mother, Mrs. Robert Bennett said "Loan Companies just gave me the run-around." The bus located on the site of the burned home, on Base Line, between Conc. 10 and 11, "has cold floor." Already one of the children, Michael, 7, is sick with pneumonia and another has a high fever. The 11 youngsters range in age from 3 months to 15 years. The family has been living for three months in the bus which had \$200 in renovations. After the fire, they sent their older children to live with relative in North Bay, but they wanted to come home, so we bought the bus," said Mrs. Bennett. Bunks were installed. The crowded condition is adversely affecting the school children, and my husband is working night and day to finish the new home." Two of the older boys help when they come from school.



JUST LIKE THAT—Roy Little of Sandwich South is short one carport following the heavy wind and rain that struck the area Sunday evening. The roof of the car-

port was lifted by the wind over top of Mr. Little's home on Con. 12. One portion dropped in his back yard and a second piece was carried 500 feet. No one was injured.

THE WINDSOR STAR, JUNE 10, 1968

# Mother returns to save 3 children Home destroyed in fire

By DON HARRIS

An expectant Sandwich South mother groped her way through dense smoke to lead her three pre-school age children to safety as fire destroyed the family's two-

storey Base Line Rd. home this morning.

Mrs. Robert Bennett, scheduled to have her 11th child within the next few days, went back into the flaming building when she learned the

small children were still inside.

Her husband was at work. The blaze broke out in an attached garage. The family lost its furniture, clothing and an automobile.

Mrs. Bennett said she tried to go back into the building to save the furniture, but decided against it when the younger children began to follow her.

The children range in age from one to 16 years. Virginia, the eldest, discovered the blaze.

She smelled smoke in the garage and was met by a wall of flame when she opened the door.

The Sandwich South Fire Department sent three units to the scene. The home was "one mass of flame" when they arrived and their main concern was to keep the fire from spreading to nearby homes.

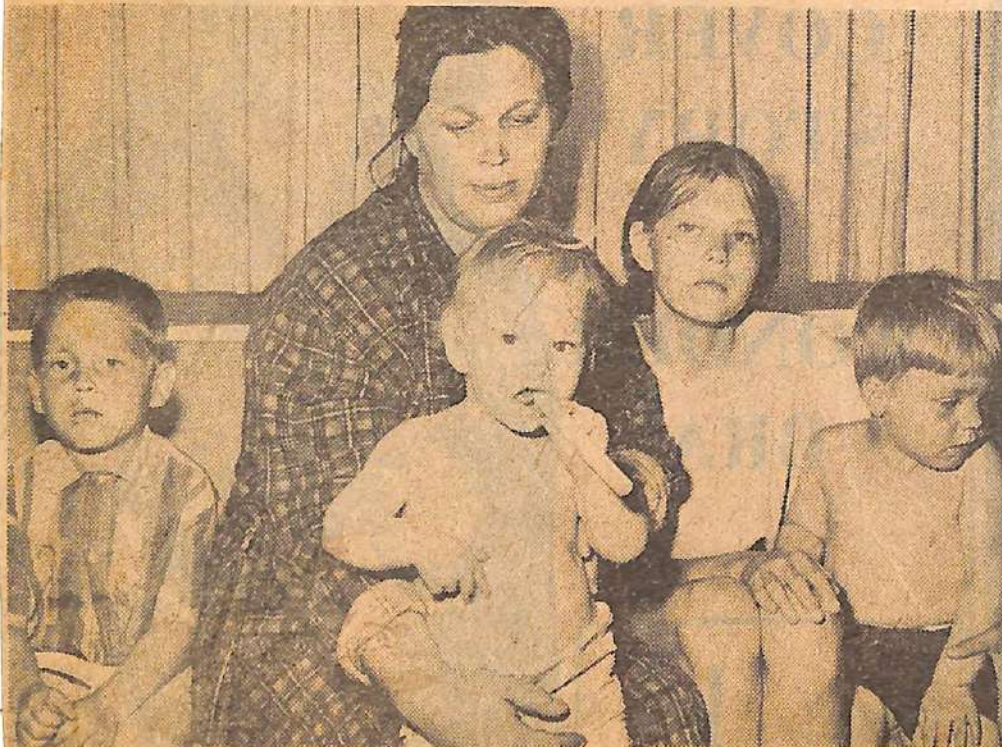
The blaze burned through telephone and hydro lines, knocking out service in the immediate area.

Sandwich West was asked to send a pumper truck to the scene when the water supply ran low.

The Bennetts are staying with neighbors. A drive has been started to furnish clothing.

Mrs. Bennett said six of her children attend school. She said none have a change of clothing.

She said the house was insured, but not the contents.

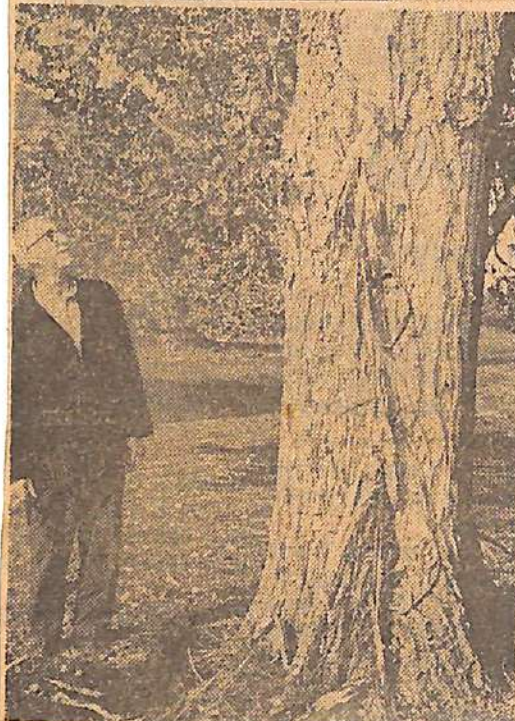


LEFT HOMELESS — A Sandwich South family of 12 was left homeless when fire destroyed their home early this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bennett, Base Line Rd., lost all their clothing and furniture. Mrs. Bennett is seen comforting four of the children. From left, Walter, 4; Mrs. Bennett, Eric 1; Virginia, 16; and Oscar, 2. The family is staying with neighbors. Mrs. Bennett is expecting her 11th child within the next few days.



June 11, 1956, Windsor Star: Even a good fight has to end particularly if the warriors are a little tired according to the Star's Essex Bureau. Constable Barrie Chamberlain of the Essex detachment, OPP., came upon a Donnybrook which started between two carloads of Maidstone teenagers and a car-ful of Windsor swains. By the time Constable Chamberlain arrived, the youths, about 15 of them, were sadly spent.

"They had been battling all over the roadway on the Base Line Road and the 11th Conc. in Sandwich South Township," Constable Chamberlain explained. "I just stood there and laughed at them. when I told them to go home, they did, after the usual face-saving invitations had been extended to fight another day." The fight started when the Windsorites tossed firecrackers into the Maidstone cars. The reaction was a shower of fresh eggs. "There was loud talk for a half-hour, and fighting all over the place for another half hour by the time I got there," Constable Chamberlain added. "Every one looked so tired, that when I told them they should get home, the suggestion was all that was required." He didn't think the brawl was caused by gang rivalry, or had been pre-arranged. "From what I could gather, it was one of those spontaneous, chain reaction things," he continued. "Why two or three of them went formal, it seems. They had ties.



MAY 14, 1969  
THE WINDSOR STAR

**UNWELCOME** — Lightning visited the Don Carter home in Sandwich South Township Tuesday night, with destructive results. The bolt tore through a tree in the Carter's front yard, shattered five windows and played havoc with electrical appliances in the house. Above, Mrs. Carter displays what is left of an electric clock that was blown off the kitchen wall, while Mr. Carter, left, shows what the unharnessed electricity did to a tree and his lawn.

## Noise was 'tremendous'

By WALT McCALL

Mr. and Mrs. Don Carter, of Joy Rd. in Sandwich South Township, hope that lightning never strikes the same place twice.

It struck once Tuesday night, and that was more than enough.

A bolt of lightning crackled out of the sky during an electrical storm shortly before 11 p.m. and did the following: It struck and surged

through a large tree in the Carter's front yard, stripping it of a foot-wide, three-inch-thick strip of bark more than 20 feet long on one side of the tree, and a 10-foot strip on the other.

Tore open a five-foot long, two-foot-deep furrow at the tree's base, and heaved up clods of earth in at least a dozen other places on the lawn.

Blew an electric clock off

the Carter's kitchen wall, scattering fragments in all directions.

Exploded a telephone junction box, shattering it and throwing pieces across the living room, splitting the baseboard.

