Chesley Public School welcomes new principal

by Jo-Anne Prime

The students of Chesley Public School have been seeing a new smiling face in the principal's office since school resumed following the Christmas holidays.

Maureen Jahnke came from the Wiarton Public School where she had been vice-principal for six years, to take on the position of principal of Chesley Public School.

Prior to working in Wiarton, Jahnke was vice-principal at Amabel Hepworth school and also at G.C. Huston School in Southampton

Born in Kincardine, Jahnke lived in Chesley during her own public school days

She is married and has two children, a 14-year-old daughter, Devon and 16-year-old son Matthew.

The family resides in Sauble Beach.
Having attended Stratford
Teachers' College, Jahnke received
her degree from the University of
Western Ontario.

"I feel very welcome here in Chesley and I'm looking forward to working with the community as well as the staff and students," says the quiet spoken principal.

As to her philosophy regarding education, Jahnke remarks, "I can not think of any years that are more important than the entry into school."

"How students feel about themselves initially will affect how they feel about their entire school careers," says Jahnke adding that, "the "hands-on" approach, or learning by doing, is an integral part of modern education."



Maureen Jahnke is the new principal at Chesley Public School. (Prime photo)

Orval Arnold Stinson of Chesley passed away suddenly at the Chesley and District Memorial Hospital on Saturday, February 2, 1991. He was 72.

Born on September 3, 1918 in Durham County, he lived in Cartwright Township in Durham County from 1918 until 1948, when he moved to Chesley. He was a retired electrician, having owned his own electrical business in Chesley for many years. He was a member of the Chesley Firefighters for 28 years and was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 144; St. John's United Church in Chesley and was a former member of the Chesley Curling Club and the Lawn Bowling Club.

Members of the Legion held a memorial service in honor of their late comrade on Monday evening, February 4 at the funeral home. Local and district fire department members also paid their respects as a group at the funeral home.

The late Orval Subject was the beloved husband of Patricia (Pearce) Stinson, whom he married on June 26, 1948 in Newcastle, Ontario.

He will be lovingly remembered by one son, John Stinson and his wife, Leanda of Chesley and two daughters, Marilyn and her husband, Ron Pitt of Calgary, Alberta and Linda and her husband, Don Miller of Ste. Foy, Quebec.

Dear grandfather of Jennifer Miller, Jessica Miller, Richard Miller, Jill Pitt, Erin Pitt and Michael Stinson.

Also survived by two sisters, Marion and her husband, Donald MacKinnon of Lucknow and Lola and her husband, Morley Bruce of Seagrave.

Predeceased by two brothers, Roy Stinson and Earl Stinson, in infancy. Survived by his sister-in-law, Barbara, in Oshawa.

The family of the late Orval Stinson received friends at the Emke-McFadden Funeral Home in Chesley. The funeral service was held from the funeral chapel on Tuesday, February 5, 1991 at 2 p.m. Rev. E. Ralph Ingleby of St. John's United Church in Chesley officiated.

Spring interment in the Chesley Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were Roy Slumskie, Mel Schwartz, Maurice Byers, Bruce Kaufman, Ken Kaufman and Bob Thomson.

Memorial donations to St. John's United Church, the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Chesley and District Memorial Hospital were gratefully acknowledged by the family as expressions of sympathy.

Kenneth Albert Primmer of Chesley passed away at his late residence in Chesley on Thursday evening, January 31, 1991, after a two-year illness. He was in his 66th year.

Born on December 18, 1925 in Chesley, he was the son of Edward and Edna Primmer.

The late Kenneth Primmer was a jeweller and owned his own jewellery and watch repair business in Chesley for 25 years. He retired in April 1978.

Mr. Primmer attended Geneva Presbyterian Church in Chesley and was a member of Branch 144 of the Royal Canadian Legion and the Chesley Lawn Bowling Club.

During the Second World War, he saw duty overseas with the Canadian Army and was in Freeport Sanitorium for five years with tuberculosis, following his war service.

Kenneth Primmer was the beloved husband of Evelyn Primmer and was the dear father of Marc and his wife, Debbie of Kitchener; Bonnie of Owen. Sound and Kendra of Chesley.

Loving grandfather of Shawn, Justin and Krista Primmer of Chesley and Jason and Jordan Primmer of Kitchener.

Survived by one brother, Gordon Primmer of Kitchener and one sister, Wilma, Mrs. Edgar Wilcox of Exeter. Predeceased by one brother, Carl Primmer.

The family of the Kenneth Primmer received friends at the Emke-McFadden Funeral Home in Chesley where the funeral service was held on Monday, February 4, 1991 at 2 p.m. Rev. William Lennips of Geneva Presbyterian Church officiated.

Spring interment in the Chesley Demetery.

Serving as pallbearers were Elmer Ward, Earl Barclay, Ray Barclay, Bruce Pickard and nephews, Ted Primmer and Alan Primmer.

Norman Edwin Spencer passed away suddenly at the Chesley and District Memorial Hospital on Monday, January 28, 1991, in his 67th year.

Born in Cobalt, Ontario on August 17, 1923, Mr. Spencer was the manager of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Chesley for many years. His business career spanned over 40 years.

He was the beloved husband of Rutheen (Ruth) Wilson Spencer, who predeceased him in December 1990.

The late Norman Spencer is survived by three sons, Harold of Ville de la

Baie, Quebec; James of Eden Mills and David of Chesley and two daughters, Donna of Chesley and Janet Currie of Truro, Nova Scotia.

He will be sadly missed by six grandchildren. Predeceased by one sister and one

grandson, Bradley Spencer.

A memorial service was held at the Emke-McFadden Funeral Home in Chesley on Friday, February 1, 1991 at 2 p.m. Rev. William Lennips of Geneva Presbyterian Church officiated.

Cremation, with interment in Chesley Cemetery.

David Irvin Newman of Harriston passed away at the Stratford General Hospital on Tuesday, January 22, 1991, in his 68th year.

Beloved husband of Isabel (Black) Newman, he was son of the Mrs. Gladys Newman of Harriston and dear father of Mary Lynne Forrest and her husband, George of Harriston; Karen Vanden Broek and her husband, Marty of Harriston and Rick Newman and his wife, Brenda of Listowel.

Also survived by eight granddaughters, Brandy, Christa and Sheree Forrest; Kim, Kendra and Michelle Newman; Karle and Ashley Vanden Broek.

Dear brother of Clifford of Millbank, Laverne of Fort Erie, Melvin of Edmonton, Carl of Harriston, Lucille, Mrs. George Rosenblath of Southampton and Marilyn, Mrs. Ken Schmidt of Kitchener.

Predeceased by his father, Richard and his brothers, Edward and Harold.

The family received friends at the Hardy-Lee Funeral Home in Harriston. Interment in Harriston Cemetery.

Memorial donations to the Palmerston and District Hospital would be appreciated.

Nine Sunday Schools took part in the monster picnic held in John McDermid's bush on Tuesday, and there were over 800 people present.