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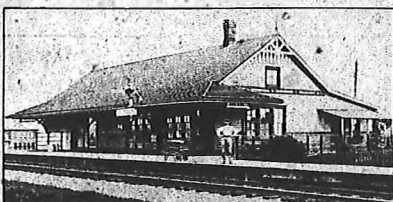
Scenic View of the River Thames in Thamesford



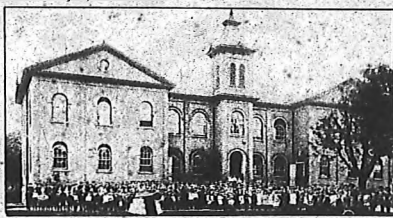
Thamesford Street Scene



Thamesford's Main Street Scene, Looking East



C.P.R. Depot, Thamesford



Ingersoll's Public School, circa 1912



The Grand Trunk Railway Station, Ingersoll

These marvellous post cards with scenes from the 1908-1912 era in both Ingersoll and Thamesford, came all the way from Vancouver Island. It was George Harron, of Ingersoll, who brought them into *The Ingersoll Times* office. Harron's friend, Walter Staziak, "a railroad man," sent them to him when he heard about the year long Bi-Centennial celebration and *The Times*' page 2. Staziak's family is related to the Karnas of Thamesford who once owned the property where the medical centre is now located. One card, addressed to Orie Karn, tells about the writer's plan to attend the "park packers excursion" to Port Stanley.

Theft at Richie's Food Mart

Tilsonburg OPP were called to a break, enter and theft at Richie's Food Mart in Mount Elgin on Thursday.

Police said the culprit(s) entered the store through the front door. Once inside, they took a large quantity of cigarettes, valued at \$2,000.

Police are asking for any information the public may have in regard to this case (suspicious vehicles, persons, etc.). Police can be contacted at 1-800-265-7191 or call Crime Stoppers of Oxford Inc. at 421-8477.



A special meeting of Ingersoll Town Council will be held tonight at 5:30 p.m., just prior to the administration and finance committee, in the municipal office meeting room.

The administration and finance committee meets tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the municipal office meeting room.

The public works and planning committee meets Dec 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the municipal office meeting room.

All these meetings are open to the public and interested individuals are urged to attend.

Santa brunch planned

Princess Anne Public School is planning a Santa Claus brunch on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to noon at the school.

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Ingersoll police report

A "grinch" visited Laurel Cr. Friday evening, removing 30-40 Christmas bulbs from a tree.
 Other vandalism was reported in the area in the past weeks and extra patrols requested as a result.
 In other Ingersoll Police Services business Friday, a male was charged after a complainant reported kids on dirt bikes in Lawson Park.
 And a woman reported the theft of her wallet and ID the same day.
 Also on Friday, a trailer plate (F27018) was reported lost.
 Wednesday, a male was charged after a complainant on Thames St. W reported a physical fight in a laneway across the street. A charge was laid for causing a disturbance by shouting and swearing.

Sidewalk would help solve crosswalk problem in front of Princess Anne School

By JEFF TRIBE

Building a sidewalk may solve a situation in front of Princess Anne Public School.

Nicholaos Karalis, principal at Princess Anne, attended Monday evening's Ingersoll Police Services Board meeting at the police station. He brought concerns about student traffic from the south side of King St. W in front of the school, across to the east corner at Morrison Ave. and the north side of King St. W, and then on to the newly constructed subdivision.

Currently, there are white painted lines on the road between the two points, but these do not constitute an official crosswalk. Karalis' submission suggested the lines were not clearly visible to vehicular traffic, and speed, combined with weather elements

and children crossing the street could result in a dangerous situation.

It was further agreed that some confusion surrounded the area, with children and drivers unsure who had the right of way.

"Cars are stopping, kids are stopping, everybody is looking at each other," said mayor Brian Rodenhurst. "Stopper or Later, someone is going to get hit."

Additionally, parents picking up children in front of the school add to the confusion.

Student traffic across the road was stated to be as high as 50.

A crossing guard at the site would cost over \$4,000 per year, and, it was pointed out, mean two

with a one-half's throw of each other; there is currently a guard at the busy intersection of Harris and King St. West.

Building a sidewalk along the stretch from existing sidewalk on

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Crime Stoppers of Oxford Inc.

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CRIME OF THE WEEK

Sometime overnight between Nov. 11 and 12, a break, enter and theft occurred at Wallace Brothers Lumber company, 110 George St., Thamesford. Entry was gained to the business by prying a window open.

Numerous "Makita" and "Ryobi" power tools, valued at \$3,431.13, were stolen from display shelves in the store. Damage to the building was estimated at \$50.

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Borden celebration

It was a moment well worth recording back in June 1974. The occasion was the celebration of the Borden Company's 75th anniversary in Ingersoll. Recreating the delivery of milk to the factory are two very well known gentlemen. Driving the delivery wagon is Byron Jenvey, the late highly respected local historian. The dapper fellow leading the horse is Jack Cole. (Photo courtesy J. Cole)



Borland's Service Station

John E. Borland opened this new service station on Thames Street in 1932. Note the wonderful gas pumps and the vintage cars parked there. Also note the price of gasoline! The Borland name was synonymous with good, honest service for 57 years. (Photo courtesy Bruce and Marie Borland)

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What ever happened to ...

Elizabeth (Muterer) McCallum

Elizabeth McCallum has led an interesting and rewarding life since she left Ingersoll in 1959. The daughter of Neil and Ethel Muterer, she grew up at R.R. 2 Ingersoll. After attending Dunn's Public School, the Thamesford Continuation School, the Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute, London Teachers' College and McMaster University, Elizabeth embarked on a teaching career which has almost reached the 35 year mark.

Elizabeth has taught physical education and drama to blind students for 28 years and sighted students for seven years. She and her husband John live alone in St. George, a village near Brantford. Their three children are married and they have two grandchildren in Paris and two in Switzerland. Their daughter lives in London, Ontario. Sports rate high in her list of memorable things done while living here and obviously influenced her choice of subjects to teach. Elizabeth was a winner of the Tillsonburg-Ingersoll-Norwich Delhi-Aylmer (TINDA) senior girls' track and field event and of the baseball throw in WOSSA.

She started teaching in a one-room country school in Dereham and today teaches at the W. Ross MacDonald School for the Blind in Brantford.

Elizabeth's interests are many. Involved with the Little Theatre in St. George, she has been in six plays. They have two Siamese cats and two Doberman Pinschers who travel with them in their converted bus. She is historian for the Motor Home Association of Ontario; dances with blind students in Algonquin every spring and produces plays in which these students participate for the public.

A frequent visitor to Ingersoll where her mother, at 85, is still living on the family farm north of town, she also enjoys visiting her brother Jim and his wife who live on the same farm and her sister Marjorie who has retired from the Hamilton Spectator and now lives on Thames Street North. "I think the town has the same warm, familiar atmosphere" she notes. "I am amazed when I see my Grade 1 teacher Miss Mildred Baten still walking around shopping and J.C. Herbert, my IDCI principal still so active." Elizabeth continues: "The old houses are still in good repair and the historical society must be very active. Memories flood back when I travel near my friends' homes. The hospital was being built when I was just a little girl. We bought L.H.F. bricks whenever we went to town. I am sorry about the fire, but the citizens have continued to work hard and the town looks prosperous. I love the historical park and the arts centre. My brother and his family play in the Ingersoll Pipe Band so I often come to Ingersoll on parade day."

The biggest changes, in her eyes, are the lack of a movie theatre and the new buildings including the malls. "People and the way they see me and the churches never change." "Ingersoll will always be my 'home town'. When I visit, memories come flooding back to me of the happy times when I was a child and a teenager."

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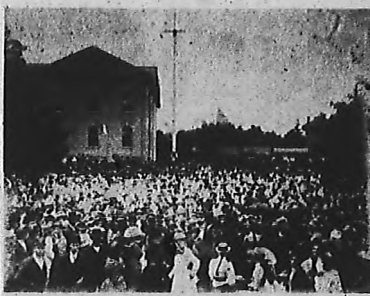
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Can anyone tell us what this celebration is all about? This Huggill photograph was taken at Central School. It must be a holiday occasion; look at all the Union Jacks! While the children are waving flags, the adults seem to be awaiting for someone -- or something.

Photo courtesy of David Gibson, author of the Huggill Chronicles.

David Gibson's book, *The Huggill Chronicles*, is filled with Ingersoll history. It is available at a number of outlets here, including *The Ingersoll Times*.

If you have pictures or articles you would like included in this feature, please bring them to *The Ingersoll Times*.



NOSTALGIC NOTES

Ingersoll is into the third month of its year-long Bi-Centennial celebration.

The Ingersoll Times is taking a very active part in this celebration.

Already pictures and stories are coming in for us to share with readers in our exciting Bi-Centennial Special Edition which will be published this month. This paper is for YOU and *The Ingersoll Times* wants you to feel part of it. If you have a special story that should be told or a picture you know others would enjoy too, why don't you bring it in to us? We will see that you get your picture back.

Bonnie Mott, Bi-Centennial editor, will be in *The Times* office every Thursday and will be happy to talk to you about your suggested stories. No appointment is necessary on Thursdays.

Mott is extremely enthused about the project and notes, "There are so many memories, so many stories out there! I am really proud to be part of a newspaper that is going to record those stories and pictures for this and future generations. I hope that I am swamped on Thursdays with Ingersoll and former Ingersoll folk coming in to wave pictures at me and share memories of our history."

Copy and pictures not used in the souvenir edition will be used throughout the year in a specially designated section of *The Ingersoll Times*.

The class of 1946/47

BY J.C. HERBERT

Do you remember the old Ingersoll Collegiate Institute; the cold and windy gymnasium, the bell in the tower at the entrance to the school, the small fifth form by the principal's office, taking shop and home economics at Victory Memorial School?

If you do perhaps you are entitled to old age pension! Perhaps these jollings will bring back memories. The teaching staff consisted of one neophyte principal and experienced staff. They were: W.C. Wilson, R.C. Brogden, Ethel Barber, Estelle Carney, J.G. (Pat) Clement, J.R. Cryderman, Lillian Dobson, Fernie Goodson, Edna Kennedy, Verne McCausland and Jean Sutherland. Mrs. Jean Simpson was a most efficient secretary with no office. There were 233 students enrolled; 55 from the country. I believe the fee was \$2.00 for country pupils, while the principal had to collect. Even then, the school was nearing the over-crowding stage. Boys and girls had to enter the school by separate entrances, and they had separate cloak rooms. All books had to be carried, since there were no lockers.

In spite of not having a suitable gymnasium, boys and girls basketball teams were able to compete with neighboring schools and played their home games in the St. James' Anglican Church's gymnasium. Members of the senior boys team were: Carman Mutt,

John Berlin, Don Marty, Bob Jewett, Lloyd Alter, Gus Tatalus, Mac Vannatter, Lester and Joe Kurzman, Eric Wadsworth and Merle Harvey. W.C. Wilson was the coach.

The girls team coached by Miss Sutherland and Mrs. Clement were: Marge Clark, Sally Fleet, Ruth Daniel, Bernice Martin, Helen Matthews, Jean McArthur, Norene Heaney, Dorothy and Jean Barnes, Janet Moore, Marjorie Wilson, Eileen Waring and Gloria Armit.

Although the ICI rugby team was defeated 63-0 in an exhibition game by a DeLassalle team from London, an experienced senior WOSSA team (does anyone remember this game!) they made a respectable showing against St. Marys, Delhi, Tillsonburg and other schools. Victoria Park had to be used for practice and games. That year, the cheerleaders were Pat Ferris, Helen Matthews and Dorothy Barnes. Betty Allen was elected president of the Athletic Society and Don Martyn of the boys' society. The school had an active debating club. Officers were: Terry Heaney, Tom Douglas and Jim Chisholm. Jack McDougall was the president of the literary society. Field day champion for the girls were: Margaret Dron, Pat Ferris, Norene Heaney and Dorene Simpson. Boys were: Len and Bob Connor, Dennis McCusdy and Mac Vannatter. A total of \$342 plus books, medals and trophies, were awarded to students. The Kiwanis Citizenship awards were given to Alice Ashman and Don Martyn. Alice was also the editor

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CRIME OF THE WEEK

Sometime between 10:45pm on February 13 and 1:23am on February 14, a driver's side window was smashed on a vehicle parked at the Silver Dollar Bingo parlour, 171 Ingersoll Rd. A briefcase containing cash receipts and a large number of lottery tickets was stolen. The value of the stolen property is \$7,275.

If you have any information on persons committing these types of crimes or any other crime, call Oxford Crime Stoppers at 425-TIPS (8477) or 421-TIPS (8477). Crime Stoppers callers never have to identify themselves or give evidence in court, and are eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

Ingersoll police report

A Concession Street resident reported a break and enter at her home, February 26. A basement window was kicked in to gain entry. Nothing was stolen and there are no suspects.

An Ingersoll Street N. resident reported an attempted break and enter at his home. A rear basement window was opened.

THEFTS

Hand and power tools were reported stolen from an apartment on Bond Street, February 23, while under construction work.

A gym bag containing Sega Genesis and nine games was reported stolen at the Gibraltar Trade Centre, February 25.

Wartime artifacts on display at The Ingersoll Times office

BY YVONNE HOLMES MOTT

Considerable interest is being shown in the *Ingersoll Times* showcase display of wartime artifacts belonging to Flight Lieutenant Joe Wilson of the Royal Air Force.

Wilson, who commanded a radar station in Cyprus is a well-known Ingersoll businessman. His late father was once the Mayor of Ingersoll.

The display ranges from a copper plate from Egypt to a "muckle coo" from Scotland. Elephants from Bombay share space with a silver jubilee plate from Wales. Juxtaposed to Wilson's own photograph of the Sphinx (with its nose shot off by Napoleon) is his wartime ration card.

The displays will be changed every three weeks as part of the *Ingersoll Times* Bi-Centennial observances. Residents are welcome to drop in often to view the exhibits and anyone wishing to set up a display is invited to contact Yvonne Mott on Thursdays.

Euchre

The following are euchre results from a tourney held at branch #119 of the Royal Canadian Legion last Thursday night.

Ladies: First - Alma Kittinger, 62 points and eight lone hands; second - Lillian Snow, 58 and

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Men's high - Bruce Ferguson, 60; second place - Doug Selkirk, 59.

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BY TIA CHIERICOS

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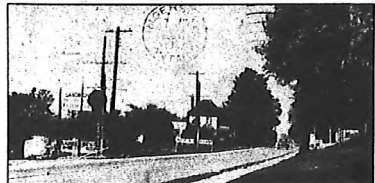
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This photo is a mighty show of strength. The year is unknown, but the fellows standing proudly by their vehicles are identified. Left to right: Vic Cecchin, Charlie Armstrong, John Frustrai, Nello Odorico, Alvin Parker, Bill Brewer and Bob Paton. The Gypsum Lime and Alabastine trucks are clearly marked. (Photo courtesy Ruth Stewart).



Remember when No. 2 highway used to look like this? The post card was mailed in August, 1943 and the postage was three cents. The card was addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ingham. (Photo courtesy Ruth Stewart).

Book-signing planned at Ingersoll Times office

By YVONNE HOLMES MOTT

Dave Stone's second book, *The Lake Eric Quadrangle*, will see its Canadian launching during Midnight Madness in Ingersoll, Friday, Nov. 25.

The book will be launched from the offices of *The Ingersoll Times* on that date.

Stone and Times publisher Freeman Farrington completed arrangements Friday. The launching will take the form of an autograph party and reception at the Times office from 2-5 p.m. and 6-10 p.m.

Stone's first book, *Long Point: Last Port of Call*, was released by Boston Mills Press in 1988 and was also launched in Ingersoll. It has sold over 11,000 copies and is now in its third printing.

Stone and his co-author, professor David Frew of Gannon University, agree that the second book is going to be even better than the first one.

The Lake Eric Quadrangle is 2,500 square miles and is located within Lake Erie's central basin. It extends from Connecticut to Barcelona on the U.S.A. shore and from Port Burwell to Nanticoke on the Canadian shore. The book states, "The dangers and mysteries of the Bermuda Triangle pale by comparison with the Lake Eric Quadrangle."

Frew describes himself as an Erie native who is "a Canadian nut."

He teaches organizational psychology to graduate students in the M.B.A. program.

Asked how a professor of psychology in the U.S.A. became connected with The Beachcomber of Long Point, Frew replied that he fell in love with sailing.



Dave Stone

He added that he had always loved Eric's Presqu'ile and even as a kid was fascinated with water.

In the mid '70s he and his wife with their three kids crossed the lake and spent a month in the ports and bays on the Canadian side.

In 1978, Dave Stone created his now famous chart of ship wrecks. That year Frew was sitting in a restaurant in Long Point. Their son, who had gone outside, came bursting back into the restaurant saying, "Dad, you've got to see this." He then dragged his dad down the street to see the map.

"It took me eight years to meet that guy," said Frew, "but we have become good friends and enjoyed working on the book together."

All Ingersoll residents should share in the pride of having a fellow Ingersoll resident achieve this stature," he said. "We are looking forward to the autograph signing party with a great deal of anticipation and we invite residents to come and enjoy the day and view Mr. Stone's artifacts which he has so generously provided for the occasion."

Remembrance Day service scheduled

The annual Remembrance Day memorial service will be held Thursday, Nov. 11, beginning with a parade that leaves Market Square at 10:15 a.m. sharp.

The parade will march to First Baptist Church for a service at 10:30 a.m. This will be followed with the ceremony in Memorial Park at 11 a.m.

Ingersoll mayor Brian Rodenhurst will give a civic address, and Lieutenant Ian McDonough of the Salvation Army will offer a message.

Also taking part will be Rev. Louise Peters of St. James' Anglican Church, Rev. Dr. Lonnie Atkinson of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Rev. Thom Belsford of First Baptist, the Ingersoll Pipe Band, and Branch 119 of the Royal Canadian Legion.

The day of remembrance marks the observance of those eventful days of the two Great World Wars and the Korean War when, after years of bitter struggle, "intense conflict and terrible sacrifice of precious human lives, the cease fire sounded."

"We can assure them anew their sacrifice was not in vain and we can receive from them renewed inspiration to hold high the torch of idealism in a difficult and sorely perplexed world," says the order of service for Remembrance Day.

"We remember these heroic men and women, who at the call of duty so bravely fought and suffered in their country's cause; we remember today those who laid down their lives. . . . May we learn the lesson of their sacrifice and may we realize there are still great causes worth living for and worth dying for, and may our daily lives and our public policies be worthy of our glorious dead."



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and we hope to give a little something back by being part of the downtown revitalization," he said. Praising the efforts that have been made to improve the downtown with plants, benches and trees, he added "somebody has to start adding other things and I hope that is what we will be doing."

McArthur said he thinks Ingersoll is just about ready to move forward - at a moderate pace. "I would hate it to become a boom town because it would spoil the atmosphere. We've attracted new industry and new housing and the population is growing. It is looking good."

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The dedication and expertise of my campaign team have been inspirational. They have worked late into the evening on many occasions and have made many personal sacrifices for the Liberal cause. I am indebted to them for their efforts and resilience.