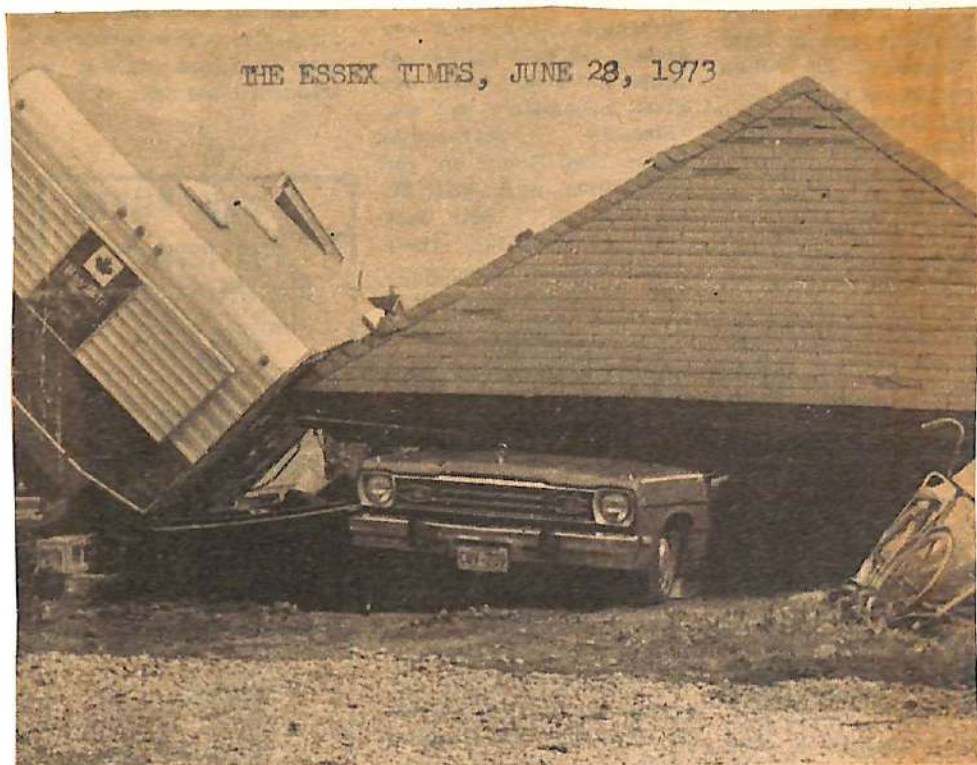
Shattered five windows in three rooms of the house.

The home's roof was littered with chunks of earth and debris from the tree. Residents in three homes in the immediate neighborhood reported blown light bulbs, and one had a light switch box blown off the wall.

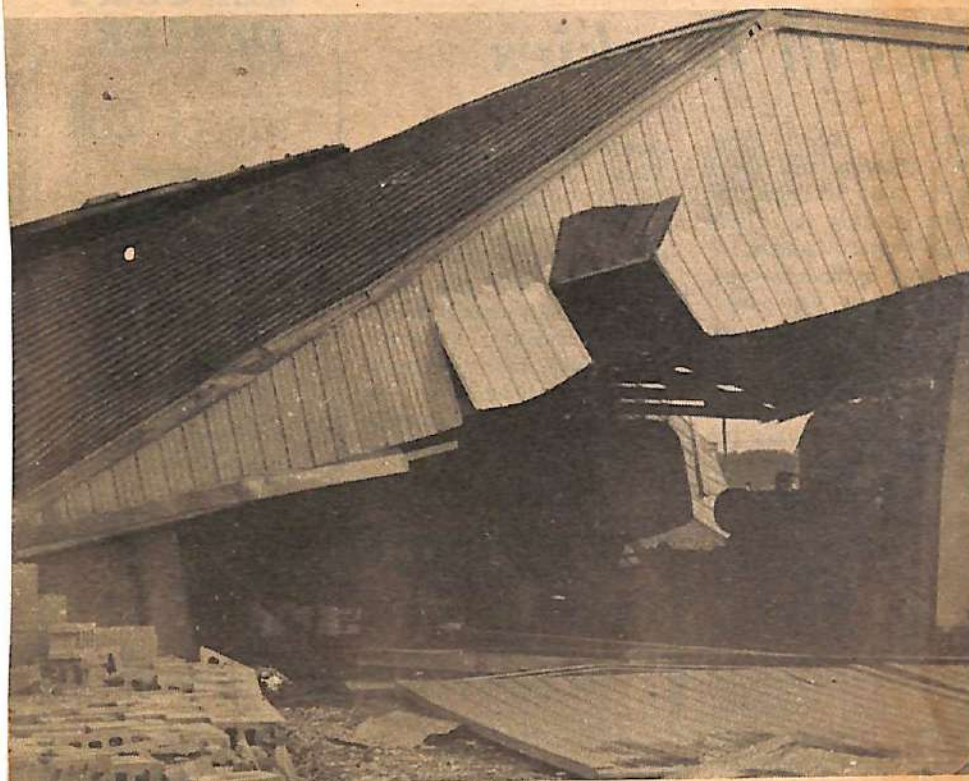
"I thought it was a sonic boom," Mr. Carter said. "The noise was tremendous . . . I couldn't go back to bed for two hours, I was shaking so bad," he said.

"We were in bed when it hit. I never knew I could scream so loud," Mrs. Carter

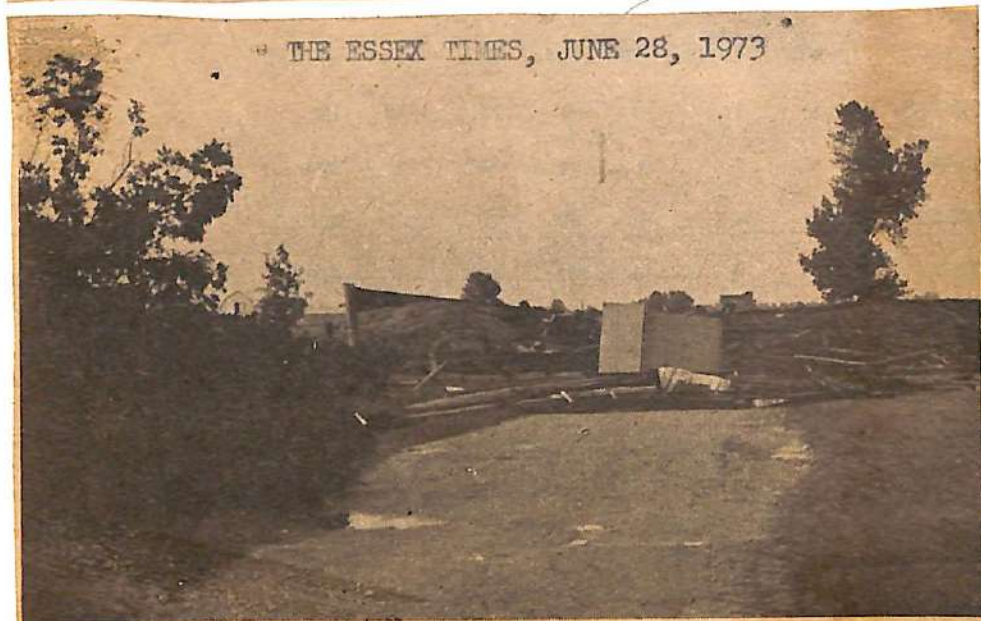




Tuesday nights wind knocked the cement blocking right out from under this garage belonging to Mark Ganzer on the 9th concession of Sandwich South. The trailer camper was blown over and it hit the garage.



A practically new cement block building was no match for the violent winds on Tuesday night and this building was demolished with farm machinery in it being damaged. This building belongs to Gordon Jobin of the 9th Concession Sandwich South. Also on the Jobin farm another cement block building, a garage and parts of the Jobin home were damaged by the severe winds.



This pile of rubble was a barn on the Reeb farm on old 98 highway. Tuesday nights winds storm made quick work of it reducing it to a pile of rubble in no time flat.



Aug. 27, 1974 - E.F.P.- Three fire departments answered the call on Monday at 3.45 p.m. to the barn fire at concession 8 near County Road 46 in Sandwich South Township. The fire began in smoldering hay and the roof and interior walls of the barn were destroyed. Damage was estimated at \$6,000. Five cows and some pigs were rescued from the barn after a neighbor spotted the blaze. Sandwich West and Anderdon Fire trucks answered the call along with Sandwich South. Mrs. Elizabeth O'Neil who lives on the farm wishes to thank the gentlemen who were on their way home from work in Windsor and stopped on seeing the fire to help in getting the animals out. The farm and barn are owned by James Mason.

Sept. 30, 1975, Windsor Star: The body found in a ditch alongside Con. 12 in Sandwich South Twp. near Hwy. 401 Sunday has been identified as Richard Wayne Mychasiw, 22 of Langlois Avenue, Windsor. The body was found by a family picnicking along the deserted stretch of road. The Police said the body was badly decomposed but refused to say how identification was made. The body was transferred to the Centre for Forensic Sciences in Toronto, Monday and an autopsy was to be performed this morning. Mychasiw was charged with attempted murder early this year but was convicted on a lesser charge of possession of a dangerous weapon. An Ontario Provincial Police spokesman said the incident is being treated as a murder. Oct. 6, 1975, Star: Gunshot wounds have been determined as the cause of death of Richard Wayne Mychasiw, 22, of Langlois Ave., whose body was found in a ditch alongside Con. 12 in Sandwich South Twp. near Hwy. #401. An autopsy has been performed by Dr. J. Ferris, assistant chief of pathologist of Ontario to determine the cause of death. OPP said today that Mychasiw left his place of employment on Sept. 16 and did not report for work on Sept. 17th. They said the incident is being treated as a murder and the investigation is continuing. Dated Feb. 4, 1975, Star: Windsor man wounded on South Talbot Road, Sandwich South Twp. He was shot in the neck by two men who fled in a car just before midnight, Monday. OPP said the victim is Ray ond Trepanier, 20, of Riberdy Road. He was treated at Met. Hosp. and released. A motive has not been determined. A few days later two Windsor men were arraigned in provincial court on charges of attempted murder following the Monday night wounding of Raymond Trepanier. Arrested by the OPP were Richard Wayne Mychasiw, 22, of Victoria Street, and George Bernard Bailey, 33, of 3331 Riberdy Road. They were remanded to Feb. 7th for a show cause hearing to determine if they should be released from custody. Trepanier was shot in the neck on South Talbot Road in Sandwich South Twp. just east of Howard Ave., Monday night.

