

# Robbie's memory lives on

"Albert Belanger, he's our main hope right now. He's behind us one hundred per cent. But if he can't get any action we're not ruling out some kind of action ourselves."

Those were the words of Alan Welsh, president of the Forest Park East Homeowners Association, as he explained that residents are counting on the Prescott Russell MLA to bring their crusade to a fruitful end.

Residents have been pressing for lower speed limits along county road 3 following the death of Robbie Morency, 12, in July. The youth was killed while trying to cross the county road on his bicycle. Outraged parents have been demanding that the speed limit along the road be reduced from 80 km/hr to 50 km/hr and that four-way stop signs be erected at the intersection of county roads 3 and 5.

Welsh says concern has mounted in recent days as children return to classes. County road 3 passes in front of Cambridge Public School. The speed limit is 80 km/hr in front of the school.

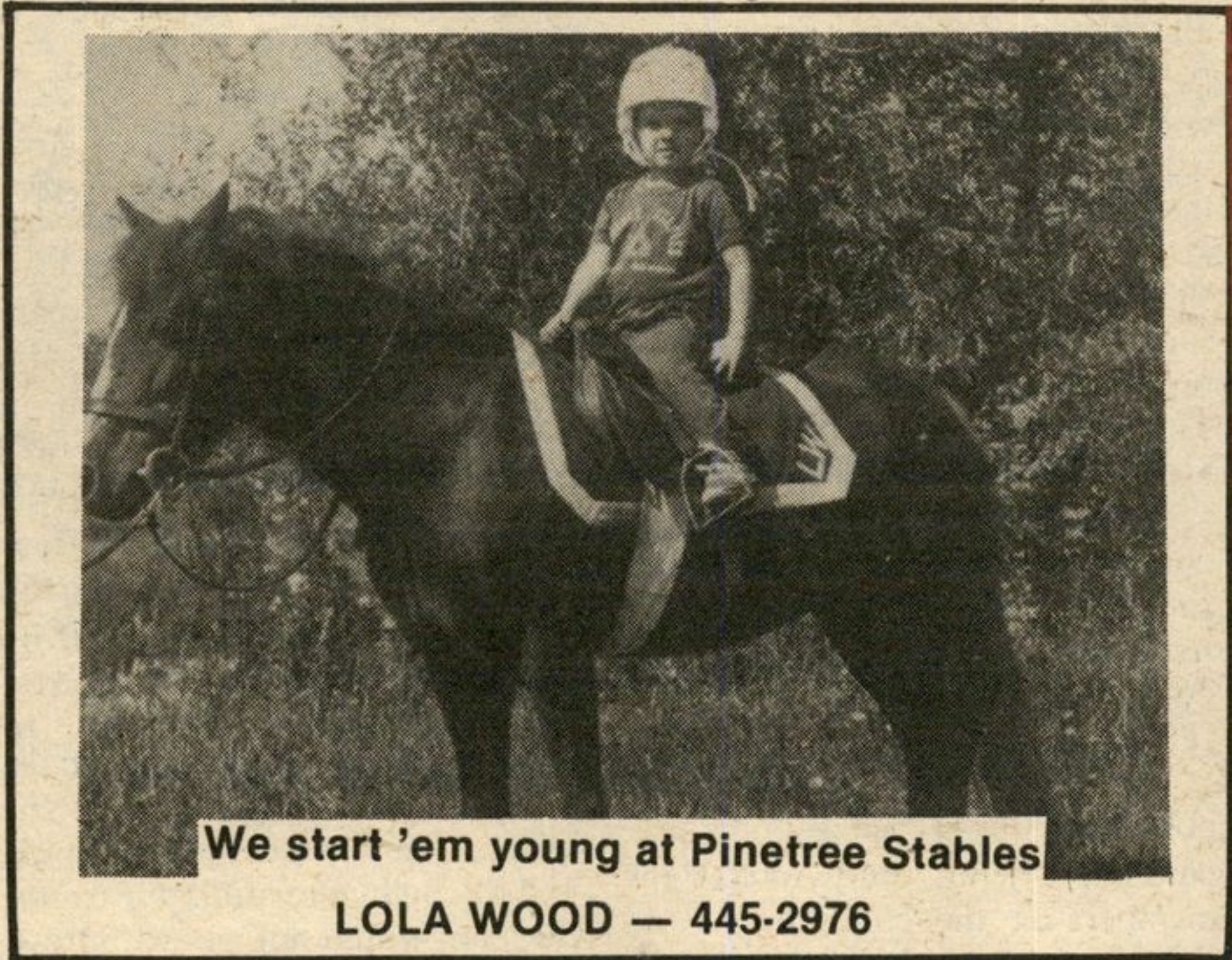
"Albert Belanger has had several meetings with officials of

Prescott-Russell Counties and we're hoping his efforts will pay off," Mr. Welsh said.

"We sent letters to the Ontario Education Ministry and the Ministry of transportation and

communications but they both claim the matter is under the jurisdiction of Cambridge council and that a decision must come from there."

Mr. Welsh is hopeful that Prescott-Russell will lower the speed limit and erect the stop signs. But he warns residents may take action on their own if Mr. Belanger's efforts fail.



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Elizabeth, sister of Liston McIlhagga, has immigrated to Canada with her husband John and son Paul from Farnham, England. The Spencer family has been residing at the McIlhagga farm south of Russell since the beginning of August. Paul, 13, has begun classes at the Russell Public school. Elizabeth and John, who are artists, intend to pursue their careers in our area. They have taught art in the British School system and have experienced with a variety of media. Their preference is painting.

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Three cheers for patriotism! Russell residents Charles Stanley and Martin Hansen, in an effort to raise our sometimes fluttering devotion to the national emblem, have erected both a Canadian and an Ontario flag at 52 Mill Street. Comparing Russell to U.S. towns, Sybil Stanley noted that the Stars and Stripes are seen everywhere. Hopefully the idea will catch on and soon there will be many silken symbols along the Castor exemplifying our devotion to home and native land.

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The problem with stone grave markers is they're so heavy and if they're not sitting on a solid base, the frost can cause them to heave. Nothing throws off a cemetery's symmetry more than stones tilting every which way. Some of the lads were in Morewood United Cemetery one Saturday trying to rectify that very problem. They used a tractor with a harness rigged to the bucket to hoist the stones off their resting places. Rocks and gravel were cleared away to be replaced by a crushed stone base. Then the markers were dropped back into place. If the reset stones heave again, the lads explained, they'll settle back on the crushed base. The occasion brought out some pointed social comment "these days," said Glen McGregor from the business end of a spade. "Everybody thinks they're too good to lift a shovel."

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