I must also thank my wife, Tove, who has been a great help with the campaign and, as always, a source of strength for me.

Our campaign platform spoke of the need for government to be responsive to the people they work for; that our environment must be nurtured and protected; that our nation can achieve more by working together than by working apart. My commitment to these beliefs did not end on election night.

The Liberal Party has pledged to attack our debt and deficit as a percentage of the GDP. Unemployment will be tackled with an aggressive program of co-operative infrastructure development, national apprenticeship training, increased research and development, and a Youth Corps. This will help ensure that all Canadians, but particularly our youth are obtaining the skills they require. The Liberal government will draw upon the knowledge and experience of Jean Chretien, Paul Martin Jr., Sheila Copps, Joe Fontana and many other dedicated Liberals to represent Canada's interests in ongoing FTA and NAFTA negotiations.

To those who supported my candidacy, I am most grateful for your confidence in me. For those who supported other candidates and other political philosophies, you have my respect and my promise that your concerns and views will not be forgotten.

Along with my staff in Oxford and Ottawa, I will work hard to ensure that the concerns of the citizens of Oxford County and Burford Township are addressed. Your views will be heard in the Liberal caucus.

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St. Charles Condensing Co. Football Team

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H. Land; middle row: C. Clark, J. Milne, captain; L. Henderson, J. Cray, A. Trench; front row: C. Woolson, C. Smith, J. Clark, A. Clark, F. Houghton, E. Ellery. (Photo courtesy of Dave Fitzmaris)



What an idyllic scene. This beautiful postcard of the Carroll Street Bridge, over the River Thames, was mailed to J.S. Jelous at Swaseburg in 1929. Signed by Annie Bears, the writer, obviously in reply to a query, answered there is indeed to be a show next week and a different one for four weeks. Joe Mead explains that this portion of Carroll Street became Mutual Street. He adds that this is one of the bridges that went out in the flood of 1937. (Photo courtesy of Joe Mead)

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It seems that Mr. Carroll owned the east side of Carroll Street and J. D. Crotty owned the west side of the street. The problem allegedly, was that the men could not agree on where the property line was.

Finally, it seems town officials stepped in and said if the men could not solve the dispute themselves, it would be solved for them.

The two owners met and discussed their problem. By "mutual agreement" they came to a decision about the location of the property line. Mr. Carroll's property ended at Charles Street and Mr. Crotty named his section of the road "Mutual Street."

The story was told to *The Ingersoll Times* by Joe Mead, who believes this all took place some time around 1910.

Photo identified

Joe Mead has answered a number of questions about last week's 1929 photo of the Ingersoll Machine & Tool Company.

Among those identified besides Harry Whitwell are Jim Spaven, Jack Boynton, Ralph Bowman, C. K. Dykeman, Earl Wisson, Gordon Hill, Art Nunn, Bob Wisson, Harry Allen and "Pop" Olmstead.

Mead has also answered the questions about the two ladies in the picture. He explains they were Beulah Sandick, later Mrs. George Smith, and Doris Bagall, two very efficient secretaries. The car at the right of the photo belonged, says Mead, to Fred Adams who was plant superintendent under E. A. Wilson. It is a 1929 Hudson.

Correction

A story which appeared on front page of last week's *Times* stated town employees will be allowed to wash their vehicles for \$1 at the

PUC. In fact, only PUC workers may receive this service. *The Times* regrets the error.

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School. Shown in this photo with her class of 19... Miss Heenan is slated to be one of the guests of honor at the Ward School Reunion to be held May 15. (Photo courtesy of Mae Fuller)



INGERSOLL... Memories of Oxford on the Thames



I.C.I. 79 years ago

This marvellous photo of an Ingersoll Collegiate Institute classroom is a treasure. Can anyone identify any of the students? The picture was taken in October 1913. I.D.C.I. and I.C.I. graduates from all over will be converging on the town for the May 15 weekend reunion.

Do you remember?.....

The face of Charles Street West has changed over the years too! Do you remember Haley's Service Station next to the Library... Brown and Kerr's Chrysler dealership... Ingersoll Farm Equipment... Staples Bicycle repair... the old arena... when Mutual Street was almost a "no man's land"... the New Idea

Furnice... Shabby Knitwear... The old Legion building (and the war brides being greeted there at a special reception)... Jim Laury service station... the Dominion Gas office... Kestle's car dealership (then Righty's, then Millers, now Glassford Motors)...? Do you remember Fred George's Cold Storage on Oxford

Street... the Ingersoll Armouries on Charles Street East... Pulton's Coal Yard on King St. West... Acker's Coal Yard on St. Andrew Street... Daniels Coal Yard on Belle Street... Murray's Coal Yard on Victoria Street... Huron Clark's Restaurant... Little Ambulance, the Ingersoll Casket Factory?

What ever happened to....

Ruth Douglas Patstone

Ruth Douglas Patstone has enjoyed her career as a university chaplain.

Jack and Audrey Douglas are her parents and her childhood address was 316 Oxford Street. She attended Princess Anne and Victory Memorial Schools prior to IDCI. "Growing up" was the most memorable thing she did in this town which she left in 1970.

In addition to her active career, she enjoys canoeing, sailing, hiking and music.

Family members include husband Douglas Patstone, daughter Rachelle and son-in-law Karl Nerstrom; and son Daniel. Although she only "passes through" Ingersoll when she comes this way she finds the biggest change is that she no longer knows the people on the street. What has remained the same? The maple trees on Oxford Street - love them!

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1 pm - 9 pm, May 11, 1993
9 am - 5 pm, May 12, 1993

Woodland Cultural Centre (Orientation Room)
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Other topics of interest to your community will be discussed at these hearings. These discussions will help shape the Commission's final recommendations. You owe it to yourself to be informed.

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Readers are invited to drop into *The Ingersoll Times* to see the new showcase display. This month's feature is part of the fascinating collection of old iron belonging to Grenville Douglas. The Douglas collection includes charcoal irons, a Chinese iron, toy irons and many others. Each article is labelled and catalogued. The showcase display is an ongoing part of *The Times* participation in bicentennial celebrations.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOL REUNION

The community responsible for the preparation of a school reunion, extend in you as a former and present student/staff member, the warmest greetings. We are planning the first school homecoming, to take place on May 15, 1993, and hope that you make plans to attend. Much thought has been given and preparation made to make this day a memorable one. Lunch on this day will be provided by the Parent's Association of the school and will be most tasty. The Registration and Souvenir Form is below. Please return to us stating the number in your party, so that preparations may be made for all. Also on this form is the proposed Agenda for the day.

REGISTRATION and SOUVENIR FORM

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Memories of



Principal William Briden.

What does a school principal do on his day off? He minds the kids! William Briden, principal of Ingersoll Collegiate Institute from 19 to 19 was also a summer resident at Keewadin Island, Muskoka Lake. Here he sits with his daughter, Helen, while his wife and neighbors busy themselves with Monday's washing chores. This Edgar Huggill photo is particularly timely with the approaching IDCI reunion. (Courtesy David Gibson)



The occasion was the official opening of the second nine holes of the Ingersoll Golf and Country Club in 1963. Norm Greer is at the microphone and other familiar faces at the ceremonies include Harold and Grace Uren, Grant Small, Louise and Gordon Pittock, R.A. Stone, Ross Fawster and Bill Hawkins. (File photo)

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...

Donna (Simpson) Ernest

The big green house at 156 Charles Street West was home to Donna Ernest as a child. She lived there with her parents Mark and Jean Simpson and attended Victoria Memorial School and IDCI. She left Ingersoll in 1952.

When Ernest isn't at work at MacLean Hunter Paving in Chatham she relaxes by fishing or knitting.

Family members, besides her mother, include her sister Dorene and her brother Bob.

A frequent visitor to Ingersoll, she lists vacant stores and lots and the new mini malls as the biggest changes she sees.

Current address:
121 Sandin Street
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Carol Steele Stucke McNeely

Carol recalls fondly how much she enjoyed her teenage years here and especially the dances at the first hall and the YMCA. She lived with her parents John and Lois Steele at 76 Charles Street East. She attended VMS and IDCI. She left Ingersoll in 1965.

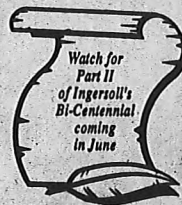
Carol has had a successful career as a hairdresser and is currently employed at the Searl Salon in Kingston. Hobbies include skiing, doll making and painting.

Her family includes three sisters, Elaine Messenger, Marilyn Ponting and Cathy Bechard.

Visiting Ingersoll three or four times a year, she sees it as bigger and cleaner. The Cami plant is a big change. To her, the town is still good to the kids entertainment wise.

Carol adds, "I always meet someone who remembers me. It's a nice friendly feeling."

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Anyone who doubts Ingersoll's Pipe Band has a long history needs only to look at this 1913 photo of the Naxon Pipe Band. The only members identified are Tom Johnson and Jack Little. (File photo)



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This distinguished group of gentlemen will prod many memories. The former Public Schools' Board of Education gathered to honor retiring Principal M. Walton in 1942. Among the trustees are George Clifton (front row, second from left) and Elmer Chisholm (front row, second from right). Readers will recognize other well known trustees gathered for the occasion. (Photo courtesy of Bruce Borland)

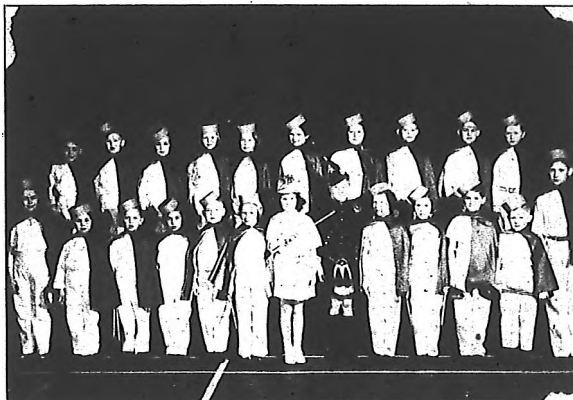


INGERSOLL... Memories of Oxford on the Thames

Savage identifies photo

Frank Savage, former Grand Master of the Oddfellows Lodge of Ontario, has identified the band picture displayed on page two last week. The photo was loaned by Bruce and Marie Borland.

That picture must be 100 years old, says Savage. He recognizes it as the old Ingersoll Orange Lodge Fife and Drum Band. "It was an active band and participated in many parades in Ingersoll and in other centres," explains Savage, adding that he had researched some records to get the information.



This photo was probably taken on the stage of the Sunday School at St. James Anglican Church. That was where Victory Memorial School students would stage concerts for their parents. The rhythm band was always part of the program and this 1941 photo shows many students, proudly posing in their caps and capes. Back row: Bill Cartwright, Fred Galpin, Donna Simpson, Dorothy Bain, Helen Jacobs, Yvonne Holmes, Ruth Tribe, Don McNiwen, Harold Celling and Jack Martinelle. Front row: Merna O'Field, Winnie Afsop, Bill Turner, Jean Griffen, Jack McNiwen, Madeline Statham, Joan Cottey, Bob Collins, Marilyn Palmer, Joan Wisson, Bill Moore, Bill Martijelle and Raymond Downing.

Correction

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Local woman writing history of town's well-known doctors

These six fine gentlemen were at one time known to everyone in Ingersoll. And no wonder! They looked after the entire town. Pat Newman, of Alexandra Hospital's Board of Trustees is writing a

history of these doctors who served their community so well for so long. She would appreciate hearing from anyone who has anecdotes or stories to tell about their dedication and care. Left in right in this photo, taken May 1,

1950, are: back row - Dr. Harry Furlong, Dr. Charles Cornish, Dr. Jethro Cautery; front row - Dr. George Emery, Dr. Jack Rowsum, Dr. Cecil Osborne. (Photo courtesy Eleanor Cornish Wood).



A former Ingersoll resident, Carl Mallard, now of Toronto, was guest of honor at an 80th birthday party in Toronto last weekend. The party, attended by over 125 guests, was held in Mallard's own hangar at the Toronto International Airport. John Matthews of Ingersoll, who was a guest at the party brought back a copy of this photo that formed part of the decorations in the hangar. The picture was taken in front of Mallard's feed store and flour and grist mill about 1930. The large building, next in what is now Harvest Trends, has been demolished. Mallard operated a successful business there until he was bitten by the flying bug and enjoyed a life long career in the skies. (Photo courtesy John Matthews).

Anglican minister getting married

Wedding bells will ring on New Year's Day 1994 for the minister at St. James' Anglican Church in Ingersoll. Rev. Louise Peters is planning to marry Rev. Bruce Chalmers, chaplain of Huron College, University of Western Ontario in London, on Jan. 1 next year at 7 p.m.

Joe Balfour impossible to replace

Base drummer Joe Balfour was an impressive sight. Tall and always perfectly erect, he was once described as "the most spectacular bass drummer in Canada". When the Ingersoll Pipe Band referred to him in their 50th anniversary program, in May 1960, they noted "His flawless performance was always a highlight of the band and when he was forced to retire a few years ago, his position has been impossible to fill".

Balfour's daughter, Katherine Foster, has detailed some biographical data about her father that will be of interest to all who remember the kindly, quiet spoken, but determined gentleman.

Born June 4, 1896 in Tayport, Fifehire, Scotland. He trained as a drummer in the Scots Guards and served in both World War I and World War II. In 1926, with his wife Margaret (Maggie) and infant daughter Helen, Joe Balfour emigrated to Canada. They settled in Niagara Falls and then later moved to Strathroy. While in Strathroy, Joe went to hear a pipe band one night. He came home excited, telling Maggie how he had met Alex Collins and some of the Ingersoll Pipe Band. Not only had he met with them he had played with them! On top of that the band wanted him to move to Ingersoll so he could become part of the Ingersoll Pipe Band.

Legend is that Maggie was missing her mother, who lived in Niagara Falls, terribly. When she was told about the offer, her immediate question was "Where is Ingersoll?" Joe's clever reply was that he was not sure, but he did know it was about 50 miles closer to Niagara Falls. Needless to say, Maggie agreed to come to Ingersoll.

The band members went to Strathroy and moved Joe, Maggie and Helen to Ingersoll in 1928. The band had also found them an apartment and then assisted Joe in securing employment at the Coles Furniture Factory.

Joe not only played with the Ingersoll Pipe Band, but was a most spectacular bass drummer, until health problems forced him to retire in 1957.

Among these he had trained were his son-in-law Martin



Brooks and a young high school student by the name of Gill MacKay. Joe was always very proud of their accomplishments with the band.

Joe and Maggie made their permanent home in Ingersoll and became valued members of the community. Their family included Helen (Paddon), now of Woodstock, Jane (Brooks) and Katherine (Foster). They were

proud of Ingersoll and happy to raise their three daughters here.

In addition to his family and work obligations, Joe also was a member of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 119 Ingersoll. He died, at the age of 82, in 1978.

Maggie, now 92 years old, resides at the Oxford Regional Nursing Home. She is known for her warmth and her wit as well as her devotion to her family.

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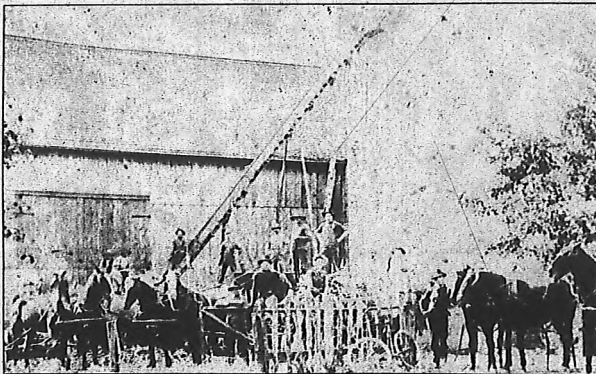
Why go to Florida? someone had written under this photo. No wonder! Wm. Churchouse, Hal McBain, Fred Walley, Charles Cook, J. Wade, The lawn bowlers were enjoying the sun on January 14, 1932. These John Weir, Thomas Hutchison. Front row, Wm. McKay, John Groves. Well-known gentlemen are part of Ingersoll's history. Left to right, they (photo courtesy of J.C. Herbert) are B. B. McCarty, Dr. L. Staples, William Veale, T. R. Mayberry.

Battle of Britain service planned

Sunday, Sept. 19, will mark the annual observance of the Battle of Britain, conducted by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 119 Ingersoll.

Ingersoll Pipe Band will head a parade which will form at the C.I.L. hall diamond at 1:30 p.m., and march to the Field of Honor at the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery where the service will take place at 2 p.m. Ingersoll was well represented in that crucial period of the war and thanks are owed to the heroic efforts of those who were killed in action, those shot down and taken prisoner, those who were wounded and survived; and to those who came home after the war to take their place in the business life of the country.

"The passing years should not dim the memory of those heroic men in blue and their tremendous contribution to the cause of freedom for all" said Jack Warden, public relations officer for Branch 119. "All local veterans, navy, army and air force are urged to attend this service and those who can join the marching parade under Parade Marshall Bill Hawkins of Branch 119, he said. "The color parties from neighboring units will testify to the spirit of comradeship and



The way they used to do it! This circa 1908 site-filling took place at the farm of Frank Gregg, Concession 2, Lot 10, Durham. The farm is now owned by Glen Bartram. Pictured are Frank Gregg, Rache Tuttle, Dal Haycock, John Dickout, Tom McBeth, Joe Dickout, John Servide, Angus Haycock, George Bartram (fifth from left side), Ethel Gregg Servide, Lulu Gregg Bell. (photo courtesy of Glen Bartram)

reverence inherent in all veterans' said Warden.

When the bugle sounds "The Last Post", the ensuing silence brings to mind the "Legion comment "They shall not grow old as we who are

left grow old/Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn/ At the going down of the sun and in the morning/We shall remember them" This will mark the thirtieth-year that Ingersoll Branch 119 of the

Royal Canadian Legion has held the Battle of Britain memorial service. Warden stresses that "the continued support of area residents and other Legion branches is essential to ensure, the ongoing tradition of honor and remembrance."

Seeking ancestral information:

Two gentlemen from the U.S.A. spent considerable time in Ingersoll last week.

Don Collins of California and his brother Russ, of Michigan, were in town seeking information about their ancestors Israel Collins Senior and Junior.

The Collins brothers found the tombstones and burial places for their great great great grandparents and their great great grandparents in the Mount Elgin cemetery. Both brothers spoke highly of the co-operation they received from staff at the Ingersoll Public Library and the Ingersoll Cheese Museum. Collins also spoke with historian Everett Wilson of Salford and met with Ingersoll historian J. C. Herbert.

Don and Russ Collins are anxious to hear from anyone who can tell them about their families or the family background. They know about the Collins' children but have been unable to learn if there were

any brothers or sisters in either generation. They also hope to learn more about what life was like in this area during the period they are researching.

Israel Collins Senior was buried in 1844 and Israel Junior in 1877. Any written information left with The Ingersoll Times will be forwarded to the Collins brothers.



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What ever happened to...

All evidence to the contrary, *The Ingersoll Times* is not conducting a personal vendetta against Elizabeth McCallum.

