

Community

Norval W.I. preparing for a busy year

Norval W.I. met at the home of Aileen Nixon Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

After the opening exercises, president Jean May conducted the business.

A very busy year is coming up for W.I. An invitation to Nassagaweya branch Homefest Oct. 20 in Brookville Hall has been received.

Norval W.I. has no volunteers to attend the adult leaders training school featuring "Baking Bread" being held Oct. 15 at the Barrie Hill United Church.

Halton District Night featuring a fashion show and custom made jewellery was discussed. This is being held Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Nassagaweya Community Centre.

Mae Brander and Norine Van Leeuwen reported a very enjoyable 60th anniversary celebration of Nelson W.I. Oct. 3. Six members from Norval W.I. will attend Guelph Area Convention Oct. 25 and 26 at Atwood, Ontario.

District director Norine Van Leeuwen reported from the Halton District Board Meeting she attended Sept. 27. Replies have been received from the government to letters written by the District regarding the Goods and Services Tax on books, paper, etc. and insulin syringes availability for seniors.

Norma Alexander reported the District Scholarship had been awarded to Sandy Brander and the Bursary to Lydia Hollis.

W.I. members are urged to enroll in a Fall Conference for teaching the illiterate Oct. 19-20 in Bishop Reding High School, Milton.

Eric Lawlor Halton R.O.S. reported Hornsby south 4-H needs a W.I. sponsor, also commented on a 4-H calendar in which advertising space is being sold.

Tentative plans were made for the District Annual meeting hosted this year jointly by Ballinafad and Bannockburn branches.

In her address Provincial Board Director Maisie Lasby urged all who could come to Area Convention where we will hear about the changes coming in the future of W.I. in the "Strategic plan for the new Era." A leadership workshop is being planned for Jan. 1991 entitled "May I Present."

Masie reported 123 entries in W.I. competitions and the winner received a country scene done with feathers.

Members are urged to contact MPs and MPPs regarding their position on the "Living Will Resolution" that is in the works.

From a survey Guelph Area has 196 Tweedsmuir History Books microfilmed, 98 are in libraries and 93 have been used for community histories.

We of Norval W.I. were very fortunate to have Janet Johnson to speak to us at this meeting. Janet has taught native Indian children at two different reservations and it was very enlightening to hear her account of her deep relationships with these people.

Her living quarters was a modern outfitted apartment right in the school. Indian children have huge families. An Indian child can be raised by grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins, etc. and no one worries, Janet said.

The parents of today's children were taken out of their communities by government educators at age 5 and not returned until age 16, consequently they had no experience in parenting, normally learned in their homes.

It is hard for native children to adapt to rules, the system does not meet their needs and failure is too common. In the workforce opportunities are just not there for native people, the banks will not support them and few have enough drive to follow through. Janet related. Traditions are going fast and now it is only the older people who make the artifacts. Janet brought some beautiful samples of the work

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these folk do.

Grace Crawford thanked our speaker and presented her with a small gift.

Thirteen members and one guest answered the roll call, "An edible weed or flower and how to

prepare it."

Next meeting at the home of Marie Murray Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Nadine McNutty will make a presentation of the time she spent in Africa. All welcome.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Monica Leslie, R.R. 4, Georgetown, on being awarded the title of Peel County Queen of the Furrow for 1990-91. The award was presented at the Peel County and East Garafraxa Plowing Match on

Sept. 11 at the farm of Ron Codlin of Grand Valley. Monica will be representing Peel County Plowmen at various functions during the next year.

Surprise visit

Mr. Jack Lucas and daughter Paddy of British Columbia paid a surprise visit on Sunday, Oct. 7 to Bud and Joan Carter of Norval.

Sympathy extended

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Emily Finnermore

of Norval who passed away at the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital on Sept. 26.

Beloved wife of the late William Finnermore. Loving mother of Thomas Finnermore and Marjorie Harrison, both of Norval, and the late Sam Finnermore.

