

Summer relief for Jean-Guy

Clerk-treasurer, Jean-Guy Bourdeau will get some much needed help in the Russell Township office this summer.

Two University of Ottawa students, both from Embrun, have been hired through a provincial government program to assist the three-member, full-time staff — Mr. Bourdeau, Deputy Clerk Armand Brisson, and secretary-tax collector, Mireille Blanchard.

The township office is drastically understaffed, Mr. Bourdeau said during an interview. The workload has increased tenfold during the past 10 years but the staff complement has remained unchanged, he said.

The students hired through the province's "Involvement in Municipal Administration" program are Jean Martel, fourth

year Commerce, and Joanne Bercier, first year Business Administration.

The province will reimburse 80 per cent of each student's salary of a maximum of \$125 a week over 20 weeks. The municipality pay the balance.

Mr. Martel, who worked for the township last summer, will be employed for eight weeks while Miss Bercier will work for 12. Both students started at the beginning of May.

Mr. Bourdeau said he was disappointed a Russell Village student couldn't be hired but the few that contacted him didn't meet criteria specified by the province.

Students hired through the program must be enrolled at a university or community college and take courses in urban-

regional planning, public-business administration, urban geography, political science, economics, or commerce.

As far as Mr. Bourdeau is concerned, the criteria are too restrictive; but he can't do anything about it. For these particular openings, the clerk noted, it didn't matter if applicants were unilingual.

Mr. Martel and Miss Bercier will spend much of their time verifying addresses and mailing out some 2,300 copies of township zoning by-laws.

Mr. Bourdeau said the temporary help will allow him to take his holidays in one block for the first time since he began working for the township, 11 years ago. He plans to spend five weeks in Edmonton from June 23 to Aug. 1, visiting a daughter.

Russell 4-H Club news

The Russell 4-H Club held two meetings during the month of April. At the first meeting, on April 3, the new executive was elected. The executive for 1978 is as follows: President, Pamela Smit; Secretary, Cathy Heymans; Press Reporter, Ron Versteeg. Our new leaders this year are Barry Boothe and Jerry Smit. We also had a guest speaker, Dr. Allan Rathwell, who

gave us a very interesting talk on calf raising.

On April 24, we had our Fan Night. Many games were played including volleyball, basketball, dodgeball, and floor hockey. A good time was had by all.

The next is slated for May 15th, at the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food boardroom in Embrun. — Ron Versteeg

4-H Horse Club

The organizational meeting of the Russell County 4-H Horse Club was held April 4 at the Agricultural Building in Embrun. The meeting, attended by 15 prospective 4-H members, was held for the purpose of electing officers, and to decide on a program for the coming year.

This year's officers are: President, Kathryn Cauley; Vice-President, Maureen Graham; Secretary Treasurer, Kathy Kent. The Horse Club, organized by leaders Nonie Etherington, Lola Wood, and Michael Wood, is under the direction of Agricultural Representative, Claude Peloquin.

The format of this year's program will include every aspect of horsemanship and equitation.

The next 4-H horse club meeting will be held May 16, in Russell.

4-H is open to anyone twelve to twenty-one years of age, and although members need not own a horse, access to one is an advantage. 4-H, along with instructing members in the art of horsemanship, offers young people a chance to develop creativity and leadership. For more information phone 835-3016, or 445-2976.

Fire Brigade news

During the month since the last Castor Review, three members of the department, Ron Hubbard, Bill Cherry and Mike Fletcher, successfully completed the week-long firefighting course sponsored by the Ontario Fire Marshall.

The course consisted of lectures and practical exercises designed to give the firefighter a complete understanding of the operation and use of their equipment.

Additional lessons emphasized search and rescue techniques, hydraulics, special hazards, fire pre-planning, size up (which includes ventilation) and forcible entry. The overall theme conveyed by the four instructors was how to effectively prevent fires and once started, how to extinguish them safely while minimizing additional damage.

One very important objective of any fire department is to prevent the loss of life and minimize property damage. In an attempt to achieve this objective, the Russell Fire Department will be making available to you household and automobile fire extinguishers and smoke detectors, all of which are nationally approved. Further information will be forthcoming. In the meantime, please consider the purchase of a smoke detector. It may be the cheapest insurance ever purchased for your family.



HAY-MAKERS RETURN

The Russell community is emerging as a hotbed of musical talent. Already the home of the Oldtime Music Makers, the village is now host to a new group of musicians who will soon be performing at local dances. Consisting largely of former members of the once-elite Russ Hay Orchestra, it is hoped that their first performance will be alongside the

Music Makers at a June dance. Members of the group are, back row, from left, Walter Cherry, Les Cauley, Meredith Rombough, Floyd Cochrane, Bernie Lauzon, Keith Russell. Front row, Jim Archibald, Ken Miller and Ian Crearer. — (Mary Rowsell Photo)

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