We were very pleased to run the What ever Happened to... column about Ms. McCallum. We regret that the picture did not run with it as planned. Her current address is not California, but is RRI, Paris, Cal.

A veritable epidemic of publishing errors has attacked every attempt *The Times* has made to recognize McCallum as a respected former Ingersollite.

We appreciate her graciousness and tolerance and we apologize for the errors.



ELIZABETH McCALLUM

"Press on" at museum

Press On is the name of the new exhibit at the Cheese Factory Museum. Featuring the fascinating iron collection of Grngville Douglas, the display was being set up yesterday and will be ready for viewing by the public on Heritage Day, June 12.

Douglas' outstanding collection drew much admiration when it was on view at *The Times* office. His antique irons date back hundreds of

years and many will never have been seen by viewers before.

Museum curator Shirley Lovell is excited about the display and feels it is an extremely appropriate one for Heritage Days.

Lovell said the Cheese Factory Museum will be open for the Heritage weekend and then will be open for the summer, from July 1 to August 2 from 10am to 6pm, or by appointment.

The cavalry has arrived!

Firearms, medals, cavalry drill books, a canteen and an officer's sword are only some of the intriguing items in *The Ingersoll Times* showcase display this month.

The interesting artifacts are on display courtesy of Bernie Rose-year of Ingersoll, Colonel of the Michigan cavalry regiment that will be taking part in Heritage Days this weekend. Interspersed with these items are a number of intriguing items taken of the cavalry officers at various functions.

And your eyes are not playing tricks on you; that is President Lincoln and General Custer and Wild Bill Cody!



INGERSOLL... Memories of Oxford on the Thames

Readers will note that more space has been allotted on page 2 for biennial features. This move has been made in response to the overwhelming interest shown in features and pictures published by *The Ingersoll Times* since January.

It is also part of the commitment made to make *The Times* an active partner in the community's year-long celebration of its 200th anniversary.

Watch *The Ingersoll Times* for many more biennial stories in various special editions and on page 2.

Borden Co. Ltd. April 1952

Who will ever forget the pride Ingersoll always had in the Borden Company? Who will ever forget the Borden whistle summoning employees back to work and at the same time reminding students they should be heading back to school? This picture, taken in 1952 is a real treasure and is complete, with names. Back row: G. Johnson, R. Hoare, E. Ellis, C. McBeth, D. Manser, J. Dent, T. Wilson, G. Cheatham, D. Flenniken, M. Cass, B. Campbell, B. McCurdy, D. Rennie, R. Bowman, F. Howe, Hap Johnson and B. Hutchison. Centre row: E. Cooper, R. Powell, L. Haycock, E. Beecham, D. Clendenning, B. Vye, H. Law, D. Dunlop, G. Milson, T. Furton, D. Biddick, D. Griffin, L. Allison, K. Milson, H. Kenny, C. Anderson, N. Watmough, H. Maher and L. Hunt. Front row: B. Craighhead, B. Hart, J. Johnson, J. Lockhart, B. Eckhardt, J. McArter, J. Cole, R. Hutt, B. Barham, L. Hyden, B. James, S. Keough, W. Heslop, J. McArter, M. Howe, S. Barnes, F. Furness, and D. Clendenning. (Photo courtesy of Jack Cole)

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Many Ingersoll residents will remember Ralph Gibson at the Ingersoll Post Office. Some will even remember his father Sam Gibson, who was the postmaster until the late 1940s. Does anyone remember Sam's father, Joe Gibson, who was postmaster prior to him?

This picture of Ingersoll Postmaster Joe Gibson, who has a real fish story to tell, was actually taken in front of the post office at Port Keeswaydin, Muskoka Lake. The photo was taken by Ingersoll photographer Edgar H. Huggill, who was postmaster at Port Keeswaydin for 50 summers.

Joe Gibson was the Mayor of Ingersoll in 1886. He lived at the southwest corner of Nixon and Wellington Streets. (Photo courtesy of David Gibson, author of *The Huggill Chronicles*.)

Last week's column should have featured this photo of postmaster Joseph Gibson. We hope you'll forgive us and enjoy the pictures this week!

Last week's nostalgic photo of Stella Wally Ferguson was loaned to *The Ingersoll Times* by David Gibson. Mr. Gibson, author of *The Huggill Chronicles* has loaned a large number of photos from his Huggill Collection to *The Ingersoll Times* for use throughout the celebration of Ingersoll's Bi-Centennial.



Who are these lovely ladies? That's what Yvonne and Ernie Hunt would like to know. The picture is one of several found in a veritable treasure box of memorabilia from Yvonne's family home, the estate of the late Peter and Eleanor Shuman. It is believed the picture was taken in Ingersoll and it is hoped someone will be able to identify the winsome subjects. (Photo courtesy of Yvonne and Ernie Hunt)

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CRIME OF THE WEEK

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If you have any information on persons committing these types of crimes or any other crime, call Oxford Crime Stoppers at 425-TIPS (8477) or 421-TIPS (8477). Crime Stoppers callers never have to identify themselves or give evidence in court, and are eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

NOSTALGIC NOTES

Ingersoll is into the second month of its year-long Bi Centennial celebration.

The Ingersoll Times is taking a very active part in this celebration. Already pictures and stories are coming in for us to share with readers in our exciting Bi-Centennial Special Edition which will be published in March. This paper is for YOU and *The Ingersoll Times* wants you to feel part of it. If you have a special story that should be told or a picture you know others would enjoy too, why don't you bring it in to us? We will see that you get your picture back.

Bonnie Mott, Bi-Centennial editor will be in *The Times* office every Thursday and will be happy to talk to you about your suggested stories. No appointment is necessary on Thursdays.

Mott is extremely enthused about the project and notes, "There are so many memories, so many stories out there! I am really proud to be part of a newspaper that is going to record these stories and pictures for this and future generations. I hope that I am swamped on Thursdays with Ingersoll and former Ingersoll folk coming in to wave pictures at me and share memories of our history."

Copy and pictures not used in the souvenir edition will be used throughout the year in a specially designated section of *The Ingersoll Times*.

Oxford Quilting Guild

Bonnie Wilson, an Oxford Fibre Arts addition of the Creative Quilters Guild member, showed her fellow members how to make a heart-shaped Victorian Chateleine and a five inch high Sweet Heart rabbit. Gertrude Hendershot and Yvonne Harrington were the winners of this month's spool block draw. Since last month's gathering tables, a telephone and teacher's Board have been added to the new

Fibre Arts addition of the Creative Arts Centre.

Members are encouraged to join in the fundraiser Shoe Box all day quilting projects. Sew your own quilt top, enjoy a potluck lunch and support the centre's building fund on February 18 at the centre. Next month's meetings are: March 3, 7pm - 9:30pm and March 4, 9:30am - noon.

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Ingersoll police report

A pistol was reported left in a blue recycling box on John Street on February 2. The gun turned out to be a pellet gun left by mistake and was returned to the house.

Damage to a brick landing at the rear of Candice Cigar Store on Thames Street S. was reported February 2. The incident is under investigation.

The Ingersoll Public Utilities Commission reported a stolen hydro meter from the VIA Rail station on Thames Street N. over-night on February 3.

A Charles Street E. resident reported hearing two loud gunshots coming from the area, February 3. The source of the noise was undetermined, possibly fire-crackers.

JDCI reunion plans underway

New events for the Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute's reunion were discussed last Wednesday night at a committee meeting.

Activities for the three-day weekend event will start off with decade-period classrooms open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A wine and cheese social will be held on Saturday, May 15, between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

A brunch will be held Sunday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., perhaps with some famous Ingersoll natives as guest speakers.

Committees are being formed for advertising, events, registration, athletics, brunch and memorabilia.

THEFTS

A George Street resident reported a stereo stolen from his vehicle, February 6. Tapes, money and Kenwood stereo equipment were taken, totalling \$4,000.

TOWN OF INGERSOLL PROCLAMATION "KINSMEN WEEK"

By virtue of my Office as Mayor of the Town of Ingersoll, I hereby declare the week of February 14 to 20, 1993, Kinsmen Week in our Town of Ingersoll.

Brian R. Rodenhurst
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Correction

In last week's issue the reunion date for Diaper Heights was reported as Sunday, May 15. The date should have read Saturday, May 15.

The Ingersoll Times regrets the error.

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Memories of Oxford on the Thames



Remember the McGrow Screw & Nut Company? The gentlemen sitting at the top of the stairs is John McGrow himself! The lady to the far left has been identified as his wife. It is thought the woman at the right is John's mother. Perhaps readers can identify the others? The Huggill photograph was taken at John McGrow's summer cottage on Keswain Island, Lake Muskoka.

Photos courtesy of David Gibson, author of the Huggill Chronicles.

David Gibson's book, *The Huggill Chronicles*, is filled with Ingersoll history. It is available at a number of outlets here, including *The Ingersoll Times*.



Cute isn't he? The picture was taken some 50 years ago in Ingersoll. The subject is a successful local businessman. Can you identify him? He's very well known! (Photo courtesy: cops, that would give it away! We will tell you next week.)

If you have pictures or articles you would like included in this feature, please bring them to *The Ingersoll Times*.



NOSTALGIC NOTES

Ingersoll is into the third month of its year-long Bi-Centennial celebration.

The Ingersoll Times is taking a very active part in this celebration.

Already pictures and stories are coming in for us to share with readers in our exciting Bi-Centennial Special Edition which will be published this month. This paper is for YOU, and *The Ingersoll Times* wants you to feel part of it. If you have a special story that should be told or a picture you know others would enjoy too, why don't you bring it in to us? We will see that you get your picture back.

Bonnie Mott, Bi-Centennial editor, will be in *The Times* office every Thursday and will be happy to talk to you about your suggested stories. No appointment is necessary on Thursdays.

Mott is extremely enthused about the project and notes, "There are so many memories, so many stories out there! I am really proud to be part of a newspaper that is going to record those stories and pictures for this and future generations. I hope that I am swamped on Thursdays with Ingersoll and former Ingersoll folk coming in to wave pictures at me and share memories of our history."

Copy and pictures not used in the souvenir edition will be used throughout the year in a specially designated section of *The Ingersoll Times*.

Prime Timers

RY LCU WINDSOR

The regular meeting of the Prime Timers was held on Monday, March 1 at 1:30pm in the Baptist church.

Members enjoyed a social hour of games and shuffleboard. Darlene conducted a short business meeting and several guests were welcomed.

Darlene introduced Nicole McDade from the Oxford Board of Health as the guest speaker. Nicole spoke on the upcoming for seniors, to be held at the Baptist church on Thursday, April 22. Group four was in charge of the programme. Readings were given by Claire Almas and Anne McRae. Darlene gave the blessing and lunch was served.



Earning his water wings

WATER BABES - Little Andrew Hunnicutt is seen here with his mom, learning the aquatic ropes at the Victoria Park Community Centre. (Myra Field/Photo)

Ingersoll police report

A possible hit and run was reported on March 1 at Ingersoll Street W. A vehicle was hit while parked on the street. The incident is under investigation.

An Albert Street resident reported the front of his house painted from the ground to waist level with white paint left on the porch overnight, March 1.

A complaint was received March 5 that a bucket of water was dumped on a person walking in front of Freddy's Fish and Chips.

A 22-year-old RR1, Embro man was charged with supplying liquor to minors on March 5.

THEFTS

Two GT snowcrackers were reported stolen from the back porch at a George Street residence, March 3. One white and black and one red and black snowcracker was taken. There are no suspects.

MTO to upgrade

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation has announced that it will hold a public information centre on Thursday, March 11th, 1993 from 2 to 8 p.m. at St. John's Anglican Church, Dundas Street, Thamesford.

The purpose of the centre is to give the public an opportunity to discuss the proposed changes to 1.1 km. of #2 Highway through the village of Thamesford. The project is being considered for reduced documentation as indicated in newspaper advertisements on Saturday, March 6th.

Project manager is M.H. Waterhouse, Ministry of Transportation, 659 Exeter Road, P.O. Box 5338, London, Ontario, N6A 5H2. Phone 649-3124.

A new police directional sign was reported stolen from the Charles Street E. and Mutual Street intersection, March 3.

A Cherry Street resident reported a theft from an unlocked vehicle parked at the end of the end of the driveway, March 6. A Cobra CD and high-powered emergency light were stolen.

A break and enter was reported in progress, March 6 at a gas station at 119 Charles Street E. A lone man was charged with break and enter and possession of burglary tools.

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Mayor's Chain of Office campaign well underway

The Oxford Property Tax Coalition - a fundraising drive toward the purchase of a Mayor's Chain of Office for the town's Bi-Centennial year, is well underway.

Donors' names will be inscribed on a printed scroll which will be framed and hung in the municipal office. Chemically treated paper will be used and the scroll may well be a feature of the Tri-Centennial, noted OPTCO treasurer Keith Stokes.

OPTCO's fundraising goal is set at \$2,500, with any excess donations going to another Bi-Centennial project or charity. Stokes noted that no money donated for the chain will benefit the coalition work and that no coalition membership donation will go toward the chain's purpose.

Stokes noted that donors should make cheques payable to: OPTCO - Mayor's Chain.

Donations can also be dropped off at Frank Schmid Jewellers on

Thames Street. Canfield's on Thames Street, Ingersoll Department Store on Thames Street and Millcock Printing on King Street E.

Stokes said clubs, organizations or businesses which pool donations from members or employees, will have individual names at credit if the total donation averages \$10 or more per name - otherwise a club or business' name will be used on the scroll.

Donations honoring or in memoriam will also be accepted. Donations with 'memorial' after the scroll name will be indicated.

Jessie Robins, chairperson of OPTCO, noted donations started coming in even before the donation forms were ready.

"I think we'll do very well," she said.

Robins added that it was important for donors to fill out forms carefully to ensure accuracy on the scroll.

Stolen car recovered

BURGESSVILLE - A pickup truck stolen from a Burgessville residence turned up in Brantford last week.

The 1989 GMC pickup was reported stolen March 4 during the

morning, according to Till-Embury OPP.

Two days later Brantford Police recovered the truck. Investigation into the incident is continuing.

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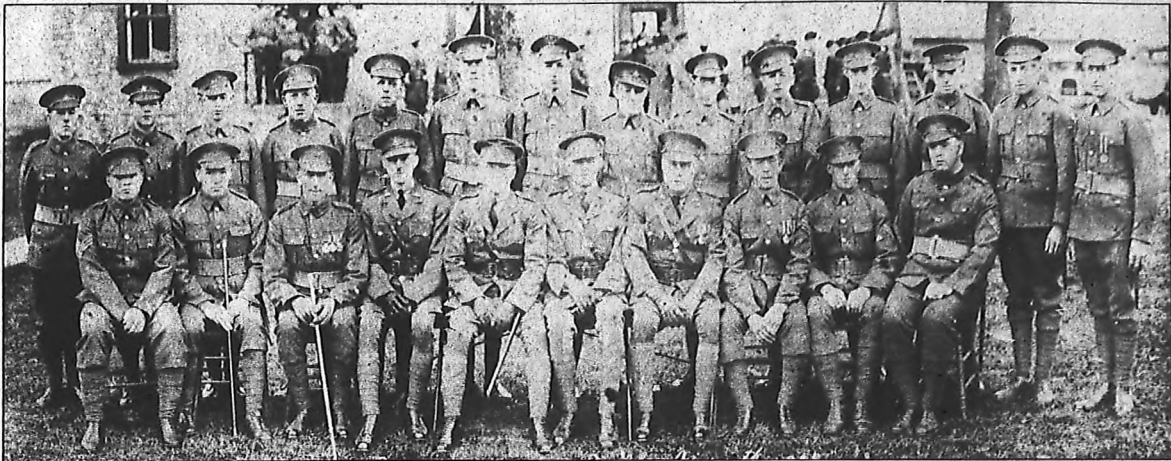
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Town does not plow subdivisions

By JEFF TRIBE

Just like some cleaners don't do windows, the Town of Ingersoll doesn't do subdivisions.

For sidewalk snowplowing, anyway, says engineer Eric Booth.

"We just don't have the time or budget to add any more," he said

during last week's public works and planning committee meeting.

"There's a bylaw in there still in effect that says you're (private citizens) supposed to do it," he added. "But since we've taken it on, we've been doing the walks we're capable of."

Booth had a town map with the route that has been plowed for several years marked, with high and low priority areas highlighted.

He reported that for an average snowfall, it takes town crews a full day to clear the current route. Adding any more sidewalks would move the process into a second day or add expense - unpalatable under the social contract.

And he added, during a major snowfall sidewalks take second place to getting the roads open. Town clerk-administrator Ted Hunt suggested that to make the situation clear, it could be incorporated into a priorities and procedures manual.

The committee report goes before council for its approval tonight.

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World War II and the horrors endured by our veterans are legend. However, one of the things that kept Canadian men and women going was their indomitable will and sense of humor. That humor is reflected in this post card sent by Major Ben Holmes from Aldershot, February 1940 to Sid Underwood of Ingersoll, a World War I veteran.



Ingersoll has a long and proud military history. Many residents will remember Lorne Healy, but it is unlikely that many have seen him in this military pose. Proudly wearing his Boer War uniform, Healy reminds us of another time, another war. He served from 1898-1899. (Photo courtesy Marie Borland).

Honor roll cost increases

(Continued from Page 1) remarks, I wonder why he made them.

Clerk-administrator Ted Hunt noted that Moyer was concerned about the \$10,000 that was allotted last year to projects suggested by the advisory committee. However, those funds went to fixing up the creek in Memorial

Park and for benches around play equipment in one of the local parks.

"We do not have the funds to do the entire list (submitted by the advisory committee)," Hunt said. The committee agreed Hunt should contact Moyer regarding the problems alluded to in his letter.

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CRIME OF THE WEEK

Sometime overnight between Sept. 19 and 20, a break, enter and theft occurred at a residence on Lansdowne Avenue in Woodstock. An unsuccessful attempt was made to enter the house through a door from the garage.

A patio door was then pried and entry was gained to the residence. The thieves entered a bedroom where the victims were sleeping, and stole a wallet.

Thirty dollars were stolen from the wallet and it was left in another room. One hundred dollars were stolen from a purse in another section of the house. A set of keys was stolen from the house and a Chrysler motor vehicle, valued at \$16,000, was stolen from the garage. The vehicle was recently recovered abandoned in the city.

A television, radio, gold watch and video cassette recorder, valued at \$1,050, were also stolen.

If you have any information on this crime or any other crime, you are requested to call Crime Stoppers at 421-TIPS (8477) or 425-TIPS (8477). Crime Stoppers callers never have to identify themselves or give evidence in court and are eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

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PC candidate off and running

Klosler campaign underway

By STRIPHAN KRISER
 MT. ELGIN - Oxford County federal Progressive Conservative candidate George Klosler held a reception for local media at his farm Monday.

Klosler said he is concerned about the environment and wants to avoid potential conflicts between candidates' overzealous campaign workers.

And instead of having a large number of campaign rooms, the Klosler campaign will concentrate its campaign offices in large centres and bridge the gap to smaller communities via a mobile campaign trailer which was unveiled Monday.

