

# "Keep St. Joseph's French" — Committee

The consultative committee established to protect the existing French character at St. Joseph School in Russell Village has not yet heard if its position will be respected by the Prescott-Russell separate school board.

A busload of parents travelled to Hawkesbury in May to fully outline the position to board trustees. Several recommendations were made as part of a four-page brief including:

— That the structure, character, and spirit that St. Joseph's has adopted be maintained.

— That a kindergarten proposed for St. Joseph this September be French and not English as planned.

— That parents wanting to help teachers with clean-up work be fully encouraged.

— That space be provided at the school as soon as possible for

a lunch-room and library.

— That francophone students now attending school in Marionville be transferred to St. Joseph if they live closer to Russell Village.

— That the consultative committee be contacted in the future before any programs are implemented that may affect St. Joseph.

Board chairman Yvan Seguin promised parents their suggestions would receive full consideration. However, no time frame was mentioned.

The board had proposed to convert 86 St. Joseph students into a school for anglophones and transfer francophone children to the existing St. Jean School at Embrun or to a new school to be built in the Embrun area within two years.

Space is required for a growing number of students who want instruction in English, about 20 of whom are now accommodated by the Carleton separate board at St. Mary's, Metcalfe.

There's an almost even split at St. Joseph's between francophones and students whose primary language is English. The board is worried French students are becoming anglicized as a result.

But the committee bluntly accuses the board of discovering friction where none exists. While it agrees there will always be some parents worried about anglicization, the committee insists the situation is under control and that St. Joseph students must speak French at all times.

In its report to the board, the committee - comprised of chairman Jean Millaire, secretary

Kathy Hamilton as well as Rejean Paquette, Julie Ruttle, Remi St. Denis, and Helene Cooper - describes Russell as "one of those rare regions" where cooperation and understanding among the cultures is flourishing.

"Whether they be Dutch, German, or English, people of various origins wish to share with the francophone majority responsibilities in the community and together enjoy social, religious and cultural benefits", the report states.

It goes on to say that St. Joseph graduates have excelled at the secondary level and landed good jobs because of their proficiency in both official languages.

An institution such as St. Joseph's should be the board's pride and should receive all the support requested.

"If we let ourselves be directed by wisdom, we can avoid serious trouble. We must avoid above all destroying a nucleus such as St. Joseph that offers a final product that billions of federal dollars have been unable to accomplish at the language bureau."

## Who's behind it

A petition is circulating in Russell Village seeking reconstruction and paving of the North Road to Highway 417 this year.

The Castor Review wanted to present the complete story of the petition in this issue, but after several phone calls, was unable to determine who is behind it.

We're still interested for next issue. Could the organizers please contact us.



Lifelong Russell resident, Lois Rombough, has compiled a scrapbook of highlights of Dr. Frank Kinnaird's 40 year medical career. Mrs. Rombough went to some length in putting together the pictorial history, contacting former hockey players, hospi-

als, and members of the Lion's and horticultural clubs. Included in the album are photos of visits to Russell hockey banquets by such greats as Bobby Hull and Red Kelly. The tribute has been presented to Dr. Kinnaird.

## Russell Budget —

### Hydro spending brings slight mill hike

Russell Village residents will be paying a little more in taxes this year, primarily because village hydro needs more money to extend street lighting.

The increase will amount to about \$4 per \$3,000 of assessment. Embrun ratepayers will enjoy an average reduction of about \$10 while residents of the rural part of the township will see their tax bills drop by about \$7.

The decrease for Embrun and rural residents arises from a substantial drop in the mill rate for fire protection. Last year, the fire rate was hiked to enable purchase of two new vehicles; this year, it was returned to normal, representing a drop from 21.48 mills to 12.78.

The mill rate for planning purposes has increased substantially for all ratepayers, going from .90 mills to 3.32. The increase is to cover preparation and distribution of zoning bylaws.

And as usual, the township contribution to separate school, public school, and county spending has increased by a few mills.

Total spending by the township this year will surpass \$1.75 million while revenues will total about \$1.43 million, leaving more than \$340,000 to be raised through local levy.

