

Garden Club holds annual meeting

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About 50 Garden Club members and guests welcomed our 1999 season and the countdown to the year 2000 at our annual meeting January 30, noon, at Prospect Missionary Hall.

We met around a laden table of fabulous entrees and desserts, filling up our plates and sitting at small tables attractively decorated for the event. We enjoyed our meal together. Thanks to all who prepared food and helped with the before-and-after chores to make a pleasant day for all.

We welcomed as guests Northumberland MPP Dr. Doug and Cathy Galt, Hazel Wilson and Beryl Harris from District 4, and Mandy Martin of the Colborne Chronicle. Dr. Galt brought greetings from the Ontario government and expressed thanks for the work the club does in the village. Miss Wilson gave a brief outline

of events coming up in 1999 for District 4 and Mrs. Harris thanked us for help given during last year's OHA convention at Peterborough.

Mrs. Harris conducted the installation of Officers for 1999, having each one light a candle after taking their oath of office.

Our executive for 1999 is Président Emeritus Amy Gresham, Past President Gord Smith, President John Sellers, 1st Vice President Sandra Compton, 2nd Vice President Linda Hall Arnold; Secretary Marion Boys; Treasurer Peggy Tozek.

Directors are: first-year - Mary Jackson, Carmen Lawrence, Gayle Barrett, Joyce Murray and Vi Morrison; Directors, second-year - Jennifer Heintzman, Jill Sellers, Harold Harnden, Anne Harrison and Michael Fisher. We wish them all a happy, successful year.

Flowers used as table centres were given as door prizes and

were won by Beryl Harris, Cicely Scroggs, Jill Sellers, Linda Hall Arnold, Vi Morrison and Chuck Shook.

Sadly, this year sees two long-serving and knowledgeable members giving up their elected positions. Their dedicated service on the executive will be greatly missed, but their knowledge and expertise will still be available to us in the years ahead.

Amy Gresham, on behalf of us all, presented Gordon Smith with an engraved pen in thanks for his leadership over many years.

Beryl Harris presented a jewelled pin to Jean Filteau in thanks for her term as secretary. Beryl and Jean became very good friends as they worked together, exchanging letters and phone calls for many years.

Thanks, Gordon and Jean, for many years of hard work, willingly undertaken, and well done. You will be missed!

Gordon Smith had the pleasure of presenting, on behalf of us all, an O.H.A. Service Award to our long-time loyal and hard-working member Vi Morrison. A very popular choice!

Once again, we all settled in to watch the beautiful collection of slides taken over the season by Gordon Smith. These are of gardens in the village and surrounding areas. It gives us views of many various types of gardens - a chance to see the work of local gardeners and give us inspiration.

Our next meeting at Prospect Church Hall on February 22, Monday, at 7:30 p.m. is called "Show and Tell". Bring your questions and answers on any subject of gardening, projects, meetings, etc., etc. And bring your ideas for discussion!

\$20,000 damage in Gosport house fire

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Around 12:40 a.m. February 6, a pickup truck was observed northbound on Burnham Street, Cobourg, at a high rate of speed. The driver was given the roadside Alcotest, which he failed. As a result, William Holmes, 41, Port Hope, was arrested and charged with over .08. Mr. Holmes will appear in Cobourg court February 22.

At 4 p.m. February 5, Brighton Fire Department was called to a residence in Gosport. A fire had started in one of the bedrooms causing approximately \$20,000 damage. All seven occupants of the home escaped uninjured. The fire was not of suspicious origin.

On February 7, OPP received a report of damage at the Campbellford Arena. Graffiti had been spray-painted over an outside wall. As a result of the investigation, a 15-year-old female from Warkworth and a 17-year-old male from Baltimore have been charged with mischief under \$5,000. They will appear in Campbellford Youth Court March 16. The male has also been charged with a breach of probation. He was held in custody for a bail hearing in Cobourg February 8.

Between 9 p.m. February 6 and 7 a.m. February 7, a 1985 pickup truck was stolen from a residential driveway in Brighton. The vehicle was recovered in Murray Township around noon February 7. The vehicle was undamaged.

On February 6, a 38-year-old female reported an alleged



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assault by her common-law husband. A 35-year-old male from Cramahe Township was arrested and charged with assault. He was held in custody at Peterborough jail for a bail hearing in Cobourg February 8.

On February 5, around 11:25 p.m., a car was stopped for speeding on Highway 401 in Brighton Township. A search of the vehicle produced approximately a half-ounce of marijuana. As a result, David Ogden, 40, of Hamilton, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and for

driving while under suspension. He will appear in Cobourg court March 8.

On February 5, around 11:45 p.m., officers checked a vehicle parked on Loveshin Road, Hamilton Township. A small quantity of marijuana was found. As a result, Brian Wice, 19, of Port Hope, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and breach of probation. He will appear in Cobourg court February 22.

5-year plan for county road improvements

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NORTHUMBERLAND — The county's roads committee is recommending about \$4.83-million be earmarked in this year's budget for reconstruction.

It is the first year of a five-year plan designed to attempt to keep county roads from degenerating, while not completely depleting monies given to the county by the province when it forced the 13-member county-level government to take over that responsibility.

Areas that have been identified for construction include:

- the Harwood Road, Hamilton Township;
- Prince Edward Street, Brighton;
- Albert Street, Hastings;
- Dundonald Road, Cramahe Township;
- Black Creek Bridge, Garden Hill, Hope Township;
- County Road 2, near Welcome, Hope Township;

- County Road 35, near Campbellford;
- County Road 30, Trent River South; plus various roads which will receive surface treatment or major repairs.

The William, Burnham and Elgin streets reconstruction in Cobourg was originally budgeted for this year but with a delay in the project, the county's estimated \$5-million contribution was earmarked to come out the following year's budget.

County council must still accept this report from its roads committee.

The county is now responsible for 503 kilometers of roads with 58 bridges and 49 culverts.

About 253 kilometers of these roads, which include the former highways, 28, 45 and 30, now county roads, require some form of rehabilitation.