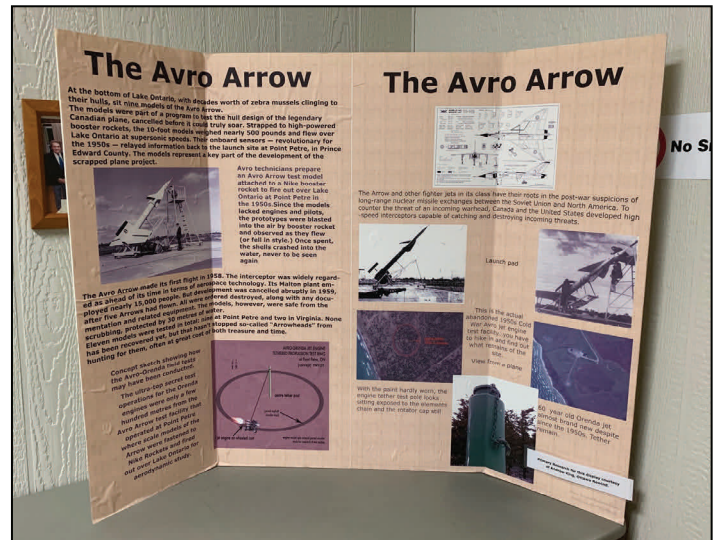


The Arrow Lives On!

The history of the AVRO Arrow, particularly the nine test models of the aircraft launched from Pt. Petre in the 1950's, was brought to life at two sold out presentations at Milford Town Hall during Flashback February festivities last weekend. The test models, that sit on the bottom of Lake Ontario, are some of the few artefacts that still exist after the Arrow project was suddenly cancelled in 1959 by the Diefenbaker government.

Expedition leader, John Burzynski (below), detailed the intricacies and challenges of locating the models, one of which has been recovered and is in the hands of conservators. He also showed images of the search site and explained the plans when the search begins again in the spring. A documentary film about the recovery project will be released later this year.



Left, an ingot from one of the six Arrows destroyed in 1959. The planes and the tooling were taken apart and melted down.



For reasons the members themselves don't quite comprehend, the former acting secretary of the Assembly of Gentlemen failed to send reports of their meetings to the *South Marysburgh Mirror* for the past several months. Sensing something amiss, the member with numerous alphabetical designations following his last name created a recap report based on his and others recollections of meetings. "Our newly minted recording secretary will be more on top of things and will possess a better filing system," he stated in his submission for this edition. "We have a lot of ground to cover to catch up so

fit in what you can."

To that end, 'fit' was the theme of a presentation by Milford resident and former B&B owner, Helen Ward on August 29th. Her talk, entitled "*Variations and Intricacies of Canadian and English Plumbing Standards: A Case Study of the Challenges*", was well received by members in attendance that morning.

Following what was

described as an animated presentation, Helen fielded questions about her research methodology and additional projects she had in the offing, including travelling to the UK to collect data for further presentations. "I know it seems nonsensical to have different dimensions of plumbing but it is clearly evident between North America and Europe, 'innit'?" she asked in her distinct English accent.

Sensing where the conversation might go and facing time constraints because of a lengthy agenda, the Chair thanked Helen for her informative presentation and offered her an invitation to update the AoG when she returned from the UK in the New Year.



Helen Ward discusses plumbing and answers questions



The blustery, blizzard conditions that prevailed during late January and early February were the basis of conversations during several meetings of the group. The member whose residency in the Greater Milford Area (GMA) far eclipsed that of others could not recall such sudden turns of the weather. "But I've seen worse, just not so quick," he said. "The winter of '78, it was bad. And '10, that wasn't good either." Pressed to explain, he continued, "A few years ago, when it was real cold for the carnival on the millpond, that was bad too. That's when we had to form our ERU, Emergency Response Unit."

"I remember that one," added another member. "When the guy driving the back hoe was clearing the ice and fell through. Sank pretty quickly. We tried to help the guy, too. Then we started calling him a submarine commander."

"We sure did," agreed the designated member, "and the ERU got called up again when Jen Ackerman's horse fell into the ditch. We were all out of here like rockets trying to help."

The meeting held last week was adjourned but not without a couple of items added to future agendas. "*Live Laugh Eat* is up for sale," stated a member, "so we need to discuss where we're going to go next. We were at Hicks, then it closed. Then we were at a place on the other side of the millpond, now we're here and it's closing."

Sensing something of a pattern between the longevity of local businesses who have hosted the AoG and available local options, the bespectacled litigator who had been quietly listening to and observing the conversation said, "The only one that fits the bill is The Bistro."

