



Mike Hourigan (back) and John Miller (front) work on sandals in their shop. (staff photo)

Port Dover's Sandalmaker

A weathered fish shanty, down by the waterfront, is the home of Port Dover's sandalmakers.

Five fine tradesmen work in the rustic setting, crafting custom-made leather articles.

John Miller, Mike Hourigan, Nathan Udang, Brent MacDonald and Kathleen Allan work year round designing and making sandals, hand bags, tiffany lamp shades, hats, vases, belts and travel cases ... all in leather.

It's been going since April, 1972, John told the Record last week. And every year The Sandalmaker has almost doubled its business.

The shop developed from a job he had six years ago working with a sandalmaker in Greenwich Village, New York. She had learned her 30-year-old trade from well established Provincetown, Mass. craftsmen. John subsequently opened and closed a shop in Brantford.

Later he and Mike, a University of Guelph graduate, went into the

wholesale business in Guelph. Three years ago they decided to move to Dover, John's hometown. And one year later the sandalmakers opened a second shop in Brantford. Most of the work is done down by the wharf because the shanty provides more room and houses a better variety of equipment than the spot in the city.

There are presently 35 styles of sandals to choose from and there will be more by summertime, John said. Many have been developed and tested by the sandalmakers themselves.

It takes two weeks and at least one fitting to create the hand-crafted sandals for the individual's feet.

The customer's foot is traced on a rectangular piece of cardboard. One of the sandalmakers puts the pattern to it, marking strap holes according to the shape and size of the foot. The form is roughly cut out of leather, brought in from tanneries all across Ontario, Winnipeg and New York.

After soaking, punching

holes, molding arches and cutting straps, the sandal starts to take shape. The customer returns for another fitting and tries the footwear for walking. A sandalmaker traces where the leather needs to be trimmed.

All brass cobbling nails are used so there is no corrosion, John said. As the leather wears, so does the brass. Tops and bottoms are glued together and straps are fastened down.

They are built in a way that's pretty traditional and have been developed over 100 years, John explained. And they are designed so they can be taken apart if one does happen to need repair.

Steel circlets are placed in the heel to keep it from wearing down, edges are dyed and buffed and sandals are oiled.

Most sandals last quite a long time. If the bottom soles wear out the craftsmen will put a new one on for \$5 and recondition the sandals so they are just like new.

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The Walpole North Elementary School boys' volleyball team won the Haldimand Public School Championship for A Schools in a tournament last week. Members are (front) Principal Sydney Francis, Roger Campbell, Donald Carpenter, Dave Slack, Bill Cowen, Ken Slack, Randy Moffatt, Eric Winger. (Back) Gerry Greenfield, Jim Crone, Brian Krauskopf, Richard Storms and Mark Burgess. (staff photo)

Know Your Heart

High blood pressure, smoking and a high cholesterol level are hard on your body plumbing.

In fact, a person with all three faces an 11 times greater risk of having a heart attack than those who don't. Dr. Colin Schwartz told Hagersville and area residents at St. Mary's Church Monday night.

February is Heart Month. And concerned local people are planning to canvass for the Heart Fund, under the direction of the Catholic Women's League.

Dr. Schwartz, a professor of Pathology at McMaster University, is actively involved in cardiovascular diseases research. He talked to the audience about heart problems, risk factors, preventative measures and research.

The heart is a terribly important muscular pump, he said. If the plumbing (arteries) are not adequate, it will get in trouble. A heart attack is caused by a blockage of the pipes, cutting the blood supply. Big healthy arteries slowly narrow down as deposits of



material (fat) collect. Excess cholesterol causes the walls to proliferate and thicken.

Studies have shown that certain areas of population suffer more attacks than others, Dr. Schwartz said. People who eat large amounts of fat in their diet are more susceptible to heart problems than those who have less animal fat.

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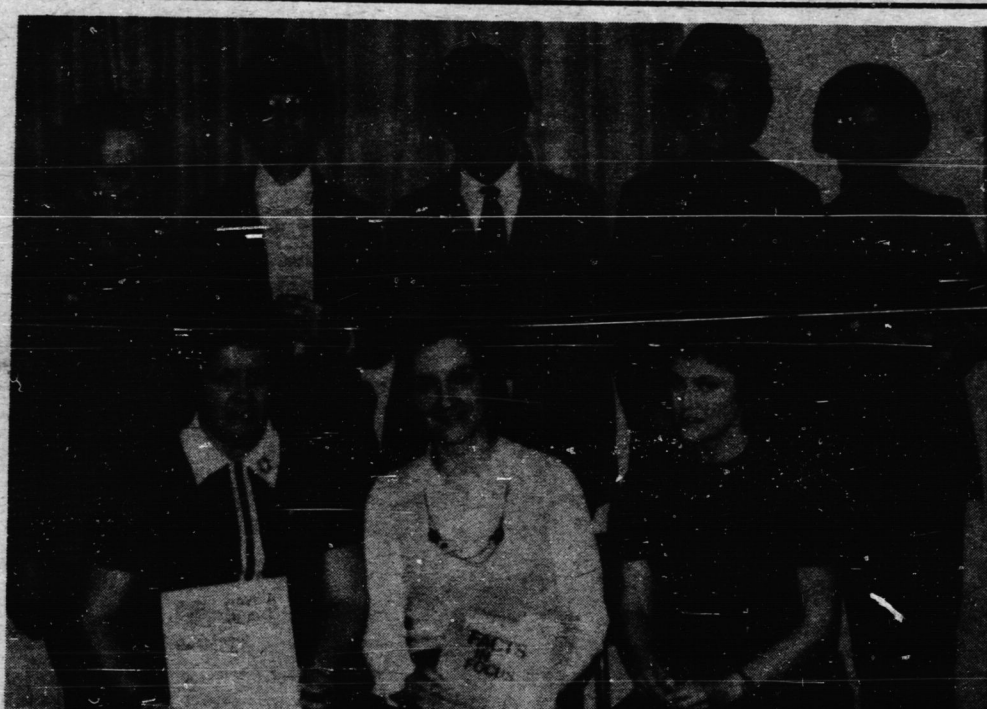
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Hagersville and area organizers of the local Heart Fund Campaign are pictured here with Dr. Colin Schwartz, Professor of Pathology at McMaster University (centre back). They are (front) C.W.L. President Audrey Montague, Karen King, Patty Huschilt. (back) Agnes Coyne, Elsie Crone, Marlene Skraba and Jesette Vielavaran. (staff photo)

Stelco Preserves Showplace

Brass chandeliers, wooden shutters and antique furnishings will mix with 20th century construction models in an old Nanticoke estate home.

In an effort to preserve a beautiful piece of history, the Steel Company of Canada has made plans to restore to the original Colonel Lowes home on the old Chambers Road its 1870 appearance.

The refurbished residence, sitting on eight acres of beautifully treed property just west of the

hamlet of Nanticoke, will be used primarily for Community Relation functions.

Since it will be accessible from both the inside of the plant and the New Scenic Drive, tours of the construction site will emanate and return to this location, Stelco Public

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Record Publisher Announces Change

The circulation of the Jarvis Record has been trebled, Publisher Jeremy Brown announced today.

The paper, established in 1878, will now be a combination subscription-controlled circulation publication in order to serve better readers and advertisers.

Many weekly newspapers have taken this course over the past few years, and we have

examined every possibility of expanding our service in this thriving area," he said.

The new combined circulation will be 4,500 copies per week with a total readership of 13,500.

Effective the issue of February 6, advertising rates will be raised to reflect this new level of circulation.

The publisher said this is only one of a number of changes planned for the paper. The other changes will be announced shortly.