

Kinnaird tribute:

More than 350 Russell residents turned out Friday to personally thank the man who has tended the village sick for more than 40 years.

The warm tribute in honor of Dr. Frank Kinnaird, who set up his family practice in Russell in 1938, included a dinner with close friends and relatives, a plaque unveiling, dedication of the community centre in his name and reception.

Christina "Teen" Campbell, the doctor's nurse for most of his career in Russell, was also honored.

Tributes to "Doc", who was described at various times as shy, dedicated, humble, an inveterate bachelor, a highly competent physician and a friend, were more than glowing as speaker after speaker rose during the dinner to say "thanks."

Muriel Hay, of Russell, who

worked as a nurse with Dr. Kinnaird at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital where he was chief anesthetist for many years and where he treated the first patient in 1948, referred to his controlled, mild-mannered way of dealing with any emergency.

Larry Robinson, the "Marvelville Marvel" and Con Smythe Trophy winner as a defenceman with the Stanley Cup champion Montreal Canadiens, spoke of the doctor's boundless assistance to himself and his family over the years.

"It's nice that the community finally caught up with him and has done something I've been

thinking of doing for a long time," he said.

Don Graham, a member of the Russell Recreation Association committee established to co-ordinate the tribute, listed "Doc's" contribution to hockey, to crippled children, to his church and as a Lions Club member.

"He's a man who gave more than his share," he said.

Lawyer Eric Honey, who played hockey under the "Doc" as a boy in Russell, said "He has made inroads in this community that will be very hard to follow. I hope his dedication and kindness will not go unrewarded."

Harold Hume, of Renfrew, formerly of Russell, referred to a story in the Castor Review which

outlined the 72-year-old doctor's intention not to resign until he had found a successor.

"If that's not dedication, I don't know what is," he said.

There were also the lighter moments.

Dr. Duane Justus, of Winchester, a long-time colleague of Dr. Kinnaird, was also present.

Morrow next

With Dr. Kinnaird suitably honored by Russell Village for his years of dedication, the focus shifts to Metcalfe where an appreciation dinner is scheduled for June 21 to mark 50 years of service to that community by Dr. Lynn Morrow.



Dr. Kinnaird opens gift as his brother Jack and niece Catherine, both of Halifax, look on. (Mary Rowsell Photo)

Thanks "Doc"

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Judgement day coming —

Russell R.A. heading for \$63,076 in red

A "Judgement day" is coming when Russell ratepayers will have to pay for recreation services they now enjoy, Keith Boothe, treasurer of the Russell Recreation Association has warned.

Explaining that they want to "inform and alert" ratepayers that there will have to be a "gearing down process", Mr. Boothe told the Castor Review the RA financial picture is far from rosy.

The association is now carrying a deficit of \$36,556 and by the end of this year, it's expected to rise by another \$26,520, for a total of \$63,076, the treasurer said.

He described the \$26,520 figure as "optimistic": "It could be higher."

And at the moment, there's no end in sight. Unless drastic cutbacks are implemented, the deficit will continue to grow and

eventually have to be covered by ratepayers.

Pointing out that the RA is "playing around with big money" with expenditures estimated at \$198,010 this year, Mr. Boothe said he's concerned about the situation.

The association has liabilities totalling \$198,832, including a debenture debt of \$148,000 for construction of Russell Village Arena and \$50,832 owed township council for assuming past expenses.

For the sake of comparison, the Embrun Recreation Committee is now carrying a deficit of only \$8,059. Mr. Boothe attributes the difference to "growing pains" experienced by the RA, pointing out that Embrun RC has been established longer.

He said this year's RA deficit will arise despite all the fat being trimmed from the budget.

"I don't think there are any luxury items in the budget. It would be nice to have a Zamboni at the arena but we'll make due with a Volkswagon until we can afford a Cadillac."

And how is this year's \$198,010 allotted? Here's the breakdown: \$50,832 owed to council, \$18,838 towards the debenture debt, \$5,865 towards the 1976 pledge, and \$750 for administration.

The arena will cost \$83,940, figure skating \$5,330, minor hockey \$9,000, the swimming pool \$10,070, tennis and horseshoes \$1,100, the playground \$1,085, Centennial Park \$500, MacDougall Park \$1,900, the dance group \$1,800, and uncommitted expenses \$7,000.