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The first meeting for 2019
will be in March.**

To all our Friends, Neighbours and Acquaintances in South Marysburgh

By Pieter de Boer

In the winter of 1989, with the snow piled high, Harriet and I drove to The County to find a place to rent for the following summer. While staying with friends in Prinyer's Cove we received a call about a property for sale in Milford. By seeing the outline of the shore through the snow, we realized the potential this little peninsula on the Mill Pond would have. An offer to purchase was accepted and we have never looked back. After weekending from Toronto for the next six years we were able to move full time to Milford in 1996. We embraced life in the village to the fullest.

My earliest community project was building the flower boxes on the bridge. I also took over the bird feeder building project from Bob White and have immensely enjoyed continuing this for the last fifteen years or so. The challenge each year was to come up with a different feeder while at the same time be of a design the children could assemble using a power drill.

In the meantime Harriet has not stood still and was one of the members of the Milford Bloomers. The Bloomers were initiators of a village beautification project whereby barrels planted with flowers were delivered by tractors around the village. As well, they organized the first Easter parade, commissioned *The Miller* statue at the post office, participated in the fair board parades, as well as being involved in numerous other community activities. Harriet also enjoyed all the years of pumpkin painting with the children at the local fair.

We have always been project oriented and there has been no shortage of project opportunities, especially when a new house was built in 2002 on the original foot print of the old one. When looking back we are happy with all we have accomplished and are still amazed how we could have made it all possible, most of it with our bare hands.

During the last few years it has become increasingly challenging to maintain our gardens to the standards we insist on. Due to health issues, Harriet, for whom gardening has been her life passion, finds serious gardening activity to be very limited. My energy level also is not close to what it was only a few years ago. We realized that at some point in the not too distant future we needed to seriously downsize and have been looking for some time for a smaller place in Picton. However, none of the homes we looked at remotely appealed to us as we feel spoiled in the home we have now.

A few month ago, we learned of a new bungalow townhouse development within a ten minute walk of Main Street Picton. Immediately we fell in love with the model home and we decided to make a conditional offer the same day. This being a townhouse in the city means that we are downsizing in respect to the garden to the extreme but we already have planned for it to become a beautiful little courtyard garden.

We have been agonizing and soul searching about this but think that for the long term this is the best solution while we are still able to make this change. In addition, we will be able to have cats again!

We will miss the many good friends and neighbours as well as the community spirit, however, Picton is not too far away and once we have settled in our welcome mat will be out again.

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Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals
February 1929

Transcribed by Sarah Moran Collier

- Fri. 1** - Sow has 10 nice pigs. Sid Welbanks came out and got my Hogs Seven of them they weighed 1480 lbs @ 10=. Mirt and I went over to Jake's for the evening.
- Sat. 2** - Royden went over to Picton Floral and Bessie Wheeler came home with him Kathleen stayed over they had a skating party at night young people around the neighborhood came and they had a big time.
- Sun. 3** - A lovely day all went around to church but me.
- Mon. 4** - Royden and I worked at the wood
- Tue. 5** - Went Back on George Hudgins and got a load of wood Mirt Royden and I went up to Thomas Rose for the Evening
- Wed. 6** - We got out another load of wood Visiting again at night at Stephen Dulmage.
- Thur. 7** - Quite a fall of snow last night Wolf gang here at night all came with cars.
- Fri 8** - Some colder Royden took up some logs to Milford went with the sleigh
- Sat. 9** - Weather some colder. Royden went over to Picton after the Girls. Floral came home has a few days off Kathleen stayed over.
- Sun. 10** - Lloyd Luise Wrex came down has a new Durant 60 I went up home with him
- Mon. 11** - I was at Lloyd's we went to see a man on the other side of Belleville By the name of Hall. Lloyd sold him a Durant 60 and took a 55 on it then I Bought the Durant 55 and Delt my car on it.
- Tue. 12** - Lloyd and I came down home fetched my 55 down He sold Collin Hudgins a Durrant 60 and took Collins Wiffit up home with him today
- Wed. 13** - Weather colder with some snow.
- Thur. 14** - Lloyd went to Toronto after Collins Hudgins New car Durant 60. Wolf Gang were at Collin Hudgins roads not very good. Came as far as here and all went down with the sleigh.
- Fri. 15** - Roads not passable for cars to day.
- Sat. 16** - Broke the roads out for cars to day Collin were over to Picton with the cutter got Floral and they went out to Jakes and Earls for a visit
- Sun. 17** - Royden and Floral came home from Jake's quite a nice day Quentin Minaker here at night.
- Mon. 18** - Floral is home for a couple of days. Royden and I went out and got a loadof wood
- Tue. 19** - Tom Rose and wife Geo Collier and wife were here visting Royden and Floral went over to Town to the Hockey match Floral stayed over for work.
- Wed. 20** - We went out after another load of wood. Quite cold
- Thu. 21** - Stormed some all day Royden went over to Picton again to night with Alva Collier to a Hockey game

