

## Door-to-door blitz held in Thamesford

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The Northwestern branch of the Oxford County unit of the Canadian Cancer Society held its annual house to house canvass recently. The blitz, which covered the village of Thamesford along with the rural areas of Zorra Township, resulted in donations exceeding \$7,200.

Thanks are due to all the canvassers who braved the cold blustery weather, the team captains

for their organizational efforts and to the group of women who counted the kits at St. John's Anglican Church hall.

Campaign Chairman Bern Cummings added a special thank you to all the residents of Thamesford and the rural areas who were most generous with their donations to help find a cure for this disease. It is co-operation like this that will help make the slogan Cancer Can Be Beaten come true.

## LIVE WINTARIO DRAW THURSDAY, May 19th THAMESFORD ARENA

Doors Open 5:30, Entertainment 6:30 p.m.

ADMISSION \$3.00 (Includes Wintario Ticket)

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## Work started on Thamesford ball park

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Thamesford and area ball players will be pleased to note that work on the upgrading of the North Park diamond is underway.

Last winter the poles for the flood lighting of the diamond were condemned so the fixtures were removed and new structures for the lights are to be installed.

The first phase of the improvement to the diamond was commenced on Saturday when Don McKinnon of the parks and recreation board was in the park supervising the expansion of the ball diamond to make it suitable for the hard ball games. Last year, second base was on the grass outfield.

The diamond is used for adult slo pitch, hard ball and ladies' soft ball throughout the baseball season.

## Ombudsman addresses Thamesford Lions Club

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Thamesford Lions Club held their May meeting at the arena with members of the London Westmount Lions Club as guests.

Guest speaker for the evening was Jack Braglia of the London Free Press, who spoke to members of the duties of an Ombudsman on a newspaper, noting that the definition of an Ombudsman is one who hears and investigates complaints against government.

The Province of Ontario's Ombudsman is Dr. David Hill.

In his position with the Free Press, Braglia hears complaints of unfairness, inaccuracy, violence, lack of taste, language and bureaucracy against the newspaper. He noted that the newspaper's credibility was the main reason for his appointment.

The Lions were given details of complaint procedures and were also given examples of typical complaints.

Lion Ken Payne was presented with a 15 year membership Chevron.

The Lions will host their annual Trout Brunch May 22 as part of the Calithumpian weekend festivities.

Thamesford Lions will be helping to host the Wintario draw on Thursday, May 19 at the arena. Tickets are \$3., including a ticket to that night's draw.

## Thamesford's printer moving to Dundas St.

J.C. Graphics, a business which began out of a home garage in 1980, is now moving for a second time to a larger location.

Jack Youse, the founder and owner of J.C., said the business is expanding so quickly, they were faced with a decision to expand their Delatre St. location or move to a bigger building.

March 11, they will be closing down at 107 Delatre, and re-opening on March 21 at 140 Dundas St., Thamesford, next to the Petro Canada. The building was formerly the old Varnum's Drug Store.

The business consists of printing, specialty advertising, printing of baseball caps and T-shirts, wedding invitations, and also stationary. Jack has hired one more full-time person to help after the move, and will be designating more hours to his temporary staff.

## DISTRICT ANNUAL OXFORD NORTH W.I.

The 83rd District Annual Meeting of Oxford North W.I. was held at the Embro Community Centre on Tuesday, May 24. The hostess branch was Braemar W.I. and the theme was safety. Several reports were given in the a.m. and Mrs. Bea Gosselin reported that there are many fact sheets and flyers available at the Agriculture Office. The theme of S.W.I.O. is Waste Management and the ladies who attended the leadership conference at Kingston in May very capably made a presentation on this topic. A dinner was served at noon.

Grace Patterson W.I. was in charge of the interesting quilt display. Attached to each quilt was a written history, and some dated back to the 1800s. Mrs. John Richardson, London area president, spoke on the topic dealing with the media. Her

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what you really think and be honest when interviewed by them. The speaker for the afternoon was Mr. Jo Andrews, Consultant on Farm Safety.

He showed slides and gave safety advice and statistics on farm accidents. The aim of the Farm Safety Assoc. is to prevent death, injury and damage. Only one person should ride on a tractor. Machinery should be properly guarded. Chain saws are hazardous and there are proper methods for taking trees down. Farm machinery is not a playground and children have been drowned in grain wagons. People should be educated to be careful around farm animals. Chemicals should be stored and kept out of the reach of children. Silo gas can cause death. Three wheelers are made for one person - they upset very easily.

Mrs. Norma Howe gave courteous remarks. Entertainment was provided by Uniondale and Lakeside W.I., who presented a comedy skit "Spiritualists". Courtesy remarks for the day were given by Mrs. James Smith. Following the retiring of the flag by Brookside W.I., and singing of the Royal Anthem, the meeting adjourned.

McKESSOCK: Alan Pascoe McKessock, 297 Whiting St., Ingersoll, formerly of Thamesford, died April 11, 1988 at Alexandra Hospital. He was in his 84th year. He was predeceased by his wife, the late Ena Smith, 1979. Dear father of Elma and her husband Harry Howald of London; dear grandfather of Catherine (Kate) and her husband Nick Head of Dunnville, Robert and his wife Joan, and Brian and John, all of Toronto. Beloved great-grandfather of Jacob, Alan and Liseann Head. Also survived by a sister, Margaret Elliott of Oshawa. Mr. McKessock was predeceased by one sister, the late Ruth Brown, in 1984. The Rev. Stanley Stanhope, assisted by Pastor Roston Hargreaves, conducted the funeral service at the Harland B. Betzner Funeral Home, Thamesford, on Wed., April 13, 1988. Interment in Zion Seventh Line Cemetery. Pallbearers were Bob Howald, Brian Howald, John Howald, Nick Head, Ronald Johnson and Bob Brown. Mr. McKessock was born in the Township of Darlington, Ont.