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# Tavistock is home to Dairy Princess

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EMBRO — The Dairy Capital of Canada has a new ambassador to promote its industry.

Monica Wiffen was appointed Oxford County Dairy Princess at a banquet at the Embro Community Centre Saturday night. The 20-year-old Tavistock resident took over the one year position from Teresa Cornwell.

"I'm interested in agriculture and I've been brought up on a dairy farm," said Wiffen. "I wanted to get involved in promoting the dairy industry."

Promotion will be a big part of her job as a representative of the Ontario Milk Marketing Board, said Nancy Cornwell, Dairy Princess co-ordinator.

A lot of Wiffen's work will be educating the public about the nutritional importance of dairy products. This involves visiting classrooms around the county, talking to women's groups, service clubs and other community organizations. Last year's princess spoke to more than 600 students, said Cornwell.

The milk marketing program is in the process of major changes, said Cornwell, to make it more in

line with today's market. Over the years the position has changed. "The emphasis is away from the princess idea and is focusing in on education and promotion," she said.

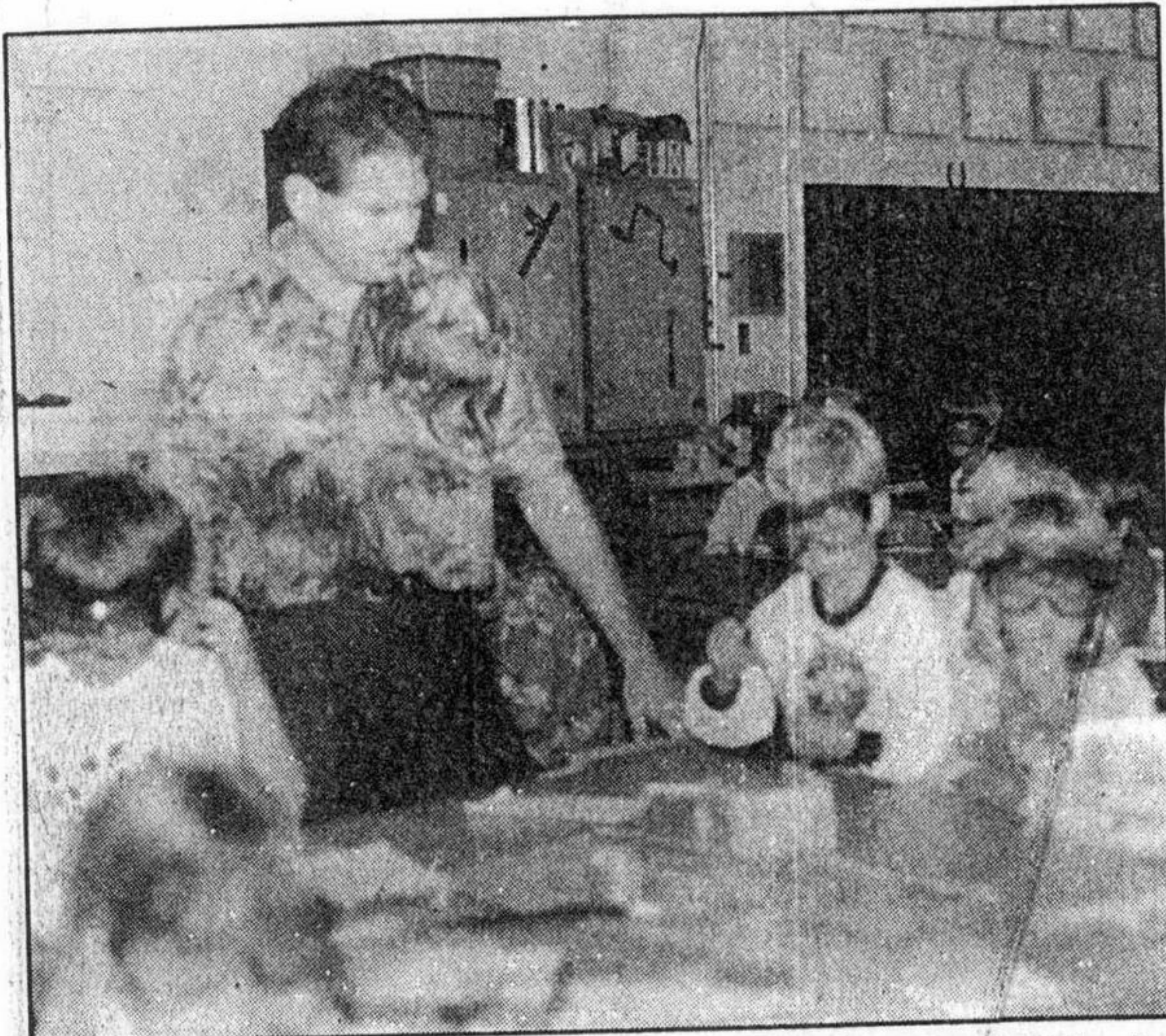
There are 45 dairy princesses around the province promoting the dairy industry. Wiffen is the 35th princess Oxford County has had.

In order to become the ambassador, Wiffen and her competitor Norrah Mayberry from Ingersoll, had a personal interview with a panel of three judges. Wiffen said she was asked, "who was who on the milk marketing board." There were also technical questions about the dairy industry.

Wiffen, a second year commerce student at the University of Windsor, was also required to give a speech at the banquet. Her speech addressed the family dairy farm—a team approach to farming. More than 100 milk and cream producers attended the banquet.

While there are gifts for the princess and all expenses paid for her duty-related trips inside and outside the county, those are not the reasons young women chose to become ambassadors for their county.

Said Wiffen, "I hope it will help me with my communication skills."



Zorra Highland Park Public School's design and technology teacher Glen Cybulski works with Grade 2 students in building models of homes. Cybulski incorporates academic skills in his classes. (Tia Chiericos photo)

## Zorra Highland Park's new tech teacher stirs interest in the field

BY TIA CHIERICOS

Zorra Highland Park Public School's new design and technology teacher is working to keep up interest in his field of specialty.

Glen Cybulski has seen design and technology classes phased out in other counties and is glad to see that hasn't happened in Oxford County.

"It's a great loss to kids," he said. "It's integrated more with regular programs."

He said many teachers think design and technology is just shop, but it's much more.

"It teaches life skills . . . I taught a kid who didn't know what a screwdriver was," Cybulski said.

He said students are learning to incorporate math and science in their design and technology work.

Grade 8 students are building boomerangs and Grade 7 students are designing and constructing kites -- all learning the actual physics of aerodynamics.

In addition, students must write a report on their work.

This is the first year primary students have been included in the course. Cybulski said the Grade 1 and 2 students learn simple activities including gluing, nailing and cutting.

"They're more enthusiastic than the older kids," he said.

With his specialist studies at a university north of London, England, and his degree in biology, Cybulski taught for five years in Toronto and two years in northern Ontario where he was first asked to teach design and technology.

He said he enjoys teaching the students because they become so excited in the activities.

## Embro man seriously hurt in crash

**1** WOODSTOCK — An Embro area man is in serious condition in hospital here after his car was struck broadside by a dump truck about noon Thursday.

Ernest Garner, 75, of RR 1, Embro, is in intensive care at Woodstock General Hospital. Police said his car was westbound on Ingersoll Avenue when it was in collision with a northbound truck on Vansittart Avenue.

The driver of the truck, Karl Empey, 27, of RR 1, Brownsville, was not injured.



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