

EDHS Report

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to Feb. 25

Highlights of activities at Elmvale District High School this week were: Quebec trip, Girls Volleyball, Effective Speaking and Winter Carnival.

On Feb. 15 a group of students took a bus to St. Donat, Quebec. This trip was not a vacation but a trip for students to learn about the French Culture. This trip was called a French Immersion where groups of students from

different schools in Simcoe County such as Collingwood, Barrie Central and Stayner experienced living in a French City. The students were involved in many different activities during the five days of their trip. These activities consisted of skiing, snowshoeing on a survival course and bon fires, broomball, tobogganning, tugs-of-war, just to mention a few of the activities that were involved in this immersion. Throughout the whole trip the students spoke French and met people with a French background.

Jim Nesbitt won a silver medal for skiing. The students found the trip to be interesting and fun.

This month had been an exciting month for the Girls Volleyball teams at E.D.H.S. The teams have been competing against Orillia, Penetang, Park Street and other teams in their division.

All the teams may be going to the Zone Playoffs.

The senior and junior teams will be playing a semi-final match and then they advance to the finals. Midget girls are in first place and with

only being defeated three times in their season they will get a bye to the finals. If the teams win the Zone Playoffs they will proceed to the Georgian Bay finals on Saturday March 3, 1984.

One of our most important events of this week was the Effective Speaking Contest sponsored by the Elmvale Lions Club. Lisa Ritchie won the girls competition and she spoke on Changes. Todd Wood won the boys competition and he spoke on Smoking. Tammy Hocken was

also a winner in her division and she spoke on Elvis Presley. Lisa and Todd will now advance to the public school zone competition. Last year Lisa Ritchie went to the Multiple District Competition in Quebec. She competed against girls who won their high school competition. She came in third of this competition and she may have another chance along

with Todd Wood to be a winner in the Multiple District Competition held in Windsor this year.

Tomorrow a special event will be occurring at our school which is annually held every year. It is the Winter Carnival. Since the weather isn't cooperating for winter events the Carnival will be held inside with a few exceptions like skating

and broomball which will be held at the arena. There will be such events as volleyball tournaments, video movies, tugs-of-war in the halls and computer games. The students will be evenly divided up by home room or houses and will compete for prizes or house points. This should be a day full of excitement to end our exciting activities of this week.



Body removed

Midland police and local funeral home employees carry the body of a Midland man (who died of exposure) whose body was found at the bottom of

an embankment on the west side of William Street, south of Yonge Street, on Feb. 16.

Why should YOU make out a will?

What's in a will? Instructions on how you want your estate distributed after your death.

A properly-made will can save your heirs considerable trouble, and often a good bit of money; a slipshod or non-existent will can make your heirs remember you for all the wrong reasons.

Each province has specific laws as to how the estate is divided if a person dies intestate—that is, without a will. This distribution may be quite different from what you intended.

Also, depending on provincial laws, the size of the estate, and the type of assets, your heirs may quite likely have to go through probate to get a court-appointed administrator to distribute the estate. This can be expensive, and might not have been necessary if the will was properly made.

Get good legal advice

A lawyer or notary can assure you that your final wishes have been legally recorded, and will be respected. He or she can also make sure any provincial family laws concerning rights of beneficiaries have been taken into account.

If your estate is small and its distribution very simple, you can purchase will forms at a stationery store. Properly filled out and witnessed, these do-it-yourself wills are valid legal documents, but might have to go through probate.

A holograph, or handwritten will, figures in many a mystery novel, as it can be a subject of interesting complications. Unless you know exactly what you are doing—are a lawyer or notary yourself—or you have virtually no assets—only a gold bracelet to leave to your niece—you are doing your heirs no favors by hand-writing your will. It must be probated, and if there are legal problems it could be

invalid.

In Quebec, where there are succession duties, a holograph or do-it-yourself will is particularly risky. It is best to seek the advice of a lawyer or notary to avoid paying more tax than necessary.

People sometimes hesitate because they think a will is expensive. Actually, it often costs no more than the family's weekly grocery bill. A will is one of the cheapest services available from a lawyer, and can save much more than its cost in expenses for probate, or in legal fees to straighten out a tangled succession.

Not time-consuming

Making a will need not be time-consuming or troublesome. Experienced lawyers and notaries can draw up a good will very speedily, as most of the text is standard. Literally, a few minutes with your lawyer or notary can save weeks and months of wrangling among your heirs.

Any changes to the will, also should be done through a lawyer or notary. As the children grow up, if you divorce and remarry, open a new business, etc., the will should be modified or re-written to reflect new circumstances.

Finally, once the will is written, make sure your heirs know where it is. Put the original in a safety deposit box, safekeeping with the lawyer, or on file with the notary and keep a copy at home or office. Make sure someone you trust knows where to find it.

If you have specific instructions on disposal of your body, you want your heirs to know immediately what to do. Tell them ahead of time. Often, people will not look at your will until after the funeral.

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