

**FASHION SHOW FINERY** 

The latest chique in children's wear was put on display recently at a fashion show at Russell Public School. Showing off their evening finery are from left, Bonny Buchanan, Danielle Ward and Melany Bouchard. Modelling more formal wear for young men are Gordon Sheldrick and Darcy Provost. (Photo by Rowsell)

## Boy killed by tractor

By Garey Ris

A four-year old Marionville boy was killed May 29 while riding his bicycle near his home when he was struck by a tractor driven by a 14-yr.-old Metcalfe girl.

Michael Martel of Marionville died as a result of severe head injuries. The accident happened at 4 p.m.

The boy was riding his bike equipped with training wheels north-bound on the Russell-Osgoode boundary road — the Marionville

main street. Constable Gilles Deschamps, of the Casselman OPP said the boy veered into the path of the tractor driven by Frenziska Graf, R.R. 1,

Metcalfe. Michael was rushed by ambulance to the Children's Hospital of

Eastern Ontario in Ottawa where he died at 5:35 p.m. He was the son of Pascal and Ghislaine Martel and brother of

Douglas and Germaine.

The funeral was held June 1, from the Warner Funeral Home, Russell, to Notre Dame de la Medaille Miraculeuse Church in Marionville. He was buried at the Russell Roman Catholic Cemetery.

#### Embrun Richelieu annual dinner

The Richelieu Club of Embrun invites you to its annual supper,

Saturday, June 9, at the Embrun Arena.

You will be able to taste Chinese, Italian, Greek and Canadian dishes from 5 p.m. to 12 midnight. Dancing and games are also part of the evening.

All profits from this event are transferred to youth projects. Tickets are available from members of the Local Richelieu Club or by dialing 443-2868.

# New hydro costs shared

A new Russell Township bylaw will switch some of the financial load for installing electrical services in Russell Village subdivisions off the backs of subscribers and on to developers.

Under terms of the new bylaw, the Russell Hydro Commission will now share the cost of services with developers. The past practice has been for the commission to pick up the full cost, manager Keith Boyd explained.

The cost of providing electricity to new housing developments was becoming too large a burden for the commission's 300 subscribers to bear, Mr. Boyd said.

He said developers operating in Russell still get a good deal

compared to other municipalities where they're required to pick up the entire tab for installing hydro poles, lines, and transformers. He cited Casselman, Chesterville, and Winchester Village as examples.

"We decided on a cost split because we didn't want to squeeze developers right out," Mr. Boyd pointed out.

Under the new arrangement, developers will pay for lines and poles - between \$200 and \$300 a lot — and the commission will pay for transformers - about \$1,300 per unit with one unit servicing up to eight lots.

Mr. Boyd said township council was asked for help in resolving the issue after the commission

received complaints about the cost-sharing proposal. The bylaw is a result of council's intervention.

"One developer was upset about the extra cost."

The manager pointed out that if the rate structure was allowed to go too high, the advantage of being served by a small utility would be lost.

"As it now stands, village residents are paying 20 to 25 percent less for their electricity than those who live in the rural area," he noted, adding that rural service is provided by Ontario Hydro. Embrun also has its own hydro commission.

### Embrun water — Casselman link safe solution — MLA Solution

Linking to the Casselman water purification plant is probably the "safest" solution to the Embrun water dilemna, Prescott-Russell MLA Albert Belanger maintains.

Although he would not force Embrun to connect to Casselman rather than hook into a water supply in Russell Township, he cautions that municipal authorities better be sure the local source has enough capacity.

"There might be enough water for five years," Mr. Belanger said. "But in 10 years, Embrun might double in size and we'll be forced to go to Casselman then."

Russell Township council is now awaiting the results of an intensive exploration into the capacity of a well drilled at the Marion gravel pit in the southern part of the township. The investigation will cost close to \$14,000.

Councillor Leo Provost said the "whole population of Embrun" is opposed to using the Casselman product to fill the village's proposed watermains unless ab-Council solutely necessary. wants to accommodate the wishes of local residents if possible, he stressed.

"The choice of our well or Casselman has been left pretty much up to us by the province," Mr. Provost said. "Everything depends on results of the test at the gravel pit."

Sewer and water works are essential in Embrun. The village has been plagued for years by acute pollution in private water supplies.

Mr. Belanger reiterated that, as long as Embrun has a sufficient reserve, he doesn't moges Village in connecting to care where the water comes the same pipe. from.

But he noted that, if a pipe was installed from Casselman to Embrun — a distance of 12 miles - it would solve Forest Park East's chronic water quality problem.

The MLA also indicated that there's been interest from Li-

"There may be lots of water in the well at first but there also may be a limit to using it 365days-a-year," he said. "There's no limit to the South Nation River."

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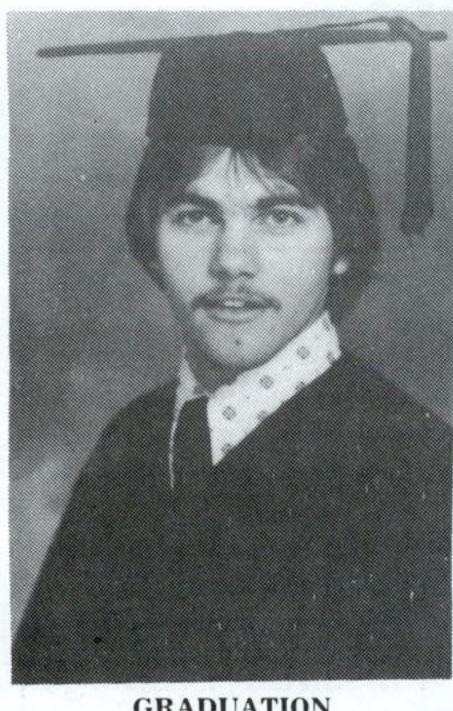
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