



It's been a banner year for the Opeongo Cross-Country team. It has retained the county championship and finished second overall in the Eastern Ontario meet last week. In front, from left, are Roger Carr, Joe Kenny, Kelly McHale, Lisa Hiderman, Kathleen McHale, Charlene Haley, Michelle Kenny, Christine Alexander, Tammy Kauffeldt and Cindy O'Malley. In the back, from

left, are Sandy Smith, Kevin Mottershead, Elaine Haley, Sherri Coulas, Andrea Dick, Shelley Burwell, Christina McNabb, Erin O'Grady, Bernard Kenny, Kent Brown, Winston Caldwell, Thane Childerhose, Terry Burwell and coach Tom May. Absent are Adam Taylor, Rob Haydock, Billy Laundry, Andrew Proacher, Barry McIntyre, Shawn Cahill and Dianne Dwyer.

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## Cross-country team continues to excel

The competition gets stiffer with each passing week, but Opeongo High School's cross-country team continues to excel.

The top cross-country athletes from Eastern Ontario (excluding the Ottawa area) were in Plantagenet on Thursday and Opeongo finished in second place overall from among 35 or so schools represented.

OHS runners accumulated 33 points, just shy of the 38 rung up by the meet champions from Thousand Island School in Brockville.

It's now on to the provincial championships in North Bay Saturday for the senior boys and senior girls teams. The top two teams in each category qualify for OFSSA and

both squads met the challenge.

Considering that an average of 125 runners entered each race, the senior boys accomplishment of placing four runners in the top 15, three in the top ten, is outstanding to say the least.

The Green and Gold were first overall here with Terry Burwell earning second, Bernard Kenny, fourth, Winston Caldwell, fifth, Kent Brown 14th, Adam Taylor 54th and Rob Haydock 71st.

The senior girls combined for a very strong finish, ending up in second with three runners in the first 15, four in the top 20.

Pacing the squad was Kelly McHale who was sixth. Lisa

Hiderman was right behind Kelly in seventh while Tammy Kauffeldt was 12th, Michelle Kenny 16th and Charlene Haley, 34th.

Finishing an impressive third was the midget girls. Andrea Dick was 13th and Erin O'Grady, 15th. Joe Kenny hit the chute in 20th, Sandy Smith 29th, to propel the midget boys into fifth.

The junior girls ran well too, notching sixth. Leading the way was Shelley Burwell who was 15th and Sheri Coulas who was 30th.

Opeongo did not enter a junior boys team at Plantagenet, but individually in that category Thane Childerhose was 44th out of 155 competitors.

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## STUDY FUNDING FOR RENFREW AND PEMBROKE

# Board Would Take Over French School

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The Renfrew County Roman Catholic Separate School Board is seeking jurisdiction for the French language secondary school in Pembroke now operating in Champlain high school.

Terry Mulvihill, chairman of the

board's completion committee, said the board is prepared to assume responsibility for the French language school, Jeanne Lajoie, as early as September, 1987, "if it is the desire of the French language community."

Mr. Mulvihill says the great majori-

ty of the students in the secondary school operated by the public board are graduates of the separate school board's French language schools.

The proposal for the French language school was released today after a meeting with the Renfrew County Board of Education's Impact Committee. The press release detailed plans for the completion of separate school funding for the next school year in Pembroke and Renfrew.

Mr. Mulvihill said the 1987-88 school year will be "largely a status-quo year."

"In Pembroke and Renfrew jurisdiction will be extended over one additional year—Grade 13."

Although cramped for space, the board intends to operate on the existing sites of Bishop Smith Catholic High in Pembroke and St. Joseph's High School in Renfrew.

Mr. Mulvihill says at each school, Ministry approval has been requested to add an appropriately equipped portable facility in which to offer technical and technological courses. "Capital grant approval has been received to upgrade to secondary standards the science labs in Bishop Smith, this project is expected to be completed within a few months.

The board projects a shift of 31 students from the public school secondary system in 1987-88 and expects to hire two teachers from the Renfrew County Board through a renewal of the existing agreement for the transfer of teachers.

"Beyond 1987-88 new solutions to our problems of overcrowded and inadequate facilities will become necessary," says Mr. Mulvihill.

### NEGOTIATIONS

In Pembroke the board hopes to negotiate with the Renfrew County Board of Education for use of Champlain High School.

"Given the existing stock of capital facilities in the secondary schools in Pembroke, there appears to be a way to accommodate in adequate secondary facilities all the students of both boards so that no group of students will be perceived to be comparatively deprived. Such a plan seems feasible and could include an agreement for creative joint use of the Bishop Smith School building," said Mr. Mulvihill.

In Renfrew the board has given high priority to the building of a new Catholic secondary school to serve pupils from Renfrew, Douglas, Calabogie and to some extent, Arnprior.

"In other areas of the county the board expressed its optimism that the joint committee of the two boards will be able to negotiate in good time, arrangements through which to co-operatively provide for students so the separate school board will not continue indefinitely merely to purchase educational services for its students," he said.

"The board wants to authentically represent its supporters in future negotiations and discussions through the joint committee and will be undertaking shortly a process to communicate effectively with, and receive input from, ratepayers across the county," stated Mr. Mulvihill.