

### Newboro News

#### Rideau Medical Centre

Change would seem to be the order of the day, and the current year is no exception.

Dr. Craig Appleyard and Ann Appleyard are planning a move to Western Canada, where Dr. Appleyard will study anesthesiology. They are expecting their first child, and we wish them well.

It is expected that Dr. John D. Cageorge of Lachine, Quebec will be taking Dr. Appleyard's place in early spring.

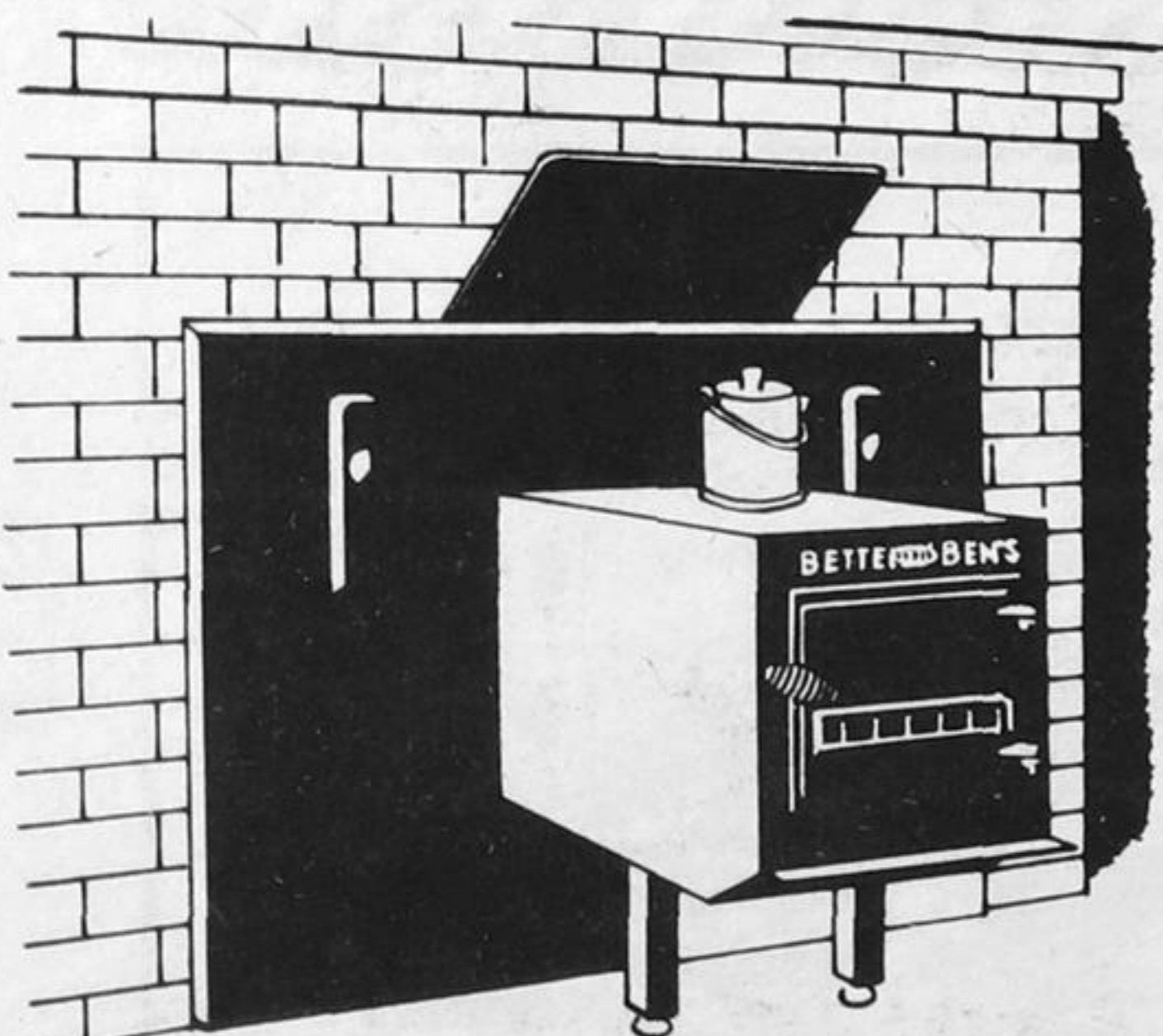
Dr. Richard Maruschak has returned to his home state of Ohio and opened a practice at Fort Clinton, which is located southeast of Detroit on Lake Erie.