Jan. 30, 1975, Windsor Star: A 16-year old Windsor girl told a supreme court jury Wednesday of being pulled from a car and then being raped after a 10-to-20 minute struggle with a man. She was the second witness to testify during the first day of the trial of a 22-year old man who is charged with raping the girl, who was 15 years old at the time. The incidence is alleged to have occurred in the early hours of July 10, 1974, on the roadside of Con. 12, in Sandwich South Twp., after she and a younger sister had accepted a ride home while hitch-hiking. They went to a Wyandotte East Tavern with the driver and another man for a short time before the younger girl left alone for home. She stated she pretended to go to the bathroom in an attempt to look for a back door, but did not find one as the two men stood by the washroom door waiting for her. She accepted a ride with the intention of catching up with her sister. The girl described to the 11-man, one-woman jury the journey to the township road. When the car left Tecumseh Road East and turned onto a dirt road, she got into the back of the convertible, which had the top down, with the intention of jumping out of the slow-moving vehicle. He speeded up to 70 or 80 miles an hour and said "Why don't you go ahead and jump". She related how the man stopped the car and pulled her to an area about 40 or 50 yards away where she was raped. She testified that he hit her seven or eight times on the face and that she bit him on the shoulder during the struggle. She accepted a ride home after the incident because she didn't know where she was and hoped that she could get the license number of the car. She said she would see him the next day. When he called her she arranged to meet him that night at Jackson Park. At the meeting that evening, the accused man was arrested by police. The girl's defence counsel was I Don Tait. The accused was found guilty at the trial and Justice Patrick Calligan of the Ontario Supreme Court sentenced Garnet Girard Baker, 22, of Stanley Street to three years in penitentiary.

## Barn Fire In Sandwich South . . .

August 27, 1974 - Essex Free Press



**MONDAY BARN FIRE** — Three fire departments answered the call on Monday afternoon to the barn fire on Concession 8 near County Road 46 in Sandwich South Township. The fire began in smoldering hay and the roof and interior walls of the barn were destroyed. Damage was estimated at \$6,000. Five cows and some pigs were rescued from the barn after a neighbour spotted the blaze. Sandwich West and Anderdon fire trucks answered the call along with Sandwich South.

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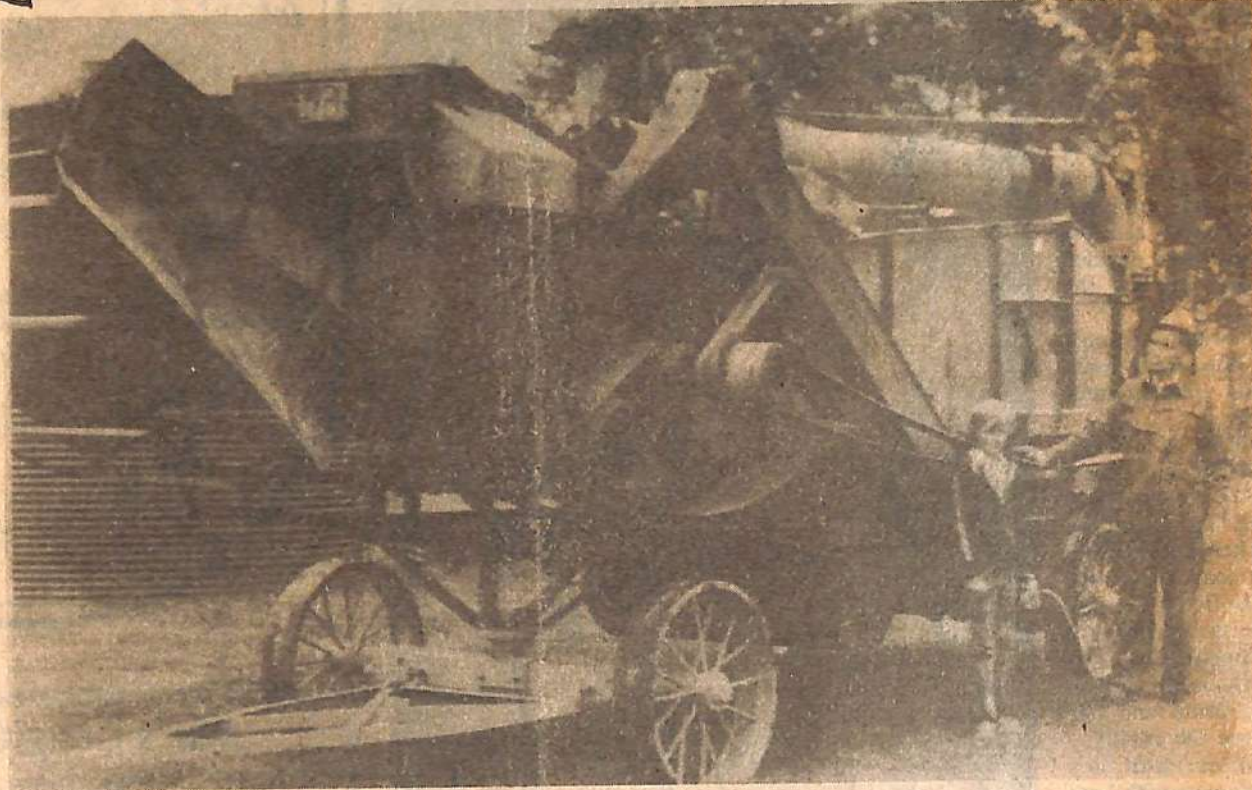




# THE OLD TIME CORNER

Oct., 1980 Essex Free Press

## THRESHING DAYS IN THE THIRTIES



Thomas A. Lavin, of R.R. #3, Maidstone, shows his grandson, Ken Lavin, 13, the finer points of a 1936 Goodison thresher, made in Sarnia. On an October

day in 1980, Tom Lavin recounted the old days of threshing when the machine was used.

So tomorrow morning we are going to thresh at our place and everybody is up at day break. The sun rises in a beautiful way and promises a real hot day. The cows are milked an hour earlier, horses are fed and harnessed all set to go. In the distance we can hear the threshing machine heading down the road. The tractors in those days, for the most part, were equipped with steel lugs and you could hear them grinding into the gravel road. After some time the machine would slowly pull into the yard, the thresher man would shut off the engine and would grease the machine, adjust belts and bearings and gas up the tractor. By the time he finished, breakfast was ready and he would join us. Mother would more or less ask us if we would like another cup of coffee, a diplomatic way to tell us to hurry up and get done. Hers' was a busy day too preparing for the dinner; one of us was delegated to go to the garden and dig some new potatoes and pick a basket of tomatoes and cucumbers. Mother, by this time had the breakfast table cleared and dishes washed. She also had the list of meats and groceries made out and already put dad on notice to drive to town and pick up the food for the day. A choice

The men would wash themselves out of wash tubs, sometimes the water was very sulphury, the soap was the old P.&G. brand and often the towels were so rough they would almost peel your hide, but who cared if you only got part of the dirt washed off .... the main thing was to get to the dinner table first.

The dinner table was beautifully set with a clean linen table cloth and the Sunday best dishes and silverware. The menu consisted of tender roast beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers etc, etc, etc, ..... dessert consisted of a choice of three fresh home baked pies. The conversation was open and free with lots of humour and wit. As soon as one finished his meal he would leave and a new place setting was made to make room for the next worker. Pretty soon everyone was fed and went to sit in the shade of a tree where many hair raising stories were exchanged. The women folk would breathe a sigh of relief and would sit themselves down to a well earned meal and rest only shortly to clear the table, wash the dishes, and grab the potato peeler and begin to prepare supper.

tarts with apple sauce from fresh harvest apples. Soon, one by one we would leave our chairs, excuse ourselves and pass a beautiful compliment to the housewife and cook and thank her for the beautiful supper. The farmer who was next to thresh would one by one ask us if he could have some help next day.

By this time the sun was setting low in the west, all the teams were heading home, horses were watered, unharnessed and fed and bedded down for the night with some clean fresh straw.

Once again it was time to milk the cows. You were sitting in between two well

bloated cows, the temperature is one and twenty degrees, the flies are biting, the cow is kicking and once in a while you would get a wrap around the head with a juicy tail leaving a brown trade mark.

Soon the cows were all milked, the milk cans placed in the water trough to cool, the moon was shining full. The crickets broke the silence of the beautiful summer evening and then it was early to bed only to fall sound asleep as soon as you hit the pillow.

I shall not forget those threshing days, maybe because I was young and had no worries only ambition to some day own a large farm of my own.

At that time it seems we all had something in common; neighbours were very close and friendly didn't have much money, worked seven days a week with a reward of only going to the fall fairs with some small change in their pockets.

Sometimes I just like to sit and dream of those threshing days and can almost see the beautiful horses and brass all shined, tassels etc, also can hear those dear bodies saying, "Tom would you like another piece of pumpkin pie?", even though I already had four pieces already. "God Bless Them."



large roast of beef was picked out along with other goodies. The roast was placed in the oven, very often a wood burning stove, and then mother would wrap a clean apron around herself and begin to peel potatoes by the peck.

Outside there was plenty of activity; the six neighbouring teams of wagons and horses had arrived and were heading back the lane each having his own pitcher. Two or three men were asked to carry bags consisting of two and sometimes two and one half bushels of grain up a narrow stairway to an overhead grainary. It is now ten o'clock, everything is in order, a young boy is handling the blower while a man with a fork is building the straw stack. The thresher man walks around the threshing machine soaping the belts or standing on top of the machine making sure the bundles are being put into the machine with a rhythmic fashion and in a very straight manner. A bushel of grain is put into a bag and weighed to assure the farmer he was getting the proper weight as he was charged so much per bushel. The bag carrier would pass around a plug of chewing tobacco and sometimes get into an argument over politics and sometimes forgetting to change the bag thus plugging the machine.