The 15-foot mobile house trailer has been custom painted in Tory blue and will make its debut at

Tiltsburg Tri-County Agricultural Fair this weekend.

Following the campaign, the unit will be outfitted as a mini museum for the local Progressive Conservative Party and will be used in local parades and events.

And during a brief question and answer period Klosler committed to honor Oxford County's voters wishes if he is elected, even if that means to stand alone in caucus.

"My first loyalty will always be to my riding," he said.

Do you remember?

By RUTH BROWN

Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial by Jury" being performed by the Ingersoll Amateur Theatre in the Old Town Hall.
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 Lorne McDougall Groceries (McKinn's annex). When this store was empty a political rally with Prime Minister MacKenzie King in a full length fur coat as guest speaker was held there.

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 chiropractors Dr. Leckie and Dr. Tuck on Charles Street West.

"Significant changes have taken place," he said, "in my short time in office Prime Minister Kim Campbell has shown she means business and made government more effective."

Federal Liberal Leader Jean Chretien was in Woodstock last week, but Klosler said once again he (Chretien) only told people what he is against, "we still don't know what he is for."

"His big thing now are youth training programs, but only business creates jobs," he said.

Klosler said he believes in a strong, market driven economy and said during his campaign he talked to a lot of angry people. "They are mad, they want more accountability and less waste and they want jobs and better value for their taxes," he said.

"People are also frustrated with our legal and justice system which places too much emphasis on criminals and not enough on the victims, welfare is being abused, it shouldn't be that people who don't work are better off than those who do work."

"I will listen to the people and I promise to take their concerns to Ottawa," said Klosler. And he announced a number of changes to the way his team will conduct the upcoming election campaign.

He announced he will not use traditional lawn signs, out of concern for the environment, instead fewer but larger so-called arterial signs measuring three by four feet will be placed at major intersections.



The Grand Trunk Railroad Station



Looking up King Street



The Public School, Thames Street



A view of Oxford Street



The Upper Dam on the Thames



Thames Street looking south

These marvellous postcards are part of the collection of Ruth Brown. They were loaned to *The Ingersoll Times* so readers could also enjoy these scenes of yesteryear. Some of the buildings no longer exist and the streets are barely recognizable. An indication of the year these photos were taken is the fact that postage in both Canada and the U.S.A. was one cent.

Eureka!

Marjorie Wilson wonders why the name of her husband, Sam Wilson, was omitted from the list of names included with the 1929 picture of the Ingersoll Machine & Tool Company.

The explanation is very simple: When people bring in photos for our Oxford-on-the-Thames page, they often do not know the names of all those in the photo. Subsequently, when readers phone to give us some names, they too, often do not know them all. *The Ingersoll Times* tries to print as many as are made available to us.

Sam's brother Earl and father Bob were identified in the picture. Sam, whose name we did not have is in the second row, sixth from left, wearing a white shirt.

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INGERSOLL... Memories of Oxford on the Thames



Remember when the Ingersoll public schools always held a May Festival? This photo shows some of the Princess Elizabeth School students in one of their performances. That's Doug Milne centre and many proud parents in the stands. No doubt some of these some students will be present at the P.E.S. reunion this weekend. The class teacher was Miss Ruth Cuthbertson. (Photo courtesy of Doug Milne)



J.C. Herbert served as principal of I.D.C.I. for 20 years. Today he is almost a legend for the firm, but fair manner in which he ran the school. The dreaded announcement "Will you please report to the office" often meant no more problem to the student than being handed a dollar and sent up town for a haircut. By the time students were seniors they all realized that their principal demanded so much of them because he cared so much. This weekend many of those students will be returning to see their alma mater and the man who became one of their best friends.

What was it?

Readers help is needed to solve a minor mystery.

What was the Composite Blue? Jean MacDougal's curiosity was piqued when she found a supply of tickets to a special event sponsored by the Composite Club. The St. Patrick's Dance was scheduled for March 13, 1963 and tickets were a whopping \$4 a couple.

Now, MacDougal is a very aware person and is puzzled that she knows nothing of the club. Meanwhile she is carrying on with her spring cleaning and hoping that an Ingersoll Times reader will solve the mystery.

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Sometime prior to April 12, 1993, a washroom at a baseball park in Burgessville was vandalized. It appears a sledge-hammer was used to smash approximately 28 cement blocks in an attempt to gain entry to the washrooms. The blocks falling inside the boys and girls washrooms caused further damage to the toilets inside. Damage to the structure is estimated at approximately \$2,000 and could have occurred anytime during the past month.

If you have any information on this crime or any other crime, you are requested to call Crime Stoppers at 421-TIPS or 425-8477. Crime Stoppers callers never have to identify themselves or give evidence in court and are eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

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INGERSOLL... Memories of Oxford on the Thames

Readers will note that more space has been allotted on page two for bicentennial features. This move has been made in response to the overwhelming interest shown in features and pictures published by *The Ingersoll Times* since January. Watch for *The Ingersoll Times* Bicentennial Edition II to be published in June.

Yvonne Holmes Mott will be in *The Times* office Thursdays to discuss story ideas and pictures.

Readers are invited to drop into *The Ingersoll Times* to see the new showcases display. This month's feature is part of the fascinating collection of old irons belonging to Grenville Douglas. The Douglas collection includes charcoal irons, a Chinese iron, toy irons and many others. Each article is labelled and catalogued. The showcase display is an ongoing part of *The Times* participation in bicentennial celebrations.

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Victory Memorial School - This photo was taken, circa 1921. The teacher has been identified as Kathleen Cuthbertson. The only students to be named are Arnold Hopkins and Carl Edmonds. (photo courtesy of Reg Tribe)

Labor council stages second part of street theatre mini-series

An on-scene briefing was the setting of the second part of a street theatre mini-series, staged yesterday morning in Woodstock by the Oxford Regional Labor Council.

The first part was held last week in Ingersoll, and the final part will be staged Oct. 19 in Woodstock.

Yesterday, the 'Fair Trade Cops' reported that their worst fears became reality: the serial killer struck again with a twin economic killing taking place. (King Equipment - 120 jobs, Harvey Woods - 600 jobs).

According to a creative 'police report' put out by the labor council, eye witnesses reported four individuals running from the scene, three men and one woman. The woman was described to be in her mid-40s and blonde, one male suspect approximately six feet tall with a distinct jaw bone, and well-dressed in a conservative suit, the second male suspect spoke with an

accent and wore a suit with a red Liberal tie.

Details on the fourth suspect are very sketchy but he appears to be less scholarly than the others and had a definite problem communicating with any degree of fluency.

All four had a very predominant lean to the right.

The Fair Trade Cop informed the crowd a psychological profile had been developed and asked the public for its assistance in tracking down the suspects.

The suspect profile notes the person believe sin deregulation, privatization, FTA, NAFTA, UIC cuts, and dismantling of medicare; supports GST, cuts to VIA Rail, education cuts, is known to attend \$1,000 a plate dinners, loves patrapage appointments, and increasing corporate welfare, and most of all has great potential of becoming a REFORMER.

The 'murder weapon' is believed to be a multi-national corporate agenda. In all cases, the victims died as a result of economic strangulation.

The Fair Trade Cop requests the public assist in stopping the serial economic killer.

"By doing this, we will protect our seniors, working Canadians, and children," he said. "In an effort to bring them to justice; any sighting, or information regarding the alleged suspects should be forwarded to the fair trade cops by calling 1-800-NO-NAFTA."

Labor council president Broderick Carey said earlier the mini-series is designed to bring to light the "economic mess resulting from NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) and Free Trade."

The labor council is concerned about what's been happening to people in this country and wanted to demonstrate this "in a creative way," he said.

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Dick Ellis' (the fire chief) harness shop at the old town hall; Jack Spittal's sign shop behind the piano factory, off St. Andrews Street.

Gib Johnson's vulcanize shop on Thames Street, next to Fleischer & Jewell; Speck Laarz vulcanize and tire shop, Charles Street East.

Harold Uren's egg business on Mutual Street.

The New Idea Furnace Factory, later Mid States Trailers, then Moto Mower, then Roper Lawn & Garden Equipment and now The Fleas Market. It was originally Norden Farm Equipment.

C.P.R., railroad to St. Marys, called "the peanut line". Clark's Turkey Ranch on the Charles Street East flats.

Bigham's Candy with John Fairbairn as candy maker and Annie McCombs and Lela Bigham as candy dippers. Earl Brown was the ice cream maker there and he used real cream.

Archie Comfoot, a refrigerator service man, Victoria Street. Cecil Vyse's wood carving shop, Cherry Street.

Craig's steam roller and ripper used to repair roads in town prior to putting down tar and chips.

William John "Bill" Langstroth, who led the parades with his baton twirling, sometimes using fire balloons.

Wig scales behind the old town hall, long gone. Eaton's cemetery memorial stones, on Tunis Street and Stan Garton's apple spraying business, Canterbury Street.

New on BIA

Sheila Mazzerolle of Sheila's Bakery on King Street West was given the nod from the administration and finance committee to fill the vacant spot on the town's Business Improvement Area (BIA).

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Hallow'en will be Oct. 31

The town public works and planning committee isn't about to play any Hallow'en tricks on the town.

The annual masquerade treat will indeed fall on Oct. 31.

The issue was brought up by councillor Dave Warden, relaying a citizen's question he had received. Despite the fact some councils have voted to change the festival from Sunday to Saturday night; he was in favor of leaving it alone.

"Let sleeping dogs lie," he said.

Mayor Brian Rodenhurst had spoken to police chief Bruce Richards on the matter and been assured the Ingersoll Police Services could handle the situation on either evening.

"It makes more sense on a Saturday night, but it makes more confusion if you change it," he commented.

"Let's leave well enough alone," added councillor Michael Hennessy, summing up the gist of a brief discussion.

A motion to leave Hallow'en as is, made by Warden and seconded by Rodenhurst, passed without difficulty.

Changes to fees charged at town's tax office

The administration and finance committee has agreed on changes to fees charged at the town's tax office.

Effective Jan. 1, 1994, the fee charged for tax certificates including local improvement information, will increase to \$25 per property. The following year, the fee will increase to \$30.

Also effective Jan. 1, 1994, a

fee of \$5 will be charged for the written confirmation of property/business tax account status. The following year, the fee will be increased to \$10 per property.

Town treasurer Earl Lantz said the last time tax certificate fees were revised was in January, 1991, when the rate was increased to the current fee of \$20.

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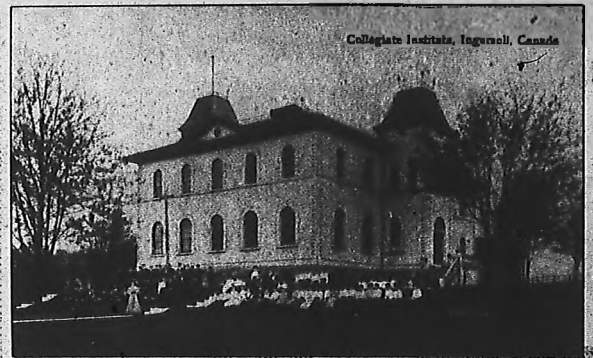
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INGERSOLL... Memories of Oxford on the Thames



What a sight! The Ingersoll Fire Department's team of horses is pulling the department's water tank. Should there be a fire, the horses would be unhitched from this and hitched up to the cart carrying the hoses and other firefighting equipment. The photo appears to have been taken in front of the old Borden Company which may be where the water tank was filled. The driver has been identified as James E. Sherlock. (Photo courtesy of Ken Campbell)



This ICI postcard has an interesting history, dated July 10, 1910. It is addressed to a Miss Beulah Mills, Steelton, Ont., and is signed by "Nora". The letter was sent to the Ingersoll District Chamber of Commerce from the Sault Ste. Marie Museum. Sylvia Roberts, a volunteer with the museum explains that the postcard was part of the collection of Ms. Betty Young which was given to them. The museum was authorized to send the cards to cities that might be interested. Former ICI and IDCI students will be gathering in Ingersoll at the May 15 weekend for a high school reunion. (Photo courtesy Sault Ste. Marie Museum)

Do you remember?.....

Sunday afternoon band concerts in Memorial Park... the three day Agricultural Fair at Victoria Park every fall... getting most of a day off when the fire chief came to your school to watch a fire drill... the sound of coal going down a chute to your basement?

Read and milk being delivered to your door by a man driving a

horse and cart... milk in a bottle with all the cream at the top to be spooned out for coffee... having a jar passed around your classroom with cream in it? Each person shook it 30 times and with luck by the time it got back to the teacher it was butter (science lesson)... buying savings stamps at school?

The magnificent old post office and Bill Land always working so

hard to keep the floors and everything else spotless... the creaks and groans of the gym at the old high school... the smell of leather in the harness shop run by Fire Chief Dick Ellis at the rear of the old fire hall... the red light that was turned on at the corner of Thames and King Street to let the police officer on duty know that he was needed... running boards on all cars!

What ever happened to....

Ken Whiteford and Lynda (Archer) Whiteford

Ken Whiteford is a community planner with the County of Oxford. The son of Eula Whiteford, 166 Bell Street, he attended Princess Elizabeth and V.M.S. and then IDCI. He considers one of his highlights in Ingersoll taking part in one of the first walk-a-thons in the province. He walked to Stratford. Ken left Ingersoll in 1971.

Lynda Whiteford is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Archer, 40 Noxon Street. A graduate of VMS and IDCI, she recalls working with Alexandra Robins and Dore Connell to initiate the Candy Stripper volunteer program at Alexandra Hospital in the mid 1960s. Lynda also left Ingersoll in 1971. Today she is a homemaker and an active community volunteer.

They have two children, Brad, 15 and Shanya, 12. The Whitefords return to Ingersoll two or three times every month. They see growth, particularly Cami, as the biggest change in their home town. "Small town qualities" is what remains the same in their eyes.

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Roger Shelton

Although he has enjoyed an extremely successful career as a bio-chemist, Shelton inside one of the most memorable things he did while residing here was in score a perfect geometry paper in Grade 10 at IDCI. "My first and last 100!"

The son of Beth and Fred Shelton of R.R. 5 Ingersoll, he attended Falden's Common School, IDCI and the University of Western Ontario.

Now retired, he pursues many hobbies including Las Vegas gambling, mainly blackjack.

Shelton often returns to Ingersoll to visit his mother, who now resides in Woodstock; his sister, Mary Lang and his brother Charles of R.R. 5 Ingersoll. The Cami plant is the biggest change in his eyes and he thinks, except for the fire area, most of the town has remained the same.

Shelton has an interesting observation to make: "The elimination of most fences in the rural area has greatly enhanced the natural beauty of the country side."

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Readers will note that more space has been allotted on page 2 for bi-centennial features. This move has been made in response to the overwhelming interest shown in features and pictures published by *The Ingersoll Times* since January.

It is also part of the commitment made by publisher Freeman Farrington to make *The Times* an active partner in the community's year-long celebration of its 200th anniversary.

Watch for *The Ingersoll Times'* Bicentennial Edition part II to be published in June.

Yvonne Holmes Mott will be in *The Times* office Thursdays to discuss story ideas and pictures.

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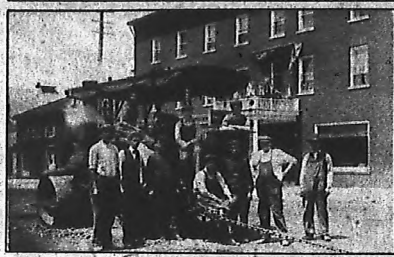
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These marvellous pictures of Ingersoll's past also feature a very brave man. The top picture is of the Ingersoll Gaslight Co. office which was located across from the Ingersoll Public Library, Charles Street East and was taken about 1915. Second from left is Meri D. Montgomery, manager. Montgomery died from burns in 1918 when, after an explosion at the Ingersoll Gaslight Company plant on Avonlea Street, he entered the plant and shut off the valve supplying the town's homes with gas for cooking and heating, to prevent any explosions in these homes. In doing so, he was badly burned and died the next day. The citizens of Ingersoll erected a monument over his grave in the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery as a token of their grateful appreciation for his heroic act. The middle photo shows Mr. Montgomery with a crew of workers in front of the Ingersoll Inn. Lower photo, again shows Mr. Montgomery and the crew in front of the old town hall. (Photos courtesy of Jack Morgan).

Looking AHEAD

The inaugural meeting of the public utilities commission will be held Dec. 21 at 5:45 p.m. at the commission meeting room.

The public works and planning committee meets Jan. 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the municipal office meeting room.

The administration and finance committee meets Jan. 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the municipal office meeting room.

All these meetings are open to the public and interested individuals are urged to attend.

Correction

Last week's edition of *The Times* contained a couple of errors.

In the Good Neighbors article, it should have read that Josie Attard volunteers at the Oxford Regional Nursing Home.

And a photo on page two had the incorrect spelling of Carl Millard's name. We regret the errors.

Appointment to committee

Council has appointed Bill Caldwell and Davis Langdon to fill the vacant unexpired terms on the Recreation Advisory Committee.

Town rejects street lighting

(Continued from Page 1) Booth said the project could not be done in less than a month.

Rodenburt admitted he had struggled with this problem for a long time. "We are looking at spending \$750,000 of taxpayers' money to replace eight-year-old street lights that are in good shape."

"I can't be in good conscience support spending three-quarters of a million dollars on decorative street lighting."

He further explained that the bulk of the work, if not all of it, will be contracted to the PUC, who will not be hiring new employees.

"We don't NEED new street lights" he stressed; "To me it is a luxury. Hospitals, children's aids and other necessities are being cut back."

"I'd rather give the money back than waste it and I think if everybody in the country started giving back grants that they didn't need, the country would not be in debt like it is."

Councillor David Warden was equally vehement in his thoughts.

"Every time I asked a resident of this town what was wrong with the downtown lighting I got the same answer - nothing."

"The trouble with this deal is that when you add up the pros and cons, the cons outweigh the pros."

"This could be a curse in disguise" he warned.

Warden said he firmly believed that economic development officer Greg Borduas and the recreation committee had done an excellent job "and we have approved a number of their recommendations."

"Six months ago," he concluded, "we were told to cut \$250,000 out of our budget because of the Social Contract. Then they give us \$960,000. Anyone who understands that should be running for political office."

Councillor Don Dreyer took a different approach. He told of personally taking a survey of 24 merchants. Twenty of those merchants did not want the existing lighting changed. The majority felt it would be a waste of money to implement the change.

Dreyer said he understood the replacement lights would be not as strong and give less light. He had also met with police chief Bruce Richards and said that his view was that the more light there is, the better the security and safety.

Dreyer's suggestion was to leave the core area alone and phase in new lighting first on Canterbury Street, eliminating overhead wires there, then from the bridge to Bell Street and perhaps later from King to Oxford and Oxford to Charles Street.

In his rebuttal Holbrough said, "I don't think we can be the moral conscience of the government. If we don't spend it, some other town will get it. If they are going to spend that money in Ontario, it might as well be in Ingersoll."

Rodenburt said agreeing with that would be like "having blood on my hands. People are willing to have surgery, nothing is more important than education. We are seeing hospital beds closed, cut backs in education and yet talking about putting up decorative lighting."

