

County honors at 4H meeting

GREENWOOD — presentation was made at Claremont. Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hicks visited with Mrs. Hicks' father, Mr. Kent of Tilsonburg.

Mrs. A. C. Luffman of Baltimore was a weekend visitor with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Pegg.

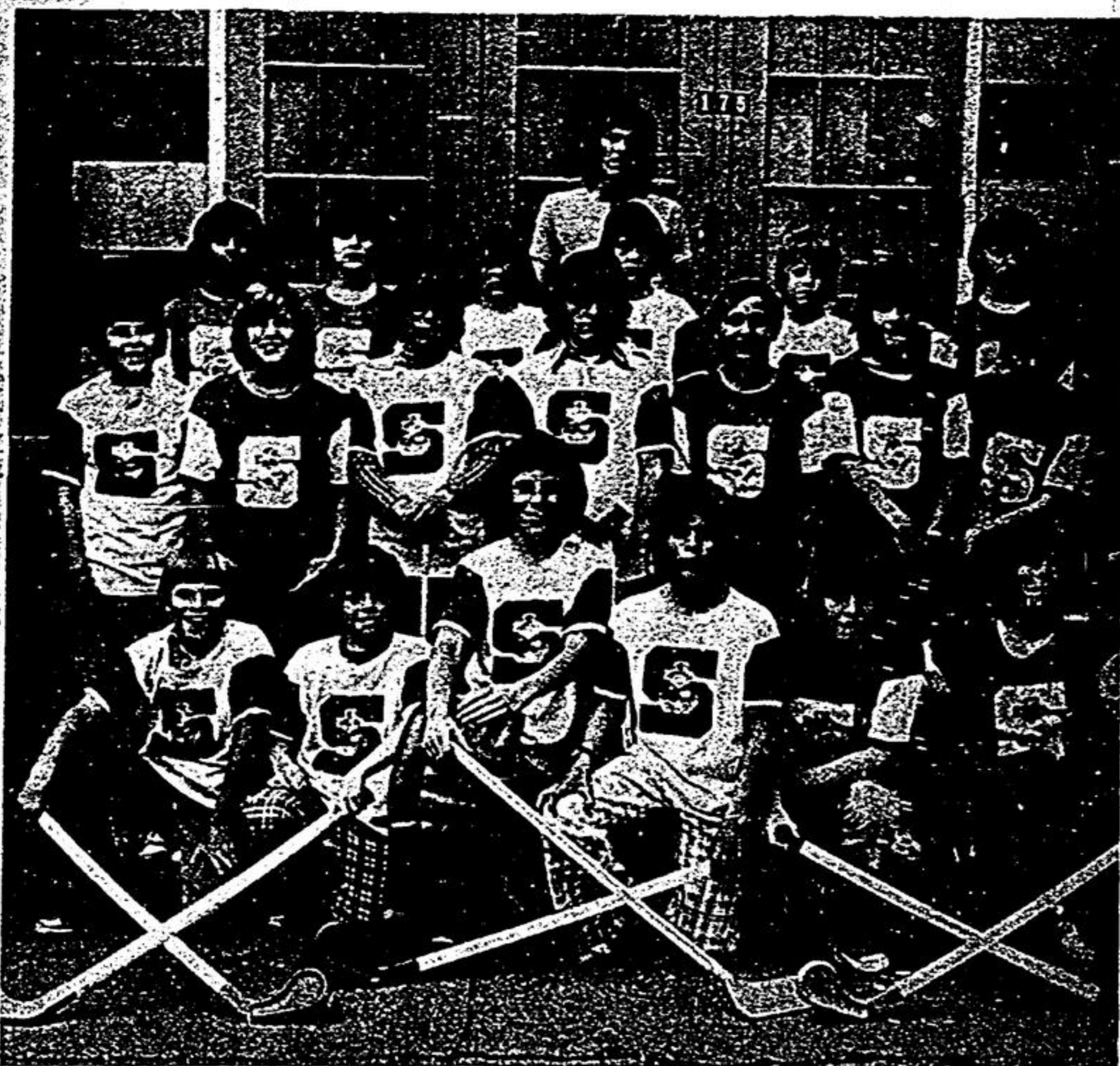
Mr. and Mrs. Percy Middleton of Buffalo are spending a few days with his brother Herb and family.

