

Local Business needs support — Chantal

Russell Village's small business community is having a "rough time" and should get more support from local residents.

That's the feeling of the owners of Chantal Developments Inc., one of the Castor area's largest developers.

Supporting local business may cost a bit more now but will help the community in the long run, said Garry Patterson who owns the company with Rejean Paquette.

"The key to a small town is to get the commercial and professional facilities together," Mr. Patterson said.

The community now offers large, serviced lots for housing, single family dwellings starting at \$10,000 less than in the city, and all the recreational amenities. All that's missing is a commercial-professional centre, Mr. Patterson said.

Mr. Patterson and Mr. Paquette started the company in 1974 after combining on a number of jobs as representatives for separate firms — Mr. Paquette as a foreman for Minto Construction and Mr. Patterson as a foreman for Glebe Electric. They chose to

set up shop in Russell where Mr. Paquette has been a resident for more than 30 years.

"We started during one of the worst periods economically. Our first job was a little renovation job and from then on it took a lot of hustling, 18-hour days. We never thought about packing it in because we had nobody to fall back on," Mr. Patterson said.

In the past five years, Chantal has built the Dr. Frank Kinnaird Community Centre, the Co-op complex in Embrun, the provincial government agricultural building in Embrun, a nursing home in Casselman and is about to start its third subdivision in Russell where it is also midway through renovating the old Berube dance hall into a 10-unit apartment building.

The partners see themselves as planners who are "not just interested in the community for the dollar aspect."

"We are spending a lot of time planning to help the community and as such we are interested in knowing what people want in way of development. Yes, we have been successful, but now we are in a position to give back to the community what we took from it



TWO FACES OF CHANTAL

Garry Patterson and Rejean Paquette are partners in Chantal Developments Inc., one of the Castor area's most successful developers.

to start... and we got a lot of help and support to start," Mr. Patterson said.

Mr. Paquette, his wife Carmen and children Francine, 20; Carole, 19; Normand, 18; Denis, 15; Sylvie, 13; Linda, 10 and Chantal, 8, live at 30 George St., Russell. Garry and Paulette Patterson and boys Glenn, 11 and Gregg 8, live on Forced Road.

Seniors get 30 units

The senior citizen apartment complex planned for Russell Village is now expected to contain 30 units rather than 24, the Castor Review has been told.

And a spring construction start on the Church Street project is still anticipated, Dan Porayko, area manager for the Ontario Housing Corporation, said during an interview.

Despite the fact that the construction tender has not yet been let, Mr. Porayko said no further delays are expected.

The project was held up for several months while negotiations for the property were carried out, clear title was secured and the zoning was changed from agricultural to institutional.

Break-in artists active

Housebreakers have hit again, bringing to half a dozen the number of break-ins in the Castor area in the past two months.

A rented home owned by Doctor Geoff Cochrane, Russell veterinarian, was broken into Christmas Eve and \$2,000 in goods belonging to tenants Ron and Karen Bielski were stolen. The Bielskis were in Michigan for Christmas at the time.

As with similar incidents recently, the break-in occurred in broad daylight. The house is located on the Russell-Metcalf road near the boundary between the Russell and Osgoode townships.

Doctor Cochrane, whose family runs Cochrane's Dairy nearby,

and who was with his parents Elwood and Irene in Toronto visiting relatives at the time, said his brother Floyd discovered the break-in about 1 p.m.

"Floyd noticed the doors open. He had been by an hour earlier and had seen nothing wrong. The back door was kicked in but there wasn't a lot of property damage although some things were thrown around," he said.

Among the items stolen was a stereo belonging to Dr. Cochrane. He said that most of the stolen belongings consisted of "smaller things."

Ontario Provincial Police are investigating. There have been no arrests.



BELOW THE CREST

Smiling members of Osgoode Township council and staff stand proudly in front of the municipal crest designed by Bruce Garner of Ottawa. The picture was taken New Year's during open house of the renovated township hall at Metcalfe just before the historic building filled with more than 200

impressed ratepayers. Flanking Reeve Albert Bouwers (seated) are clerk Fred Wilson, councillors Fred Alexander, Albert McKeown, Mary Cooper, Phillip McEvoy, and road superintendent Rosie Bourbonnais.

RUSSELL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Annual Meeting of the Russell Agricultural Society will take place Monday, January 29 at the Dr. F. Kinnaird Arena Hall following a Pot Luck Supper at 7 p.m.

Barry McVey, President
George Young, Secretary

Osgoode Crest —

Gift from Councillors

Here's food for thought for any Castor-area residents who think municipal politicians are just in it for the money.

The copper Osgoode Township crest decorating the renovated hall at Metcalfe was donated by the municipality's five councillors.

Realizing that some ratepayers

might see the piece of art as a luxury, council members chipped in and covered the \$1,000 cost themselves, Reeve Albert Bouwers explained.

Designed by Ottawa's Bruce Garner, the crest depicts the different elements comprising the natural beauty of the township — from farms and forests, to

the Castor River. There's even a beaver squatting on it.

The design was finalized by council using several ideas submitted by residents during a contest held last year.

The crest, which is not yet registered will grace township vehicles and letterhead.

Backtrack

Riddle solved
... sort of

Identification of Backtrack "Who knows" in December issue, with most popular second guesses in brackets: from left to right standing (Mrs. Willy Loucks (Mrs. George Howes), Mrs. Fred Loucks, Mrs. John Twiname, Mrs. Robert Atkinson. On wagon, baby Bill Twiname and Ken Hay (Dougal Loucks). It was suggested that the party in the photo was drawing water from west of Russell Village for a church picnic.

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