- Fri. 22** - Kathleen had some of the young folks from Picton out tonight for a little party Royden went over and fitch some of the youngsters out. All came with cars
- Sat. 24** - Feeling pretty blue to day up most of the night Wrex came home to night from Lloyds Floral came home Kathleen went out to Lloyds
- Sun. 24** - Floral Royden and I went around to Church A little stormy to day.
- Mon. 25** - I took Wrex out to Lloyds it was a nice day roads were not very good to Picton But dandy from Picton to Belleville
- Tue. 26** - Some colder to day I fixed up a high chair for ruth.
- Wed. 27** - Lloyd was down to day He has delt the Whippet for a Star Six 55. Bill went home with him Collin Hudgins Alice Mirt and I were up to Geo. Colliers visting.
- Thur. 28** - Warmer to day. Royden and I went out and got a load of cedar for fencing Clayton Dulmage came home from the Hospitle last night. He had an Aperation for Appendicide He is feeling fine now.
- Sat. 30** - I went over to Picton Davis went over with me. Floral and Kathleen came home.

Sarah's Research Notes Insight, Information & Anecdotes About Nelson Hicks' Journal Entries

Nelson writes of two trips to town to see a hockey game. It was during the 1920s that hockey had rapidly become more popular. The NHL was formed with three teams in 1917 and by 1927 there were 10 teams. In this era the Hart memorial Trophy, the Lady Byng Trophy and the Vezina Trophy came into being, and safety equipment was initiated.



The freewheeling 1920's ushered in the first golden age of women's hockey. The first women's provincial championship in Ontario had been held in Picton. The first goaltender ever to use a mask was a woman, in 1927; she wore a fencing mask, apparently to protect recently completed dental work. From February 1929, here's a charmingly illustrated Saturday Evening Post cover, shin pads included!

Gossip!

*Personal Notices, Announcements
& Random Notes*

Nelson Hick's / Hicks' / Hicks'

The second annual celebration of County history and heritage begins next week at various locations in The County, and part of it includes transcribing Nelson Hicks' journals.

Sarah Moran Collier will be holding another workshop to enable those interested to pore over Nelson's handwritten journals. Please contact her at 613.403.3546 or sarahmoran@gmail.com to register.

Perhaps those assembled can debate the appropriate and correct placement of the apostrophe in Nelson's surname, considering what his wishes might have been.

Harriet & Pieter

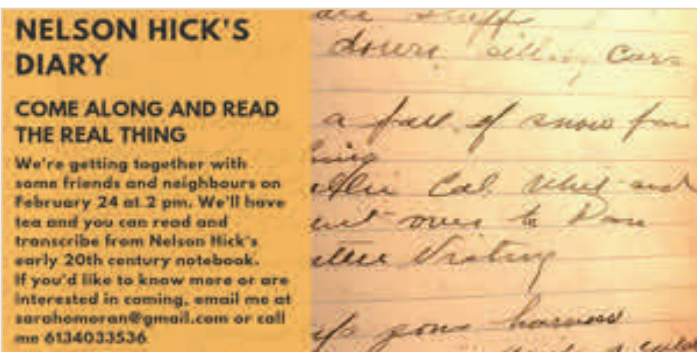
One of the reasons *The South Marysburgh Mirror* was created back in the 1980s was to enable residents to keep the community informed of their comings and goings. Regrettably, in this edition of *The Mirror*, Harriet and Pieter de Boer have announced their plans to relocate from Milford to Picton in the near future.

Thank you both so much for your support and dedication to our community over the years. Although the reasons are understood and respected, a decision such as yours is not easily arrived at. Best of luck in your new home, and please visit often!

'Wonky'

Use of that adjective is not unreasonable to describe the irregular publication and distribution dates for the last several editions of *The Mirror*. For a variety of reasons, some of which are beyond *The Mirror's* control, meeting a self-imposed deadline of the first of each month has been increasingly difficult. That said, and as of this issue, *The Mirror* will be published on or about the 15th of each month. The deadline for submission of copy or advertisements will be the 10th of each month.

My apologies for any inconvenience caused by the 'wonkiness'.



