



ROYAL PORTRAIT

Russell's Winter Carnival Queen Lynn Tyo, 17, has aspirations of becoming a dietician after she completes her secondary education at Osgoode High. The Grade 12 student is always active, listing farm work, sewing, cooking, dancing and reading among her favorite past times. Princesses this year are Sue Cousineau, 17, and Marylynn Otto, 16. (Photo by Rowsell)

Say cheese to the CBC

The CBC has chosen Russell Village as a bull pen to air the current stink surrounding the high cost of food.

On Feb. 20, CBOT-Ottawa's Country Report will sponsor a public meeting at the Dr. Frank Kinnaid Community Centre at 7:30 p.m. to hash out the increasingly expensive job of keeping fed. The meeting will be broadcast on the rural affairs program on Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. and repeated on Feb. 25 at 9:30 a.m.

Castor area residents will have the chance to be TV stars for a night but, more importantly, will be able to vent their beefs on food prices to a panel consisting of Diane Harkin, Winchester col-

umnist and farmer, Frank Warnock, president of M. Loab Ltd., and Barbara Sulzenko, of the Consumers Association of Canada. Ed Needham, of Country Report, will be host and moderator.

Country Report spokesman Peter Roaf said he expected the meeting to be lively.

"Prices are going up and consumers are saying farmers are getting a bigger chunk. The farmers say they are getting less than ever. Then there's the middleman. Let's hear everyone's views under one roof," he said.

Why Russell as a site for the meeting? Well, Country Report occasionally sponsors such meetings on topics of widespread interest in rural communities and Castor area residents are certainly no less victims of the high cost of food than anyone else, Mr. Roaf said.

McNeill on Taxes Take Five

Baird McNeill, the Russell Township councillor, wants to cut your taxes.

Mr. McNeill told the Castor Review that, if the rest of council can be convinced, township taxes can be reduced outright by five per cent in the coming year. He stressed that he was not talking about limiting any increase to five per cent but about an actual tax slash.

He said the cut would ease the burden on Russell Village residents facing the first year of costly payments for their new sewage system. Embrun residents, who are next in line for new sewers, would be given similar consideration when the time comes, he added.

The reduction could be effected, he said, if the township spent less on property investment and recreational grants this year. A five per cent tax reduction would mean \$18 less on a \$361 bill on an average village household assessed at \$3,500.

New industrial site —

125 acres for \$140,000

Russell Township completed negotiations late last month for the \$140,000 purchase of 125 acres of land as a site for a future industrial park.

Township council, which had already approved the purchase in principle, was expected to rubber stamp the deal, giving the township its second industrial park. About half of the existing 13-acre park at Embrun has been developed.

The purchase of the new site

located southwest of the Vars exit of Highway 417 at County Road 17 was being negotiated with Robert Clement of Vars.

Township councillor Baird McNeill said council's intention was to attract "high-employment" industries to the site over the long term.

"We are not looking at it as just dead warehouse space nor are we out to strip villages of their normal businesses," he said, adding: "To some extent we did

the wrong thing with the industrial park outside Embrun because it pulled some businesses out of the village."

Although Mr. McNeill felt it could be at least 10 years before the new park is developed, he said the township decided to go ahead with the purchase because of the ideal location of the site next to the 417. He said development of the park would eventually repay the purchase price.

Lucky Buck

Who says you can't buy anything for a buck any more?

By far the best deal made by Russell Township council in years was the purchase last month from Bell Canada of the old New York Central Railway right-of-way. For \$1, it was a steal of a deal.

The right-of-way purchased several years ago by Bell from CNR for the installation of underground communications cables is 100 feet wide and several miles long, bisecting the township. The tracks were lifted long ago. The trackbed enters the township from the northwest, curls east around Russell Village, crosses County Road 3 midway between Russell and Embrun, enters Embrun and follows part of the main street before crossing the Castor River and heading south out of the township.

The township wanted the right-of-way as a possible road bypass around Russell Village and as a secondary route on Embrun in the future as traffic volume increased. A bike path and ski trail have also been mentioned in connection with future plans for the right of way.

Canadian National had turned the township down in a previous bid for the right-of-way so it was with a beggar's resignation that Russell council decided to approach Bell. What did it have to lose?

As it turns out, only 20 cents per council member.

The communications giant shrugged, said sure, all yours for a buck.

Sidewalk Talk . . . 2

Some of the local pundits, Tom Kinchen and Gord Beaton among them, were gathered among the vintage sewing machines at the back of Lorne Wade's dry goods store in Russell recently, remarking with feigned disdain at the disorderly array of tools on Lorne's work bench. Now Lorne, who is a leathersmith, harness-maker and cobbler and has the patience to be three artisans in one, figured anyone is allowed to have a cluttered workbench at the height of the work day.

Osgoode Beavers get boot

Beavers blocking Osgoode Township drains ... beware!

Council recently authorized the Ministry of Natural Resources to assign trappers to weed out the beaver menace in flood-plagued sectors of the township.

Under the arrangement, the ministry guarantees that trappers will be available to pursue the buck-toothed rodents whenever the need arises, not just at the times of the year when beaver pelts fetch the highest prices.

Reeve Albert Bouwers said council felt in the past that trappers never removed all the

beaver in a given area but always "left enough to keep business going."

Trappers were only interested in revenue from the pelts, not in eliminating the nuisance, he added.

Councillor Philip McEvoy pointed out that trappers will now always be on hand, not just when pelts are at their peak.

The program, introduced at no cost to the township, is for a trial period and will be withdrawn if council decides it's of no benefit.

Russell hydro higher

Russell Village residents will pay an additional 9.2 per cent for hydro this year as a result of rate increases announced by the Russell Hydro System.

Keith Boyd, secretary-treasurer of the system, said the residential increase is coupled

with an 8.5 per cent increase to general service customers for 1979. He said the increases were the result of a rise in the cost of wholesale power to the Russell system from Ontario Hydro.

Russell, as a police village, runs its own hydro system.

New Russell Hydro Utility Rates

Due to increase in cost of wholesale power to Russell Hydro System from Ontario Hydro it has been necessary for us to increase our rates to our customers. Please find listed the 1979 proposed rates.

RESIDENTIAL

Min. Bill, \$4.00; 1st 50 kwh., 6.80; Next 200 kwh., 3.40; Balance, 2.60; Sentinel lighting, \$10.08.

GENERAL SERVICE

Min. Bill, \$4.00; Demand par kwh over 50 kw, 2.50; 1st 50 kwh., 6.80; Next 200 kwh., 3.40; Next 9,750 kwh., 3.10; Balance, 1.85.

Flat rate water heater, \$14.60; Street lighting, \$9.16.

Keith Boyd,
Secretary-treasurer
Russell Hydro System, 445-2888

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The Twp. of Osgoode Planning Board announces a

PUBLIC MEETING

to present and discuss Amendment No. 12 to the Township of Osgoode Official Plan

The purpose of Amendment no. 12 is to change the land use designation of certain lands in Part of Lot 21, Concession 8 in the Township of Osgoode from "Rural" to "Residential". Copies of the document are available for public examination during office hours at the Township Office in Metcalfe, Ontario. Written submissions in favour of or opposed to the proposed document will be received by the undersigned.

NOTE: The meeting on Amendment no. 12 is scheduled to commence at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 27, 1979 at the Township Hall in Metcalfe, Ontario.

Wayne Robinson
Secretary, Planning Board