

Neighbors



Betty Hay guides Stephen Talbot, 7, in one of her last acts as a teacher.

Betty Hay: Reaching a milestone

By Dean Loucks
Russell Principal

A quarter of a century of teaching is a milestone of note. On June 30, Russell's Betty Hay retired from teaching after 27 years of service.

Betty embarked on her career in 1945, teaching at Metcalfe Public School. The following year she accepted a position at Felton where she remained until 1948. In 1949 Betty left this area to teach Kindergarten at Weston, Ontario. Weston, however, could not hold her; the following year she returned to Russell and was married to Donald W. Hay. During the next seven years Betty had her family, returning to teaching at Russell Public School in 1957.

Throughout her twenty-two years at Russell Public, Betty registered many accomplishments. One highlight in her career was the formation of a special education class in 1972.

Betty has always had a particular concern for children with learning difficulties. With the establishment of the special education class, her career objective crystallized. Betty took advantage of every convention and course within her grasp to further her skills. Two of the objectives she once set for herself would serve to exemplify the kind of teacher she was: "To make life a little more pleasant and meaningful for each child." "to

have each child working to his potential and to have him feel success at what he is doing."

Betty did not limit her special interest in people to the school alone; community participation has always been important to her. Through the years she has actively supported and stimulated interest in many community organizations.

On June 28, the Russell Public School staff held a Retirement Party for Betty to pay tribute to her 25 years of service in the Russell area as a fine teacher and a fine colleague.

The guest list included teachers who have taught at Russell Public since 1957. As well there were a number of selected special guests who spoke of their past relationship with Betty; a classmate, former pupil, former principal, colleague, brother and school board trustee.

In final salute, the Superintendent of Elementary Schools, Al Dunsmore, on behalf of all the guests, presented Betty with a painting by Shirley Van Dusen. The painting was of special significance to Betty, since it depicts the scene from the front of the school south-west to the Bols Farm; a scene which Betty has viewed for 35 years both as a student and a teacher at Russell Public School.

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Sewage hookup near

The final touches are being put to the Russell Village sewer system and township authorities say residents should be able to start hooking up after Aug. 1.

Workmen last week were testing the newly-installed sewage pumping station on the south bank of the Castor River below Coronation Bridge in readiness for the hookups.

Authorities said that residents must purchase a \$10 permit at the township office and hire their own plumber for the hookup. The

permit may be purchased in person or by letter.

The hookups must also be approved by a township inspector who will be available by phoning 764-5678.

Authorities stressed that all residents must hook up to the new sewage system within 12 months or be charged for the service regardless.

A full page of details of the new sewage bylaws are printed elsewhere in this issue. Rates for the service will be printed in the next issue.

Ontario Federation of Agriculture

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture compliments the Ontario government on many of its proposals in the recently issued White Paper on Liability and Trespass and urges people to support the basic principles behind it, said Peter Hannam, OFA president.

"Of course, we don't agree with everything but we're glad to see liability has been reduced and trespass restrictions have been extended to cover crop lands," Hannam said. "With these new proposals, more farm land has been given the same status as urban lawns and gardens."

Hannam was responding to a recent request of the Ontario Attorney General for reaction to the White Paper. The OFA has studied the proposal and sent its conclusions to the Minister earlier this week.

The main points of disagreement, Hannam said, included the areas of special land status, signage and the ambiguity of when liability could be charged.

"We've been lobbying for 20 years to have the same protection from trespass and liability apply to all lands, regardless of its use," Hannam said. "Special status is not really enough. The OFA has always felt that property ownership is almost sacred and that ownership rights should be secure and well understood by everyone in our society."

Under the proposed legislation, Christmas tree farms, forested areas, bush and swamp lands, would not be given protection similar to cropped land.

The ambiguity about liability rises in the phrase "reckless disregard for the trespasser". "That causes a lot of confusion. If a farmer has a dangerous bull in the pasture field and someone comes walking across the field — what happens then?" Hannam asked. "We think landowner's liability should be eliminated except in cases where it's a deliberate attempt to do harm."



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