

Marina McSherry (left) and Kristen Armstrong (right) were winners of the John Cook Award for highest marks in language arts, presented during graduation ceremonies at Princess Elizabeth Public School Monday. They received congratulations from principal Jim Piggott (centre), who according to one source, is retiring to "that great golf course in the sky" as of this year. Piggott's career includes 35 years in the Oxford County school system, including the last four at Princess Elizabeth. (Jeff Tribe Photo)

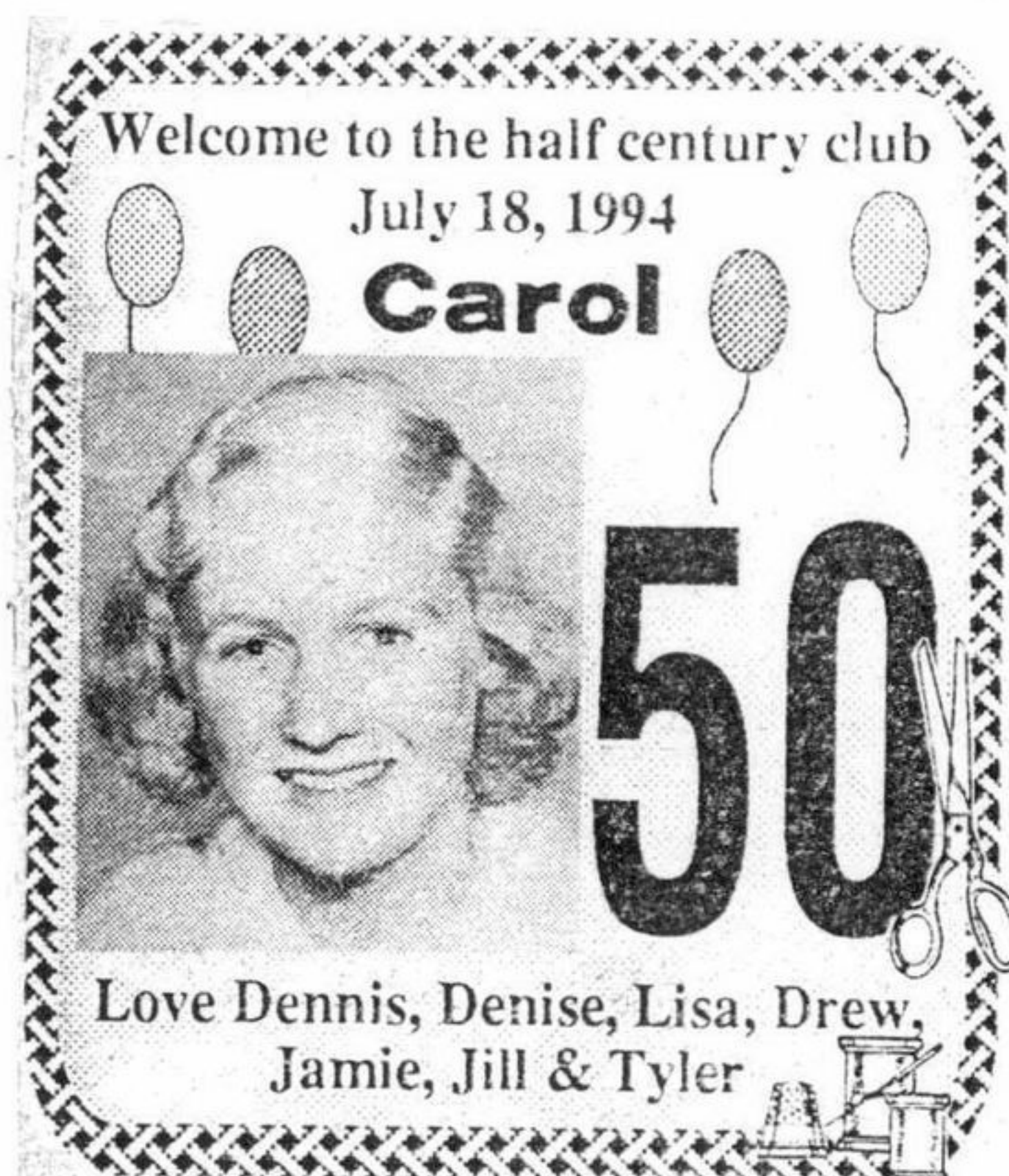


Making a splash

Zorra Highland Park School student Dale Morrison pours a bucketful of water over teacher Rob Hutson's head as he sits in the sponge toss game during the school's Fun Day last week.