Later mother would come out and tell the threshing machine operator that dinner would be ready in fifteen minutes. So as the wagons were unloaded, the teamsters would unhitch and water their horses and tie them to the wagons and give them a feed of new mown hay.

If the bureaucrats had known what marriage held in store for Rolanda and Eric Russell, maybe they wouldn't have tried so hard to prevent it.

The Russells, of Sandwich South, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this week, and recalled how they had to battle two national governments and the United Nations in order to tie the knot.

"They had to have a sitting of (Canadian) Parliament just to decide if we could get married," Eric said proudly Sunday.

He and Rolanda had just finished a family dinner with their six children and three grandchildren, a few hours after returning from a second honeymoon in St. Petersburg, Fla.

In the comfort of their living room, the couple, now in their 40s, recalled how their romance made the front pages.

IT WAS DECEMBER, 1957, in Abu Suer, 120 km (75 miles) outside Cairo, Egypt. When they fell in love and decided to marry, they became the first couple in the UN Expeditionary Force in the Middle East to wed — after a nightmare battle with "the authorities."

"They didn't want us to even mingle (with the locals)," much less marry, said Eric. He was a 20-year-old Canadian signaller serving with the UN peacekeeping force.

"Rolanda worked in the canteen and I used to go over every day to buy cigarettes and chocolate bars," Eric said.

He "got to like" the beautiful 17-year-old, born in Egypt but holding Italian citizenship.

"I wouldn't date soldiers, but he was so persistent," says Rolanda.

Soon the threshing machine operator would say, "See those storm clouds gathering in the west boys ... maybe we better get going." So it was hook up your teams and head back to the field for another load. Pride was taken in building the load of sheaves, a good straight load well packed and topped was the pride of every teamster. The straw man carefully tended the formation of the straw stacking making sure there was enough straw left to put a good top on the stack.

As wagon load upon wagon load were unloaded into the threshing machine, the afternoon would spend itself and the teamster would be asked how many loads were left in the field. The cook was then notified when she should have supper ready.

Pretty soon the last load of bundles were unloaded and the loose straw around the feeder was cleaned up. The tractor engine idled, the last bit of straw had dropped. The blower was swung back into position over the top of the threshing machine, the drive belt was rolled up and the tractor hooked onto the threshing machine. And so another farmer had his threshing completed.

Once again the horses were tied to the wagon and given another feed of hay. The men dipped themselves with a little bit of water and wiped most of the dirt on the towels. Once again a banquet was set up consisting of beautiful roasted chicken and gravy with all the trimmings including home made bread and butter. The meal was topped off with home made layer chocolate and white cake and

But the Canadian government and the UN used almost every method at their disposal to prevent the match, Eric said.

Permission was finally given, however, after Eric badgered his superiors. "I drove them crazy. I remember standing in 100-degree heat

They live on Ray Road — Run an Auto Supply and Towing Co. at 2700 Howard Ave.,

for hours outside my commander's office waiting to hear the decision."

They were married Feb. 1, 1958, in Ismailia, Egypt, and honeymooned in Cairo. A few months later Eric returned to Windsor with his bride.

Feb. 7, 1983 — Star  
Star photo/Grant Black



ERIC AND ROLANDA Russell, with granddaughter Danielle LeBlanc, eight months, re-

call difficulty they had getting married in the face of bureaucratic opposition

Mr. & Mrs. Hill lived in this area farming for many years until retirement when they moved to Kingsville. They belonged to Bethel Church.

To Celebrate

Nov. 25, 1983, E.F.P.  
Golden Anniversary



An Open House for Bill and Jean Hill of Kingsville, to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, will be held Sunday, November 27th from 2:30 - 4:30 at the home of Bill and Pat, 3 Redwood Road, Kingsville (1 mile east of Ruthven off 18 Hwy.). Everyone welcome. Come for a visit and greetings only please.

## Their love knew no boundaries



# Local steer makes good... and 4-H girl picks up \$21,600

WINDSOR STAR

NOV. 21/81

TORONTO — A 17-year-old Sandwich South Township girl picked up the prestigious Queen's Guineas — plus \$20,000 and change — in the Royal Winter Fair Friday.

Debbie Nostadt, a 4-H Club member from Maidstone, won a \$250 prize, and \$21,350 from the sale of her champion steer.

Dominion Food Stores bid a record \$17.50 per pound for the 1,220-pound steer Friday afternoon at the traditional post-competition auction.

Debbie's steer, a three-quarters Limousin crossed with Angus, was one of 252 entered in the competition from 24 Ontario counties. Debbie's was the only entry from Essex County, and the only Essex County winner in recent history.

The Queen's Guineas is the highest honor for any 4-H beef club member. The prize was presented by Ontario Agriculture Minister Lorne Henderson.

This was Debbie's second Queen's Guineas appearance.

Debbie's steer, dubbed Caesar, had to gain 2.3 pounds a day between the first weigh-in April 1 and the final qualifying weigh-in Oct. 1.

The winner is a recent high school graduate planning to enter the Ridgetown College of Agricultural Technology in September, 1982.

Debbie's family operates a cash crop

farm, beef feed lot and butcher shop in the Tecumseh area. The family has been showing cattle at the Royal for about five years.

A Simmental beef steer entered by Debbie's father Jack Nostadt was judged best in its class at the competition late last week.

## Rain didn't dampen bids at 4-H auction

THE VOICE OF THE ESSEX FARMER

1,155-pound steer for 84-cents a pound said, "It's a reasonable price, but I would have gone higher."

In the swine club, Mike Schertzer's Grand Champion, weighing 231 pounds was purchased by Albert Heffernan of United Co-operatives in Essex for \$3.00 per pound. "It sure feels good to buy a grand champion," he said.

And the Reserve Champion weighing 217 pounds owned by Michelle Quenneville was sold for \$2.55 a pound to Brian Lee of St. Clair Grain and Feeds. Michelle who has been caring for her animal these past few months said "it feels

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pounds was not auctioned off, because Debbie will be entering her calf in the Queen's Guineas Competition at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto later this year.

In the junior division of the 4-H beef club, the grand champion which weighed in at 1,010 pounds and sold for \$1.50 a pound was owned by Donald Anger.

"I'm kinda proud seeing this is the first year I've entered," he chuckled. But Gordon Kirkpatrick of Gord's Abattoir who purchased the purebred hereford felt differently about it. "I blew about a \$1,000 - that's twice what it's worth," he said.

Walter Hyland, who purchased Brad Anger's

One of the highlights at this year's Harrow Fair was the Essex County 4-H beef and swine auction. And even though it was raining cats and dogs, which necessitated the auction being held inside the barn, nevertheless, spirits were high, as indeed were some of the prices.

The Grand Champion of the 4-H beef club in the senior division, owned by John Nostadt, and weighing in at 1,220 pounds was purchased by N and D Supermarkets in Windsor for \$2.50 per pound.

The Reserve Champion in the senior division, owned by John's sister, Debbie Nostadt, and weighing in at 1,060

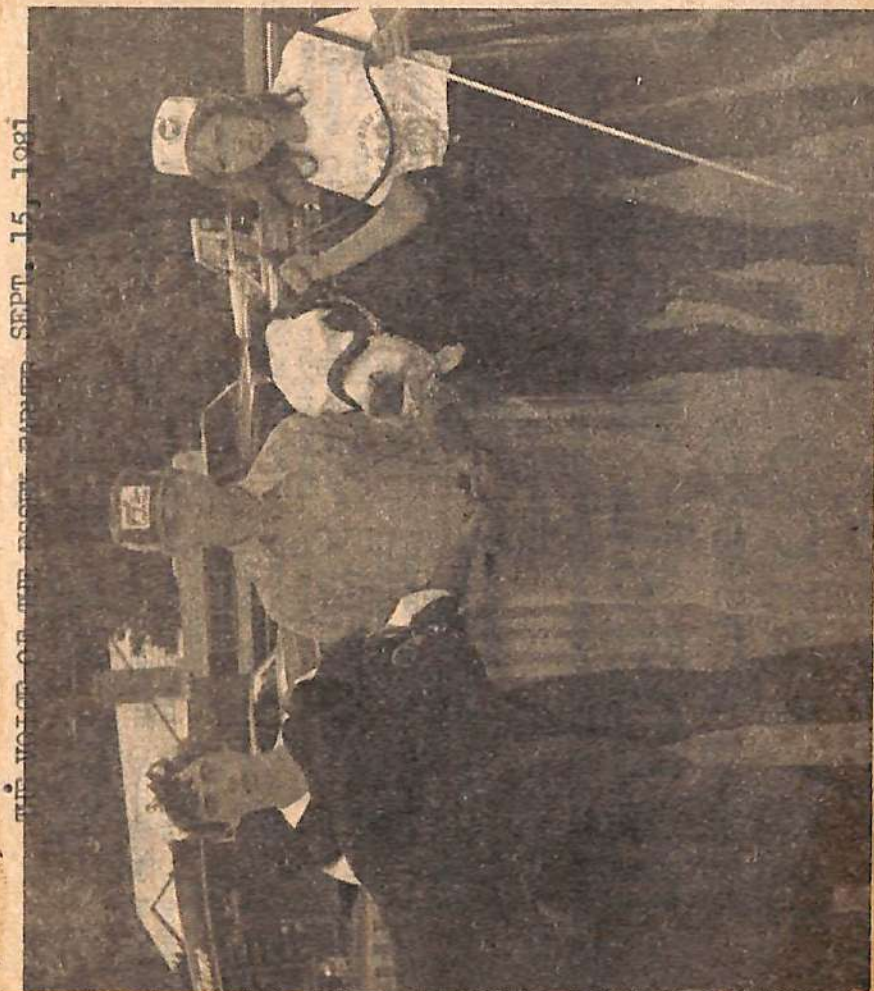
**ESSEX FARMER**  
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Dec. 7, 1972, Essex Times:  
Four children and their  
mother escaped from the fire  
that destroyed their home  
Saturday in Sandwich South  
Township. R. R. 3, Maidstone.  
The family residence as well  
as the contents were all  
destroyed. Mrs. Patricia  
Drake reported that there was  
barely time for her to help  
the children out and leave  
herself before the fire filled  
the house. The house was  
insured but none on the house  
contents. Nothing was salvaged.  
Frank Nostadt of the Sandwich  
South Fire Department thought  
the fire may have started in  
the wiring.