"I would like to see our staff work hard to save some of that money. Decorative street lighting will not create one job in Ingersoll. This is not a job-Ontario project; it is a decorate-Ontario plan."

Warden asked if new street lights would attract new businesses in town.

"I was born and raised here. I shop here. My dad had a business here for 25 years. It wasn't street lights that made us do it."

"Until we deal with that hole in the front street, we are not going to attract new businesses. Filling that hole has to be our top priority. Doing the street lights is like going to the dentist and spending \$40,000 on your back teeth when your front teeth are all gone."

Asked to comment, Borduas said what disturbed him was that after all kinds of discussion and public meetings, council instructed the committee to try to secure funds and it did so successfully.

"This debate should have happened two years ago," he said. "I find this very disappointing".

A letter from deputy mayor Jack Warden, absent because of illness, stated he was not in favor of the project either.

Bryant to speak

Councillor Don Dreyer, council's representative on the Ingersoll Alexandra Hospital Board of Trust, reported that hospital executive director Ross Bryant would be addressing council during a meeting early in the new year.

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INGERSOLL... Memories of Oxford on the Thames



THE Y'S MEN'S MINSTREL SHOW - This annual event eagerly looked forward to each year. The shows were held in St. James' Parish Hall. Some names are missing from this 1935 cast, but among those identified are: Back Row-Crosby Cable, Frank Kelly Eldt, Stanley J. Smith, Ken Bonesteel, Harry Edmonds, Keith Gaddie, Jim Wilford and Wilf Manning. Middle-Row: Carl Edmonds, Gladys Horton, Eva Maitland, Russel Cole, Helen Hawkins, Sid Bagnall and Jack Hutt. Front Row: Reg Stone, Heath Sidno, Helen Masters, Edith Leigh, Ben Bagnall, Jean Reith, Rev. Masters, Muriel Parker, Roy Start, Doris Bagnall, George Jones and Marg Copeland. (Photo submitted by Reg and Jean Tribel)

INGERSOLL MACHINE AND TOOL COMPANY LIMITED - There will be many familiar faces in this photo. It was submitted by Betty McIndoe (nee Smith) who was one of the bench leaders at the Ingersoll Machine and Tool Company Limited when this picture was taken in April 1952. McIndoe recalls, "We inspected the 30 mm anti-aircraft shells and then Frank Witty, truck driver, would take them to be filled at a destination near Toronto. The three shifts of girls worked even Sundays and holidays from 7am to 3pm, 3pm to 11pm and 11pm to 7am. Veronica Howe was the company nurse." McIndoe is hoping that some of her former co-workers will recognize themselves and get in touch with her at her Thames Street North residence. (Photo submitted by Betty McIndoe)

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The interesting artifacts are on display courtesy of Bernie Rose - year of Ingersoll, Colonel of the Michigan cavalry regiment that will be taking part in Heritage Days this weekend. Interspersed with these items are a number of pictures taken of the cavalry officers at various functions.

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NOSTALGIC NOTES

Readers will note that more space has been allotted on page 2 for bicentennial features. This move has been made in response to the overwhelming interest shown in features and pictures published by *The Ingersoll Times* since January.

It is also part of the commitment made to make *The Times* an active partner in the community's year-long celebration of its 200th anniversary.

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GENTLEMEN AT LEISURE

Ingersoll's Edgar Hugill and his photography assistant relax by the fireside, away from the studio which was at the front of the second floor flat. A close look at the photos on the wall reveal they are all of females and suggests that pin ups are not as modern as we think! The studio was located in two different upstairs flats, one over Walley's Crockery Store and prior to that, over Woolson & Murdock, Thames St. N. on the west side of the first block. Can anyone identify the assistant?

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Readers are invited to drop into *The Ingersoll Times* on a regular basis to view our special Bi-Centennial displays. Beginning tomorrow, our show case will feature artifacts from both war-time and peace time, loaned to *The Times* by Joe Wilson. Displays will change every three weeks.



NOSTALGIC NOTES

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Photos courtesy of David Gibson, author of the *Hamill Chronicle*.

Ingersoll police report

A vehicle was scratched with a key while parked at the Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute parking lot on February 5. There was also minor damage to the hood.

An Elizabeth Avenue resident reported being followed from Woodstock to her residence, February 9, by a Chevy pickup. The truck was dark in color, with a large male driver. License plates were not seen.

A Thames Street S. resident reported receiving a death threat on his answering machine, February 9. An unknown male left the prank

message which was not taken seriously.

A female youth was charged with being intoxicated in a public place after running into the street in front of a police cruiser, February 12, on Thames Street S. at Fashion Splash.

A break and enter was reported at a Thames Street N. residence, February 14. An apartment was entered through a side window. Nothing was stolen.

THEFTS

A break and enter at Harry Shelt-

on Flowers was reported, February 9. Entry was gained through the rear door. Ten dollars worth of coins was taken.

An employee's vehicle was broken into while parked at Alexandra Hospital, February 9. A Kenwood FM Ham radio was stolen.

A break and enter at Ingersoll Rent All was reported, February 10. A lock was broken to a caged area at the rear of the store where oxygen tanks are kept. Only the lock was stolen.

Money available to train your employees

BY GAYLE CHAMBERS
of the Centre for Community Programme Development Inc.

Oxford County businesses are taking advantage of the training dollars available from jobsOntario training.

The philosophy of the program is, "to give private sector employers the opportunity and funding to upgrade the skills of new and existing workers".

Cutt-Rite Machines is one of the many Oxford businesses that are

participating in the jobsOntario training program.

With the training credits they'll receive over the next year, Cutt-Rite will upgrade the skills of both new and existing employees.

Employees will receive training on a new computer system to effectively track their inventory.

Some employees have been trained on CNC conversational control which simplifies the programming of the machine.

Still others are taking the T & T Hi-Tech courses, which involve specifics in lathe programming and operations and machining center programming and operations.

Some of the training dollars will also be used to absorb the cost of on-the-job training for their new employees.

The jobsOntario training program goal is, "to help Ontario businesses prepare to meet the demands of a challenging and changing global economy in which a highly skilled and well trained work force is essential".

To find out if you qualify for this opportunity call the South West Centre for Community Programme Development Inc. at 535-5655.

Together, we can get Oxford working!

Makers Melody at Oxford Regional

BY ELVA THORNTON

Here we are again
Happy as can be
All good friends and jolly good company
Never mind the weather, never mind the rain

Here we are together
Whoops! Were at it again.
This is some of the words to the special theme song which opens the program presented by our Melody Makers from Tillsonburg, who come to visit our home each month. They have been thoroughly enjoyed by the residents of our home for several years.

Each month they are accompanied by their pianist Ruth Spring and their enjoyable music is provided by several instruments including violins, accordion, clarinet, drums, glockenspiels, mouth organs and vocals. Their leader and announcer is Howard Priestner. We know that much practice is needed and their music each month is greatly appreciated.

Their group consists of about six men and six or eight ladies. Men dress in white shirts, ties, suitable for different occasions and grey flannel while the ladies too dress usually in white blouses, black skirts, red ties and clothes suitable for special holidays, all very attractive. We think of Christmas, New Year's, Easter, Valentine, Irish and

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CRIME OF THE WEEK

On February 2, at approximately 8:45pm, a male and female approached a female cashier at Loeb-IGA, 930 Dundas St., Woodstock. The male purchased a small item and offered a Canadian \$100 bill as payment. The male then confused the clerk, by asking for smaller bills and then producing other large bills during the transaction. A female kept a second clerk busy during the transaction. The two left the store and the clerk then realized she had been short charged \$200. The male is described as 25-30 years of age, 5'8" tall, small build, olive complexion, clean shaven and black collar-length feathered hair. The female is described as 25-30 years of age, 5'2" to 5'6" tall, medium build with bleached blonde short hair.

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The Brady House, later known as the Mansion House, started out where the CIBC is now located. This picture was taken about 1885 from a stereoscopic slide of E.H. Huggill's, probably about the time when Edgar was assuming ownership of the photo studio. The building was later moved to the south side of Canterbury Street W., just over the bridge. Consider what a feat it was to move a house of this size two blocks, over 100 years ago!

Photos courtesy of David Gibson, author of the Huggill Chronicles.

David Gibson's book, *The Huggill Chronicles*, is filled with Ingersoll history. It is available at a number of outlets here, including *The Ingersoll Times*.



HEALY'S GROCERY STORE

If you have pictures or articles you would like included in this feature, please bring them to *The Ingersoll Times*.

Only two people guessed correctly, but many tired. The "cute little fellow" last was Bob Mott and the photo was courtesy of his sister, Joan Bowman.

INGERSOLL 200
NOSTALGIC NOTES

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A Thames Street N. resident reported an attempted break and enter March 14 at a lower level apartment. An escape was made through a window. Nothing was stolen.
 Patrick McHugh was arrested and charged with impaired driving at Mill Street and Centerville, March 13.

A King Street W. resident reported a window broken by BB gun pellets March 8. There was indiscriminate damage to a second floor window.

THEFTS

A Whiting Street resident reported a broken storm door by a pellet gun March 10.

An Oakwood Street resident reported a CB antenna and two trunks stolen from the back of his truck February 19. Stolen were two Gledhill green and white trunks and an Eagle CB antenna.

A Glenwood Road resident reported his vehicle's rear windshield wiper broken off March 8.



YOU CAN SEE FOR MILES ... - An accident near Putnam Road, Wednesday afternoon, left transport trucks and cars backed up for as far as the eye can see. (Staff photo)

Banner News

By: Ruth Brown

BANNER U.C.W.
 The March meeting of Banner United Church Women was held on Wednesday evening, March 3, 1993 at the home of Mary Mason, Dorchester.

Eva Baigent celebrating Lent. Offering was received and dedicated with prayer. A video presentation "Where Jesus Walked" capturing the Holy Land journey from Bethlehem to Nazareth, was given with beautiful sites as they appear today. The U.C.W. benediction closed the meeting and lunch was served by the hostess.

President Margaret Hammond gave a reading "time, use it or lose it". Reports were given and correspondence read. Discussion followed re purchasing the Gospel Hymn books for the church.

PERSONALS

The Banner community will be interested to know that Jack, Myra and Brent Hammond have at last moved into their new home on the 4th Concession on the former player farm. New residents of the Hammond home in downtown Banner are Michael and Laurie Etie formerly of London who raise and show German Shepherd dogs. A friendly welcome to the neighborhood!

Margaret introduced Marjorie Barons, Dorchester, vice-president of S.E. Middlesex Presbyterial, who announced several upcoming events - regional rally April 26 at Putnam United Church; London Conference U.C.W. at St. Paul's Church, Sarnia, March 29 & 30 with speaker Gladys Strachan from the U.S.A. Presbyterian Church with topic "We Have Just Begun". Layettes are being prepared to send to Ethiopia from the Presbyterial. A mum plant was presented to the speaker with thanks.

Sorry to report that Ethel Harris has been in Alexandra Hospital this week. We also remember Ingersoll that Dalton Heywood and Roy Newman are also patients there.

The worship service was led by

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CRIME OF THE WEEK

On February 22 at 2:34am, two suspects approached the Big V Drug Store at 110 Oxford Street in Ingersoll. One suspect cut the telephone lines at the store and then hid in some bushes while the second suspect tried the front door open. The second suspect went into the store and stole a small amount of cigarettes. The cartons of cigarettes are stored in such a way that it is difficult for them to be stolen. Approximately 20 packages of cigarettes valued at \$100 were stolen. The suspect then fled the store through a rear door.

If you have any information on this crime or any other crime, you are requested to call Crime Stoppers at 421-TIPS (8477). Crime Stoppers caller never have to identify themselves or give evidence in court and are eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000. The line is manned 24 hours per day, call day or night!

NAFTA meeting

LONDON - Oxford MPP Kimble Sutherland recently announced the six-member Cabinet Committee on the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) will be in the City of London to hear presentations on Tuesday, April 6 at the Sheraton Armouries Hotel, 325 Dundas St. The committee will hear presentations from 2pm to 5pm and 6:10pm to 8:30pm.

The Committee's primary purpose is to provide the people of Ontario with an opportunity to discuss the proposal and to hear and debate the arguments for and against the enactment of the proposed agreement.

Anyone interested in making an appearance before the committee or wishing to forward a written submission should call 1-800-361-8000 for more information.

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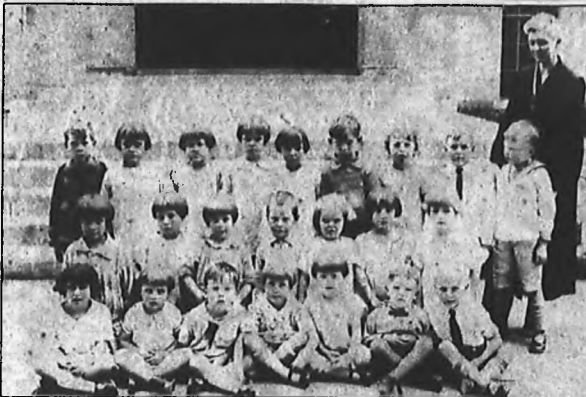
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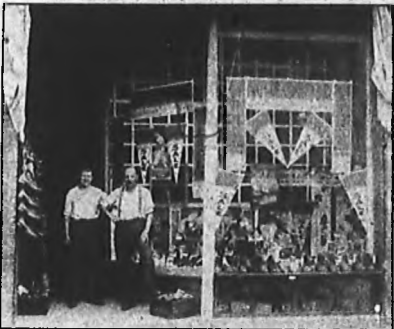
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An entire generation of Ingersoll residents will recall Mrs. Arkell as the kindly, white-haired kindergarten teacher at Victory Memorial School. This picture was taken 1927-28. Among those identified are: back row—Gerry Drum, Carmen Newell, Doris Ackeri, Ernie Underwood, Betty Burrows, Mary Fuller, Dorothy Heeley, Ruth White, Bill Sage; middle row—Lanore McCormbs, Gwen Searle, Donald Telford, June Holmes; Jean Knott; front row—Bob Henderson, Rynal Stanley, Donald Westlake. (Photo courtesy Ernie Underwood).



This picture will bring back many memories—happy memories of buying your children's first shoes; of buying shoes for the children each year when they went back to school in September; of taking shoes in for repairs—and of all the interesting conversations and advice that went with the visits. It was Underwood Shoes of course and the gentleman on the left is Sid Underwood, a man who served his country and his community. On the right is Insieah Underwood, father of Sid and founder of the family business. The picture was taken circa 1920. (Photo courtesy Ernie Underwood).

Clair Minler

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"He was devoted to his race horses and breeding stock," he said. "He was proud of his horses and his race stable. He had some winners."

Minler always farmed north of Ingersoll. He originally had a dairy farm, Hampered said. He switched to raising pigs and then he got into horses.

The former county warden is survived by his wife, Margaret, and children, Janet Budden of RR 3, Ingersoll; Joan and her husband, Jim Smith, of RR 3, Ingersoll; and Robert and his wife, Pat, of RR 2, Ingersoll.

He is also survived by seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one sister-in-law, Jean Roberts of Salford.

The funeral service will be held Saturday afternoon at McBeath Funeral Home, with Rev. Thom Brelsford officiating. Interment was at Harris Street Cemetery.

Mabee was prominent market gardener

Ernest A. Mabee was one of Ingersoll's most prominent market gardeners.

In 1908 he purchased property around Harris Street and eventually owned 22 acres on both the east and west sides of that street.

The Mabee barn, which has recently been undergoing demolition, was built by him in 1910. It was used to stable his horses as well as to store his gardening equipment.

Mabee grew many kinds of fruits and vegetables which supplied fruit vendors of the day such as D'Angelo, Brassi, and Morello. He also sold produce to numerous grocery stores including the Two Maes, Greenaway, George Day, McDougall and Lorne Healy, whose market was located in the old police station at 123 Oxford Street. Later he also sold to Dominion and Ibbolaws.

Mabee also maintained two delivery routes. On Tuesday he serviced customers on the south side of the river and on Thursday, the north side.

Carrots and cabbage, stored in the root cellar beneath the barn, were marketed during the winter months.

Many of Ingersoll's young people earned their first spending money there picking raspberries, strawberries, peas and beans. They received two cents per box.

E. A. Mabee also owned a large greenhouse and sold boxed plants. The job of transplanting seedlings for market would earn the worker one half cent per box.

Before commercial fertilizers were readily available, he used

manure which was drawn from Zurbrigg's stable. This stable was situated on Mill Street at the rear of the bake shop, initially located on the east side of Thames Street.

The Mabees also kept a flock of about 500 laying hens and had facilities for candling eggs. These eggs were peddled on his weekly route as well as being sold at the local market.

In 1930 the purchase of a Model A Panel truck made his deliveries much faster and easier.

This green truck with E. A. Mabee painted on the side became a familiar sight around town.

Ernest A. Mabee continued in business until 1953. He died in 1961 and his wife, Lizzie, who worked along with him all those years, passed away in 1970.

Former councillor Gene Mabee, the grandson of Ernest and Lizzie Mabee, recently donated several pieces of his grandfather's hand operated gardening equipment to the Ingersoll Museum.



Ernest A. Mabee and Lizzie Mabee --- March 22, 1955

Canada Trust merges with Coldwell

BY LIZ DADSON

There's a new sign in the window at the Canada Trust Real Estate office in Ingersoll.

Canada Trust has merged with Coldwell Banker of Canada Inc. to form one of the largest residential real estate operations in the country.

The partnership, to be known as Coldwell Banker Affiliates of Canada Inc., is comprised of the residential real estate operations of Canada Trust (60 per cent) and Coldwell Banker of Canada Inc. (40 per cent).

After appropriate approvals have been obtained, the 106 independently-owned and operational offices of the Canada Trust Realty Network outside of Quebec will join 116 existing independently-owned offices of Coldwell Banker Affiliates of Canada.

Over the next few months, Canada Trust's 113 corporately-owned real estate offices will be sold to individual owner/brokers, who will also become part of this expanding franchise network.

Ralph Marano, manager, corporate communications for Canada Trust, said the Ingersoll office is part of the Woodstock office.

The franchise will be offered to the employees, Marano said. If they refuse, it will be offered to an investor or realtor. In a press release about the merger, John Schuch, executive vice-president of Canada Trust, said the arrangement is "excellent" for Canada Trust and Coldwell Banker.

Environmentalists address council

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expect to pay \$198,000 in user fees. Most of this cost will be borne by local industries who haul to the landfill.

Tait showed concern for industries who will pay twice for waste disposal, "since they pay for curbside pick-up through the local tax system, but receive no service for these taxes, bearing the cost of haulage themselves."

Since residential and commercial do receive curbside service this means the industrial sector subsidizes this service through taxation, said Tait.

He urged council to address this inequity. "As tipping fees are implemented it would be a gesture of support to local industries to receive a break on taxation."

Tait also felt that this would be an ideal time to adjust the residential and commercial tax bill to reflect the cost of waste disposal

and recycling in town with a view to implementing a per bag user fee for commercial and residential pick-up.

