

Meditorial

By Rev. James Paul

A fool is born every minute. Even in the highly educated country of United States there is no lack of fools. During the recent solar eclipse on February 26, Rick Malsed, a entrepreneur from Seattle, Washington sold "canned dark" to the public.

The cans were on sale for \$1 in Goldendale, Washington, the eclipse capital of the United States. Malsed offered thousands of spectators a standard-size soup can that he said contained darkness gathered during the eclipse. Instructions accompanying the can said: "The only care your Canned Dark will require is an occasional rotation and turning end-over-end so that the dark will not accumulate on one side of the can — this would cause the dark to become sluggish and could shorten it's life." As a final sales pitch, this brash businessman promised the people that if they properly cared for the Canned Dark, it would last until 2,017, the next solar eclipse over North America. Needless to say many fools went away from Goldendale, Washington carrying a dollar's worth of Canned Dark.

In Matthew 7:26 Jesus Christ gives a Divine definition of what a foolish man really is like. Jesus stated that "everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a Foolish man who built his house on sand." Our Lord in this parable defines a fool as one who rejects the Word of God and in so doing commences to build his life on that which is shifting and unstable. Many today not only prove their foolishness by buying Canned Dark but by also living their lives for those things which are not eternal. Jesus goes on to explain that when the winds and storms of life come this foolish man's house is utterly destroyed. There is a simple choice before everyone, either one can, as wise man, anchor his life on the Rock — Jesus, or one can, as a Foolish man, build his life on the shifting sand. A fool may be born every minute but it takes one moment of repentance to be re-born as a wise man.

Russell spending mounts

Russell Township spent \$278,443 over budget in 1978 and \$224,570 more than was spent in 1977, according to the Township's financial statement.

Road maintenance, snow removal and street lighting cost \$70,478 more than the previous year; and was \$197,422 over the amount forecast in the Budget.

Park and arena operations cost \$83,000 more than last year's \$241,272.

Russell's share of school board operations was \$54,658 over last year's total of \$365,277.

Biggest source of income was property taxes, \$871,562. This figure was \$67,567 higher than last year.

Ontario grants came to \$599,994 a total of \$120,342 more than 1977. Federal grants were \$17,457 compared to \$1,822.

Under service charges and other income, an amount of \$357,473 was listed.

An amount of \$87,000 was spent on the Embrun Community Centre and \$22,000 on the Marionville athletic field. Construction of municipal drains called for an expenditure of \$224,969.

Visiting

With Dorothy Marquette

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilkinson, Steven, Judy, Sylvia and Nancy of Hull visited Mrs. Wilkinson's Mother Mrs. James Dempsey.

Mrs. William Carscadden spent a few days with her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Carscadden of Sudbury and attended their twenty fifth wedding anniversary celebration.

Mrs. Brent Marr, Trevor and Vicki of Red Deer, Alberta spent a couple of weeks with the formers parents Mr. and Mrs. Clelland Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Cheney of Saskatoon were guests of the formers cousin Mrs. Asa Sullivan.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Boyd, Alex, Robert, Philip and Paul are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Keith Boyd and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hay prior to taking up residence in Cleveland Ohio.

Mrs. Robert James and Miss Olive Forbes of Ottawa were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clelland Hamilton.

Mr. Lincoln Steele of Toronto visited his mother Mrs. Lloyd Steele.

Mrs. Asa Sullivan spent a week with her daughter Rev. and Mrs. Roy Lees of Port Huron, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gamble, Mrs. John Twiname, Miss Florence and Miss Dorothy Marquette spent a weekend in Hamilton and attended the wedding of Miss Hazel Hair to Mr. Alna Whitehead.

Mrs. Donald McLaren attended the 90th birthday celebration of her mother Mrs. Gordon Robinson of Mountain.

Mrs. John Twiname was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Warren of Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rombough, Wendy and Laurie of Kapuskasing are visiting the formers Mother Mrs. Shirley Rombough.

Miss Agnes MacLeod of Ottawa was a weekend guest of Miss Florence and Miss Dorothy Marquette.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Babcock of Napanee visited the latters brothers Messrs. Allan and John Cheney.

Mrs. Hubert MacDonald spent a weekend with friends in Horseheads, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dempsey of Stoney Creek were guests of the formers Mother Mrs. James Dempsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Tobias of Toronto visited the Misses Florence and Dorothy Marquette.

Miss Mary Boyle and Miss Jean Grey of Ottawa were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Wade.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Granger of Edmonton spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell.

Miss Donna Cumming of Russell recently graduated from St. Lawrence College in Cornwall, receiving a diploma in Early Childhood Education.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Stiver (nee Jean Cumming) and daughter Margaret were overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cumming and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cumming of Russell have recently returned from a holiday in Quebec and the Maritime provinces. While in New Brunswick they called on Mrs. Aileen Power (nee Carscadden).

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