Three units from the S. South  
Dept. answered the call at

10.37 a.m. Saturday. Anderdon and Sandwich West Departments each sent a unit to help fight the blaze. Captain Ujj of the Sand. South Dept. suffered a cut foot. He was treated at the hospital and released. The family of five includes Mrs. Drake, Andrew 8, Faith, 6, Teddy 5 and Sylvia 3.

The family was helped considerably by local church groups and the Oldcastle Women's Institute who had showers of household necessities along with bedding including quilts. Even food-stuffs such as canned and dry groceries were supplied. The family seemed very grateful and wrote nice thank-you notes later.



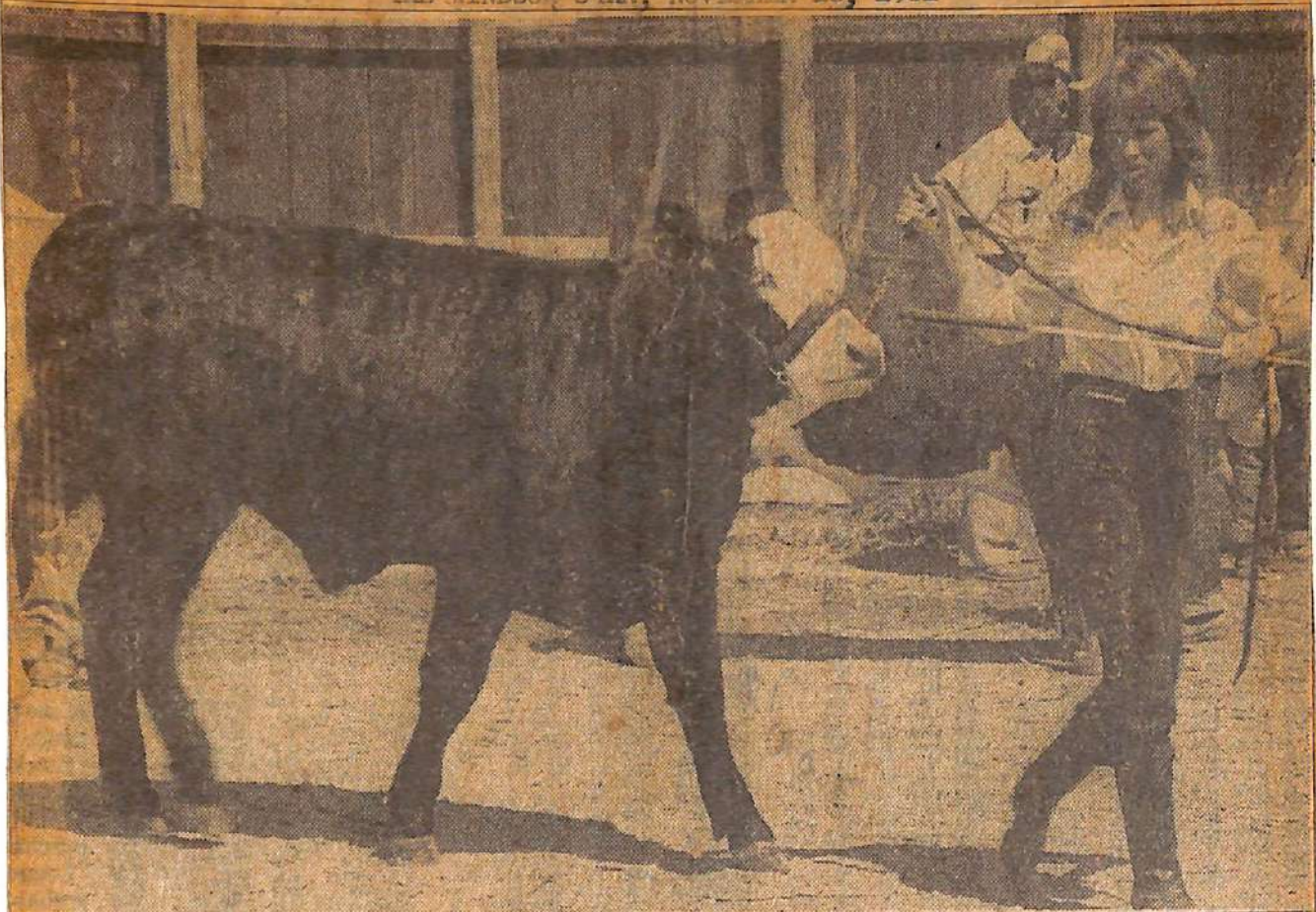
groomed to enter the Queen's Guineas Competition in Toronto. John's steer took first place in both showmanship and conformation. Debbie's steer came in second in both categories.

**ALL IN THE FAMILY** - The Harrow Fair is truly a family affair. 4-H club leader Jack Nostadt (centre) is shown with his son John with his Grand Champion steer and daughter Debbie, whose Reserve Champion steer is being



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Star photo



DEBBIE NOSTADT, 17, puts Caesar, her Queen's Guineas entry, through its paces

## Cream of Essex 4-H club vies for Queen's Guineas

TORONTO — There is nothing quite like The Royal.

The Royal Winter Fair is the king of agricultural competitions in Canada, a fixture in this city every November for the past 61 years. For those who show livestock it is the major leagues, and those that enter field crops are taking on the best in the world. The horse shows are world famous, attracting the elite among competitors and spectators.

The Royal is 27 acres of farm show under one roof at the Coliseum in Exhibition Park, the largest show of its kind in the world.

**BEFORE IT ENDS** Saturday, the agricultural showcase will have attracted more than 350,000 paying customers, mostly urban.

Enter 17-year-old Debbie Nostadt, a recent high school graduate from Sandwich South Township.

Debbie will be one of about 200 cream-of-the-crop 4-H club members from across the province showing beef cattle in competition for the Queen's Guineas on Friday. She's the only one from Essex County to qualify for the Queen's Guineas — the ultimate 4-H beef prize.

**THIS WILL BE** Debbie's second, and possibly final, try for the \$250 prize.

Debbie will be showing her steer, Caesar — a three-quarters Limousin mixed with Hereford and Holstein. Since April 1, when the steer was first weighed in, it has had to gain a minimum 2.3 pounds a day until the final qualifying weigh-in Oct. 1.

The Queen's Guineas competition tests the management skills of future beef



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farmers, and a championship steer could sell for a premium price of about \$4,000 when it's auctioned off at the show. For Debbie, who plans to attend the Ridgeway College of Agriculture next September: "It's just something I like to do."

**THE NOSTADT FAMILY** is no stranger to The Royal, and no stranger to the winner's circle.

Jack Nostadt, Debbie's father, and John Nostadt, her brother, have been showing their beef steers at The Royal for about five years.

Last year a family-owned Simmental steer was judged reserve champion, and late last week another steer was judged grand champion in the Simmental class.

Simmentals are an uncommon beef breed that originated in Switzerland, but they are becoming more popular in Canada.

**A TOP-RANKED** steer at the Royal could be sold for a very respectable \$2 a pound when it is auctioned off later this week.

Nostadt steers also picked up a second-place ribbon in the Limousin class, a third among the Shorthorns, a sixth in the Herefords and a fifth and a sixth in cross-bred classes.

The Nostadts operate a cash crop farm, beef feedlot and adjacent butcher shop just outside of Tecumseh.

But The Royal is much more than cattle.

The Royal is where the city meets the county, and a place where some city dwellers will get their one and only taste of the rural life.

**AND THROUGHOUT** the week, in the main Coliseum show ring, the Royal horse show continues with equestrian teams from Britain, Italy, the United States and Canada.

A total 15 farmers from Essex and Kent Counties entered field crops, eight were entered in horseshows. There were other local entries in sheep, poultry and other cattle classes.



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## Freedom Fest

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Records. Ure said there have been talks with U.S. Coast Guard about an across-the-river tug-of-war stretching from Ouellette Avenue to Woodward Avenue.

Thursday night's show should serve as a good springboard to next year's plans. The evening started with police pipe bands from the Ontario Provincial Police and the Metropolitan Toronto, Niagara Regional and the Windsor Police departments. The Waterloo Regional Police brass band also performed.

**THE ONLY NON-POLICE** performers, the United States Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team, gave a snappy synchronized rifle-twirling display that brought gasps from the crowd.

The highlight of the evening was the RCMP Musical Ride. The 33 officers guided their handsome thoroughbreds with the aplomb that has made them a Canadian institution.

It didn't all go off without a hitch. The cantankerous sound system at the stadium was such a nuisance that the crowd applauded when it was turned off temporarily.