"A simple bag tag, at so much per tag, would have the same affect as the tipping fee at the landfill," he stressed.

"Why should those who generate very little garbage subsidize those who are producing too much?"

Referring to the \$2 million to be generated in tipping fees, he said this money is designated to be used for landfill purposes.

Tait's suggestion was that the county be encouraged to use some of these funds to create a central recycling facility designed to minimize volumes.

Suggesting that various tipping fees could be implemented to encourage separation of recyclable materials as is currently done in London, he emphasized that in a time of recession,

"we should put people to work in this industry since the money will be there to pay them."

Noting that many local industries are already practising the 3R approach, he said the public is educated, but waiting for leadership in this area.

"Let's build on our good reputation in the county by showcasing political leadership and solve this problem for this generation and the next."

Exciting News!

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The Ingersoll family

BY J. C. HERBERT

One of the questions frequently asked is the location of the Ingersoll home. We do know the first log house built by Major Thomas Ingersoll when he arrived in 1793 was on the east side of Thames Street where the buildings were destroyed by fire, now a vacant area.

James Ingersoll, the youngest son, wrote in one of his letters, "On arriving at the east branch of the river on which the town of Ingersoll is now situated the head chief with the party advised my father to pitch his tent there, which he did and with his own hands felled the first tree. This was an elm and the body of it was put into the premises where I was born September 10, 1801 on the same ground on which Mr. Poole's store had been erected on Thames Street." In another newspaper article written by McIntyre Hood he states that the home built was built on the same ground now occupied by the Ingersoll Hydro Commission.

George McBain, a brother of Hal McBain, who with J. J. McLeod had a grocery store in this area, writing about his memories as a youth in Ingersoll said "The Ingersoll homestead occupied the lots where Gayler's Drug Store and Dundas and Menhenick Grocery Store stood. My brother Hal owned the land and buildings for about 40 years. Hal told me once there was a marker of some kind out behind the store commemorating Laura Secord's connection with the building." Poole's later became Gayler's Drug Store and still later King Newell Pharmacy.

Some of these stores were comparatively narrow and the old log cabin, no doubt, occupied the area of both these stores. When restoration is made to this area perhaps some recognition could be given to the area where the first log cabin for the Ingersoll family was located.

With the return of the Ingersolls after the war of 1812 houses were built for other members of the family. James arrived in 1818 and Charles with his family a few years later. Thomas and Samuel also lived here for a number of years before they moved to St. Marys area. The Ingersolls acquired considerable land, some being grants made to Charles because of his service in the War of 1812. On an assessment roll of 1824, Thomas Ingersoll is shown as holding 95 acres on concession 1, lot 20 in Oxford township. Charles had 670 acres on B.F. concession lot 20. They also owned land in the south west section of what is now Ingersoll, land south of King Street

and west of Thames. Extracts from a registered conveyance dated February 1849 relate to land south of Ann Street and west of Thames, showing that James Hamilton Ingersoll, a son of Charles, owned three acres in the area between Thames, Ann and Oxford (Cottage Street area). It traces the ownership of this land to 1861. If there are other such documents relating to early ownership of property in people's possession, the Ingersoll Historical Society would appreciate making copies and returning the original to the owner.

One of the projects of the local historical society is to designate buildings because of their architectural design or historical interest and marking such buildings. To do this the input of all home owners would be very much appreciated.

At the meeting of the Ingersoll Historical Society in September the architectural design of various buildings will be discussed. For the October meeting an effort will be made to designate buildings, either for their historical importance or architectural design. A special invitation is extended to people in the community to attend, particularly those who feel they have such buildings.

As this series on the Ingersolls concludes I want to thank Miss Joyce Ingersoll Brown for the loan of material relating to the family. The books are now at the Ingersoll library and can be made available to persons wishing to see them.

After Thoughts

Here are a few corrections or additions to the articles written. I questioned who "Nancy" was when Thomas Ingersoll included her as one of his children who required support when he appealed to the Lieutenant Governor for assistance after his grant had been cancelled.

Thomas Ingersoll's first marriage was to Sarah (Whiting) Backus, a widow who had a daughter Nancy and who became Ingersoll's step-daughter. Also the plaque honoring Thomas Ingersoll as the founder of St. Marys is near the post office on the main street and not the town hall as was indicated.

Thanks to the people who inquired about or made references to these articles. Perhaps we can appreciate the efforts of these early settlers and find reason to celebrate our bicentennial. There are, by marriage, many connections with the Ingersoll family among early settlers such as the McNabns, Crotty's, Chapman, Hall and Bain families who played a major part in the development of Woodstock and Ingersoll. Some time we may ferret out these families too.



INGERSOLL... Memories of Oxford on the Thames



This marvelous photo of a Blacksmiths' convention held in Ingersoll circa 1920 has a wonderful collection of interesting faces. Bill Foster, who loaned the picture to *The Ingersoll Times* was able to point out his father, second from right in the second row, and his grandfather, seventh from the right. Fifth from the right in the back row is a gentleman whose name often appears in stories about Ingersoll's past - Solomon Peter. (Photo courtesy Bill Foster)

Oxford Plowing Match

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"It was pretty exciting," Holden said. "It will be nice to represent Oxford for the second year."

She said the international match will feature more exhibits for rural people to encourage them to come to the plowing match. The new name for the international show is the Farm Machinery Show and Country Living Expedition.

Holden encourages young women to be contestants for the Oxford match because the winner gets to go to the Ontario Plowmen's Association annual convention in Toronto and to the international plowing match - both exciting events to attend.

The Oxford match begins at 9 a.m. with a utility class. All other classes begin at 10 a.m.

The county and township officials plowing takes place at 11 a.m. with log-sawing contests beginning at 1 p.m.

The farm of Murray Hamerton, the site of the local match, is just north of Jakeman's Sugar Bush, on the same road.

A number of changes at fire services

Activity within the Ingersoll Fire Services saw the resignation of volunteer firefighter Dan Gunnell, accepted with regret; the hiring of Scott Kristensen as a volunteer firefighter and the promotion of volunteer firefighters Ken Melanson and Terry Daniel to lieutenants.

Parking ban in effect

A parking ban on King Street West from Thames to Duke Street will be in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday during reconstruction of Street.

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Henderson's West End Grocery

Both this man and this grocery store are an important part of Ingersoll's past. The photo was taken in 1905. James Henderson, seen at the front of his West End Grocery Store, owned the store until his sudden death in 1956. James Henderson was Mayor of Ingersoll in 1920/21. He served on council from 1913 to 1919

and then from 1922 until his death in 1927. He was respected for carrying out his public duties as he saw them and never being hampered in his desire to serve by any form of criticism. Henderson was generally well thought of for his frankness. (Photo courtesy of Nip Henderson)

Chronicle discovered

By **YVONNE HOLMES MOTT**
Nine-year-old Rachelle Deveau was helping her grandfather, Russell Clifford, with some renovations to one of his properties, when she unexpectedly turned up a piece of Ingersoll's history.

Tucked behind a wall was an Ingersoll Daily Chronicle of Monday, November 6, 1905.

Rachelle and her cousin brought the paper to *The Ingersoll Times* so readers could share with them a glimpse at Ingersoll's past.

For instance: Beattie's Loading Grocers was offering Allen's sweet cider at 40 cents per gallon; celery, five cents per bunch; snow apples, 20 cents a peck; sweet potatoes, six pounds for 25 cents; red grapes, 35 cents a basket and malaga grapes, 20 cents per pound.

There was hard news on the front page of the paper. A story with a Hamilton dateline told of the "Terrible Crime of P. C. Burkholder", a man found dead with his head partially severed with razor strokes. The writer surmised the man had committed suicide after apparently killing his wife and baby with an axe.

Locally, the police chief was looking after other problems, some what less severe. Under the heading "After Trauma", the paper reported: "Chief Wright is hot on the trail of truants these days. This morning he captured one young 'hopeful' who was parading the streets instead of being at his desk. He was promptly marched to the school and handed over to the teacher."

John E. Boles was conducting a

fur sale in his "Big Double Dry Goods Store". Advertised were fur ruffs, Alaska sable, mink, and red fox, ranging from \$1.50 to \$45. Ladies electric seal jackets were \$35 to \$75. Also offered were "Children's grey lamb collars, caperines, ruffs, gaudlets, caps etc. at moderate prices".

Churches were busy too. Rev. S. E. Crigg gave his farewell message to the Baptist Tabernacle, an occasion "that deeply affected the pastor and the congregation." Anniversary services were held at the Charles Street Church to welcome the old pastor, Rev. T. J. Atkins of Tara. The offering for the day of \$214.35 was "particularly gratifying."

E. H. Huggill was announcing the opening of his new general insurance office "in the store recently occupied by H. E. Hunt, jeweller, one door north of Beck's fruit store."

Business news also included the information that "J. H. Davis, Blacksmith, has opened his new shop on Oxford Street, nearly opposite St. James' Church."

The back page of the paper carried the current instalment of a serial and a number of interesting ads including the ubiquitous Lydia Pinkham pills. The Woodstock Business College was offering adult night school Tuesday and Thursdays in the Christopher Block in Ingersoll. Summer Brothers, opposite the Imperial Bank, insisted their wallpaper was "the kind to buy; dainty, bright and artistic."

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INGERSOLL 200 Memories of Oxford on the Thames



The dignity of the past is reflected in this formal photograph of the late 1800s. Mr. and Mrs. William Stone's residence for many years at their well kept home at the corner of Canterbury and Wellington Streets. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Ruth Holmes)

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Who can still remember the marvelous centennial celebrations when Ingersoll officially became 100 years old? It was a wonderful time of parades and concerts and exhibitions and just plain fun. Dressed in the hit for the major parade are many of the town fathers and their wives. We couldn't identify them all, but readers are bound to help. The year was 1953. Mayor of that year Don Bowser is holding the reins. Councillor Tom Morrison and his wife and Councillor Glenn Topham and his wife are there in costume. Others are identified as Mr. and Mrs. B. Fick and Mr. and Mrs. Rigby. The photo will bring back many memories including those of a downtown that was so crowded at night you couldn't get near some of the shop windows to see the special displays. (photo courtesy of Glen Bartram)



How many people actually witnessed this? You don't hear people talk about it, but it must have been a sensation at the time. The front street looks slightly different (see the St. Charles Hotel sign and the movie theatre marquee) but we do not know the exact date. The occasion was the Bank of Montreal moving from its elegant old building on the corner of Charles and Thames in its modern facility on the opposite corner. That's Reg Tribe carrying a couple of bags of money, but we have no names for the other bank staff or for the two officers riding, cops, walking-shot-gun. Any written information would be appreciated. (photo courtesy of Jean McDougall)

Singing allowed on corner

Salvation Army Lieutenant Ian McDonough's request to once again have the Salvation Army play hymns and songs at the

Royal Bank corner on Sunday evenings was granted. Proposed time is 6-6:30 p.m.

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Looking AHEAD

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The public works and planning committee meets Jan. 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the municipal office meeting room.

The administration, and finance committee meets Jan. 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the municipal office meeting room.

The Oxford County Public School Board meets Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the board meeting room, Woodstock.

All these meetings are open to the public and interested individuals are urged to attend.

Ingersoll police report

Christmas lights and vehicles provide the centre of attention in this week's Ingersoll Police Services report.

Saturday, a 1988 Buick 4 door with the licence plate 3511FIH was stolen from the rear of a Thames St. S address.

The same day, a complainant reported a 1988 Dodge Lancer had been rummaged through the previous evening while parked in a Thames St. S driveway. Nothing was taken and no damage reported.

The same evening, an unlocked vehicle at Carnegie St. was rummaged through. Again, nothing was taken.

The same day a report was received of a crack in the windshield of a blue 1987 Hyundai while parked at I.D.C.I. for a school dance. The damage was reported for insurance purposes.

The same day a complainant reported the theft of ID from an unlocked vehicle overnight. No damage or other theft occurred.

Also Saturday, two bowling bags, two sets of five-pin bowling balls and two sets of bowling shoes were stolen from an unlocked vehicle at Thames St.

N. One set of balls was recovered by the complainant.

Thursday, an attempt to steal a stereo from a vehicle at Thames St. S was unsuccessful. The stereo was not taken, but its keys were missing as well as between \$30 and \$40 of damage done to the dash of the car. Approximately \$10 in Canadian Tire money was also taken.

A similar occurrence happened the same evening on Princess Park Rd. A vehicle was entered during the night. Two tapes were found on a neighbour's lawn but nothing else was taken or damaged.

The same day, a small tool box full of hand tools was stolen from a vehicle while parked at Oxford St. The theft of hockey equipment from a truck parked at the same location was reported the same evening.

Saturday, a male was charged with impaired driving at Charles St. E.

Friday, a male was charged with failing to leave the premises when directed and intoxication in a public place at a Thames St. business.

Friday, it was discovered an attempted break and enter had occurred at the Ingersoll Optimist

Youth Centre. A rear window was broken and the door had pry marks, but entry was not gained.

The same day, a male was charged with theft of telecommunications and possession of a device to obtain telecommunications after a complaint from Staw Cable.

Also Friday, a pair of bikes were stolen, the first a silver-black bike from the rear of a Thames St. S business; the second a blue Cannondale 18-speed from the same location. Both bikes were recovered later and the owners notified.

Other thefts included a stainless steel Rolex men's watch, stolen on Dec. 11. The watch has a white face with roman numerals. And last Tuesday, a Mastercard was reported stolen in June of 1993.

Friday, a male was charged with domestic assault, level 1 after police were summoned to a Mehit St. residence.

And Sunday, a great dane running loose in the Margaret St. area drew the attention of a resident. The owner was located and cautioned regarding a dog at large.

And finally, the actions of mischievous "elves" resulted in a half dozen complaints regarding Christmas lights. One male was charged with mischief following an incident in the Thames St. S area.

Clarification

Last week's Times incorrectly stated Inspector Lionel Ulrich's current status. The Ingersoll police officer was suspended March 15, 1993, but was reinstated May 6, 1993 when he went on sick leave.

Ulrich pled guilty in June in one count of discreditable conduct. Last month his lawyer withdrew from the case.

His case is slated to be heard Jan. 4, 1994 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ingersoll Police Services board room.

Ulrich said whether or not he changes his guilty plea will be a decision he makes after discussions with his new lawyer.

Former CAMI vice-president re-appointed

Tom W. LaSorda, former CAMI vice president and director of production, assumed a new appointment on Dec. 1.

LaSorda was named manufacturing manager of assembly centres for the Cadillac/Luxury Car Engineering and Manufacturing Division of General Motors. His headquarters is Flint, Michigan.

His CAMI appointment brought him to Ingersoll in 1987. Since 1991 he has been president of Opel-Eisenach GMRH. The plant in Eisenach was the first assembly plant built in East Germany after the Berlin Wall came down.

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Fire fighters in Ingersoll have a lengthy and honourable history. This Centennial Year (1967) shows the regular and volunteer firefighter in front of their King St. West headquarters, who were an important part of the old town hall. Front Row (left to right) W.B. Ellis, D.L. McClay, J.E. Empey, L.G. Harlow, N.L. Blansher, H.D. Fugard. Back Row: M.I. Barker, K.D. Campbell, W.N. Empey, C.P. Crane, C.G. Millis, H.W. Harkes and J.C. Milne. (Photo courtesy Ken Campbell)



("SYNONYMS")

It was midnight on the ocean,
'66 a street car was in sight.
The sun was shining brightly and
It rained all day that night.

'Twas a summer's day in winter,
The snowflakes fell like glass,
A barefoot boy, with shoes on
Stood sitting on the grass.

'Twas evening and the rising sun
Was setting in the west,
And the little fishes in the trees,
Were huddling in their nest.

The rain was pouring down,
The moon was shining bright;
And everything that you could see
Was hidden, out of sight.

While the organ pealed potatoes
Lard was rendered by the choir,
As the sexton rang "The diabolical"
Someone sat the church on fire.

"Holy Smoke!" the preacher shouted
In the rain he lost his hair;
Now his head resembles heaven
For there is no parting there.

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These beautiful past cards form an interesting contrast. The busy photo of a car load of 120 White sewing machines "purchased by Bowman and Co. dealers in sewing machines, pianos, organs, phonographs and sporting goods in Woodstock and Ingersoll" is a reminder of a thriving time in early commerce here. It was mailed from Ingersoll in 1908. Smith's Pond in all its former glory, created a lovely oasis in the middle of Ingersoll. The post card was published by F.H. Brewster, Ingersoll. (Photos courtesy of Guy Johnson)



Ingersoll Chief of Police Walter Holmes attended the Canadian Police Chiefs' Convention in British Columbia in 1922. Posed in front of a popular tourist attraction are Chief Holmes, his daughter Sybil and her (unnamed) friend, and his wife Hanna. (Photo courtesy of Doris (nee Burton) Fleming)

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The cavalry is here!

Firearms, medals, cavalry drill books, a canteen and an officer's sword are only some of the intriguing items in *The Ingersoll Times* showcase display this month.

The interesting artifacts are on display courtesy of Bernie Rose-year of Ingersoll, Colonel of the Michigan cavalry regiment that

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Back row from left to right; Henry Tunks, Jack Shuttleworth, Ralph McKillen, Ray Connor, Ken Wade, "Chuck" Kimberley, Doris Fugrad, Francis Tunks, Ray Voight, Max Franken and Cecil Connor. In the middle row, from the left are Mary Barker, Ruth Connor, Millie Morris, "Babs" McKillen, Gord Tius, Dorothy Shuttleworth, Roy Franklin, Bill Lazenby, Jean Connor and Bill Barker. In the front row from the left are Don Voight, Nick Hossack, Harold Moulton, Marion Wade, Kaye Morris, Ruth Voight, Margaret McKillen, Bessie Hossack, Merv Connor and Don McKillen. (Photo courtesy of Bob McKillen)

The year was 1932 and the school was S.S. #9, better known as the Centreville School. The teacher was Jean McEwen and the school trustees were Carol Heene, George Franklin and George Currie. The students later attended Ingersoll Collegiate Institute and many became lifelong residents of Ingersoll.

Photos courtesy of David Gibson, author of the Huggill Chronicles.

PIANO PLAYBACK

The *Ingersoll Times* appreciates the interest in, and the comments by its readers as we continue our weekly Memories of Oxford on the Thames. Last week's photo of the Evans Bros. piano was actually an advertisement from the back page of a 1906 *Ingersoll Sun*. The ad was loaned to us by Douglas M. Carr.

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Seniors focus on ambulance service

BY NOLA GILL

The *Seniors for Health* opened their meeting with the singing of their welcome songs. Kathy Goeding, our new coordinator, thanked several members who had helped to make the potluck dinner very enjoyable. She announced that the closing banquet would be held on May 13.

Dorothy Christie reported that a Penny Sale would be held on March 11. Kathy stated that Marlene's Fun Tours was having a Mystery Bus Trip on Wednesday, June 9, and took the names of those interested in going. Quite a number were interested in going.

George Lockhart introduced the speaker, Joe Pember Jr., who operates the Woodstock-Ingersoll Area One ambulance on 24-hour duty in the Ingersoll area and

another one available from Woodstock on back-up duty. He discussed the recent cutbacks in service due to lack of provincial funding, but so far they have been able to cope with the situation. He told the group that it is better to call the ambulance first instead of the police or the hospital, as the response time is quicker.

