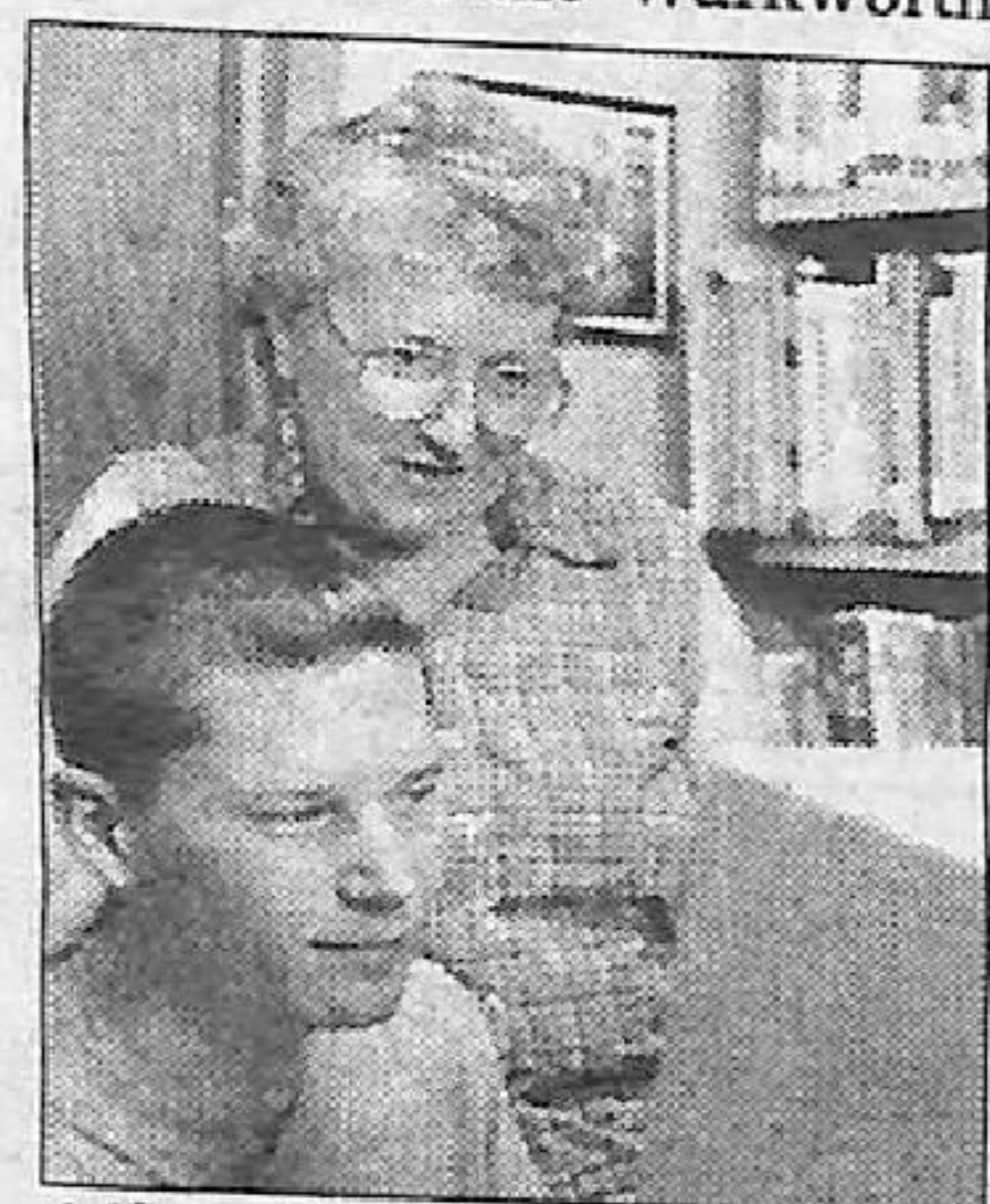


Journal told story of community

by John Charlton
The Independent

With the completion of the third of a four-part initiative to convert a large collection of historic but fragile Warkworth Journals to microfiche, Heritage Percy has insured that a unique account of the area's social history will be preserved.