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Embryo teenager awarded Scouts' highest honor

Seventeen-year-old saves his sister's life after sailing accident

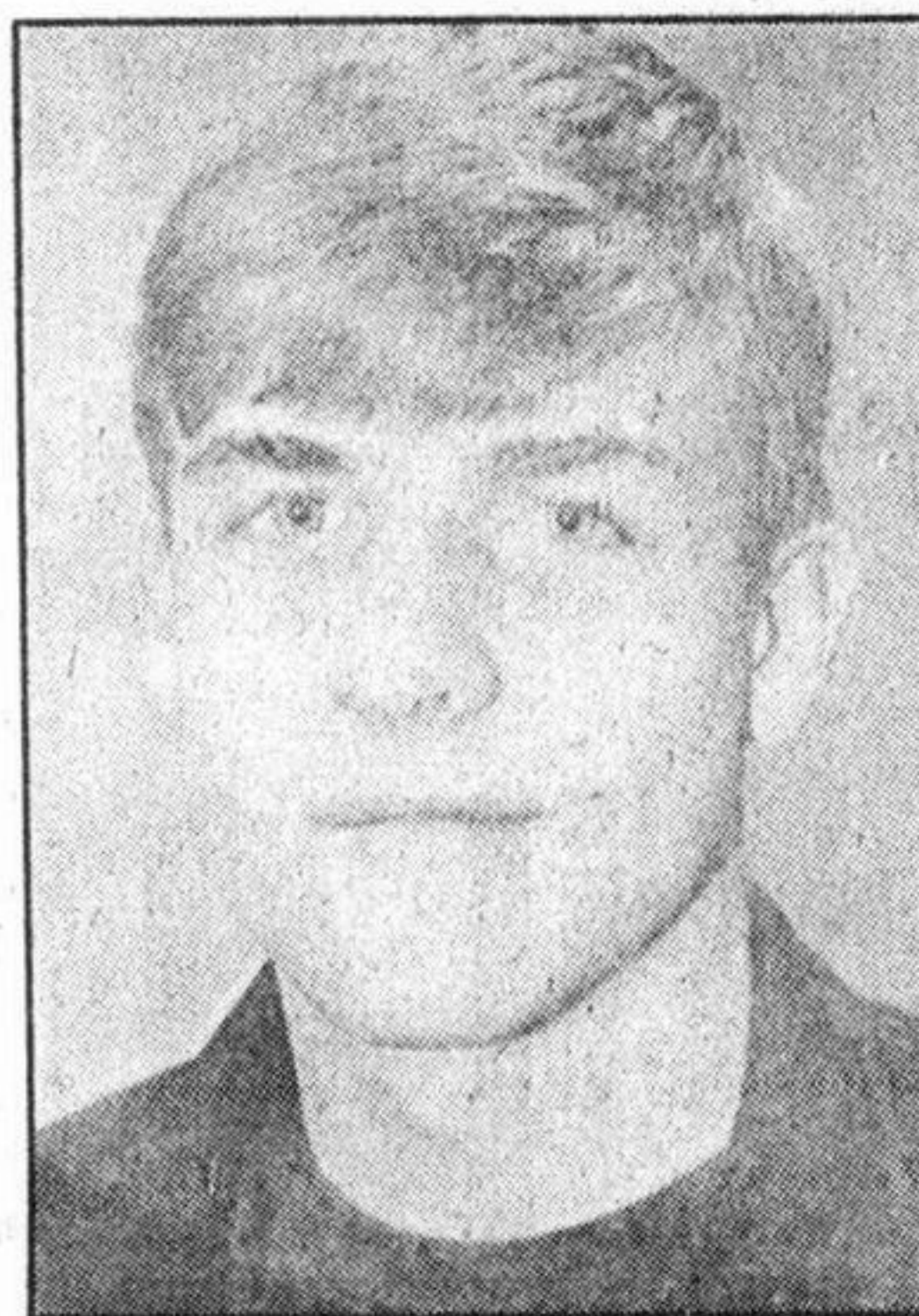
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EMBRO — A local hero was one of 23 members of Scouts Canada to receive scouting's highest award at a special ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa recently.

Colin Campbell was presented the Medal for Meritorious Conduct by then-Governor General Ray Hnatyshyn. He received the medal for saving his sister's life.

Campbell, 17, said he spent a few minutes just chatting with Hnatyshyn who was trying to make the recipients feel at ease. The Embro resident says he himself was calm.

"I really didn't think I did much, a couple of guys in the rescue boat did more."



Colin Campbell

Those guys were Doug McKenzie and Derek Innis who came to the

rescue when the Campbell boat tipped. And that's where the story ended happily for Campbell and his sister Lesley, and why Campbell received the scouting honor.

"I was out sailing at Fanshawe (Lake) with my sister and the boat dumped while she was on the trapeze," recalls Campbell of that September 1993 day when they were out on the 500 pounds, 18-foot Y Flier.

His sister fell under the front sail — the jib — a rope caught around her neck and the boat turned on top of her.

"I swam around the front of the boat, picked the front of the boat up and started yelling for help until someone came. Nothing special," says Campbell.

It was race day at the lake so the people in the rescue boat were there in 1½ minutes, he says. His sister was unconscious, likely because she was under the water for at least a minute.

Campbell has been in the scouting movement for 13 years, mostly in Embro, he says. Now he helps lead the Embro Scout troupe. He's stayed in it over the years because his friends are in it, his mother is a cub leader, and now because they also need leaders.

Involved in volleyball, soccer and wrestling at Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute, the Grade 12 student continues to sail.

The experience has not turned Campbell off sailing, and he says his sister will sail as well.

Last summer he had a job teaching sailing.

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