



1999: Police search for shooters

Jim Quantrell, At A Glance

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Cambridge archivist Jim Quantrell takes our readers back for a glance at events which occurred 10, 15 and 20 years ago.

EVENTS FROM 20 YEARS AGO *Third week of Feb. 1989*

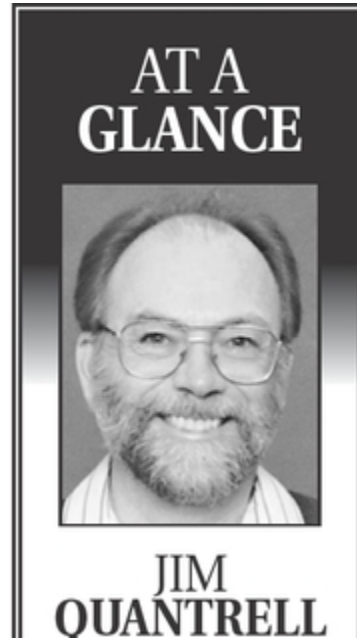
George Heggie resigned as the official starter of the Cambridge Skating Races after 57 years on the job. The 80-year-old local sports enthusiast had become involved in the races in 1931, the event's inaugural season, and had been a fixture in the annual event ever since.

It was reported that it was becoming increasingly difficult for first time home buyers in the city to realize their dream of owning their own home. Up until a few years previously, Cambridge had been one of the least expensive communities in Canada in which to live. Recently house prices had risen to the point where they were at a par with or more expensive than homes in Kitchener-Waterloo and Guelph. Over the previous six years, real estate prices had risen 137 per cent. Local wages had climbed at a much slower rate, making it increasingly difficult to save enough for an adequate down payment.

Toyota's Cambridge-built Corolla captured the title of Canada's best-built car from the Automotive Journalists Association of Canada. The cars tested for the award were among the first to roll off the Cambridge assembly line.

EVENTS FROM 15 YEARS AGO *Third week of Feb. 1994*

The best wishes of the city were sent to city resident and Olympian Derrick Campbell. Campbell was a member of Canada's Short Track Speed Skating team and was widely considered to be one of the fastest short track skaters in the world. He was to skate in three events at the Lillehammer, Norway Winter Games,



the 1,000-metre race, the 500-metre event and as a member of the Canadian men's relay team. He was favoured to win gold in the 500-metre event.

It was nearly seven years in the making, but the Riverbank Development Committee had finally completed its vision statement for future riverbank green space development along the river system in the city. The 52-page document also outlined projects the committee hoped to see completed in the Preston and Hespeler areas. Over the previous year, the Riverbank Committee, along with a number of community groups, had rebuilt a three-mile section of trail between Guelph Avenue and Speedsville. The trail, like many of those proposed in the vision statement, was already in existence but had required considerable improvement.

EVENTS FROM 10 YEARS AGO *Third week of Feb. 1999*

Cambridge physician involved in efforts to bring new doctors to the city indicated that it would probably take more than financial incentives to solve the doctor shortage. The doctor contended that there could be more doctors available to work in under-serviced areas if medical schools increased their enrollment. The provincial MPP for Cambridge had introduced a private member's bill that would allow the Ontario government to enter into an agreement with medical students and subsidize tuition in exchange for services in under-serviced areas. This approach differed from the Liberal Party proposal that would ease the doctor shortage by paying the tuition fees for medical students who agreed to work a minimum of five years in an under-serviced community.

Waterloo Regional Police officers were searching for two suspects following a shooting in Cambridge. Police said that a 34-year-old man was sitting in his car in a parking lot at 3:10 a. m. when two men approached with a gun. One shot was fired at the driver's side window striking the victim in the shoulder. The victim drove himself to hospital where he was treated for non-life threatening injuries.

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