

Students' participation in 30-hour famine does make a difference!

100th birthday celebrated

As people from across the province look forward to the New Year, Dave Toycen from World Vision Canada is barely catching his breath after a year full of natural and man-made disasters.

"Of course, the catastrophe of the year, and one of the biggest of the decade, was the refugee crisis in Rwanda," he says.

"There are still some 100,000 children separated and orphaned from their parents."

The heartbreak of this past year comes from Rwanda, but also from how this crisis overshadowed other areas of need. East African countries, for example, are languishing under an oppressive drought.

People are already dying from food shortages. The drought forced even Kenya, usually a healthy country, to import more than 11 million bags of grain for massive food shipments this year. Because of the attention to Rwanda, this story has gone mostly untold in the popular media.

However, there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

Students from across Ontario raised \$661,000 last year to pay for long term solutions to some of Africa's suffering.

Their 30 Hour Famine fundraiser supported UN/World Vision immunization programs which have reduced deaths by 2.5 million since

1990.

Students also funded agricultural programs to help 50,000 Rwandan farmers return to their land. The 30 Hour Famine is also helping to reforest entire mountain sides in Ethiopia.

As the New Year opens, Ontario high school students are again poised to offer their practical caring through World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. It's an offer Dave Toycen can't refuse.

"I'm constantly amazed at the generosity of Ontario's youth. The world has a long way to go before poverty is gone, but with caring teens like these we are making a giant step forward."



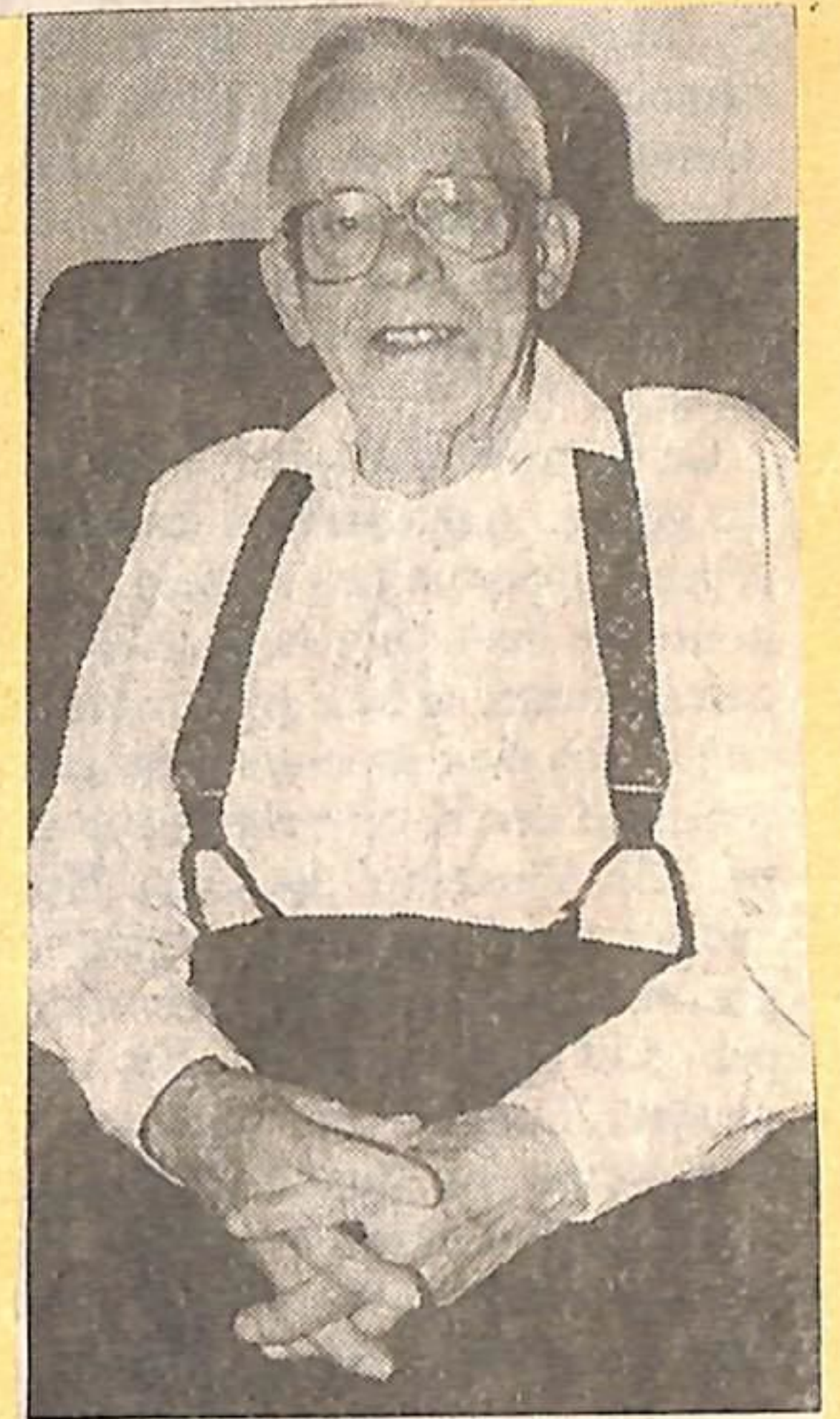
Helen Smith

Helen (Biebighauser) Smith celebrated her 100th birthday on December 19, 1994. She is the daughter of the late Charles and Lena Biebighauser, who took up residence in Chesley in 1907, having moved from Warton. Charlie was a cabinet maker at Krug Bros. furniture factory. At an early age, she went to work at the S.R. Davey drug store on Main Street. She later went to Toronto and following the end of World War One married Ted Smith. She has resided there ever since. Ted Smith was with the 160th Bruce Battalion during World War One. Helen's only brother Benjamin (now deceased) also served with the 160th Battalion. Her two younger sisters are still living - Etta Foreman of Toronto and Viola Stark of Florida.



What a beautiful winter wonderland last week's heavy snowfall left behind!!

(Golem photo)



A life-long resident of Sullivan Township and Chesley, Jack Glasser, celebrated his 92nd birthday on Saturday at Elgin Abbey Lodge in Chesley. Born on January 28, 1903 in Sullivan Township, the father of three and grandfather of several grandchildren, has been a resident of the Lodge for about six months.

(Golem photo)

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Focus on Phase 3 and fulfill your fantasy

by Mary Golem

Organizers of a unique fundraising effort - a fantasy auction to raise funds for the Phase 3 project at the Chesley District High School - are pleased with the "excellent" response they have had to date and say the April 28th auction should be most entertaining!

Over 130 items - everything from moosehide slippers, a handmade quilt and a makeover to the opportunity to host a radio show, a new car and a hot tub rental - will be up for auction.

One of the auction organizers, Barry Mutrie, said the number and

quality of items donated "is what's going to make the auction" and he and the other committee members are grateful for the community support received.

Anyone still interested in making a donation is asked to contact Nancy Maxwell at 363-2033 or Barry Mutrie at 363-2344.

The committee hopes to have about 200 items for the auction to be held Friday, April 28th at the Chesley Community Centre. They hope to raise about \$10,000 for the Phase 3 project, a new gymnasium and library resource centre for the Chesley District High School.