

## Launch conservation week

Whether it's a lonesome pine, a weeping willow or a spreading chestnut, the tree is being saluted during Conservation Week which opened in Ontario this year on Arbor Day, April 18, and runs through this week.

In announcing Conservation Week 1975, Natural Resources Minister Leo Bernier paid tribute to the work of Ontario's 38 conservation authorities and commended their special programs and activities to public attention.

Conservation authorities have become a vital and integral part of communities across Southern Ontario and in

many others in the North since the first was formed back in 1946," Mr. Bernier said.

"They have taken the initiative at the local level in such areas as flood control, recreation, reforestation, wildlife, conservation education and the preservation of historical sites - all to the benefit of participating municipalities and the province as a whole," the minister added.

Mr. Bernier encouraged everyone, especially children and young people, to develop a greater awareness and appreciation of trees in their urban

setting as well as in their natural forest state.

In conjunction with the salute to trees in Ontario, the Long Point Region Conservation Authority intends to promote Conservation and proper land management throughout Conservation Week. The climax will come with the planting of 5,000 white pines by the Lynn Valley District Boy Scouts Association.

Their participation is under the "Trees for Canada" programme, which is designed to meet two community minded objectives. Firstly, in supplying manpower to reforest marginal lands, the intention is to enhance the landscape for the public and the wildlife of the area. Further, this project will aid in the development of responsible young citizens, knowledgeable in the relationships between man and trees and appreciative of nature. The plantings also provide the participants with a positive investment in their community and a keen sense of achievement.

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## St. Williams Review

by Richard C.A. Fields

The A.C.W. of St. Williams met at the home of Mrs. Harry Carpenter. The president opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer in unison, followed by the General Prayer. Roll Call was answered by five members with a text containing the word "risen". One new member was welcomed. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer gave her report, noting that all bills were paid to date. Correspondence was read from A.C.W. headquarters. Also a letter from Mrs.

Gladys McCall. A reading was given by Mrs. Charles Wolven followed by a discussion of the questionnaire sent out to be filled in concerning church union. Mrs. Charles Wolven offered her home for the next meeting. The meeting closed with prayer. The hostess served a delicious lunch. Courtesy remarks were given by Mrs. Gordon Meade.

Caley Ann Mutrie, nine-year-old daughter of



Caley Ann Mutrie

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Mutrie of Simcoe, played the character "Flora" in the Simcoe Little Theatre production of "The Innocents". This production was adjudicated one of the five to participate in the Western Ontario Drama League - Guelph Festival '75 competition. Caley Ann received a nomination for best performance by a juvenile and also a nomination for best performance by a supporting actress at the awards night held in the University Centre, Guelph, Ontario.

The Mutrie family are former St. Williams residents.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cruickshank spent a week recently in Oshawa at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cruise and family, also spent the weekend in Stoney Creek at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Fenton and Patricia.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Jamieson of R.R. 1, Port Dover spent the afternoon on Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Fields and family.

The St. Williams area residents are very fortunate; as there is now a deposit library in the Community Hall; courtesy of the New Horizons Club — if you enjoy good books to read — then this is for you; so come out and support your local library. Reading matter consists of fiction, non-fiction, children's books and if there are any books you wish, just let them know and they will obtain it for you. Hours of the library are: Tuesdays — 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Wednesdays — 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.; Thursdays — 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. The library is also planning to have a pre-school children's programme for an eight week period, once a week for children ages three, four and five. Parents interested are asked to contact the librarians at the library at hours given above.

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## Vimy Banquet draws 120

Eleven veterans of World War I were guests of honor at a dinner attended by 120 at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall in Port Rowan.

The event was hosted by second World War veterans and associate members of Branch 379, Royal Canadian Legion, and arrangements were in charge of Jack Gleadall, who was also master of ceremonies for the evening.

The WWI veterans present were Comrades Arthur Ashcroft, Fred Reginald Denton, Andrew Harris, Morley Ferman, Les Olds, Ed Peall, Maurice Brown, James Morrison, Fred Sage, and Frank Veasey.

Guest speaker was William Knowles, M.P., member of Branch 379.

At head table were President Charles Tulpin; Treasurer Louis Kociuk; Assistant Secretary, Treasurer Malcolm Ross; Branch Chaplain Rev. S.T.F. Brain; Executive Member Howard Sobisch; Vice-President Frank Bantam; Sergeant-at-Arms Stanley Balfour; and Sergeant-at-Arms-Elect Norman Brown.

The guest speaker introduced and thanked by Mr. Gleadall, spoke of the Battle of Vimy Ridge where on April 9, 1917, four Canadian divisions took that famous ridge after other allies had failed in the attempt. The victory was at a cost of 3,600 Canadians killed and 7,000 wounded that day, but, he said "Canada became a Nation on that date and a force to be reckoned with."

Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary were thanked by Mr. Ross for their donation of time and effort in the preparation and serving of the delicious roast beef dinner provided for the occasion.

On behalf of the World War I veterans, Ferman Harris expressed their appreciation to their hosts for the evening of good fellowship.

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