**THE LOCAL CHAPTER** OF the Blue Knights, a police motorcycle precision team, had a tricky time with their performance. The seven riders had been practising hard the night before, knowing that they would be performing before their largest audience since the chapter was formed. But when they went out on the field there was no sign of the pylons they use as a guide.

"We ended up doing a lot of ad-libbing," said JoAnn Scratch, the lone female rider in the group.

The closing ceremony was also a departure. Instead of dousing the Festival flame at Dieppe Park, the festival was officially closed with the lowering of three flags at the stadium.

THE RCMP Musical Ride closed with the traditional charge Thursday night at Freedom Festival closing ceremonies

# Freedom Fest ends with color a

By Hank Daniszewski  
Star Staff Reporter

Pagaentry, precision and perfect weather made for a spectacular end to Freedom Festival '85 Thursday night at Windsor Stadium.

An estimated 7,600 people turned out in the balmy evening to hear the skirl of the massed pipe bands, the scarlet swirl of the

RCMP Musical Ride and the eye-popping precision of the United States Air Force Drill Team.

It was the kind of night festival organizers must dream about.

Festival president Jim Ure was exuberant.

"This year's festival has got to be one of the best ever. We're very happy."

**THE STARS** of Thursday night's

ceremonies were the police. They weren't just keeping order at the show, they were the show. The closing ceremonies centred on the International Police Day Tattoo. There were policemen in kilts playing bagpipes, policemen in brass bands marching around the field, policemen riding horses and motorcycles in intricate patterns. Even the podium was crammed

with men in blue, including Windsor Police Chief John Hugh, Detroit Police chief Bill Hart, a Detroit Deputy Police Chief D. Dungy, who is also vice-chairman of the American Freedom Festival Committee.

Dungy summed up the Freedom Festival's spirit of international friendship in the closing ceremonies.

Jan. 31, 1972, Windsor Star: Eight city residents have been charged with non-capital murder in connection with the death of a Sandwich South man, Windsor's first murder victim of 1972. Leonard Craig, 23, of R. R. 3, Maidstone, died in Hotel Dieu Hospital about 9.30 p.m., Saturday of head injuries. Mr. Craig was found unconscious early Saturday morning at Hanna St. & Highland Ave. An ambulance crew discovered him lying on a blanket up against a building on the southwest corner. He was not wearing outdoor clothing and had no identification on him. Charges in Provincial Court this morning were: Arthur Hill, 27, of Windsor Ave.; Michael White, 25, of Windsor Ave.; Patrick Lewis, 25, of South St.; William Hulko, 28, of Alexis Rd.; Michael Andrews, 26, of Windsor Ave.; Astrid White (Visser), 17, of Louis Ave.; Frances Rich, 17, of Tecumseh Road East; and Brenda Larocque, 17, of Windsor Ave. They were remanded in custody to Feb. 8th by Provincial Judge Gordon Stewart. The arrests were made late Saturday morning when a number of detectives and uniform officers raided a residence in the 1200 block of Windsor Ave. Police described the home as a hang-out for motorcycle people and said some of those arrested were wearing motorcycle club jackets. Mr. Craig's body will be sent to the Centre of Forensic Science in Toronto for a post mortem and other "expert examination". The suspects were held over the weekend on charges of attempted murder and conspiracy to commit murder. Mr. Craig was born in Windsor and attended Prince of Wales School and Lowe Technical School. He'd been an employee of National Auto Radiator Mfg. Co., Ltd., but was recently laid off. He is survived by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. James Craig, RR 3, Maidstone, 3 brothers and 4 sisters. Funeral arrangements by Marcotte Funeral Home are incomplete. The burial will be in Windsor Memorial Cemetery.



# Awards honor aid to tourism

You don't have to be a movie mogul to have an Oscar sitting on your mantel piece.

In fact, you don't even have to visit Hollywood.

On Feb. 28, six Windsor residents or businesses will be awarded Oscars at the first annual meeting of the Convention and Visitors Bureau of Windsor and Essex County and Pelee Island.

Of course, there is a slight difference between the Oscars they'll receive and THE Oscars.

The awards will be presented in recognition of the people or establishments who have been "outstanding in the field of hospitality, its development and promotion" in Windsor, Essex County and Pelee Island this year.

Six categories have been selected for awards.

● Progressive development by a person or business in the hospitality industry that resulted in the greatest improvement of an operation through remodelling, expansion, updating or

staff training;

● Promotional achievement, for an outstanding effort to promote the area to potential visitors;

● Promotional achievement (non-industry) by a person not directly engaged in the hospitality industry;

● Special acts, such as the effort of person to assist a visitor in a distressing or uncomfortable situation;

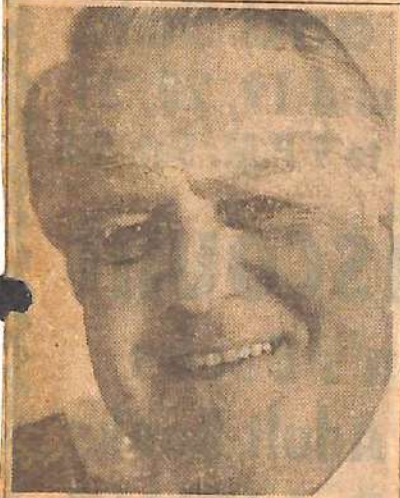
● Outstanding service to the bureau by an individual;

● Outstanding hospitality in the serv-

ice of visitors, considered the most important award.

The awards will be presented by the bureau's Ambassadors of Tourism, a group of volunteers who assist in the promotion of the area to visitors, including tourists, bus groups, conventions.

Nominations must be received by the convention bureau by Jan. 15, 1986. For further information regarding nominations contact the bureau at 255-6530.



JIM URE

## Festival still wants Dieppe site

Freedom Festival organizers will be going to City Council early in the New Year to request that the event be held in Dieppe Gardens again next year, says festival president Jim Ure.

He said in an interview the festival organizers have been unable to come up with a new location for the event.

"We will be going to council as early as possible with our request."

Former mayor Elizabeth Kishkon and other members of City Council have suggested that the summer festival should be moved out of the riverfront area.

Hilton Hotel officials also were upset because the carnival and midway were taking up space on Riverside Drive and impeding access to the hotel.

A compromise was reached last year which resulted in the festival moving so access to the hotel was maintained.

URE SAID the festival committee looked at a number of sites including downtown parking lots and open areas around City Hall, but decided the alternatives were "too scattered" to be practical.

The committee rejected a suggestion that the carnival portion of the event be relocated in Mic Mac Park.

The CN railyard adjacent to Dieppe Gardens has also been suggested as an alternative site but the area is not available.



Sept. 21, 1985

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MR. AND MRS. ADRIAN JOHN TEDDER

The parish church of St. Vincent de Paul was the setting for the marriage of Susan Colleen Buchner, daughter of Mrs. Jean Buchner of Leamington and the late F/L D. Jack Buchner to Adrian John Tedder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Tedder of Epping, Essex, England. Melanie Dickson was Maid of Honor and Michael Tedder was Best Man. Adrian and Sue will reside at R.R. #3, Maidstone, Ont.

## Some Sweet Singing

APRIL 4, 1986, ESSEX FREE PRESS

Sweet harmony emanates from the Maplewood School music room in Essex every Wednesday evening.

That's when the Heart of Essex, Sweet Adelines rehearse.

Starting with 12 last May there are now 42 of them preparing for competition in Saginaw on the April 12 weekend.

Delores Foreman of Belle River and Phyllis Armstrong of Sandwich West direct the choir in its bright and lively presentation of typical Sweet Adeline melodies.

Dressed in period costume with jaunty black lace hats perched atop their heads, they sway in time to the music, having as much fun as robins in a cherry tree in July.

And any woman who likes to sing and harmonize is welcome to join.

"We want more," says Delores stretching her arms wide to indicate there is no limit to numbers.

"Say we have gentle auditions," added Phyllis.

The Saginaw competition will be their first attempt to learn how they compare with the more experienced.

Members are from all over the county.