Thanks to generous support from area residents and local organizations such as the White School Women's Institute, the Bloomin' Friends and the Warkworth



Librarian Joan Sampson gives student Brad Post a hand with the Warkworth Journal records.

branch of the Royal Bank, the record, housed in the Warkworth library, now extends from 1892 to 1966.

As for the contents of the collection; "The paper will be devoted to the interests of the village and the surrounding community," said founder W. H. Henry in the premier issue.

According to Howard Wilson who ran the Journal from 1945 to 1963, the Journal tried to be a paper people would be pleased to receive in their homes.

Bill Edwards, his wife Peggy, and their son Blaine subsequently ran the weekly until 1989, when the newspaper was sold to a large company, marking the end of almost a century of independent ownership.

"In this age of give-away, throw-away papers, a real community newspaper such as the Journal has become a rarity and can only survive with the support of its community," said Blaine Edwards in his parting letter to his readers.

Edwards' prophetic message forewarned the consequences of dwindling financial support. In 1996 the Journal and its sister publication, The Campbellford Herald, ceased to be the voices of their communities.

"The papers, which belong to the Northumberland Group of Southam Inc. are not part of the company's long-term strategy in the market," said Earl Bateman, Chief Operating Officer of Southam's Ontario Community Network at the time.

Ironically, Heritage Percy had completed phase one of their project the week that the paper folded. When finished, the group hopes that all the existing copies of the paper will be preserved. A copy of the records will be purchased by the National Library of Canada.

"There are still some gaps which we would like to fill, particularly in the years from 1933 to 1940," said project coordinator, Vickie Grant who can be reached at 705-924-2659.

Cramahe Township Boundary berm dispute still unresolved

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CASTLETON - There's still no resolution of the dispute between Benedetti and Mr. and Mrs., Doidge over a berm constructed on a mutual unopened road allowance.

Mr. Benedetti maintains the berm (piled up with trees and rocks in the unopened road allowance) is diverting water onto his property - a potential flooding hazard.

Mr. Benedetti has already been to Cramahe Township council requesting the berm be removed and replaced with a four to five-foot berm opposite his hickenbottem. Further, he wants the unopened road allowance reconstructed and left intact to prevent further run-off.

Mr. Doidge maintains he has never observed a run-off problem.

The Cramahe Township roads committee has twice visited the site in an attempt to reach a solution, but it remains unresolved.

An unopened road allowance between Lots 32 and 33, Concession 6, Cramahe Township, will be closed by the township.

The adjacent landowners will then have the road allowance divided and deeded between the, one part going to Terry Thomson and Carol Watkins, another to John Rutherford.

Legal and incidental costs will be shared by the two property owners.

Cramahe Township has agreed to proceed with the request of Ramona Bartkus to have the road allowance between Concession 7 and 8 closed. The township will post to plan and all costs are to be recovered by Ms. Bartkus.

The Cramahe Township Roads department has received council approval to advertise and tender for a half-ton pick-up truck. Invitations to bid will be sent to all dealerships in Northumberland County.

The next Cramahe Township Roads Committee meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. August 17.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Illegal dumping owner's expense

BY MANDY MARTIN
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CASTLETON - Illegal dumping is just so much garbage. Unfortunately for Carl Wilce, he has to clean up the mess someone arbitrarily dumped on the property of he and brother Bert.

Mr. Wilce approached Cramahe Township council to determine whether he could have township assistance, or funding, to remove the building materials and other junk that has all the ear-markings of having originated in Scarborough. However, township council refused, concerned they would set a precedence for other garbage miscreants.

What the township council has agreed to do is issue Mr. Wilce landfill vouchers at no cost to offset the cost of dumping the refuse once its gathered up.

By coincidence, Bryanne Tait of the Northumberland County waste department was appearing as a delegation at last Monday's Cramahe Township council meeting.

Deputy reeve Jim Williams asked if the county had any policy or assistance available to handle cleaning up illegal dumping messes.

Ms. Tait said she was unsure, and recommended the council and/or Mr. Wilce contact Northumberland County administration to see what, or if, any assistance is available for clean-up of his property.