Carol Goodwin has left for Banff, Alberta and will be employed there this summer.

The community extends congratulations to Rosalie Brooks on attaining her Canada Cord in Girl Guides. The

The district annual of the Women's Institute (Ontario South), was held May 23 in the Ajax United Church. New officers include — District President, Mrs. Harold Lewis, Altona; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Henry Wotten of Shirley; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. A. J. Brady, Ajax; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Hugh Crawford, Greenwood; Federated Representatives, Mrs. Jim McCreight, Altona; P. R. O. Officer, Mrs. Fred Byer, Altona; Auditors, Mrs. S. Nicholson and Mrs. Mary McLean, Greenwood; Curator, Mrs. Charles McTaggart, Greenwood.

The guest speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. Austin Rumble, provincial board director. It was the 75th anniversary year and the occasion was celebrated with a lovely birthday cake. It was cut by Mrs. Clara Carson, a member of longest standing. The minutes of the original meeting were read by Miss May Brown and dated 1899. Mrs. McCrae presented three readings on "Home and Country" and Mrs. Henry Westney led in a community sing



Cosom hockey champions from Summitview

The Cosom hockey team from Stouffville's Summitview Public School recently captured the local league championship. The boys are shown here, after their victory. In the front row (left to right) — Steve Vaughan, Gary Carr, Paul Jones, Steve Legault, Mark Dale and Kent Forsyth. Middle row — Paul

Ramer, Murray Johnston, Paul Clarke, Karl Tranmer, Dale Knabb, Campbell Howie and Karl Appleton. Rear row — Indie Persaud, Brent Nichols, Doug Sanders, Mark Harold, Steve Newman and Gord Baker. Coach Jim Fletcher stands at back. — Don Bernard.

Farm Report

Good news on hog prices

A. A. Wall, Agricultural Representative

The best of the news this week is for pork producer. They have been feeding pigs for the last couple of months for either no profit at all, or a loss, depending on what costs are included.

The Hog Stabilization Plan, just announced last week, will provide at least a fixed margin between the cost of feed and the selling price of a hog.

The margin is \$22.41 on 100 lbs. of pork. This means that if the hog market doesn't give a

producer \$22.41 per hundred over his feed cost, the government will make up the difference. This figure works out to \$37 on a 165 lbs. carcass.

At the moment, the wholesale feed cost to finish a hog is about \$36 and with the \$37 fixed margin added, the return to the producer would be \$73. Since a 165 lb. carcass brings only about \$66 on today's market, the government's payment would come to around \$7 per hog. This figure will change through the year as both feed and pork prices shift.

The payment won't

be made until a year from now, when feed prices will be averaged and producers can apply for the extra payment on up to 1500 hogs sold between April 1, 1974 and March 31, 1975.

The margin guarantee of \$37 is by no means profit. It has to cover the original cost of the pig, plus buildings, equipment, labour, risk, medication, losses and interest. In fact, the guarantee is only 90 per cent of the actual average margin over the last five years.

It's the first time that any price stabilization

program has been based on margin. I think the idea is quite sound, because it at least assures producers that they won't lose their shirts, and does it without interfering with the open market price changes for both pork and feed.

There are the purists of course, who will argue against any program set up to change prices or returns in any way. What they are really saying is that the market should adjust to low prices by bankrupting a number of producers out of business. There has to be a better way.

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But remember: Membership in the Ontario Health Insurance Plan is not automatic — you have to apply for it. And be sure to carry your identification card or OHIP number at all times.

If you would like more information, visit any OHIP district office. Or write to:

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