



From Around Home

by Roy Forrester

Spring is sprung

View through the window or step outdoors and you are sure to determine that spring is here. You can—I think, safely put away the snow shovel for another ten months.

Yes, spring is well on its way with the tulips and other plant life breaking through the earth's surface to once again play their part during the summer and fall months. It has been ever-so for centuries long beyond our imagination.

Going out into the backyard a few days ago two Chickadees made an appearance at the bird house in the centre of the flower garden in the back yard.

No doubt the pair are the same pair that used the box last year to raise two nestings. Both took part in the brief inspection and did appear to be at home in the book area. Possibly they dined at the feeder during the winter.

We'll certainly leave the door open for this pair in the summer.

I spent an enjoyable evening last Thursday at St.

Stephen's Secondary School in north Bowmanville being entertained by the St. Stephen's Choir and their Concert Band as well as selections presented by the Clarington Concert Band.

It was a great evening for music with the St. Stephen's Concert Band coming forth with The Magic Flute and Fantasia 2000 along with John Williams in concert and other numbers.

The Clarington Concert Band was not to be out done by any means with their "Imperial Echoes" march, "South Pacific" from the show, "Magic Flute" and a number of other selections. A French Horn solo by Scott Hall and a Euphonium solo by Austin Wiltshire are not to be soon forgotten.

If you like music, it was a great night of entertainment.

I understand that the Clarington Concert Band is slated to play in the Village of Orono in the not too distant future. Keep a look-out for the event coming soon.

Kudos

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really helpful.

Early on, we learned that a combination of cut up oranges and grapes always produced empty platters! Moreover, they look very beautiful.

Peter Armstrong of the IGA has funded half of each offering to the tune of \$30. For the rest we relied on the DBIA and various individual

donations.

At the end of June, I must pass the torch, as it were. I write to ask for fresh volunteers—not only as helpers, but to actually take the reins and deliver the program. I'll happily share with new people all the details of the past seven years—just give me a call.

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Support

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Tuesday.

Presentations will be made at the meeting by members of the Orono Medical Foundation as well as the doc-

tors interested in practicing here. Mayor John Mutton will also be presenting an update on Clarington's doctor shortage and their status as an underserved community.

Any and all interested citizens are encouraged to attend this information meeting.

Mardi Gras Party

at the Orono Town Hall

Saturday, April 3rd, 8:00PM

featuring
Porky (Townhall Criers)
Live Music, Best Costume,
Door Prizes, Cash Bar

\$15.00 per person

Tickets Available at The Apple Blossom Shop in Orono
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Firearms

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the municipality.

According to the Executive Summary of the Committee's findings presented to Councillors on Monday morning by Tom Vondrasco of the Clarington's by-law enforcement office, "the committee reviewed in length the specific issues brought before Council and general issues involving firearms and safety and found no safety issues".

Clarington's Firearms Safety Committee was given the mandate to review current municipal by-laws related to the use of shotguns and high power rifles and address the safety concerns of the community.

Clarington's by-law which regulates the discharge of firearms states that firearms with a calibre not greater than .275 may be discharged on Agriculture and Environmentally Protected lands and that a set back of 300 metres is required.

According to Vondrasco, the committee found that this "firearms by-law is adequate to further protect the public from the use of firearms."

The make-up of the Firearms Safety Committee was suggested by staff once council approved the formation of the committee. It was suggested that the committee be made up of a representative of the police, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, farmer, trapper, member of Council, member of the Municipal Law Enforcement Division and three citizens from the Municipality.

Eric Atkins and Richard

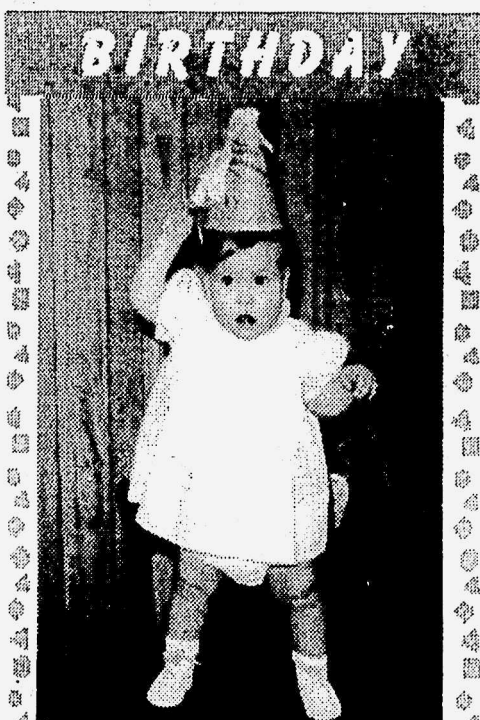
Stephenson were two of the three "citizen" members appointed to the committee. They were also part of the 6th Concession delegation that appeared before council last March expressing their concern with rifle on the crown lands near their property. They also reported an incident last January where a hunter was on their property with a gun.

Councillor Robinson who was the Councillor appointee to the Committee reported on Monday that Atkins and Stephenson attended the first committee meeting and never came back.

Stephenson said in a phone conversation with the Times on Monday evening, "We resigned when we realized that our vote would be out weighed." Everyone else on the committee was involved in the use of firearms said Stephenson. He said they left their suggestion

with the committee, "that perhaps use of long range rifles is not a good idea in a growing community, and it was up to them to address that issue."

The Committee did recommend that better mapping be incorporated with the current By-law so as to clarify where firearms may be discharged.



**Sugar and spice
Make nurses nice
At one, a cute baby,
Became quite a lady.
Turned heads at 30,
WOW, TODAY
SHE'S FORTY!**

Love from Laurie,
David, Erin & Wes

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~ HAPPENINGS ~

Saturday, April 3

Orono Figure Skating Club's "World Tour" - 56th Annual Carnival. 2 shows 1:30 and 7 p.m. at Orono Community Centre.

Saturday, April 3

Square Dance - 8 to 10 p.m. at Orono United Church in the main hall. Live music, refreshments, admission \$8.

Saturday, April 3

Grand Opening of Clarington's Newest Museum and Archives - 62 Temperance St., Bowmanville from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Rare artifacts on display, refreshment and entertainment. Help celebrate the opening of the new museum.

Saturday, April 3

Orono Pathfinder's Mardi Gras Party - 8 p.m. at Orono Town Hall featuring "Porky" (Townhall Criers). Live music, best costume, door prizes, cash bar. Tickets \$15 each available at The Apple Blossom Shop, Orono and The Velvet Elvis (Oshawa).

Monday, April 5

Newcastle Village & District Historical Society General Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Newcastle Community Hall, King & Mill Street Newcastle (downstairs in the Lion's Room). Guest Speaker is local author Lynn Hodgson speaking about his latest book Camp 30—the story of the Nazi Prisoner Camp in Bowmanville during WW2. Freewill offering. For more information call Myno Van Dyke 905-987-5482.

Wednesday, April 7

Medical Clinic in Orono "Public Information Session" - 7 to 9 p.m. at Orono Town Hall. Come find out what it is all about and how you can get involved. Every one welcome.

Wednesday, April 14

Kendal Community Centre Annual General Meeting - 7 p.m., Kendal Community Centre, 6742 Newtonville Rd., Kendal.

Wednesday, April 21st

Turkey Supper and Euchre - Orono Oddfellows & Rebekah's Centre at 6 p.m. Tickets \$12 Advance tickets only - Call Norma 905-983-5358 or Irene 905-983-9590. Fundraising for a new roof (sponsored by Hall Board.)