Council started the year with a surplus of \$3,154 instead of an anticipated surplus of \$21,940.

## Meditorial

By Rev. James Paul

As I planted my garden this spring, I discovered a curious and paradoxical law of nature. Crowning the top of one of my cucumber seedling, like a musty old hat, sat the empty husk of a cucumber seed. "Eureka" I cried, "this is a curious discovery - death brings life!" One would scarcely associate death with life, yet, out of the death of one small seed comes a vibrant, living plant. While the joy of my encounter with this law of nature filled my mind, I realized that the Lord Jesus had revealed this principle nearly 2,000 years ago.

In John 12:34, Jesus states, "except a corn of wheat fall unto the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." Our Lord, speaking just a few days before the cross, compares the purpose and outworking of His life with that of a seed. Just as the grain of wheat has to surrender and give up itself to death, before fruit will come, so Jesus had to surrender His life. In a spiritual sense, His death brings our life, His surrender brings our victory. If Jesus had not offered His blood to be shed for our sins, peace and joy in this life would be a childish dream.

Have you made the wonderful discovery of new life in Christ?

## Russell Swimming Pool

REGISTRATION! REGISTRATION! REGISTRATION!

REGISTRATION DAY	PLACE	TIME
Saturday, June 10	Russell Arena	10 a.m. to 12 a.m.

  

COST		LESSONS	
Family Pass	\$30.00	Pre-Beginner to Senior	\$10.00
Single Pass	\$15.00	Bronze	18.00
Gate Fee	.50	*Adult	9:00
Mother & Tot	Family Pass or Gate Fee	Competitive Jr. & Sr.	10.00
		Competitive - Outside Twp.	15.00

\*Offered only if registration sufficient

POOL OPENING JUNE 26, AFTERNOON AND EVENING  
CLASSES BEGINNING, JULY 3RD  
PARENTS SIGNATURE ON REGISTRATION FORM REQUIRED

YOUR POOL COMMITTEE

Dick Sherwood, 445-2949	Gail Middlemiss, 445-5304
Norma Davidson, 445-2876	Pat Stachon, 821-2201
Roger and Carole Ruest, 445-5409	

### CHRISTMAS IN JUNE CRAFT FAIR

**Sun., June 25**  
12 noon - 9 p.m.

**METCALFE COMM.  
CENTRE**

SHOP EARLY  
Leather-work, Macrame  
Ceramics, Pottery  
Decoupage, Glass, Baking  
Flowers

Adm.: 50 cents  
Children free if accompanied by adult

**RUSSELL  
CHURCH  
BAPTIST**

Sunday, June 11 - 7:30 p.m.  
Speaker: Rev. James Paul  
Sunday, June 18 - 7:30 p.m.  
Youth Night: Osgoode Baptist Youth Chorale  
Sunday, June 25 - 7:30 p.m.  
Film: Noah's Ark  
Sunday, July 2 - 7:30 p.m.  
Speaker: Rev. James Paul

All are Welcome

## DISCOUNT

Available from the Russell Fire Dept. are the following fire protection devices.

**Multi-Purpose Dri-Chem Fire Extinguishers**

2½ lb., 1A 5BC — \$16.00  
5 lb., 2A 10BC — \$25.50

**Centuriun Smoke Detector**  
\$28.00

Free installation is available to senior citizens.

For additional inf. call:  
Cliff: 445-5281  
Norm: 445-2943  
Mike: 445-5744  
John: 445-5352

**Russell Lions  
BIKE-  
A-THON**

**Sunday, June 25**

(Rain date, July 9, 1978)

Distance: 50 km (approx. 32 miles)  
Route: Russell to Morewood, to Chrysler, to Embrun, to Russell

Entry Forms available at: Russell Public School; Russell Separate School; Lions Club Booth at Ball Park

Pledges to be collected by bikers and turned in not later than **July 21**

Prizes awarded July 22 for most money turned in  
1st, 5 speed bike; 2nd, Radio; 3rd, Radio

Proceeds go towards Lion's Community projects