He commented on the training of the ambulance drivers and what they are prepared to do in a crisis situation. He explained how the central dispatch system out of London is coordinated, and responded to; several questions asked by members. He was thanked by Jim Gill.

The hot meal from the cafeteria was enjoyed by the members with time for visiting. After dinner some of the members attended committee meetings while other cut tickets for the penny sale, and others had a few games of Euchre.

Correction

A photo caption which appeared on page 8 of last week's *Times* was incorrect. The caption should have read that the St. James Church women put on their annual Valentine's Day

luncheon. Group member Jeanette Jackson could be seen at the far end of the group, helping with the dishwashing.

The Times regrets the composition error.



Bicycles built for two

Where in Ingersoll was this Huggill picture taken - and what was the occasion? Only a special camera could have recorded a photo of this width. It is not known whether the group is a bicycle club or whether the members are couriers. The great similarity of

bicycles suggests that it might be a corporate fleet. On the other hand, how many different makes were available in those days? Perhaps readers will write their thoughts on the subject and send them to the *Ingersoll Times*.

Ingersoll police report

The rear door at Pizza Delight was reported open on February 15. There were pry marks on the door. A Whiting Street resident reported her window was shut out overnight, February 15. The window was shut out with a pellet gun.

The fire department responded to a false alarm at the Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute on February 15. Someone had pulled the fire alarm.

A Charles Street E. resident reported a snowmobile travelling on her property, February 17. Charges have been laid against the driver for trespassing.

A McKean Street resident reported damage to a vehicle parked at

the residence, February 20. A cat was reported shot with a pellet gun on February 20. The complainant did not have any suspects.

THEFTS

A car stereo was reported stolen, February 17 from a locked car parked at a Wenham Street residence. A Craig AM/FM cassette stereo was taken.

Elgin Parkes Wholesale reported trucks broken into and rimmaged through on February 18. Eight cartons of cigarettes were stolen from an unlocked truck.



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CRIME OF THE WEEK

At approximately 7:55pm on February 9, an armed robbery occurred at The Beer Store at 992 Dundas St., Woodstock. A male armed with a handgun confronted two employees and demanded the cash from the cash register. Two customers entered the store and were also confronted by the robber. The two employees along with the two customers were then locked in a walk-in cooler. The lone male then left the store with an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect is described as male, white, early twenties, 5'9" tall, slight build, 150lbs, dark complexion and dark eyes. He was possibly wearing a brown cloth coat, black jeans, black shoes and had a blue scarf over his mouth and nose and had a blue hat on. The subject was armed with what is believed to have been a small semi-automatic handgun.

If you have any information on persons committing these types of crimes or any other crime, call Oxford Crime Stoppers at 425-TIPS (8477) or 421-TIPS (8477). Crime Stoppers callers never have to identify themselves or give evidence in court, and are eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

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GIBSON'S PURE MALT BREAD

In the mid 1980s William Gibson and his son David J. Gibson came to Ingersoll from Stratford where they had been bakers. A shop and bakery were established on Thames Street next to Walley's Crockery Store. Bread and cake deliveries were established. David J. Gibson became a town councillor and was known for his stands on local improvement. The author of *The Huggill Chronicles*, David L. Gibson is the grandson of William. (David Gibson/photo)

Photos courtesy of David Gibson, author of the Huggill Chronicles.

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This photo of serious looking students was taken in front of the old Central School. The school was torn down in 1921. Victory Memorial Public School was built in its place. (Photo courtesy Nelson Noad)

Last week's photo was incorrectly identified:

As so many of you pointed out, the picture was of the Bruce Phillips Grocery Store, located when Ledgley Jewellers is now. This 1921 photo shows three generations of the Phillips family. That's Bruce Phillips in the apron and with him is his father William. The little boy on the stool is Lloyd Phillips, now of RR4 Ingersoll. The customer has been identified as Stan Lazenby, who was employed at the Smith & Kerr Men's Wear Store. (Photo courtesy of Lloyd and Margaret Phillips.)



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CRIME OF THE WEEK

Sometime between 2:15 & 4:15pm on Monday, Feb. 1, a break, enter and theft occurred at a residence on Henry Street in Woodstock. A front door was forced to gain entry to the residence. A "Kegwood" CD player, amplifier and two speakers valued at \$3,000 were stolen.

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Ingersoll police report

A Mr. C's Donuts reported a fight in progress in front of the store on Thames Street N., March 17. Alexander LeClair, 33, was arrested for causing a disturbance.

THEFTS

A Thames Street N. resident reported the rear window smashed

on a truck sometime overnight, March 15. Twelve cassette tapes were stolen. There are no suspects.

A break and enter in progress was reported March 16 at the Academy of Music on King Street E. A violin valued at approximately \$55 was stolen. Damaged totalled approximately \$350. There are no suspects.

Golden Age Group

BY LILLIAN BRAL

On Friday, March 15, the Golden Age Group held its meeting at the centre with 24 attending.

Rev. McBain from the Fellowship Baptist Church held the devotion. The meeting opened with singing two hymns.

Rev. McBain's little daughter Gwen sang two songs, *God's Son is the Only One* and *Jesus Looks Into Your Heart*.

Rev. McBain talked on the parable of the Prodigal Son. The devotion closed with prayer.

The guest speaker was Nicolo

McDace, public health nurse. She spoke on hearing loss.

Mrs. Baymen read a letter from the blind, inviting us to see their display on Friday, April 2, from 10am to 4pm at Zellers in Woodstock.

The next meeting is set for Friday, April 16.

Lunch will be provided by Mrs. Jones, Ruth Jenney and Doreilly Land.

There were two birthdays and two anniversaries; Tom and Ethel Taylor had their 57th anniversary. We wish them many more.

The meeting closed with singing a few Irish songs. A social time was enjoyed.

Parks and Recreation news

BY NANCY NADALIN

Fitness and squash supervisor

As I am writing this article I am watching another blast of winter bluster through the streets of Ingersoll. "April showers bring May flowers," is still around the corner and June is sprouting up one very exciting event here in Ingersoll.

Ingersoll will be hosting the 1993 Senior District Games for the Oxford/Elgin counties. Thursday, June 24 is the big day, so mark it on your calendar. As the chairperson for this event the next few months prove to be busy.

If you have never been involved in or aware of these games, I will do my best to explain what this fun-filled event is all about.

The Senior Games start off at the local level (dates to be announced) and consist of 11 events. This year's swimming (1.5 metre unannounced or 200 metre prediction), walking (three km prediction), euchre, bridge, cribbage, five-pin bowling, shuffleboard, darts, lawn bowling, golf and horseshoes are on the agenda. Anyone 55+ years of age and are permanent residents of Ontario are welcome to participate. No matter what if any disabilities are present.

(Continued on Page 12)



A REAL SNOW BUNNY -- This snow bunny was constructed by the Lobzun family of King Street West on what just may have been the last day of winter. Don't look for this early Easter bunny though, because like his chocolate cousins -- he has melted. (The Chelcosaphoto)

Volunteers sought for new hospital association

BY TIA CHERICOS

Alexandra Hospital has initiated a volunteer services association to replace the former 83-year-old hospital auxiliary.

The new services association has been operating since January 1, giving way to a more updated method of services.

"There was no doubt, it had to go in a different direction. Keeping volunteers in the hospital was the main thing," stated former auxiliary president Jean MacDougall, in a press release.

"There is quite an exciting change in things," said association spokesperson Dorothy Griffin. All volunteer aspects of the hospital fall under the association including, the adult feeding program, flowers and mail delivery, fundraising, gift cart around the hospital, the gift shop, library, palliative care (providing support to a terminally ill patient), portering, volunteer visits, leisure and recreation and television.

Griffin said volunteers to assist in television, the library, portering and the gift shop are especially needed.

Although the auxiliary is still functioning, Griffin said association volunteers are more active and

capable to carry out physically demanding jobs such as portering.

At the moment, there are about 200 volunteers working under the association, with a coordinator in each department keeping tabs on the areas' activities. Committee meetings are held quarterly each year.

"It's still in the formative stage," she said.

Griffin said people interested in volunteering their time can contact Gloria Lee, volunteer services association director, for an interview that would "explore" areas of interest.

"You get a feeling whether they're comfortable in the library or gift shop, (etc.)," Griffin said.

The amount of time a volunteer can give is also of great consideration.

"Once you have committed, you have in it as good as your word," she said. "Committed volunteers are as good as gold."

Volunteers that are accepted are trained and given identification cards and uniforms to wear when working in the hospital.

Griffin said a recognition night is given in benefit of the work all volunteers do.

She said with hospital funding cutbacks, volunteer services are "very valuable" and increasingly important.

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"D" Company 2nd (R) Battalion of the Oxford Rifles won the Ingersoll Softball League Championship in 1943. Pictured outside the old Ingersoll Armouries on Charles Street is the impressive looking team: Back Row: Capt. C.F. Beagley, O.C.-Rfn. H.E. Benjamin-Cpl. C. Fellow-Rfn R. Vyse-L/Cpl. J.A. Laurenceson-Rfn. B.E. Borland-L/Cpl. O. Todd-Rfn. F. Channing. Front Row: L/Cpl. R. Hanley-L/Cpl. E. House-L/Cpl. C. Bright-Sgt. C. Mahoney (Mgr.)-Rfn. A. C. Thornton-CSM. E. J. Thornton (Capt.)-Sgt. J. Mahoney. (Photo courtesy of Janis Vint)

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There will be so many familiar faces in this picture! The school's Victory Memorial and the year is 1933. This Ingersoll Times appreciates it when readers identify those in a picture but must request that you write out the names when you submit the list. We just don't have the staff to field the dozens of phone calls that come in. Thanks for your help and co-operation. (Photo courtesy of Ruth Brown)

NEWS



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CRIME OF THE WEEK

January is Crime Stoppers month and we would like you to become aware of the ever-increasing problem regarding the illicit sale of smuggled cigarettes in Canada.

The cigarettes are clearly marked on the packages and the tear strips on the packages have the phrase "Not For Sale In Canada." They also have a Surgeon General's warning printed on the package while legally-purchased cigarettes in Canada do not have those markings.

Preliminary figures indicate that for the first part of 1992, RCMP seizures alone of smuggled cigarettes totalled a loss in revenue to Canada in excess of \$18 million. The lost retail sales value would be in excess of \$23 million.

If you have any information on persons committing these types of crimes or any other crime, call Oxford Crime Stoppers at 425-TIPS (8477) or 421-TIPS (8477). Crime Stoppers callers never have to identify themselves or give evidence in court, and are eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

Clarification

The recipients of the Canada 125 anniversary medals were listed in a story in last week's paper. The medal was struck to commemorate the 125th anniversary of Confederation.

The medal honors those who have made a significant contribution to their fellow citizens and their community. Recipients also reflect the diverse nature of Canadian society.

CORRECTION NOTICE

Due to a printing error in today's (this week's) Shoppers Drug Mart flyer on page 5, the Johnson's Baby Products (toilet/soil 440 mL, powder 600 g and shampoo 500 mL) are priced incorrectly at \$2.99 each. The correct price should be \$3.99 each. We apologize for any inconvenience this error may have caused.



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The public works and planning committee meets Feb. 1 at 5:30 p.m. in the municipal office meeting room.

The administration and finance committee meets Feb. 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the municipal office meeting room.

The Oxford County Public School Board meets Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the board meeting room, Woodstock.



Stella Walley Ferguson

Woman seeks her sister

An Australian woman is searching for a sister she hasn't seen in 30 years.

Winifred Wilson of South Melbourne, Victoria, is searching to find her sister, Ivy Hunter, who

moved to Canada.

She would like to receive word from Hunter who is a native of England and is her 70s.

A response can be sent to P.O. Box 401, Caledon East.

Ingersoll police report

A break and enter was reported Jan. 20 at Classic & Country Furniture. A rear door was forced open to gain entry.

A Beckett Road resident reported a vehicle break-in overnight Jan. 20 while parked in the driveway. The vehicle was scratched, but nothing was stolen. There are no suspects.

A report was received Jan. 22 from Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute that a student's vehicle rear passenger's window was smashed while parked in the school's rear lot.

Damage to vehicles on the Glassford Motors lot was reported Jan. 22. A vehicle collided with a car parked on the lot but failed to remain at the scene.

THEFTS

A vehicle was reported broken into overnight Jan. 20 while parked

at the Zehrs Food Market lot. Several items were stolen from the vehicle but later recovered. There was no damage.

An Oxford Street resident reported her vehicle entered overnight Jan. 20, between 8 p.m. and 9 a.m. The front door on the passenger's side was left open. An ashtray and change were stolen and the glove compartment was rummaged through, but nothing stolen. There was no damage to the vehicle.

An Oxford Street resident reported gold-wire rimmed sunglasses and a pair of men's brown-leather shoes, size nine, stolen from his unlocked vehicle overnight Jan. 20 while left on the street.

Alexandra Hospital reported \$50 in cash and \$80 in change collected for a 50/50 draw, stolen Jan. 22. The money was in an eight-and-a-half-inch-by-14-inch manila envelop.

Blast into the Past

Stella Walley Ferguson was the daughter of Fred Walley who owned and operated Walley's Drug Store on Thames Street in Ingersoll. This lovely young lady became an actress, singer and celebrated personality.

She married Harry Ferguson and they had two daughters, Joy (deceased) and Betty Gillespie of British Columbia.

Do you remember 'Stell'?

The Ingersoll Times is embarking on a year long celebration of our Bicentennial Year. In addition to a special souvenir edition which will be published this March, special features such as this will appear every other week. We welcome your suggestions and comments as well as pictures and stories that should be told during this special year.



Bicentennial tales

Ingersoll is well into the first month of its year long Bi-Centennial celebration.

The Ingersoll Times is taking a very active part in this celebration. Already pictures and stories are coming in for us to share with readers in our exciting Bi-Centennial Special Edition which will be published in March.

This paper is for YOU and The Ingersoll Times want you to feel part of it. If you have a special story that should be told or a picture you know others would enjoy too why don't you bring it in to us? We will see that you get your picture back.

Bonnie Mott, Bi-Centennial editor will be in The Times office every Thursday and will be happy to talk to you about your suggested stories. No appointment is necessary on Thursdays.

Mott is extremely enthused about the project and notes, "There are so many memories, so many stories out there! I am really proud to be part of a newspaper that is going to record these stories and pictures for this and future generations. I hope that I am swamped on Thursdays with Ingersoll and former Ingersoll folk coming in to wave pictures at me and share memories of our history."

Copy and pictures not used in the souvenir edition will be used throughout the year in a specially designated section of The Ingersoll Times.



Bruce Fleming performs the bicentennial song he wrote, for the bicentennial committee last Wednesday night at their meeting. (Tia Chierico photo)

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George and Jean Ingham, 270 Charles St. E. share many memories of the buildings in these photographs. Situated first at 211 Charles St. E., the business was multi-faceted and survived a flood, a fire and a war. Frank Ingham, the proprietor, was the father of George and the grandfather of Ruth Stewart. The business featured a service station, groceries, a tourist camp and at one time even had a cider mill. Jean Ingham remembers with pride that her mother-in-law, Hilda, "made the best foot long hot dogs in the world. Frank remembers a sign on a dog house advertising the foot long hot dogs for ten cents each. Featured from the top clockwise are: Front view of Uncle Frank's service station. Note the gas pumps and the car, circa 1920. This building burned in 1937, the same year as the flood. Peace Ingham (later Brewer, one of the daughters of the house) always recalled running down the stairs and the stairs collapsing behind her. She escaped with singed eyebrows. 2) This view shows the Tourist Camp sign; 3) Taken during the war years, this photo shows Jean Ingham with her four-year-old nephew, Charles, resident in an airforce uniform. Note the signs in the background. 4) Frank Ingham, Roy Burrows, Peace Ingham, stand in front of the family business. 5) Bill Brewer and George Ingham enjoy a few quiet moments in front of the tourist cabins, which actually are at the 270 Charles St. location. They were later moved back to 211 Charles. This photo was taken in May 1942, just prior to George going overseas. (Photos courtesy of Ruth Stewart)

Election

(Continued from Page 1)

"I went all over the county today (Monday) and it's so beautiful. The sun was shining, and I thought 'Whoever wins is very lucky.' It's a beautiful place."

"I was hoping John would win. He has such a love for this county. He has the intelligence and vision to really do something."

Ingersoll Liberal supporter John Fortner said the win gives him a "super feeling."

"We've been waiting for this day for a long time. Joe Carter took the home run (to win the World Series for the Toronto Blue Jays), we'll take this one."

"It's taken a long time," said Charlie Tatham, former MPP for Oxford and now a Woodstock councillor.

"We've walked down to the PC headquarters every federal election. It's nice to come here and see our friends and have a win."

Mohr showed plenty of class, arriving at Finlay's camp as the results made it clear the Liberals had won. The pair shook hands and Mohr noted the Reform Party had done well in Oxford.

"We'll be back," he said.

Smokes swiped

Tillsonburg OPP are investigating a break and enter at a Mount Elgin business early Monday morning.

A large quantity of assorted cigarettes was stolen. The estimated value of the stolen goods is about \$2,000, police said.

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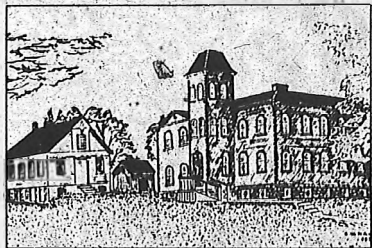
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The Upper Dam

Before the days of swimming pools in Ingersoll, the Upper Dam at the eastern boundaries of the town, was a favorite spot. Tales are still told about the high splints and sheer good fun that prevailed at the Upper Dam. (Photo courtesy of Doris Fleming)



Ingersoll Collegiate Institute

This drawing will bring back many memories. Commonly referred to as "the old high school", it was the town's secondary school from 1874 to 1984. The barn in the background was actually the school's gymnasium. The artist is K.W. (Bill) Hawking who is an I.D.C. graduate and the drawing was done to commemorate the high school reunion which takes place the May 16 weekend.



The Underwood Hardware store was a busy place on Thames Street from 1954 to 1980. James Melan holds the sign which identified the store, and which he has donated to the newly formed Ingersoll Historical Society. Brian Jean-Louis, who operates the Ingersoll Furniture Store, at the site of the former Underwood Hardware, discovered the sign in his basement and turned it over to Melan. When Pro Hardware built a new store in Ingersoll, now occupied by Shoppers Drug Mart, the Underwoods closed their store and went to manage the new one. Eddie and Helen Underwood are now happily retired at their Etra Street residence. (Photo by Tina Chivicos)

Grenville Douglas' Iron Collection

Readers are invited to drop into *The Ingersoll Times* to see the new showcase display. This month's feature is part of the fascinating collection of old irons belonging to Grenville Douglas. The Douglas collection includes charcoal irons, a Chinese iron, toy irons and many others. Each article is labelled and catalogued. The showcase display is an ongoing part of *The Times* participation in bicentennial celebrations.

