

Cablevision predicted for Perth within two months

After many months of intensive negotiations between Perth Public Utilities Commission and Smiths Falls Cablevision, the probability of cablevision coming to Perth within the next few months is a distinct possibility.

An agreement between the two corporations has been drawn up, and if everything goes according to plan it will be signed within the next few days, and Perth residents may be able to subscribe to the service sometime this fall. It was noted at a regular meeting of Town Council last week that the cable firm is responsible to repair any damage caused to public property and easements, but where an underground service goes through private property, it would be up to the property owner and the cable firm.

The Town Engineer explained that all the street lights in the Town have to be grounded for cable television at the firm's expense.

The old incandescent lights to be grounded have to be removed, and according to Council, now would be the time to replace them with high pressure sodium lights, as the cable firm will be paying for the installation.

Fiddling Championships

The 17th Annual Central Canada Fiddling and Stepdancing Competitions are set for August 17-18 at the Perth Community Centre.

Organizers say they are expecting over 120 competitors at the event from throughout Ontario and Quebec. Stepdancer and former Miss Eastern Ontario, Susan Childerhose, will act as MC.

The fiddling playdowns will take place on Friday, with stepdancing playdowns on Saturday. The finals will be held Saturday night. Contest trophies are on display at some Perth businesses.

Boat Show Attractions

Organizers for the upcoming Antique and Classic Boat Show are expecting about 20,000 people to visit Perth for the event on August 10, 11, 12.

The CKBY travelling stage will be located at Last Duel Park for the event and CFRA personality Ken Grant will broadcast his Saturday morning show from the **Ray Basin**.

On Friday the Apex Jazz Band will perform from a stage in the Basin area. Also located at the Basin site will be a Parks Canada display, a Chamber of Commerce display, and a Friends of the Trent-Severn display.

Admission to the event is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Families with up to five children can obtain a family pass for \$5.

Dairy Princess

The 1984-85 Lanark County Dairy Princess will be

crowned in Carleton Place this Friday.

The 5th annual Dairy Princess Ball is being held at the Carleton Place Community Centre and one of this year's contestants is Dianne Ferrier, of Perth.

Other contestants to date include Suzy Himmelman, of Smiths Falls, and Charlotte Sweeny, from the Almonte area. The competition is open to any girl who has lived or worked on a dairy farm and is between 16 and 25 years-old.

Ontario Scholars

There are 11 Ontario Scholars from this year's P&DCI graduating class and 29 pupils are honour students. Honour students have obtained 80 percent or higher.

Perth's Ontario Scholars are: Deborah Dobbie, Kenneth Erwin, Jill Hauraney, Laura Howard, Susan Ireton, James Myers, Nancy Prior, David Sherwin, Maureen Timmins, Rosemarie Whyte and Alan Young.



Liberal standard-bearer, Brooke McNabb, won a convincing nomination victory Thursday in Almonte and says he can go on to win Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton in the upcoming federal election. The crowd of about 500 was the biggest and most enthusiastic gathering of Liberals in the riding in nearly 20 years.



A Montague Township beef farmer and consulting engineer, Don Page, was unanimously chosen as the New Democratic Party candidate Thursday in Carleton Place for the September 4, federal election. Mr. Page says his party is dealing with the issues.

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Dick faces weatherman, farmer

By Steve Forster and Michael Taylor
Brooke McNabb and Don Page will be leading the Liberals and NDP respectively in the battle with incumbent Tory Paul Dick in the September 4, federal election in Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton.

Mr. McNabb, a television personality, told a crowd of about 500 Liberal faithful that he predicts sunny skies for the party on voting day. "I sense the winds of change in Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton," he told the partisan crowd, "and you know my forecasts are always right."

Mr. McNabb won the Liberal nomination by a large margin over his opponent Corrine Greene. When the final vote was tallied in

Almonte on Thursday, Mr. McNabb had 375 votes to Mrs. Greene's 62.

Mrs. Greene was nominated by Perth resident Tina Hallaren, while Mr. McNabb was nominated by Smiths Falls lawyer Jack Kirkland.

"I'll meet the people at the factory gates, the supermarkets and at their places of residence," Mr. McNabb told the cheering crowd. "And I promise you I'll be accessible."

Mr. McNabb is taking a leave of absence from CJOH-TV and says he will devote all his energies to campaigning until election day.

Among his priorities, said Mr. McNabb, are jobs for youth, acid rain, the nuclear arms race and more federal jobs and buildings in Lanark-

Renfrew-Carleton.

A native of Arnprior, Mr. McNabb is married with two children. He has worked at radio station CJET in Smiths Falls, CKLW television and radio in Kingston and CJOH-TV in Ottawa.

He says his media work has taken him throughout the towns, villages and hamlets in Eastern Ontario and given him insight into the people

and problems of the region.

NDP Nomination

Only a handful of supporters were on hand at the New Democratic Party's nomination meeting Thursday night in Carleton Place.

Despite the small turnout, party members enthusiastically acclaimed Don Frederick Page, as their candidate in the federal

election for the riding of Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton.

Mr. Page, 55, is a consulting engineer, beef farmer and editor of The Humanist In Canada.

A resident of Montague Township, he is quite active in the affairs of the community.

