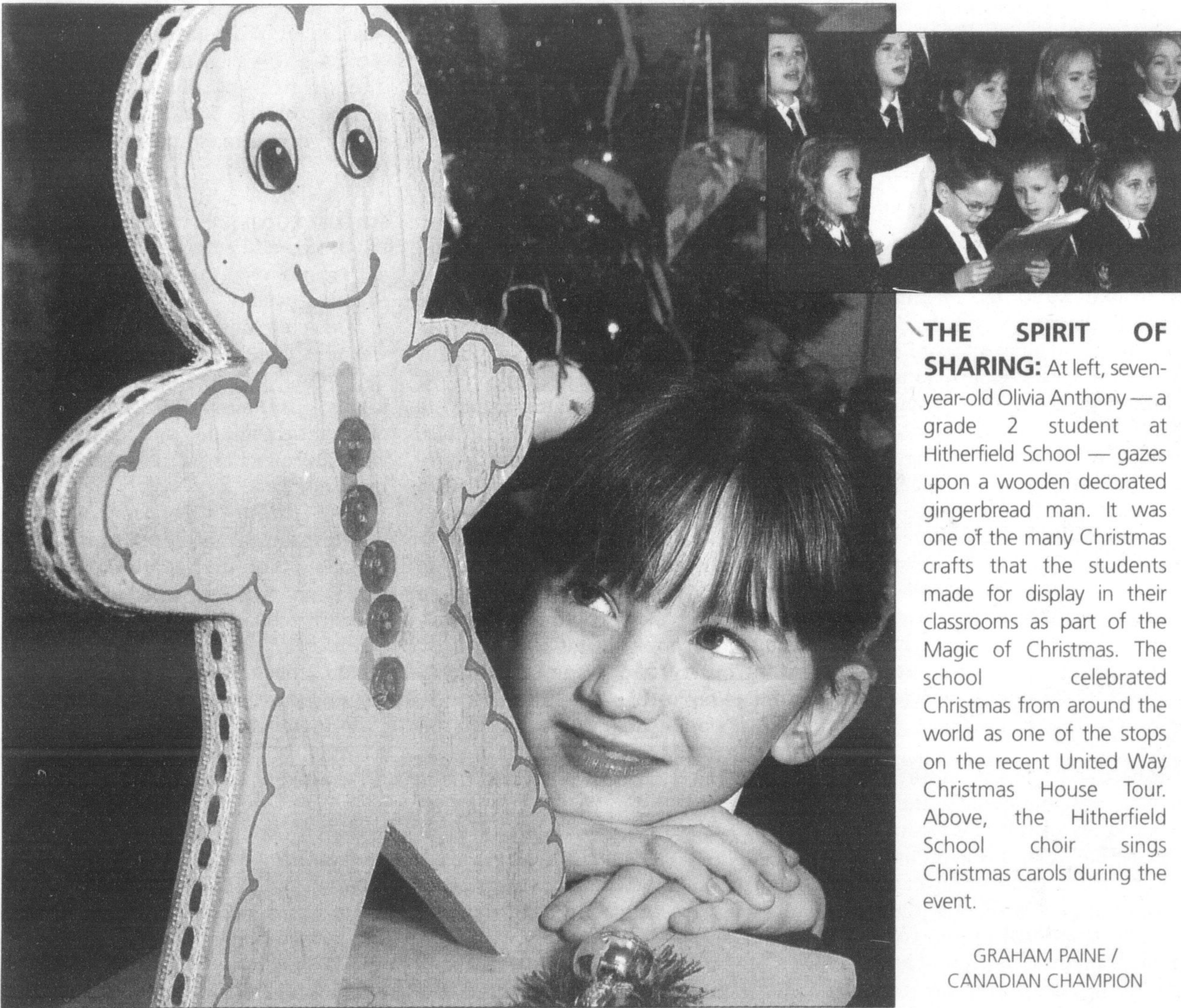


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THE SPIRIT OF SHARING:

At left, seven-year-old Olivia Anthony — a grade 2 student at Hitherfield School — gazes upon a wooden decorated gingerbread man. It was one of the many Christmas crafts that the students made for display in their classrooms as part of the Magic of Christmas. The school celebrated Christmas from around the world as one of the stops on the recent United Way Christmas House Tour. Above, the Hitherfield School choir sings Christmas carols during the event.

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Quarry testing application prompts public opposition

By Dianne Cornish
SPECIAL TO THE CHAMPION

A campaign to send a flurry of e-mails to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) in hopes of halting the testing of an unproven groundwater recirculation system at a proposed quarry in northeast Flamborough near Campbellville is gaining momentum.

Friends of Rural Communities and the Environment (FORCE), a grassroots citizen's group protesting

the proposed St. Mary's Flamborough Quarry, sent its objections to the ministry last week asking for rejection of the Permit to Take Water (PTW) application filed by CBM Aggregates of St. Mary's Cement last month.

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Members of the public and our own sales representatives are encouraged to choose an ornament from the tree, purchase the item on the ornament and bring it to the office, unwrapped by December 8th for collection, gift wrapping and distribution.

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