Milford Library Branch **Check It Out**

By Aaron Nash

For the last two years the French group at Milford Branch, Le Cercle Francais de Milford, has made a donation of \$500 to the PEC Library to fund the Dorothy Speirs Rendez-Vous, which takes place during the County Reads festival. The idea is have a guest who represents the francophonie of literary world in Canada in order to celebrate french language and culture in PEC. Last year Le Cercle Francais de Milford was able to host Roch Carrier, with Spiers acting as moderator to a large audience of francophones and francophiles from the County. This year the group is delighted to have Wayne Grady, who will do a presentation on translation, with Speirs acting as moderator. Grady is one of Canada's most acclaimed English-French translators and winner of the John Glassco Prize and the Governor General's Literary award for Translation. He has also published several original works, both of fiction and nonfiction, including *Emancipation Day*, longlisted for the Scotiabank-Giller Prize, and *The Quiet Limit of the World*, one of the first books about global warming.

Dorothy Speirs, whom you may know from her many activities as a volunteer in our community, is herself an Emile Zola scholar. Before her retirement to Prince Edward County, Speirs was a highly-rated professor in the French Department of the University of Toronto. She was also the Curator of the Émile Zola archives at the Joseph Sablé Centre for 19th Century French Studies. Among her many publications, Dorothy co-authored, translated and edited the book *Notes from Exile*, published by the University of Toronto Press in 2003. In 2004 the French Government awarded Professor Speirs the Ordre des Palmes Académiques for distinguished contributions to education and culture.

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Danger: School Days

By Doug McGregor

I spent a good chunk of my childhood in Port Hope including my Public School years. The school there was good and had the luxury of what seemed, at the time, like a gigantic school yard. It was pretty wide bounded by homes on the side but very long which enabled a science experiment.

It was maybe Grade 4 and the teacher wanted us to do an experiment to measure the speed of sound. It involved exploiting that long yard, making a bang and flash at one end of the yard. At the other end, we stood with stopwatches to measure the delay between the flash and the bang. All we needed to know then was the distance between us and the source of the flash/bang to do the calculation about the speed.

This sounded pretty cool to me and we got to go outside when it wasn't even a recess!

So the class trundled outside. It was early spring so there was still some wet snow lying around in the shadows. I was assigned to the distance measuring crew and we basically took a 50 yard measuring tape and ran it end for end keeping track of how many times to multiply the 50 yards by.

Well, that snow! We got ambushed somewhere down the field by some ne'er do wells and we lost count in the distraction. Science will never be the same! Nevertheless we charged ahead.

Finally it became time to run the experiment with teams set up at either end. The teacher brought out his shotgun to make the noise and the flash. **YES, THAT'S RIGHT, I SAID A SHOTGUN.** In the middle of the day, surrounded by homes he had marched his class of about 30 students into the yard with his shotgun and fired it several times.

Now this was the mid 60's so no one batted an eye. However when I think of today, had the same scenario been repeated, it would have resulted in dozens of police, helicopters, ambulances, firetrucks, parents and media all descending on the scene like locusts. Not to mention courts and sentences to follow.

I laugh to myself every time I recall this story and then reflect, sadly, on how much the times have changed. I miss some parts of that simpler more trusting time.

Doug McGregor is a promising "young" writer nearing the completion of his first decade in South Marysburgh. He is a retired engineer, a proud and longtime member of the Milford Fair Board and served on the hospital board for a number of years. He shares a home on South Bay with his wife, two dogs and three cats and an unknown number of mice.

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Turning now to technology resources, you may already know that Milford Branch is home to a 3D printer—but did you know that it is also home to a vinyl cutter? Yes, now available at Milford Branch is a cutter made by Silhouette, with which patrons can create custom projects for home, business, school, or hobby. The cutter is the ultimate DIY machine. Like a home printer, it plugs into a computer with a USB cable and uses a small blade to cut materials, including paper, cardstock, vinyl, and fabric. The machine also has the ability to register and cut printed materials. With the cutter, you can also save from your computer to a USB device and then cut directly from the Silhouette without needing a computer. Patrons can choose from ready-made designs or create their own with free software. To schedule a vinyl-cutting project or for more information, contact us milford@peclibrary.org. Dream it up ... cut it out!

Vinyl cutters are some of the most recent additions to the PEC Library Makerspace. What's a Makerspace? It's a collaborative, multipurpose, all-ages workspace for making, learning, exploring, sharing and collaborating. Currently, the Makerspace at the Picton Branch Library doubles as a meeting room, but a permanent Makerspace is part of the plans for the Picton Branch Library Expansion. Do you need a tool or resource to help you create? The library has green-screen equipment, design and editing software, podcasting gear, a button maker, and more besides! Visit peclibrary.org/makerspace or contact techhelp@peclibrary.org for further information.

Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem for the month: A person wrapped up in himself makes a very small package.

Three male doctors sat in the doctor's lounge talking when a genie appeared and granted each one a wish. The first doctor asked for a 25% increase in wisdom and this was granted. The second wanted to be more intelligent and asked for a 50% increase. "Done," said the genie. The third doctor got a little more greedy and asked for a 100% increase in intelligence, so the genie turned him into a nurse.

A businessman on his deathbed called his friend and said, "Bill, I want you to promise me that when I die, you will have my remains cremated."

"And what," his friend asked, "do you want me to do with your ashes?"

The businessman said, "Just put them in an envelope and mail them to Revenue Canada and write on the envelope, "Now you have everything!"

One night a lady stumbled into the police station with a black eye. She claimed she heard a noise in her back yard and went to investigate. The next thing she knew, she was hit in the eye and knocked out cold.

An officer was sent to her house to investigate and returned half an hour later with a black eye.

"Did you get hit by the same person?" the captain asked? "No," he replied, "I stepped on the same rake."

A lady called directory assistance to find out the time difference between Taipei and Las Vegas.

"Just a minute," the operator said.

"Thank you." The woman said and hung up.

The judge read the charges then asked, "Are you the defendant in this case?"

"No sir, your honour, sir," replied Bob. "I've got a lawyer to do the defending. I'm the guy who done it."

Justice Served

An Iraqi terrorist didn't pay enough postage on a letter bomb. It came back with a "return to sender" stamped on it.

Forgetting it was the bomb, he opened it and was blown to bits.

Some questions to contemplate:

- ◆ Do Lipton Tea employees take "coffee breaks"?
- ◆ What hair color do they put on the driver's license of bald men?
- ◆ If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?
- ◆ If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it Fed UPS?
- ◆ If four out of five people suffer from diarrhea, does that mean that one out of five enjoys it?

Exit Lines: *A bribe is a gift where the giver says, "Thanks" and the receiver says "Don't mention it."*

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COUNCIL CORNER

By John Hirsch, Councillor Ward 9, South Marysburgh

The new year started with two levees. I have to say I really enjoyed meeting lots of folks at the less formal South Marysburgh levee put on by the Rec Board at Lee Arden's Jackson's Falls Public House. I am told it was the best attended ever! The more formal County levee in Picton was also the best attended in living memory.

The new Council has settled in to work and we have just completed a heavy schedule of:

- Budget meetings
- Appointments to committees
- Presentations from major organizations like the Hospital Foundation, PEFAC, The County Foundation, The Library Board, Prince Edward Federation of Agriculture, Food to Share, and more
- Approving planning decisions on various severances
- Public hearing on the cannabis store issue and final decision to allow retail outlets in the County

Budget and more

There has been lots of media coverage of the results of our budget deliberations. The impact on residential taxes is 5.02% which includes a 1% levy for the new hospital and 2.5% to go into the roads reserve for much needed road construction.

What has received little attention are all the issues that were identified during the budget exercise which Council will address in the coming months:

New Strategic Plan

The Mayor is setting up strategic planning sessions so this new Council can determine objectives for the next four years. The pace and nature of development activity, affordable and attainable housing will be key issues.

LEAN process improvement initiative in all departments at Shire Hall - my suggestion which will, I am convinced, result in major savings going forward as staff learns how to do more with less.

Asset management review and plan. With the help of a consultant, we will carry out a deep dive on how to manage all of our assets – roads, bridges, buildings, waterworks, etc. I anticipate this will result in better, fairer prioritization of roadworks and potentially reduced costs.

Move from Recreation committees to independent Boards of management. Other wards are being encouraged to follow the fine example set by our South Marysburgh Rec Board and Management Committee. No County resources are spent on our Board and if all the other wards followed suit, six-figure savings could result.

Speaking of the Rec Board, *Potatofest* was a great success, with 48 coming out for Bingo on the Friday night in a blizzard, and more than that on Saturday at the Town Hall for activities and a delicious potato themed lunch put on by the Rec Board. I enjoyed visiting with many of you and especially enjoyed Jennifer Ackerman's potato donuts! See the photo below.

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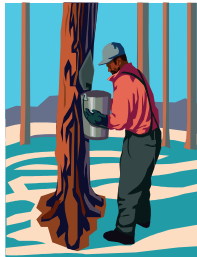
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