While expenses will reach \$198,010, revenues are estimated at only \$171,490, accounting for the deficit.

Return from Coral Harbor —

Students back from eternal daylight

Television may not have arrived at Coral Harbor, but it wasn't missed by many among 24 Metcalfe Public School students who spent a week in the northern outpost.

The natural phenomena around the North West Territories community was enough to keep the Metcalfe visitors interested, teacher Rick Chataway reported during the trip in a telephone conversation with the Castor Review.

Mr. Chataway, who organized the exchange which also saw Inuit from Coral Harbor spend a week in Metcalfe homes, said some of his charges were so enthralled they even joked about not going home.

The famous eternal sun of the north kept some of the Metcalfe students up until the wee hours on the day of their arrival, the teacher said. At this time of year, the sun starts to go down about 11:30 p.m. and is rising again by 2 a.m.; it never gets dark.

Mr. Chataway, who was accompanied by his wife Bev and fellow teacher Joanne Baker, was awe-struck by the panoramic northern visit.

"We went out one day on snowmobiles to look at some mountains about 20 miles from Coral Harbor," he said. "It was beautiful; you could see for miles in every direction to where the blue sky touched the snow."

He said there were only a few inches of snow on the ground, "just enough for snowmobiles."

The hospitality and generosity shown by the Inuit hosts was exceptional, Mr. Chataway continued.

"It seemed the whole village was there to greet us when the plane landed."

The Metcalfe students received several gifts during their stay including valuable soapstone carvings. One student was given an elaborately-embroidered parka as soon as he stepped off the plane.

Coral Harbor is on South Hampton Island at the top of Hudson Bay; it's about 500 miles from either Churchill or Frobisher Bay. The community, residents of which are Inuit except for about 10 whites, is served by a Hudson Bay Store and a cooperative.

Mr. Chataway described the homes as "amazingly modern" with none appearing to be older than about 1950. About three quarters of the residents have phones and TV is supposed to be available this fall.

It's back to the normal routine this week for the Metcalfe travellers but most will carry for a lifetime visions of caribou roaming the northern tundra. (See page 12).

Better late

The Castor Review apologises for being late.

The issue was purposely delayed to permit timely coverage of the community's heart-felt tribute to Dr. Frank Kinnaird.

Since the date of this worthy event coincided with its publishing date, the Review felt compelled to delay the paper to report the dedication of Russell's arena to the village's doctor of more than 40 years. We hope our readers agree.



Sidewalk Talk

By Mark Van Dusen
Bandstand; Yessir

Russell needs a bandstand.

Once upon a time, there was a bandstand on the north bank of the Castor, west of Concession Street Bridge and roughly behind Russell Phair's residence on Mill Street.

It has long been gone, a victim to the elements and changing times and even a photograph of it was impossible to come by.

The bandstand was apparently a popular gathering spot where concerts were held regularly.

Well, times are still changing and with them has come a revival of old time music and the bands which brought it to the people long before the advent of radio and television.

Russell is leading the way locally in the revival of old-time music with two bands that are strumming, blowing and stringing the tunes which once rocked the old bandshell on the riverbank.

The Old-Time Music Makers and the resurrected Russell Hay Orchestra, have been a rollicking hit at local dances and public events.

It now appears that old-time music will never die. With that in mind, why not a bandstand to welcome its return?

There may not be any riverbank land to accommodate it, but there might be a spot available at MacDougall or Centennial Parks or at the fair grounds.

The structure itself - a raised platform large enough to hold at least a dozen men, with a roof and railings, with an old-time look - wouldn't take that much room.

Cost? Well, the whole project certainly wouldn't cost more than a few thousand dollars but would have to be financed through donations.

It wouldn't be that hard to raise the money with the help of local community organizations, one of which might be interested in taking over responsibility for maintenance of the bandstand.

The cost could be substantially reduced if voluntary labor was used. Picture it, a bandstand-raising similar to an old-time barn-raising - a warm, sunny day, men and women hammering, sawing and painting, hot dogs and hamburgers sizzling on a barbecue and drinks cooling on ice.

A bandstand-raising would probably see the structure go up in one day.

Now picture the same sunny weather, a Sunday after Church, townfolk in their finery gathered to sway to the sweet strains of old-time music.

Yessir, picture it, just picture it.