## - Forty Voices Strong

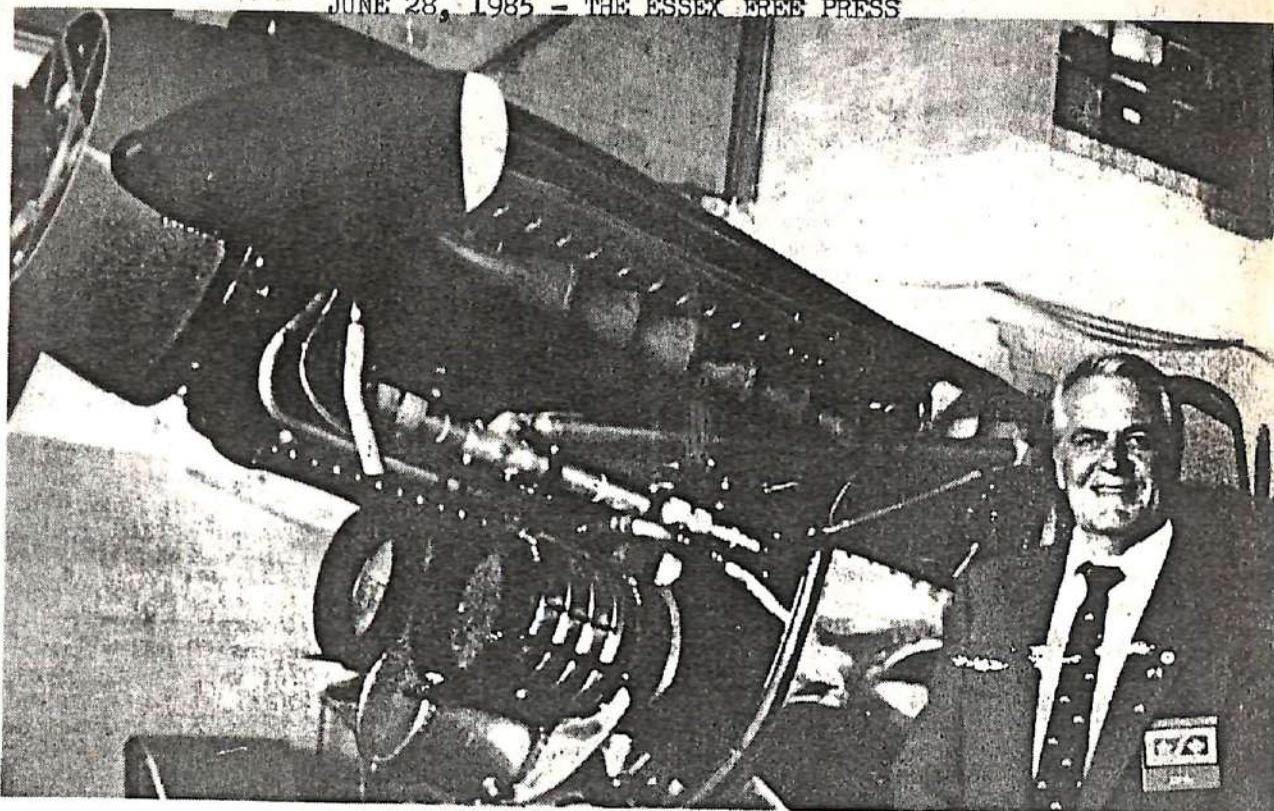


Three of the Sweet Adelines, Heart of Essex group, practice for competition in Saginaw, Michigan, April 12. Mary Ellen Demeris, Cottam, Ruth Battersby, Maidstone and Sandra Evans of Essex are three of a 42-member chorus that represents all of the county and rehearses at Maplewood School in Essex Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.



# Snowbirds Thrill of Windsor Air Show

JUNE 28, 1985 - THE ESSEX FREE PRESS



The Snowbirds are giving a thrilling opportunity to this area with their three-hour air show Monday, July 1st.

The Canadian Air Forces renowned flight team will perform intricate and thrilling aerobatic stunts and manoeuvres as a highlight of the 1985 International Freedom Festival.

Gates will open at the Windsor Airport at 10:30 a.m. The show begins at 1:30 p.m.

The festival committee didn't expect to get the Snowbirds when it placed the request. With the approval in hand a show was built around them, reported Jim Ure, president of the 1985 festival.

Barring bad weather, this show is expected to draw spectators from both sides of the international border. Planes will be on display at 10:30, with pilots on hand to answer questions. More than 40 vintage aircraft includes World War II fighters and bombers.

One plane was found four years ago in the Aleutians where it had lain for 35 years upside down with the pilot's body inside it. This B40 is one of those on display.

The Canadian Harvard, a World War II flying trainer

used during the Korean War to spot the enemy for jet fighters, will be there. It was brought to Detroit from Spain where it was used for advanced training.

Replicas of World War I planes will fly in the show, which starts at 1:30 p.m. with sky diving, aerobatics, a military jet fly past, and finally the Snowbirds around 4 p.m. It was organized by Retired Canadian Air Force Lt. Col. Ron Holden of Oldcastle, whose military duties included organizing air shows.

He said there is parking space at the airport but police will be moving traffic along the roads in the vicinity of the airport to avoid congestion. There is parking available at the Devonshire Mall and the Famous Four drive-in theatre. Transportation from those two locations has been arranged by leasing 35 Transit Windsor buses. Use of the buses and parking lots is free. Entrance to the show was set at \$4 for adults and \$1 for children to follow the festival's aim of providing great entertainment with little cost.

Inside the grounds there are concession stands and a beer tent. Airplane rides will be available.

Freedom Festival chairman, Jim Ure, in front of a restored fighter of the second World War that disappeared in the Aleutian Islands in 1942. It was found four years ago, upside down with the pilot's body in the cockpit and live ammunition in the guns. It will be on display during the major air show that features the famous Snowbirds on July 1 at Windsor airport.

SEPT. 11, 1986

## DEATHS STAR

URE--Miss Jessie Winnifred, 97 years, Sept. 11, 1986 at Grace Hospital. Dear aunt of Elmer Ure, Maidstone; William Simpson, Brantford; Harvey Simpson, Sanford, Fla; David Simpson, Hingham; George Simpson, Cotnam; William Frith, Westland, Mich; Wilfred Frith, Windsor; Margaret Frith, Windsor; Winnifred Voorhees, Farmington Hills, Mich. Also survived by great-nieces and great-nephews. Resting at Windsor Chapel Funeral Home, 1700 Tecumseh Rd. E. where services will be held Monday, Sept. 15, 1986 at 12 Noon, Mrs. Ruth Center officiating. Cremation Victoria Crematorium. Visitation after 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Miss Ure was a former teacher at Dougall Avenue School.



June 21, 1986, Windsor Star: In an interview following the ceremonies, Ure said he was disappointed but not angered by the doctors' demonstration. "They're expressing their freedom. I don't think they made brownie points here". It didn't seem to bother the premier. I think they went too far".



RINGING the Freedom Festival bell are from left, Jim Ure, Mayor David Burr, Premier David Peterson and John Avignone, of the Detroit Freedom Festival committee

## Protest mars ceremony

THE WINDSOR STAR, JUNE 21, 1986

By Hank Daniszewski  
Star Staff Reporter

A group of angry doctors, shouting and jeering the new law that bans extra billing, stole the spotlight at the opening of the International Freedom Festival on Friday night.

Premier David Peterson was confronted by the crowd of doctors and their supporters as he officially opened the festival.

As Peterson attempted to speak, about 125 protesters, including doctors who donned white coats, picked up concealed signs and surged toward the stage shouting "Freedom" and "Sit down Peterson."

The demonstration came only hours after the Liberal government passed Bill 94 which outlaws extra billing. Doctors in the province have been on strike for 10 days in an effort to block the legislation.

The demonstrators chanted and jeered for about 10 minutes while Peterson stood calmly and noted that the doctors had a right to protest.

"This is what the Freedom Festival is all about," he said.

Some of the protesters shouted that Peterson's freedom meant the "enslavement" of doctors.

Gradually Peterson grew more annoyed and taunted the demonstrators.

"Is there anybody out there who can make a rational argument? You can have the microphone."

WINDSOR POLICE barred access to the stage but, at the direction of Chief John Hughes, made no move to push the protesters back or end the demonstration.

"There was nothing physical whatever. There was no pushing or shoving. If all our demonstrations were like this we'd be all set," said a police officer who asked not to be identified.

Peterson told the demonstrators: "I'm not leaving. I can stay here as long as you can," and festival chairman Jim Ure took the podium to ask the demonstrators to leave.

Dr. Murray O'Neil, president of the Essex County Medical Society, eventually led the doctors out of the park. As they filed away from the stage, still shouting taunts at Peterson, the doctors transferred their anger to members of the crowd. "Don't get sick!" one protester yelled at onlookers. "See you in emergency," another shouted.

"That scares me," one onlooker said of the threats. The man asked not to be identified, "even though my doctor isn't on strike."

Gord Audry, 63, of Windsor, was one of at least 50 people who began chanting "doctors go home."

AUDRY SAID HE does not believe doctors' opposition to Bill 94 is about freedom. "What freedom? They've got their freedom. This is about money," he said. "My brother is a doctor and I know for a fact he has to take

four vacations a year to keep his income tax down."

Lori Hill came to Dieppe Gardens with her three children and was also upset by the demonstration.

"I brought my kids down for a good time to let them see the parade. I think the doctors can do this sort of thing somewhere else."

But O'Neil claimed the doctors have the support of the public and will escalate their protests even though Bill 94 is now law.

O'Neil said doctors will not accept the new law, adding it is the first of a series of steps to control the medical profession.

He said the protest shows the solidarity of doctors in this area.

"This area has been labelled a non-hot spot. I guess the demonstration was a little warmer than they thought."

He also defended the use of the Freedom Festival opening as a platform for their protest.

"There is no more appropriate place to protest our loss of freedom than at the Freedom Festival."

O'NEIL SAID doctors in Essex County are becoming more militant and he would not rule out the possibility some emergency wards in the area would be closed as they are in about a dozen other hospitals in the province.

"Some of the emergency wards will stay open. I can't promise more than that."

See PROTEST, A4



# Wounds still visible

THE WINDSOR STAR, SEPTEMBER 13, 1986

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accounts and refused to honor the paycheques. A bank statement dated April 15, 1985, shows that a number of cheques written on the account were returned for insufficient funds, although the account had a balance of nearly \$10,000.

In an interview in June, bank manager David Nichols said any money in Metson's accounts was seized by the bank and applied against an outstanding loan, which Metson said was about \$26,000. And in a later interview, Nichols denied any knowledge of an agreement between Metson and Walter and suggested there could have been a misunderstanding.

"It's not right for me to comment on a conversation that two individuals had 14 months ago," said Nichols.

"We were led to believe, initially, that a real sale had happened. Obviously, a sale hadn't happened. We were misled," he said.

Walter, contacted at a Hamilton branch where he now works, refused to comment, other than to say there was "confusion" at the time and that the bank was not initially aware Metson's lease had been terminated by Husky.