He holds a doctorate in electrical engineering and has a background of over 25 years in the conduct and manage-

he said. He also feels that Canada should oppose the development of new nuclear weapons systems such as the cruise missile.

Mr. Page said that the NDP advocate a nuclear freeze and the withdrawing of the agreement for testing the cruise missile.

In his closing remarks he

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Top runners in town

for Glen Tay block race

Top runners from all over Eastern Ontario — and from even further away — are expected to line up on Gore Street tomorrow (Thursday) evening for the running of the annual **Glen Tay Block Race**.

The 9.1 mile race usually attracts more than 100 runners, who participate in three separate divisions: Juniors, Seniors, and Masters.

The race begins at 6 PM, in

front of the Perth Museum, and runners traverse a course that takes them through parts of town and then to the outskirts and back.

All participants who complete the race receive certificates, and prizes are awarded to the top three male and female finalists in each of the divisions.

Last year, Perth runner Mike McPherson was the top local racer, behind runners from Ottawa and Deep River.

Busy weekend reported

Perth Police had a busy weekend with over 60 occurrences ranging from an indecent assault to the theft of guns from a residence.

There were three break-ins over the weekend, say police, and a pair of juveniles have been charged in connection with the theft of the guns. Fourteen people were

charged over the weekend for various offences ranging from careless driving to possession of stolen property.

Police investigated seven motor vehicle accidents, three incidents of willful damage, two liquor offences, two impaired driving charges, two assaults and the indecent assault.

Robberies increase

Statistics from the Ontario Provincial Police in the Perth area indicate that robbery is on the increase while many other offences appear to be on the decline.

The statistics from OPP 10 district, which includes Lanark, Renfrew and Leeds and Grenville, are for the first six months of 1984.

OPP have investigated 13 robberies this year, an increase of 30 percent over the same period last year.

Theft over \$200 is also on the rise, with 252 incidents this year, compared with 203 for 1983. That's an increase of 19 percent.

On the brighter side assaults are down 7 percent.

break and enter is down 25 percent, theft under \$200 is down 19 percent and fraud is down 29 percent.

OPP officials credit Neighbourhood Watch programs in many areas with the decrease in break and enters and say an ongoing anti-impaired driving campaign with spot checks on a 24-hour basis serve as a deterrent to crime generally.

Deadline

Due to Monday, August 6, being a civic holiday, the Courier Office will be closed. The deadline for all advertising is moved up to Friday, August 3 at 5:00 p.m.

Area crops reported to be on target

By Patricia Rivera
Although area farmers have experienced some trouble getting their hay off the fields in good shape, crops in general in the region appear to be producing well this year.

"We have had a terrific hay crop," R.R. 1 Lanark farmer Max McIlquham said Tuesday, "But it has been tricky to get it off in decent shape. (Because of frequent showers) There has been a lot of spoiled hay."

"But the crop itself was bounteous," he said. Other crops, such as wheat, barley, soybeans and corn also appear to be doing about average, according to R.R. 7 Perth Farmer Carl James.

In his instance, "There have been enough showers to keep everything growing at a pretty normal rate this year," although, naturally, rainfall

and soil conditions create varying conditions for different growers.

Mr. James said that the wheat he has planted "looks fairly good, and we should start harvest by next week or so. The first two weeks of August are about normal harvest time for winter wheat."

His barley also looks good, he says, as do his soybeans, which got off to a slow start this spring, when dry weather inhibited germination. "It seems to be catching up."

Corn in the region also looks about average for this time of the season, and what farmers need for that crop to produce well now is sufficient moisture to fill the ears. "We'll need a lot of rain from now on," said Mr. James.

"We're not behind; we're pretty well right on average. Overall, the corn in the area

looks pretty good."

Mr. McIlquham said that he has noticed that in some areas, rain did not fall as plentifully as farmers may have wished, so "There are still questions about grain and corn for people who are dry. I'm fine, but we've had a lot of rain that others haven't had."

Another piece of good news for farmers has been that so far this season, there haven't been rain or wind storms that knocked crops down.

Hay is a major crop in Lanark County, where approximately 54,000 acres were grown in 1982 (The most recent year for which figures are available at the Perth office). In this sector of the province, the average yield per acre of hay is 2.9 tons, giving a total production figure of 157,000 tons.

Average hay price in

Lanark County in 1982 was 45.50 per ton, for a total value of \$7,144,000, or \$132 per acre.

Grain corn was planted on about 9,000 county acres in 1982; yielded an average of 81 bushels per acre; and was worth \$2,296,000 to district producers. Fodder corn was planted on more acres that year — some 13,000 — and was worth a total of \$2,288,000.

For barley, figures reveal that 8,000 acres of the crop were planted in Lanark County in 1982, and valued at \$1,140,000, as farmers harvested an average of 57 bushels per acre.

Winter wheat and soybean production in this part of the province is small, and figures are not available for Lanark County alone.



Ghost Stories, the final presentation of Perth Summer Theatre, opens this Thursday evening and runs until August 18, at the Perth fairgrounds. The musical is based on the legend of John Oliver, a ferryman and innkeeper at Oliver's

Landing which is now known as Rideau Ferry. Above the cast of Ghost Stories pose in period costumes. Oliver, it is said, had a penchant for murder!