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The Oxford Presbyterian United Church Women's executive in the BACK ROW from left to right are: song leader Marlene Matheson; church-in-society Alice Hutchison; Leadership/ Christian development Evelyn Palmer; advisory member Eleanor Banbury; world outreach Marion Harrington; and Archives Jean Hanson; In the MIDDLE ROW are: press and publicity Ruby Miree; regional vice-president Doreen Barzow; advisory member Marjorie Whittaker; advisory member Muriel Buchanan; pianist Agnes King; program Dorothy Joslin; program/stewardship Helene MacLeod; program Shirley Wood; regional vice-president Lois Irving; and advisory member Valerie Drane. In the FRONT ROW are: treasurer Rhoda Wright; recording secretary Helen Pielt; 2nd vice-president Nancy Cockle; president Leta Hughes; 1st vice-president Margaret McLeod; and past president Elizabeth Heeney.

Oxford UCW members gather for annual meeting

More than 200 women of Oxford Presbyterian UCW met at Central United Church for the 36th annual meeting Jan. 28.

President Leta Hughes told the gathering there were 44 UCW groups in 1997 with a total membership of 1,190.

The annual report was presented, along with the financial statement, and the 1998 proposed budget was approved.

Worship at the meeting was conducted by the College Avenue UCW using the theme for the day, "Doers of the Word," from Matthew 7:21-

29, presenting a challenge to all to attend church and hear God's word and to act.

Guest speaker Jack Burghardt, a life-long member of the United Church, a Lay Pastoral minister, a politician both federally and in London, broadcaster and journalist, challenged, encouraged and praised the United Church Women who have earned respect and gratitude saying they are in positions to be doers of the Word. He then spoke of the qualities of a doer and said a challenge of our society is to heal, reconcile

and save people from selfish desires.

Upcoming events were announced: Spring event at Embro United Church on March 23 at 6:30 p.m., the London Conference UCW annual meeting is at Dundas Street United Church in Woodstock April 27 and 28, Westminster weekend is May 29-31, and Camp Bimini retreat is on June 15 and a summer event will be held at Siloam United Church in London on July 18.

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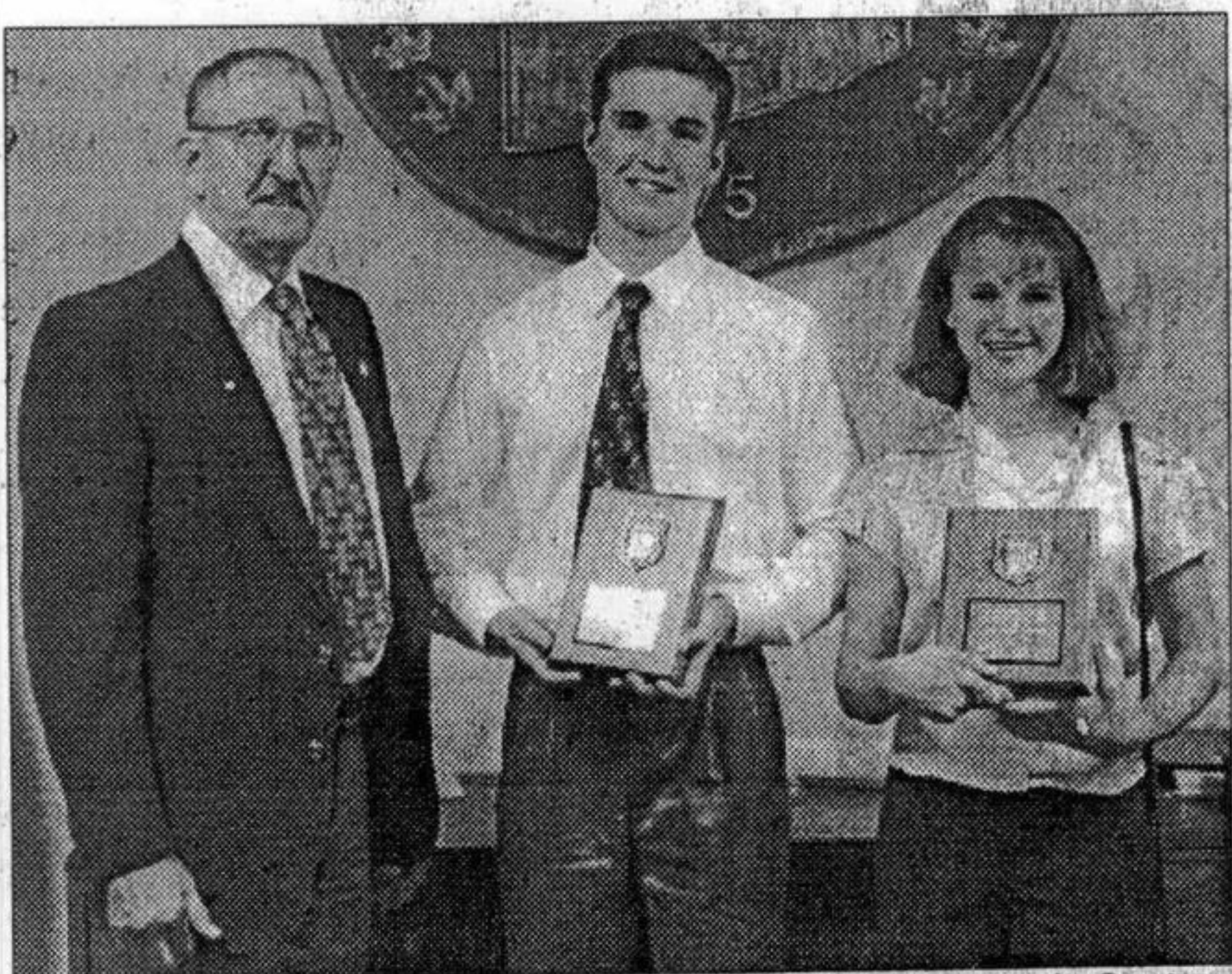


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Award-winning skaters

Zorra Township Mayor James Muterer, left, awards plaques to Embro resident Brian Innes and Thamesford resident Kristy MacCabe recently for winning a bronze medal in the Novice Ice Dance competition at the Canadian Figure Skating Championship in January.

In Memory Of



Eddie O'Doud
1905 - 1997

*Never more than a thought away,
Quietly remembered every day,
No need for words, except to say,
Still loved, still missed in every way.
For the good times we spent together,
To our memories we will cling,
As we settle for life without you,
And the peace that time will bring.*

Always in our hearts and lovingly remembered by Daughter Anita and Granddaughter Nanci.



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Piping in the haggis

A large crowd gathered at the Embro Knox Presbyterian Church last night for the sixth annual Robbie Burns dinner. In the photo are co-organizer Norma Howe, holding the traditional haggis, and pipe major John MacRobbie. The money raised from the dinner will support the church general fund.

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