Sue Rowlands, a lawyer for the ministry of labor's employment standards branch handling the case, was quick to give the bank credit, explaining it was under no legal obligation to pay the wages. "That's standard for the Royal Bank, but not for other banks."

Rowlands said the experience of the Husky employees, in terms of the lengthy wait, is not unusual.

"In order to pay the wages, all the Employment Standards Act gives employees is the right to the property. So, until the property is sold nobody gets anything," she explained.

FOR METSON, the experience of going bankrupt and not being able to

pay his employees has been a traumatic experience.

"It's a very personal thing. But for me, it's been a traumatic experience. I just feel that I'm a man of honor and I do business in an honorable way and to be bankrupt is a stain on my character. It's been really traumatic, so much so that I've been in tears at times," he said.

Metson said he sympathizes with his former employees.

"It hurts to have to say to somebody I can't pay them," said Metson.

"I think my concern — and it probably does explain the plight of these people — is how really, basically, big business I guess, in terms of the banks, just don't care about people," he said.

The experience has left a sour taste in the mouths of many of the Husky employees and the paycheques they received this week will do little to mend the wounds. It's simply too late.

A provincial commission that has studied the issue of lost wages noted that the big impact was the immediate cash shortage the employees face when their paycheques bounce, or aren't received. Such was the case for former Husky employee Melissa Toro, a 21-year-old broadcasting student at Conestoga College in Kitchener.

Toro was laid-off at Husky just when the lease changed ownership and two paycheques totalling \$428 bounced at the bank, forcing her to turn to welfare.

"I thought that was something I'd never have to do," said Toro in an interview.

"I guess the word for it is degrading when you have a social worker come to your home and ask personal questions just because I worked for my money and somebody didn't pay me," she said.



Star photo/Nick Brancaccio  
MELISSA TORO, Chris Bartlam and Joan Girard hold up paycheques

## Wounds still visible for group after long wait for paycheques

By Joe Belanger  
Star Staff Reporter

THE WINDSOR STAR, SEPTEMBER 13, 1986

JOAN GIRARD used to think she knew the rules of the game — you go to work, do an honest job, and at the end of the week you'll get paid.

But today, Girard is no longer confident of the rules of the game because they change and they're not always fair, at least not for employees.

Girard is one of 34 former and present employees at the Husky Service Station and Restaurant on County Rd. 46 who have been working to earn a paycheque they've been owed for more than 15 months.

Although the cheques were to arrive in the mail this week, the wounds still smart, they're still visible.

"We weren't asking for anything other than what we'd earned and it's maddening when you have to go through all this to get paid," said Girard, spokesman for the group.

In April 1985, Girard and the other employees each lost between \$400 and \$800 in wages and vacation pay when cheques issued by their former employer bounced at the bank in the midst of a change in ownership of the lease.

A few months after the ownership change, their former employer went bankrupt and the Royal Bank took over negotiations to sell the remaining assets and inventory.

THROUGHOUT the lengthy wait, the bank assured the employees they would be paid both wages and vacation pay when the assets were sold. But some employees, including Girard, became frustrated after several apparent deals fell through. To draw attention to their cause, they demonstrated outside the Royal Bank branch at Howard Avenue and Charles Street where their cheques were turned away.

Their plight is one experienced by thousands of Ontario employees each year and one both the federal and provincial governments have studied, but not yet corrected.

While many employees of bankrupt or insolvent companies in Ontario eventually receive all or part of the money owed to them, the Husky workers had begun to lose hope until the announcement last Friday by the Ministry of Labor that their cheques were in the mail.

Now, I don't care if the money takes a back seat. It's the point of the whole thing. There's no protection for people like us. It's a total injustice," said Girard, in an interview a few weeks before the cheques were issued.

The Husky employees were owed more than \$10,000 in wages and vacation pay when the lease on the service station and restaurant, held by their former boss, Dennis Metson, was terminated by the Calgary-based company, effective April 1, 1985.

IN A RECENT interview, Metson said he had expected the lease to be terminated after a dispute with the company over an outstanding debt. But what he didn't expect was to see his employees left empty-handed in the transition.

The company found a new operator, John Black, of Calgary, to take over the lease April 1 and Metson said he expected to negotiate with Black for the sale of assets and inventory he owned, the proceeds of which would be used to pay outstanding debts, including the employees' wages.

A meeting to negotiate the sale was held March 31 and although an apparent deal was reached, it fell through on closing the next day.

With no business and no money, Metson was forced to pay a visit to the Royal Bank at Howard Avenue and Charles Street, which he owed about \$26,000.

Meanwhile, his daughter Leigh and another employee went to work collecting outstanding debts in an effort to raise enough money to pay the employees their final cheques. They managed to collect about \$8,000 and that, combined with money already deposited in the bank, would be enough to cover the payroll.

Before depositing the money, Leigh Metson said she contacted assistant bank manager Gary Walter and asked if the bank would honor the paycheques, but not cheques written to suppliers. She said Walter agreed, the money was deposited, and the paycheques issued to employees.

"OUR SOLE intention was to pay those wages to the exclusion of everyone else," said Dennis Metson.

"There was no one more shocked than us to find out what the bank did," he added.

After the collected money was deposited, the bank seized Metson's business. See WOUNDS, E8



# Truck service beats the odds

By Bob Meyer

## Star Business Reporter

On Nov. 30, 1981, a half dozen of Mikulas Gal's Windsor friends had buckled under the recession and gone out of business. It was the day Gal was forced to open a business.

Today, not even five years later, this Czechoslovakian immigrant owns a local business which will have a volume of nearly \$7 million this year in transport truck sales, parts and service. To the end of July, his company had sold 76 medium and heavy duty units and expects to sell another 20 by the end of the year.

Some of the heavy-duty units cost as much as \$100,000, but an average price for medium and heavy-duty trucks is about \$50,000.

Mike Gal's Truck Service proved to have a steel backbone — it stood up to recession. And it no longer is located at the cramped quarters at 4921 Walker Rd. where it began. Earlier this month, Gal's new building, at 4155 County Rd. No. 46, was ready to occupy. But before that new truck complex is complete with all its computerized equipment installed, it will probably cost about \$1 million, Gal said. Its official opening is to be today.

"On that November day in 1981, I was worried," Gal remembers. "The timing couldn't have been worse. But, I had no choice."

"MONTHS BEFORE, I had applied to buy the International truck franchise. But it wasn't supposed to come up for renewal for another year. Then, the fellow who had it went out of business unexpectedly. And suddenly it was in my hands."

International Harvester Co. itself was fighting back from major financial losses and its restructuring took a dramatic turn. The name of the 155-year-old company was changed to Navistar International Corp. The sale of International Harvester's farm equipment business to Tenneco Inc.'s J.I. Case subsidiary had dramatically changed the company's business focus.

"WE MOVED IN and began selling and repairing medium and heavy-duty International trucks," Gal said. "We started with one man in the parts department, one bookkeeper and four

mechanics, including myself. I had my papers from the old country although I had to write the Canadian diesel mechanic's examinations after I came over in December, 1968. We had about 9,000 square feet of floor space with seven service bays."

Gal said the building was owned by Collavino Incorporated and International had a 10-year lease on it. The lease will be coming due just about the time Mike Gal's Truck Service moves out to go to its new sales and service centre.

MIKE'S NEW centre has 14,800 square feet of floor space and 12 bays. He bought 2.4 acres of land to build on and use to store his new truck inventory. In the parts department, he will have five persons, three in clerical and 10 mechanics, including Mike.

His wife Jean is office manager. Richard Savage will move to the new premise with the firm as sales manager. He also has a 24 hour emergency service with five service trucks on the road and trained mechanics on staff at all times.

Ironically, Chrysler Canada, the third biggest automaker is Mike's best customer. Since Chrysler stopped building trucks a couple of years ago, Mike has sold Chrysler Canada 74 new medium and heavy-duty trucks.

"Navistar International Corp has about 27 per cent of the total truck sales in Canada. Ford is second with 26 per cent of the market. General Motors has about 23 per cent. And the balance is made up of all the other truck manufacturers," said Savage.

ASKED HOW the emergency service works, Savage said that "there probably isn't a transport on the road without a CB radio. If a driver has a breakdown, the first truck that comes along will ask what the trouble is. The trouble is reported to us and we'll have a service truck there immediately."

"There is no such thing as a trucker being stranded on the highway, even 401," Savage added.

Trucks are classed by size, he said. Mike Gal's Truck Service handles mostly classes 6 to 8, the medium and heavy-duty trucks. The biggest volume of trucks sold by Navistar are trucks in the medium and heavy-duty classification.



Star Photo/Mike Weaver

### OWNER MIKULAS GAL stands before his new truck service building

Mike's new service centre is one of only a few in Canada that has a Dynamometer, a computerized platform on which they drive trucks to run them as if they were on a highway. The computer measures horsepower, speed, vibrations, oil pressures, engine heat, the torque between the engine and drive wheels and so on.

"WE BOUGHT IT in the states," Mike said. "Selling price was \$64,398.70 (U.S.), federal sales tax was \$7,000 and it cost us \$15,000 to install."

Most of the trucks sold at Mike Gal's are new. Rarely does a used unit enter his inventory. Truck engines are rebuilt and rebuilt and they'll travel hundreds of thousands of miles, said Savage. They keep them on the road as long as they can.

To keep his mechanics in tune with newer engines, Mike sends them on courses whenever possible. "Like in automobiles," he said. "The engine doesn't look anything like an engine any more."

Sept. 15, 1986 - Mike Gal's Truck Service first located on Walker Road at Pelton became too crowded and he located on new premises on County Road 46.