Dr. McEwen has taken over Dr. Maruschak's office space providing him with two additional operatories. Cheryl Courneya, Dr. McEwen's dental assistant until September of this year, is presently enrolled in the course of dental hygiene at Algonquin College in Ottawa. Here she will be trained to perform prophylaxis, or cleanings, and topical fluoride applications as a part of the duties performed by a qualified dental hygienist. Cheryl will be returning to the Medical Centre in late spring.

At the moment, Mr. Orti, a licensed denture therapist is providing a complete, partial, and relined denture service in the second operatory under Dr. McEwen's supervision. In addition, a low cost denture service will be available under the same conditions.

It is to be hoped that the basic medical needs of the people of the Rideau District will be continued to be served by the Medical Centre.

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## Money in By-Gone Days

by J.T. Murphy, Newboro

The Newboro channel of the Rideau Canal system is about one mile long and represents one of the major earth moving projects of the Canal construction. The Channel was completely excavated by hand using picks and shovels and the soil removed with wheel-barrows. Rock was drilled by hand using rock chisels and sledge hammers, blown apart with gunpowder and removed with muscle power.

In those days a labourer could earn about two shillings and sixpence a day. A carpenter earned five shillings daily while a skilled stonemason got seven shillings a day. Men of Colonel By's 7th Company of the Royal Sappers and Miners, which landed in Newboro in 1829, probably were paid under a shilling a day.

The troops and civilians would have been paid with British money, the coins of which would carry the head of George IV who ruled when the canal construction started and of William IV who was ruling when the canal was completed.

A halfcrown piece of Geo IV dated 1828 or 1829 in reasonable condition would cost in the area of \$50. today. A shilling of 1827 in similar condition should fetch around \$20. and an 1826 penny about \$6.00.



1829 Halfcrown



1826 Shilling



1826 Penny

#### NEWBORO COUNCIL NEWS

The regular meeting of the Village of Newboro was held on Nov. 2, 1978 at 8:00 p.m. Present were E. Bresee, R.A. Taylor with K. Rasmussen in the chair. Absent were D. Delaney due to illness and T. Landon.

D.S. Burtch attended the meeting for instructions. He asked that he be paid for damage done by youth groups 6 (six) months ago. He had not been paid as yet.

The matter was discussed by Council and on a motion by R.A. Taylor and E. Bresee, it was agreed that D.S. Burtch would be paid \$15.00 for repairs to the wall of the Library room. The council will collect from the youth group before they use the hall again. The youth group is to be supervised by an adult and the supervisor is to sign a form stating that he or she is responsible for all damage done by anybody, before the hall is opened. The Hall is to be closed no later than 12:00 p.m.

On a motion by E. Bresee and R.A. Taylor, the Council of the Village agreed to contact the minister of En-

During the period of the construction of the canal there was a shortage of small change both in Lower Canada (Quebec) and in Upper Canada (Ontario) and banks and merchants produced their own tokens for values ranging from a farthing to a loaf of bread. There can be little doubt that some of these tokens found their way in to the hands of the canal workers on pay days.

Perhaps some of these tokens are still lying around in old tobacco tins, in desk drawers or wherever souvenirs are kept. Although some are quite rare and valuable, the more common ones sell for about \$2. in worn condition to \$10. in nice shape. As it was not until 1858 that coins were struck for the 'Province of Canada', the tokens form a valuable part of Canadian numismatic history.



1/2 Penny Trade Token 1825



1/2 Penny Trade Token 1833



Lesslie 1/2 Penny (Toronto)



#### Newboro Council News (cont.)

Environment asking him to give the Village permission to re-open the dump in South Crosby, as this dump should never have been closed since it is no worse than any other dump in the area. It is costing the Village too much money for the use of the Westport dump. A letter will be sent to the Minister of Environment and the Hon. J. Auld.

The date for the first 1978-79 Council meeting was set for Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

On a motion by R.A. Taylor and E. Bresee, it was agreed that the people on the library board will be paid 20¢ per mile for 1978.

Bills in the amount of \$7,542.83 were paid.