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The collectors

It's an accepted fact. In most societies people collect. How many of us can confess to collections of stamps, Beatles albums, snap-shots, Monty Python jokes, spoons, charms, or Time magazines?

Most of us could point to albums, chests, drawers, even closets and attics full of collections gathering dust and promises to sort out the trivia from the valued.

Collections are an investment of time, memories, and sometimes money. They occupy a special place in the hearts of collectors for a collection may span generations or may be only the gathering of a few moments.

Anyone can be a collector. One doesn't need unlimited space or wealth. All that is necessary is imagination and energy. Remember the person who collected thousands of Chiquita banana stickers?

Some collections such as charms on a bracelet are transportable; others are best left on display.

Such a collection is in the home of Viola Craig of Metcalfe. Her kitchen contains over 500 salt and pepper shakers.

Three walls are lined with various cabinets, shelves, and racks containing the impressive display. Mrs. Craig has arranged her collection into categories. For instance, the wooden salt and pepper shakers are separate from the "bird" shakers; the "vegetable" sets are next to the "fish" sets.

It is a most cheerful collection! Children are fascinated by the imaginative couplets. There is a toaster with two pieces of toast which pop up, a donkey carrying two packs, bookends holding two books, a silver plane with two propellers, to name only a few.

Mrs. Craig has built her collection around numerous and valued antique salt dishes. Over the past 15 years, friends have sent her hundreds of sets from countries all over the world and from every Canadian province. She is particularly fond of shakers which bear the name of their place of origin. Bazaars and flea markets have been a source of unusual sets.

Undoubtedly, the most unpleasant part of Mrs. Craig's collection is the cleaning which she does twice a year. One can imagine what a chore that must be!

The pride and enjoyment Mrs. Craig gains from her collection is immediately felt. She is thrilled to show it to friends and visitors.

So collectors, take heart, you are not alone.

Go out and buy that cup and saucer you've had your eye on.



Viola Craig surrounded by collection of salt and pepper shakers.

Sports Quiz

Answers

1. Boston Bruins in 1924.
2. Toronto Maple Leafs. Meeker was chosen rookie-of-the-year in the 1946-47 season.

Clothes Sale

L'union Culturelle des Franco-Ontariennes announces a sale on used clothes in excellent condition. The sale will take place April 8th, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., in the Roman Catholic Church basement.

Si vous aimez l'artisanat, l'inscription des nouveaux membres a l'Union Culturelle des Franco-Ontariennes aura lieu le 3 Avril. Cette année l'Union participera aux expositions a Ottawa, Embrun et partout dans la region.

Le 5 et 12 Mars il y aura des cours de leadership a Carlsbad Springs. Au milieu de l'ete il y'aura une tirage pour une courte-pointe. Le 8 Avril il y'aurait une vente de linges usages, au sous sol de l'eglise Notre-Dame, de 9 hrs. a 6 hrs. A chaque reunion un membre livrait ses connaissances sur le tricot, la couture ou recettes. Pasons-y une soiree.

Scout News

Russell Scouts to Scotland
Three Russell Scouts: Richard Mackenzie, Jeff Butler and Marco Baillon will travel to Perthshire, Scotland this summer as members of the Canadian contingent visiting the annual Scottish Scouts Patrol "Jamborette". Each year the Scots invite Canada to participate and this year it is the National Capital Region's turn to man the Canadian contingent. After a night of skill testing and personal interviews, the original thirty-five applicants were whittled down to the required twenty and our three boys made the list, congratulations boys, have a wonderful summer.

Winter Camping
The Rideau Area Annual Winter Camp was held February 11-12 near Dwyer Hill, Ontario and was attended by about eighty scouts. Four Russell Scouts and two Scouters attended. In spite of our small turnout the Russell boys acquitted themselves well in the sled races and other winter skills. Parents are urged to allow their boys to participate in this most Canadian of activities, winter camping. It is good fun and no scout has ever suffered much through lack of super arctic camping gear, usually it's the Scouters who freeze!

Dick Sherwood

R.A. meeting

The next monthly public meeting of the Russell Recreation Association will be held March 13 at 8 p.m. in the Community Centre Hall.

New bridge probable

Russell Reeve Gaston Patenaude is confident the St. Joseph bridge near Embrun will be replaced this year at an estimated cost of \$370,000.

Mr. Patenaude's confidence follows a meeting at Toronto recently with James Snow, Minister of Transportation and Communications, where the project was discussed. The funding arrangement would be 80 per cent provincial, 20 per cent municipal.

Township council rated replacement of the bridge its first priority this year following an engineering study which warned it could collapse.

Three other bridges have also been declared unsafe but the possibility of any of them being rebuilt this year is slim.

VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cumming of Russell have just returned from a holiday in Florida where they visited Disneyland and St. Augustine. While in Florida they visited Ken's two brothers and their wives who are presently vacationing in Panama City Beach, Florida.

Church News

NOTRE DAME PARISH
March 14
Penitential Celebration, 8 p.m.
March 23
Holy Thursday, last supper, 8 p.m.
March 24
Good Friday, the passion, 3 p.m.
March 25
Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.
March 26
Easter Sunday, Mass, 10:30 a.m.

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