

Discover the Inuit at Wellington County Museum

The Inuit: a very ingenious people who thrive in one of the harshest environments on earth.

Don't miss our newest exhibit, *The Inuit and Diamond Jenness*, a travelling exhibit from the Canadian Museum of Civilization, Ottawa, on display until March 26.

This exciting exhibition depicts Inuit life and culture as seen

through the research of renowned ethnologist and archaeologist Diamond Jenness (1886-1969).

The exhibition contains full size dioramas and many artifacts collected during his work among the Copper Inuit of the central Arctic from 1913 to 1918. Included in the exhibit are stone cut prints and carvings on loan from the McDon-

ald Stewart art centre in Guelph. The exhibit also contains Inuit games, a hands-on activity for children.

Arctic Hunters, by David Morrison, published by the Canadian Museum of Civilization, is available in the Museum Gift Shop

along with many other books on Native culture and local history. Museum hours are Monday to Friday, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm and Week-ends from 1 to 5 pm.

Don't forget to mark you calendars for Feb. 19. The Museum and Archives will be holding its an-

nual multi-cultural folk festival, in honour of Heritage Day. There will be entertainment, food and many displays from various cultural groups in the area. Watch your paper for further details in February.

The Museum is located on County Rd. 18, between Fergus and Elora.

MILLER The Rockwood

Schneider's future here up in the air

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Rockwood Miller

The future of Schneider's Reliable Sweets in Rockwood is up in the air as the owners ponder their lease arrangement.

"No decision has been made," said Schneider's co-owner Murray Gareh in an interview on Tuesday.

"The lease on our Main Street location expires in May and no decision has been made on whether we will stay in Rockwood or not. It will be a tough decision but business hasn't been what it used to be in the village.

"Our roots are here and we want to stay, but it will be a business decision, made with our heads, not our hearts," Gareh explained.

The business was started in the Rockwood area in 1923 by the Schneider's brothers, who developed a reputation for making fine quality, hand-dipped candies and chocolates.

Schneider's operated in the Main Street building known as the Candy Factory until almost two years ago, when that building was closed for renovations.

Gareh said the tradition of old-fashioned candy making, using pure ingredients, is dying out in Ontario as consumers opt for less expensive, mass-produced

sweets.

Gareh also noted fewer people are heading out for a Sunday drive to places like Rockwood.

"Rockwood used to be an outing for people who wanted to explore this beautiful village. It was an adventure to visit an old-fashioned candy factory.

