

Silo — Death Trap?

The Gananoque silo tragedy could happen here.

It could happen anywhere a farmer relaxes his vigilance, even for a few moments.

Following the recent deaths of three Gananoque men overcome by nitrogen dioxide while filling a silo with corn, the Farm Safety Association has urged farmers to be extremely cautious while doing similar work.

The deaths occurred after a fan being used for ventilation ceased functioning. A man who had been working in the silo collapsed and two others fell victim to the lethal gas when they attempted rescue.

The safety association has pointed out nitrogen dioxide can form within hours after a silo is filled and can remain in the structure for as long as two weeks.

People should be kept clear of

a silo after it has been filled, the association stressed. The gas is heavier than air and silo chute doors should be kept closed to prevent contamination of other areas.

When a silo must be entered when gas could be present, blower, self-contained breathing apparatus, and lifeline should be used.

Silo gases probably cause more farm deaths than generally realized, the association says. Many heart attacks, strokes, and pneumonia cases may be the result of gas exposure.

Concentrations of nitrogen dioxide as low as 150 parts per million can be dangerous.

When combined with the hazardous machinery farmers must work with, silo gases makes the agricultural business one of the most dangerous.

Cue in to Snooker



Review staffer Suzanne Schroeter, takes aim as she prepares to demonstrate her pool-playing

talent at the pool hall recently opened in the feed store. — Staff Photo.

Council Briefs

SECOND STREET ACROSS TO SUBDIVISION BLOCKED

the north-eastern section of the village.

Township council has rejected a proposal to use Second Street in Russell Village as an access to a planned subdivision.

The proposal was contained in a subdivision plan submitted to council by Chantal Development Corp. Council approved the plan after rejecting the proposed Second Street access.

Instead, council favored a more northerly access which would affect fewer existing homes.

The subdivision agreement includes plans for a shopping centre and more than 100 single-family and garden homes. The project is to be built in

SEWERS COMING

Tenders are to be called this month for the installation of sewers in Russell Village. The \$1.5 million project, which will require excavating streets, is to begin this fall. A public meeting will be held to bring residents up to date on cost distribution.

PLANS PROGRESSING FOR OLD FOLKS HOME

Council is optimistic land will be acquired soon for the construction of a 12-unit senior citizens' residence for Russell

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Morewood Road Paved

Driving from Russell to Morewood will no longer involve putting your car - and yourself - to the torture test.

A two-mile section of pot-holed pavement has been resurfaced, terminating what used to be a wheel-wrenching, nerve-numbing experience. Cost of the job was \$90,000.

With the south section of the road, maintained by the United Counties of Prescott-Russell, now nicely negotiable, the north portion has to be completed.

During a recent public meeting, Russell Reeve Gaston Patenaude promised pavement for the full length of the "North Road" to the township boundary by the end of next year.

Enough is

Enough! says Bourdeau

Road equipment roaring around Russell township hasn't always been employed at municipal business, Albert Bourdeau maintains.

In some cases, township employees have put equipment to their own use, the deputy-reeve said during an interview. "I had personal knowledge of a few instances last year and a few more were drawn to my attention recently," Bourdeau said.

That's why he sponsored a motion at a recent council meeting prohibiting employees removing equipment from municipal property without council's authorization. The motion was approved.

Contravention of the motion is grounds for dismissal.

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