## Horticultural Society preserves local history

by Aidan Conolly THE INDEPENDENT

HIS YEAR MARKS the 100th anniversary of the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA). As individual chapters of the association review their history in commemoration, the Colborne District branch has uncovered a story of local history and an antique that might otherwise have remained hidden for many more years.

The current president of the Colborne and District Horticultural Society is Lenna Broatch. For Ms. Broatch, reviewing the history of her chapter of the OHA has been as personal an experience as it has been a professional one. Ms. Broatch's mother, Christine Hubble, wrote an article for the October, 1940 edition of The School magazine. She was asked by managing editor Charles Phillips to write about her experience participating in a contest.

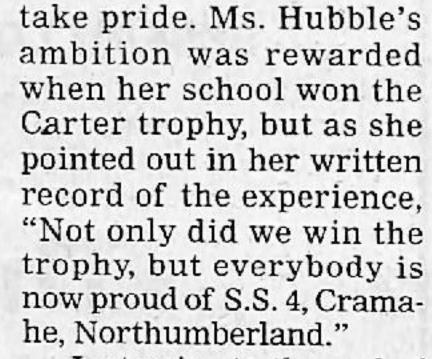
As the school teacher at Salem school in 1939, Ms. Hubble took part in an OHA school beautification challenge that was initiated by renowned agriculturalist J.E. Carter. Ms. Hubble demonstrated dedication to the cause, enlisting the support of a local greenhouse and the manpower of each and every

one of her students to turn a sloppy, untended schoolyard into a place of beauty, in which the children could

ambition was rewarded when her school won the Carter trophy, but as she pointed out in her written record of the experience, "Not only did we win the trophy, but everybody is now proud of S.S. 4, Crama-

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Ms. Broatch has thoroughly enjoyed reviving this bit of local history. "I knew it was there all along," she said of the trophy. "The 100th anniversary just gave me the reason to pull it out and use











Top left: At the Colborne and District Horticultural **Society's Spring Flower** Show, club President Lenna **Broatch displayed the trophy** awarded to her mother's school for rural beautification in 1939.

Above: Ms Broatch's mother, Christine Hubble.

Left: The participating students at S.S.4 Cramahe 1939,

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