



### Library Union Headquarters Opens

The Opening of Rideau Lakes Union Library Headquarters last month was the culmination of many months of hard work and a milestone in the history of the Library. The Opening Ceremony was attended by some 40 Librarians, Trustees and Municipal representatives.

The addition to Elgin Branch Library houses both Union Headquarter's badly needed office space and a Children's Wing. The new section has been named the Aileen Fahey Room, after South Crosby's first Librarian.

Maurice Price, Chairman of Eastern Ontario Library System, spoke briefly on the implications of the freeze on provincial per capita grants to Libraries. He commended Rideau Lakes Union for its achievements through volunteer work.

The Opening Ceremony was followed by two workshops entitled "Co-operation Trough Participation," and organized by Union Library Co-ordinator Pat Little. The Librarian's workshop covered the functional operation of the Union Library system.

The Trustee's workshop was addresses by Barry Robinson, Director of Lake Ontario Regional Library System. This neighbouring system has been very successful in serving small local libraries:

Mr. Robinson places great emphasis on books, with one third of the total budget going to the purchase of books. The Lake Ontario Library System offers small libraries a central purchasing and processing service at low cost. Specialized "Green Dot" Collections in areas of high interest are circulated among the small Libraries of the Region. This is of great benefit to rural readers whose library could not afford to purchase such collections.

Barry Robinson is an avid supporter of the Union Library concept. "I'm completely sold on Union libraries," he said, "They can give much better service than an isolated unit with no one to touch hands with."

Libraries in the Lake Ontario System are encouraged to come together, "Collections are so much better in Union Libraries, and it's the books that matter."

Rideau Lakes Union Library is characterized by active local participation. Funding goes a long way when it's augmented by volunteer efforts. Rideau Lakes Union Library received 2000 hours of such help in 1977. At each of the six Branches, an active "Friends of Library" committee assists with operation of the Branch.

Mrs. Diane Haskins, Chairman of the Library Board, that the flexibility of legislation governing Union Libraries allows a great deal of local control. In Rideau Lakes Union each of the 4 municipalities has 3 Board members. Thus members of the Union system are able to give better library service, while maintaining local control.

### Historical Highlights

JOHN BY SELLS MORTON

Leeds County Register: A document was unearthed here recently which sealed an agreement between the renowned John By, Lieutenant Colonel Royal Engineers, Commanding on the Rideau, and the Principal Officers of His Majesty's Ordinance on behalf of His Majesty.

The document is a record of the sale of land previously granted to By. The Registry date is January 18, 1832, "at ten of the clock in the forenoon."

Col. By "hath and doth give, grant, bargain, sell, assign, release, transfer, convey and confirm... That certain parcel or lot of land being number 2 in the Fifth Concession of the Township of South Crosby in the Johnstown District."

This 200 acre parcel lies where the Village of Morton now stands. Today we can envy the price. The land was sold for the modest sum of "ten pounds of lawful money of the Province of Upper Canada." At today's rates that's about \$21.00!

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### PHILIPSVILLE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Philipsville Women's Institute held their May meeting in the form of a Pot Luck Dinner.

It was decided to give donations to two organizations to help them keep operating. One of these is the Homemaker's Service which is seeking interim funding from local groups.

In the roll call committee members announced planned programs and preferred months of presentation.

After the dinner, a contest was held with Mrs. McCann being the winner. Mrs. Davison had the marked teacup. The meeting closed with the Royal Anthem.

The June meeting will be held on June 8th, on the topic of Education and Cultural Activities. Roll call will be answered by "One way I use metric." The Motto is "The mind stretched by a new idea never returns to the same dimensions." Conveners are Mrs. Wendell Hallett and Mrs. Blanche Winchas.

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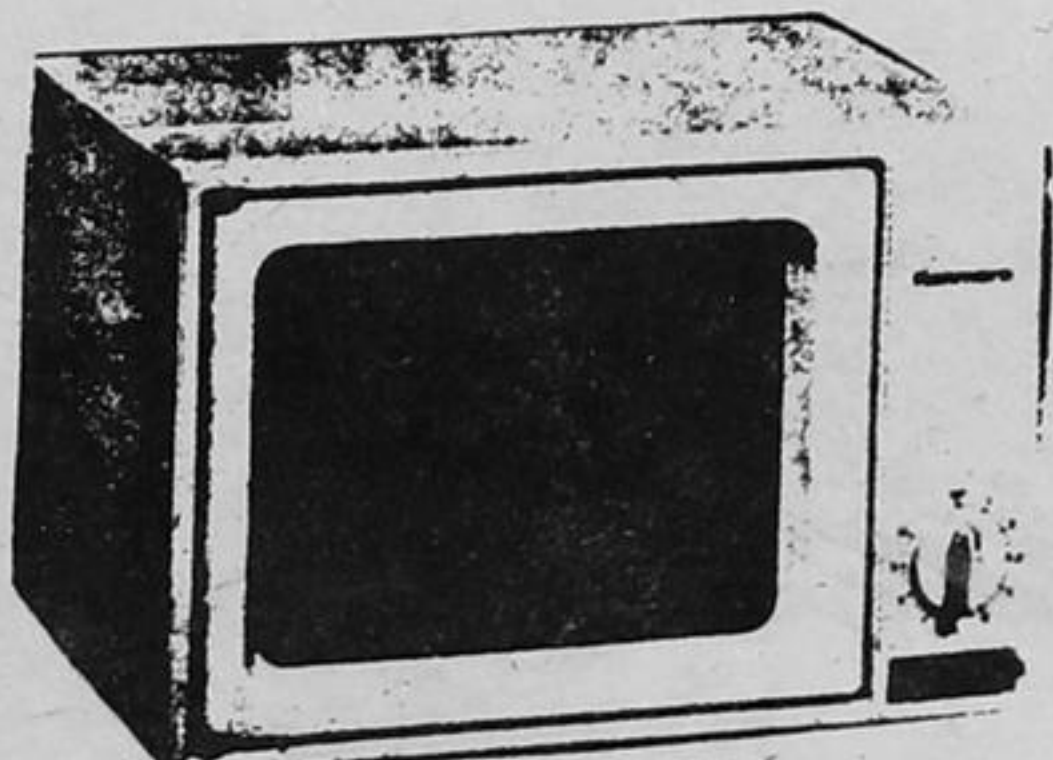
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