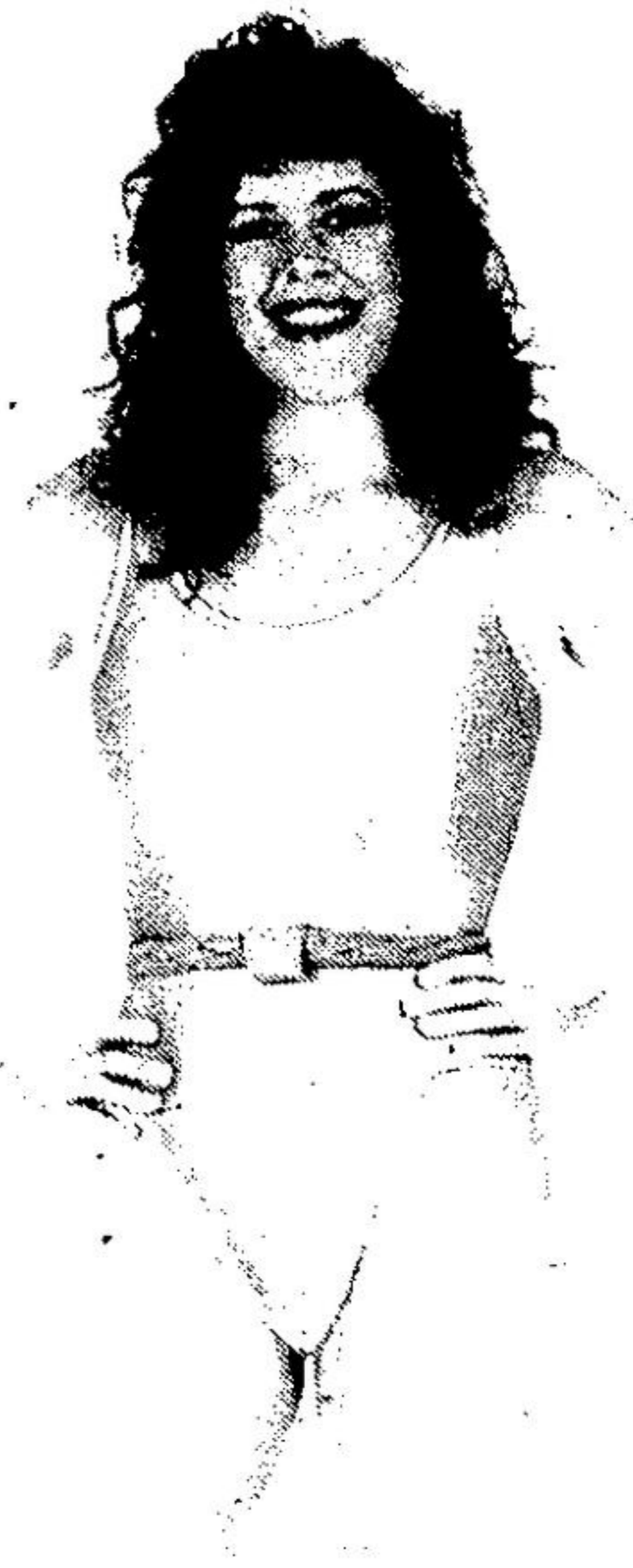
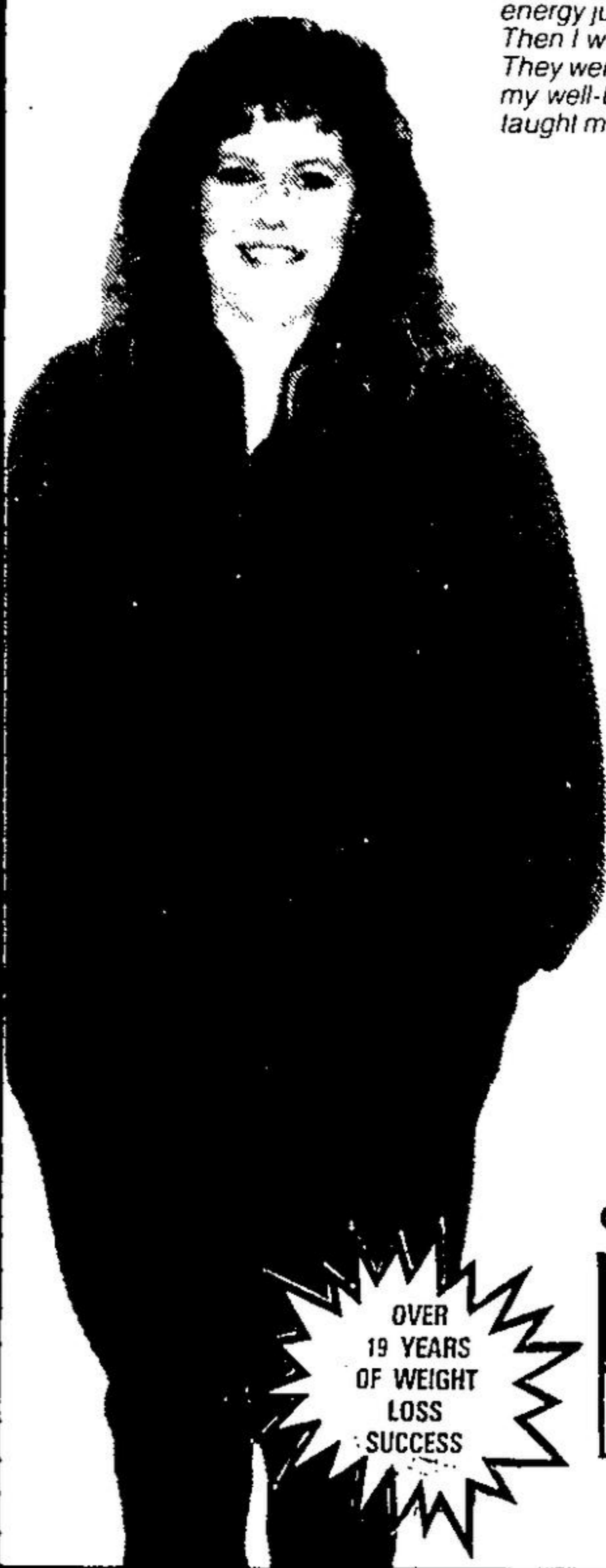
Lovingly remembered by nine grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. Funeral service was from the J. S. Jones and Son Funeral Home, Georgetown, on Sept. 28, 1:30 p.m. Interment at Hillcrest Cemetery, Norval.

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