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could hardly get past people? The small polling box behind Cuninghams' restaurant on Ball Street, the sidewalk on the floor of McMullin's Meat Market and always being given a raw Wiener when you went there... when Coke first came out and trucks would come to Ingersoll, calling at different houses and leaving sample six-packs for families, when police officers checked the front and back doors of every business place in town and even turned off the outside lights for the owners... when mothers of new babies were either hospitalized or kept in bed at home for 10 days after the baby was born?

What ever happened to....

Leslie Brady

Mel Brocklebank

It is easy to understand why Lesley had all those Ontario Championship teams in the early 1960s would stand out in Leslie Brady's memories of Ingersoll.

Son of Grant and Dorothy Brady, he lived at 247 Evelyn Street and 58 Calhoun Street. He attended Sacred Heart School and V.M.S. Brady left Ingersoll in 1966.

"Banking has been his career and hobbies have included cross-country skiing and canoeing. He and his wife Marilyn have two daughters, Michelle and Allyson. When he returns to Ingersoll he sees changes such as the Crown Hotel and the empty space downtown caused by the fire. The friendliness of the people has remained the same, says Brady.

He adds "A nice place to be from Ingersoll was a wonderful place to grow-up."

Current Address:
218 Ivanhoe Drive
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Mel Brocklebank was in Ingersoll from 1952 to 1956. Residents will remember him as a telegraph operator at the C.P.R. In fact he lists that as the most memorable thing he did here.

Now retired, he made the C.P.R. his career. After leaving Ingersoll he became active in real estate, art, and a non-profit housing board.

He and his wife Evelyn have a son Dennis, a daughter Gayle, born here in 1955 and a son Bryan. While living in Ingersoll they were active members of the United Church.

The Brocklebank family does visit Ingersoll. They feel the greatest change is the housing development on Disper Hill and that the wartime housing has remained the same in their eyes.

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Last week's photo of the class from Ward School contributed by Frances Longfield, drew a great deal of interest. Lorna Moon and Art Presswell submitted the following list of people included in the photo: Carmen Hawkins, Bill Kerr, Ted Jackson, Ken McGrathy, Tom Hewes, Ivan Smith, Ed Lewis, Reg Hipperson, Dave Prosser, Janet Pearson, Isabel Daniels, Stu Moyer, Ted Messenger, Marian Dodd, Annie Kelghtley, Irene Long, Louis Ranger, Jim Collins, Margaret Moon, Pearl Clayton and Claude Wright.

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INGERSOLL... Memories of Oxford on the Thames



Ingersoll Little Theatre

Community theatre was flourishing in Ingersoll in the 1940s and '50s. Plays were presented on the stages of St. James Anglican Church and the Town Hall. Working hard on a scene here are Marge Embury, John Morris, Vivian Seath, Art Presswell, Helen

Nagle Morris and (standing) Violet and Lyle Wilson. Anyone remember this play? It was Angel Street and was produced in the early '50s. This is the same group that brought William Hutt to Ingersoll to direct *Rebecca*. (Photo courtesy of Art Presswell)

Do you remember when ... ?!

By **LORNE MOON**
Do you remember when or where: the Pork Factory Store was in the building behind the Cheese Company office ... you played soccer with pig bladders from the Pork Factory ... free hearts, kidneys or livers were obtainable from the Pork Factory?

Free apples from O. E. Robinson's Evaporator were available "if you asked" ... gathering and feeding fresh grass to horses from the west of Stone's ... watching horses being slaughtered at Stone's ... hunting rats at the town dump, now the site of Canadian Tire ... snaring fish with copper wire at the town bridges?

Stirling shoots on Catherine Street with the town's permission ... making this out of barrel staves ... tobogganing from cheese boxes ... sleigh riding at "The Loops" on the Ward School ... tobogganing at Tuckers, now the Golf Club ... bobsliding, six to eight on a sled, on Mutual at George and Pemberton Streets ... the occasional dog sled racing in town?

The skating carnival held each

year on the Garnet Elliott Rink on King Hiram Street ... tennis court and bowling green at Sacred Heart Church ... tennis courts at Alexandra Hospital ... a private tennis court at F. N. Horton's on Oxford Street ... Roller skating over the garage where the Lions Building is now?

Veterans' stag in the fall at the drill hall at the Oxford Armory on Charles Street West, now the site of the post office ... Elmer Winkler's Lumber Yard on Boles Street, later Beaver Lumber ... "Baldy" Barton's Bowling Green at the corner of Mutual and Inkerman?

Three coal yards, Murrays, Daniels and Ackerts ... the early Board of Works with two men and a one horse dump cart ... the McMullin, Kerr, McSherry and Hawkins slaughter houses ... Jim Ranger's local bus service?

Baxter's Green Houses, always a showplace of flowers, on the North Town Line ... Bowmans Nursery, where locals bought trees and shrubs, on the NTL ... Radio Bert Barker, part time radio announcer ... George Jones, amateur boxer

and local reporter for the Woodstock paper, always on the main street looking for news ... Gus Morello, operator and owner of the

St. Charles Hotel, who also ran two dance halls, the Little Casino in Woodstock and B & G Casino, Stratford?

Oops!

Ruth Brown has rapped our knuckles gently — and rightfully so — over the wrong identification of a school board member in a July 7 photo.

Notes Brown, "In the group photograph of the presentation to Principal Walton in 1942, the

trustee mentioned as George Clifton, second from left, is actually Thomas E. Jackson, long time member of the school board."

J. C. Herbert also pointed out that Thomas Jackson also held the prestigious position of president of the Ontario Education Association.

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What stories this house could tell if only it could talk. Actually, it has never been a house; it has always been a home. Built by people by the name of Pool, circa 1900, it was later purchased by the Gregg family. Anna Barbury Gregg was the eldest daughter of a huge family. A warm, loving person, she was a great care giver. Among the young misses she helped raise was the person who became known to the community as Mrs. George Bartlett. Many other people who lived in the rural area had the opportunity to come there and live while they attended high school. Linda Lambert Freygon, owner and manager of Ingersoll Jewellers has fond memories of growing up there with her grandmother. She remembers her grandmother looking after the aunt who had once cared for her until the aunt died in her 90's. Mrs. Bartlett later sold the house in Richard Laver, who in turn sold it to Dr. Sheil and Anthea Warma. Freygon has high praise for the manner in which the Warma family has restored her old family home and she says that another happy memory for her is the day that Anthea Warma persuaded Mrs. Bartlett to come to see 'Up to that time Mrs. Bartlett had felt unable to return to the house, but she did go that day. "My grandmother was so happy after she saw it, I'm so glad she did go" recalls Freygon with a smile. (Photo courtesy of Anthea Warma)

Board continues efforts to revise policy manuals

By WENDY KUDERA

Whether or not to include guidelines in revised policy manuals sparked some discussion at last week's Oxford County Board of Education meeting.

Trustee John Eccoli, a member of the board policy manual committee, said he felt including guidelines in the final manual made it too large.

development) Peter Askey said the matter was indeed debated at the committee level. He said the idea of revising the policies is to make their use as easy as possible and make changes smoothly.

In these cases, he said, the guidelines are not overly abundant with regards to the number of pages. Also, he said, because the policies have significant change, the committee felt it best to include everything in one document to make it easier for those affected by the policies.

Superintendent of human resources, Les Sweeney also noted the race and ethnocultural relations policy will probably be extensively revised in 1994 as a committee is being established to write new guidelines for it by March, 1995, as part of an education ministry directive.

Trustee Ken Whiteford said the matter of excluding the guidelines was certainly discussed at com-

mittee level, adding the debate does not need to be echoed at the board meeting.

Trustee Patricia Smith agreed that because the policies in question were fairly new, the guidelines should certainly be at hand in one document.

Trustee Robert Ball, commenting on another matter regarding the race and ethnocultural relations policy, said he hopes the policy is used and not abused.

He said it seems in today's society people are extremely nervous about whether or not something will offend someone else. Ball said such rules tend to be made for one or two who would not normally be fair or equal on their own.

"It's unfortunate we even have to have these pages," he said.

Ingersoll Police Report

While worshippers visited St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Christmas Eve, mischief visited a number of cars in the parking lot in an item that highlights this week's Ingersoll Police Services report.

A report was received at 10:18 p.m. of a stolen vehicle and subsequently, two others of vehicles that were damaged through the same evening in the same spot.

Nothing was believed taken in the latter two incidents, however a person was taken into custody by the Woodstock police force Friday evening, roughly one-half hour after the initial report of a stolen vehicle was received. A 1993 red Cherokee was recovered.

A series of other vehicular incidents continued to dominate the report.

Friday, a complainant reported \$3,200 worth of power tools stolen from a truck parked the night before on George St.

Last Wednesday, a complainant reported the theft of a brief case and a tool box from a vehicle parked in a lot on Thames St. N. overnight. Police was given an approximately \$300.

Tuesday, a vehicle was rummaged through at a Thames St. S. address. Nothing was believed to have been taken.

Also Tuesday, the hood of a 1992 Oldsmobile Supreme was scratched with a key, deeply in the metal. Damage was of an unknown value.

Last Monday, it was reported a silver Dodge Caravan had been stolen and a zone alert sent out in response.

Also last Monday, a blue 1989 Ford Tempo was scratched with a sharp object while parked on the street, as was a blue 1989 Mazda pickup truck parked in front of a Willy Axe residence the night before.

A subsequent report added a 1988 Celebrity to the list of vehicles scratched with a sharp object in the same area.

Last Monday it was reported that a tire cover from a "Jimmy" was stolen sometime the previous Friday evening. And a wallet was stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked on the main street. The black leather wallet contained \$145 in cash, a driver's licence and social insurance card.

Out on the roads early Friday morning, a police pursuit ended with charges of dangerous driving and possession of cannabis resin being laid.

The previous evening a charge for a snowmobile on the lawn at Greenville St. created a disturbance of another kind last Tuesday.

On the plus side, a black Super-cycle 12-speed male bike was found at Bell St. last Tuesday.

On the minus, an instance of bank machine fraud was reported last Wednesday, the same day a complainant reported Christmas lights being taken and smashed in the street.

And finally, even before Christmas was over, a tradition of returning unwanted gifts may have been established, perhaps in the "right size, wrong color," or "right color, wrong size" category.

Police received a possible counterfeit \$20 bill from a complainant Thursday. It was submitted in ident for verification.




The Police Services Board will meet Thursday, Dec. 30 at 5:30 p.m. in the police station board room.

The administration and finance committee meets Jan. 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the municipal office meeting room.

The public works and planning committee meets Jan. 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the municipal office meeting room.

The Oxford County Public School Board meets Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the board meeting room, Woodstock.

All these meetings are open to the public and interested individuals are urged to attend.



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CRIME OF THE WEEK

On Dec. 19, 1993, at approximately 2:30 a.m., a man and his wife were driving east on Highway 7, approaching Thamesford, when their vehicle was struck from behind by a late model blue mid-size four-door car.

The vehicle continued to follow the man and woman into Thamesford where they pulled into a parking lot. Three males got out of the suspect vehicle and assaulted the man. His vehicle was also damaged.

The victim was treated at Woodstock General Hospital for a broken wrist that was repaired in the alteration.

Two males in a late model GM short-back pick-up truck, blue or black in color with a pink decal on the side, witnessed the assault. The OPP are requesting any witnesses contact them at 539-9811.

If you have any information on this crime or any other crime, you are requested to call Crime Stoppers at 421-TIPS (8477) or 425-TIPS (8477). Crime Stoppers callers never have to identify themselves or give evidence in court and are eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

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The first officers of Avalon Chapter OES included many prominent Ingersoll names. Installed March 24, 1939 were: back row - Blanche Babbe, Gladys Byerman, Harry Cornell, Marge McKinley, Gergette Harger, Frances Bereny, middle row - Nora Neil, Violet Pettie, Alice Stephenson, Ethel Nancakivell, Ruth Smith, Theresa Brewer; front row - Barthe Shuttleworth, J.F. David, Florence MacPherson, Edith E. Volk, J.M. Wilson and Mabel Brown. (Photo courtesy of Ruby Miree)

Mystery solved!

A mystery has been solved. Jim Matthews kindly dropped into the *Ingersoll Times* to reply to a query carried on this page about a Com-pact Club that had once existed in this town.

Jean MacDougall had found some tickets to a dance being held back in the 1960s to raise money for this club and had wondered what it was all about.

Matthews explained the club was formed by members of the Masonic Order after a fire had destroyed their headquarters over the former McKinley's Jewellery Store. Other businesses lost in the blaze included Elmer J. Chisholm's optometry office and Churchouse Tailors. One of his most vivid memories of the fire is firefighter Ken Campbell dashing back into the burning building and rescuing the organization's charter.

After the fire, members of the different lodges banded together and formed the Composite Club to raise money for the new Almonte Hall that was built on Thames Street South.



Help! Bruce and Marie Borland found this marvellous band picture in with a collection of old photos. The only problem is they cannot identify the people, the band or the year. Perhaps *Ingersoll Times* readers can help? (Photo courtesy of Bruce Richards)

Popular doctor dies

A former Ingersoll doctor who still made house calls and who became a close friend to his many patients has died in British Columbia, where he had gone to live after retiring.

During the 27 years Dr. Lawson was in Ingersoll, he was very active in the community. He was a naturalist who practiced what he preached and was a past-president of the Ingersoll Nature Club. For many years he headed the Ingersoll YMCA and was a champion of the Naval Cadets here and encouraged both that organization and others to

use the sailing facilities at Pittock Lake. A true humanitarian, he was never known to refuse help to anyone.

He passed away in Duncan, B.C. on June 27, 1993 in the loving presence of his family and friends, after a lingering illness. Born in Scotland in 1925, after graduation from medical school, he served as a paratrooper medical officer in the Second World War.

After the war he practiced in Yorkshire with his father and (Continued on Page 7)



Lakeside YMCA camp

This 1933 picture certainly shows some happy campers from Ingersoll! The lady at the left, Mrs. Julia Davis, is still talked about with fondness by the men today, who were the young boys under her care 60 years ago. Back row: Mrs. Davis, unknown, Bill Sage, Walt Murray, John Counter, Frank Bagnall, Frank Presswell, R. Stanley, Jack Boniface, Ed Haduck, Mac Sergeant. Middle row: Nip Henderson, Jim Westcott, Dave Stone, Sims, unknown, Bill Stone, Sims, Jim Boniface, Bob McKillen. Front row: Jack Fleisher, Jim Westcott, Bud Davies and Ted Fisher. (Photo courtesy of Nip Henderson & Bob McKillen)

Cox wins award

Ingersoll's Neil Cox has just been awarded the prestigious Best of Show award at the International Wood Carvers Congress at Davenport Iowa.

Speaking to the *Ingersoll Times* from Willmar, just west of St. Paul's Minnesota, an elated Cox described his sculpture, a figure of Mother Nature, as being two feet high and carved of bass wood.

"She's just kind of standing there and spreading a blanket over a globe, representing earth, and she, has a touch of concern in her face."

Cox explained he had originally used Mother Nature as part of a study in a fountain project, but had wanted to work with it separately and develop it further.

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Do you recognize these gentlemen in front of the old Machine Screw Works? Identified left to right are: E. Hargan, John Morrow, no name available, J. Knapp, Fred Moore, John Manville, Andy Moyer, Wesley Ackert, Bob Dales, Tom Dales, Ed Hargan Sr., Bert Longfield, Dick Huntley, Wesley Myer, Joe Lourey, no name available, Garnett Elliott and Charles Pearson. (Photo courtesy of Harold Longfield)

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...?



MURRAY CORNISH

"Making life long friends at I.D.-C.I. is what Murray Cornish lists as the most memorable thing he did while in Ingersoll. He lived with his parents Doris and Mosley Cornish at rural route Salford and attended public school there before coming in to IDCI. Cornish left Ingersoll in 1967.



Ingersoll has always loved a parade. Can anyone identify this occasion or date? Obviously a war-time occasion, it drew many spectators. (Photo courtesy Erin and Yvonne Hunt)



NOSTALGIC NOTES

Readers will note that, starting today, more space has been allotted on page two for Bicentennial features. This move has been made in response to the overwhelming interest shown in features and pictures published by *The Ingersoll Times* since January.

It is also part of the commitment made by publisher Freeman Farrington to make *The Times* an active partner in the community's year long celebration of its 200th anniversary.

Watch for *The Ingersoll Times'* Bicentennial Edition Part II to be published in June.

Yvonne Molt will be in *The Times* office Thursdays to discuss story ideas and pictures.

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Ruth Songhurst

Happily being the single mother of 14 year old twins, daughter Nicky and son Harold, must keep Ruth Songhurst busy, but she has many other facets to her life too.

She comes back to Ingersoll often to visit her parents Leslie and Kay Songhurst and her brother Doug Songhurst. Her family home was at 173 King Street East and she attended Princess Ann, VMS and IDCI before leaving in 1967 to attend University of Guelph.

Her reply to the question about the most memorable thing she did in Ingersoll is interesting. Says Songhurst "I used to leave the swimming pool in the summer and stand and wait for my parents' parking lot at their business (Ingersoll Planning Mill, now Castle Building Supply) on Thames Street, to fill up. When the lot was full it would "casually" drop in on dad and ask for a nickel or dime to buy candy. I figured he was less likely to say no in front of customers (which in fact was often the case; if no one was around I rarely got the money)," explained this play to dad many years later and he laughed" and said it was the first example of good business sense I had shown."

Her career has been varied. She is currently V.P. of Sales and Marketing for MKS, a computer software firm in Waterloo. "I spent a long time of my working career as librarian, social worker, researcher and writer and never wanted to own my own business. I had grown up in a family that had worked long and hard at their business for 47 years and two generations. But I think entrepreneurship gets into your blood and now I own part of a thriving software firm that jumped from 40 to 85 employees in the past year."

Songhurst cites the biggest changes to Ingersoll as Cami, the fire down town and the fields behind their family home becoming a subdivision. She is happy to say that the small town friendliness has remained the same.

She adds "I went to my 1967 Grade 13, 25 year reunion last August and had one of the most exhilarating time-warp experiences of my life. Rare moments to treasure!"

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Lawrence J. Riddalls B.Sc., R.T.N.M.I., B.Comm.

Lawry Riddalls is the son of Harold and Eileen Riddalls. His family home was 213 Oxford Street. He attended Victoria Memorial School and IDCI before leaving Ingersoll in 1972.

He lists his most memorable Ingersoll events as representing Ingersoll Peewee Minor Hockey at Goderich "Young Canada Week" hockey tournament in 1961 and travelling to Expo '67 in Montreal, as a centennial project, by motorcycle after completing Grade 13 departmental examinations.

His career has featured progressive development as a registered technologist in human and veterinary medicine.

Riddalls is currently employed at the Equine Research Centre at the University of Guelph as the Nuclear Medicine Technologist. Hobbies include sailing and active participation as an elected member of the Board of Directors of the condominium corporation.

A frequent visitor to Ingersoll, he cites the Cami Automotive plant as the biggest change. What remains the same, he says, is the friendly atmosphere and easy access to products and services required in one's life.

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