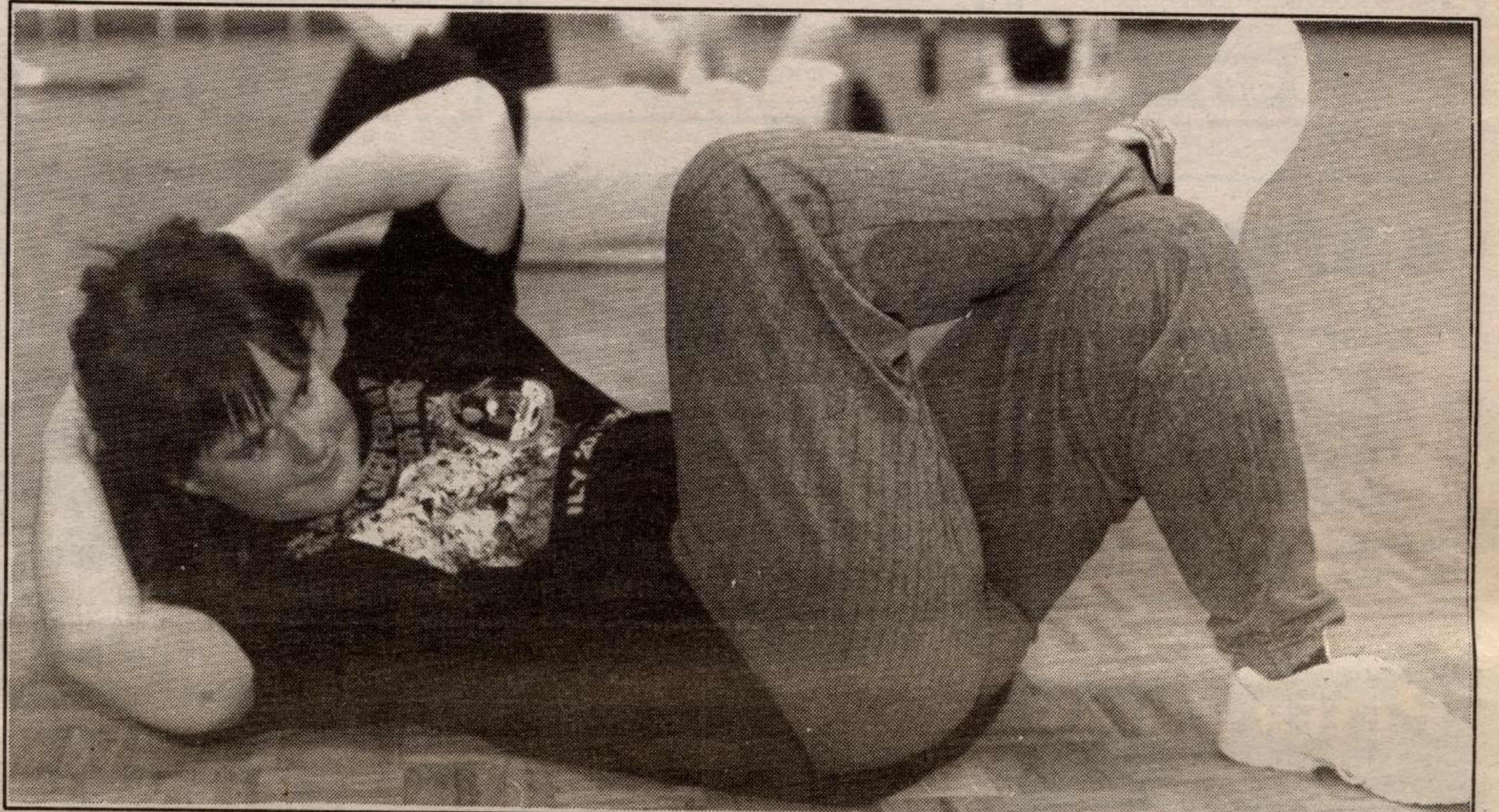
"The main thing that has killed small business in places like Rockwood is Sunday shopping."

Gareh said when everything was closed on a Sunday, people would drive for an hour or so to places like Rockwood, but now they stay home for convenience and cheaper prices.

"Rockwood needs to find something to attract people back to the village. Rockwood people have to learn to shop in Rockwood. We need the support of Rockwood people to stay in business."

Currently, Schneider's operates its main factory and sales operation from a store off Hwy. 7 on the eastern outskirts of Guelph. The future of that location is secure and Gareh said he would like to be able to say the same about Rockwood.

"We would love to stay in Rockwood and if we don't renew our lease, we hope we can find someplace else in the village where we can carry on the Schneider's tradition."



WORKIN' OUT! Sherol Steinberg does a sit-up while keeping her eye on instructor Ann Mammoliti during an "Ann's Aerobics" class on Thursday at Rockmosa. (Eve Martin photo)

Conc. 7 vehicles hit by greedy thieves

Three autos were stolen and a total of seven vehicles were entered in a daring crime spree along Conc. 7 of Eramosa overnight Saturday.

OPP Const. Charlie Hunter reported Monday that three sets of footprints were found in the snow in a number of victims' driveways.

"Various things were taken from the vehicles," Hunter said, "including a wallet, some money, ice hockey skates and two snow-mobile helmets."

Hunter said that a coat and briefcase - containing a pilot's flight computer - were stolen from one auto.

A 1990 Volvo sedan and a 1994 Dodge van were two of the stolen cars. Ignition keys had been left in both vehicles.

Police have at least one clue to help them: a car stolen from Brantford was found abandoned on the side of the road in the vicinity of the crimes.

Three hurt

A single-car crash at County Road 27 and Alma Street sent three people to Guelph General hospital last Wednesday morning at 3 am.

A 20-year-old Grand Valley man has been charged with dangerous driving after his Dodge pickup truck slid across the road, hit a tree and burst into flames.

The two passengers in the vehicle were residents of Grand Valley and Orangeville.

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